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MISD to address policy following breach

Credit protection, procedure changes among proposals

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD is prepared to make a sizable investment in student security.

Superintendent Ryder Warren will ask the MISD board of trustees Monday for approval to use public money to provide a year of credit protection to all 14,000 current and former students affected by the data breach announced last week.

The final price tag has yet to be calculated, but Warren expects it will "absolutely" be approved by the board.

Providing credit protection is part of Warren's four-part plan to address the fallout of the data breach and prevent a similar situation from happening again.

The compromised Social Security numbers and birthdates were on a laptop and external hard drive stolen from

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an unlocked pickup belonging to Deborah Acosta, MISD dropout prevention/recovery and at-risk coordinator. All current seventh-graders through high school seniors are believed to be affected, as well as graduates going back to the class of 2008. Students who moved away from the district but fall in that age range are also among those with

compromised data.

The Reporter-Telegram has filed an open records request with MISD for the details of Acosta's punishment, but MISD has appealed the request to the Attorney General's office.

"As a district, we have always had discussion about security — the physical security of students and staff and the security of our data," Warren said. "We just did not do a good job making it a part of an ongoing, everyday activity to make sure everyone understood the protocols and expectations."

'That's what this plan addresses'

The plan will also analyze existing data protection procedures; provide detailed, step-by-step directions on

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lillian Flatchers, 5, pets Remus, a 15-month-old Great Dane, at the West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena

Midland home prices top Dallas, Houston, San Antonio

■ Few communities in the state can rival average home prices found in Midland

By Cale Ottens
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Midland's average home prices still exceed those in most other major cities across the Lone Star State.

The average price of a home in Midland is \$264,800, which is higher than the average in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, according to the latest data from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The latest numbers come from December and represent a 10.8 percent increase from the average home prices during the same month in 2012.

In Houston, the average price of a home is \$261,400 and the average price in Dallas is \$260,200, according to the data.

"It's more expensive to buy a property in Midland than it is in Dallas or Houston, perhaps," said Brian Sales, president of Permian Basin Board of Realtors. "But that's balanced with the economic opportunities that we have here."

The median home price in Midland sits at \$235,700, while it doesn't even top \$200,000 in Houston, Dallas or San Antonio, according to the Real Estate Center's data.

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Canon makes conservative authenticity an issue

By Joseph Basco
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The competitive race for state Senate District 31 has intensified these past few weeks as both candidates begun to call each other out on how their pasts may or may not align with conservative values.

Both candidates, incumbent Sen. Kel Seliger and former Midland Mayor Mike Canon, are running in the March 4 Republican primary. Both tout themselves as conservative candidates for a red Senate district that includes much

of the Panhandle and parts of Permian Basin.

But, as with Seliger's past competitive elections, his opponents question whether or not he is an authentic conservative.

Canon has previously referenced two Seliger-approved bills that he would not have supported: SB 302, which pertains to oversight of groundwater conservation districts, and SB 346, a bill that requires disclosure of campaign donors that are part of a nonprofit but not classified as a political committee. Canon said SB 302 takes away authority from

local government, while SB 346 violates the First Amendment.

Seliger, speaking with the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday, disagreed with Canon, saying that SB 302 is designed to maintain local control, further adding that Canon doesn't know what the bill says. On SB 346, Seliger said it makes "shadowy organizations" that could launder money to campaigns reveal just exactly who they are.

"Why Canon is opposed to



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Terry Williamson

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Attorney General Eric Holder testifies Jan. 29 on Capitol Hill in Washington. In an assertion of same-sex marriage rights, Holder is applying a landmark Supreme Court ruling to the Justice Department, announcing Saturday that same-sex spouses cannot be compelled to testify against each other, should be eligible to file for bankruptcy jointly and are entitled to the same rights and privileges as federal prison inmates in opposite-sex marriages.

Holder applies same-sex marriage ruling to Justice

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an assertion of same-sex marriage rights, Attorney General Eric Holder is applying a landmark Supreme Court ruling to the Justice Department, announcing Saturday that same-sex spouses cannot be compelled to testify against each other, should be eligible to file for bankruptcy jointly and are entitled to the same rights and privileges as federal prison inmates in opposite-sex marriages.

The Justice Department runs a number of benefits programs, and Holder said same-sex couples will qualify for them. They include the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and benefits to surviving spouses of public safety officers who suffer catastrophic or fatal injuries in the line of duty.

"In every courthouse, in every proceeding and in every place where a member of the Department of Justice stands on behalf of the United States, they will strive to ensure that same-sex marriages receive the same privileges, protections and rights as opposite-sex marriages under federal law," Holder said in prepared remarks to the Human Rights Campaign in New York. The advocacy group works on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights.

Just as in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, the stakes in the current generation over same-sex marriage rights "could not be higher," said Holder.

"The Justice Department's role in confronting discrimination must be as

aggressive today as it was in Robert Kennedy's time," Holder said of the attorney general who played a leadership role in advancing civil rights.

On Monday, the Justice Department will issue a policy memo to its employees instructing them to give lawful same-sex marriages full and equal recognition, to the greatest extent possible under the law.

Holder's address is the latest application of a Supreme Court ruling that struck down a provision in the Defense of Marriage Act defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The decision applies to legally married same-sex couples seeking federal benefits.

After the Supreme Court decision last June, the Treasury Department and the IRS said that all legally married gay couples may file joint federal tax returns, even if they reside in states that do not recognize same-sex marriages. The Defense Department said it would grant military spousal benefits to same-sex couples. The Health and Human Services Department said the Defense of Marriage Act is no longer a bar to states recognizing same-sex marriages under state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management said it is now able to extend benefits to legally married same-sex spouses of federal employees and annuitants.

Holder told his audience: "The Justice Department will recognize that same-sex spouses of individuals involved in civil and criminal cases should have the same legal rights as all other married

couples, including the right to decline to give testimony that might violate the marital privilege. Under this policy, even in states where same-sex marriages are not recognized, the federal government will not use state views as a basis to object to someone in a same-sex marriage from invoking this right.

The U.S. Trustee Program will take the position that same-sex married couples should be eligible to file for bankruptcy jointly and that domestic support obligations should include debts such as alimony owed to a former same-sex spouse.

Federal prisoners in same-sex marriages will be entitled to visitation by a spouse, inmate furloughs during a crisis involving a spouse, escorted trips to attend a spouse's funeral, correspondence with a spouse and compassionate release or reduction in sentence based on an inmate's spouse being incapacitated.

Next step uncertain in allegations against Woody Allen

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A week bracketed by op-ed letters of accusation and denial of child molestation left little clarity and scant hope for resolution in a bitter saga that has haunted Woody Allen and the Farrow family for more than two decades.

The back-and-forth between Allen and his adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, breathed new fire into a long dormant scandal, but what happens next is uncertain, with the possibility of legal recourse and continued scrutiny in the weeks and months ahead.

Farrow, in her most detailed account yet, alleged in an open letter published Feb. 1 by The New York Times that Allen "sexually assaulted" her when she was 7 years old at the Farrows' Connecticut home, renewing a charge against the movie director that was first leveled in 1992.

Allen responded in a letter posted online Friday night by the Times that insisted "of course I did not molest Dylan." He instead claimed the young Dylan had been coerced and misled by her mother, Mia Farrow. The two acrimoniously separated after Farrow discovered Allen was having an affair with her adopted daughter Soon-Yi Previn, who was 19 or 21 at the time. (Her date of birth is uncertain.)

"I loved (Dylan) and hope one day she will grasp how she has been cheated out of having a loving father and exploited by a mother more interested in her own festering anger than her daughter's well-being," said Allen, who married Previn in 1997 and has two adopted daughters with her.

Mia Farrow has yet to comment on Allen's letter. Representatives for Farrow didn't respond to messages left Friday night and Saturday.

Allen ended his letter by declaring it would be his "final word on this entire matter."

But the rampant debate sparked by Dylan Farrow's accusation will likely continue to stir questions over the alleged molestation, how claims of sexual assault are publicly weighed, and the legacy of Allen's acclaimed work as a filmmaker.

Filing criminal charges would be difficult for Farrow. In Connecticut, Farrow had until age 20 to file charges. (She is now 28, married and living in Florida.) In 2002, Connecticut extended the cutoff to age 48, but that only covers crimes since the change. Exceptions can be made for the most serious sexual crimes.

Connecticut state prosecutor Frank Maco, who investigated the charges in 1993 but is now retired, has said he believes the statute of limitations ran out on the case years ago.

Farrow could file a civil suit against Allen. Though a suit would offer the opportunity to retry the case in civil court, it would insure a drawn-out, very public battle that would be taxing for all involved.

The history of the case is clouded by a 1993 investigation that was full of contradictions. Allen wasn't charged and a team of child abuse specialists from the Yale-New Haven Hospital brought in by prosecutors concluded Dylan had not been molested. But Maco claimed there was "probable cause" for charging him. In the custody battle, Judge Elliott Wilk concluded Allen's behavior with Dylan was "grossly inappropriate and that measures must be taken to protect her."

A disciplinary panel found that Maco may have prejudiced the custody battle by making an accusation without formal charges.

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This undated photo provided by the Gulfport Police Department shows Fred, its police K-9. The Gulfport Police Department has pink-slipped Fred. Police Chief Leonard Papania told The Sun Herald that Fred can sniff out drugs. Fred can patrol. But, Papania said Fred gets distracted. In searching a building, Papania said Fred might spy a soda can on the floor and start playing with it. The department is sending the Belgian Malinois back to U.S. K-9 Unlimited in Kaplan, La.

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MISSISSIPPI

K-9 dog fired from one job, may get another

GULFPORT — Fred the K-9 didn't cut it with the Gulfport, Miss., Police Department but he may still find respectable employment elsewhere.

The Sun Herald reported that Fred did fine on patrols and sniffing out drugs, but sometimes got distracted, stopping to play with a soda can he spied on a floor while searching a building, for example.

US K-9 Unlimited in Kaplan, La., agreed to take Fred back, but the Harrison County Sheriff's Office in Mississippi has expressed interest in him.

K-9 Unlimited owner Roger Abshire said the 3-year-old Belgian Malinois he bought in the Netherlands was selected out of hundreds of dogs, so his talent is not an issue.

Abshire said Fred's first Gulfport handler took medical leave and Fred didn't bond the quite same with the second partner.

BOSTON

Bottle released by scientist in 1956 found

It was April 1956, and the No. 1 song was Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel." At the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, scientist Dean Bumpus was busy releasing glass bottles in a large stretch of the Atlantic Ocean.

Nearly 58 years later, a biologist studying grey seals off Nova Scotia found one of the bottles in a pile of debris on a beach, 300 miles from where it was released.

"It was almost like finding treasure in a way," Warren Joyce said Friday.

The drift bottle was among thousands dumped in the Atlantic Ocean between 1956 and 1972 as part of Bumpus' study of surface and bottom currents. About 10 percent of the 300,000 bottles have been found over the years.

Joyce found the bottle Jan. 20 on Sable Island, about 185 miles southeast of Halifax.

He contacted scientists at Woods Hole and dutifully gave them the time and place information Bumpus had asked for in a postcard inside the bottle. His reward will be exactly what Bumpus promised in 1956 to anyone who returned a bottle: a 50-cent piece.

"I didn't want the reward, but they said they are sending it to me anyway," Joyce said, chuckling.

Joyce said the bottle had been sand-blasted over about 75 percent of its surface. He could still read the words, "Break This Bottle," so he pried off the rubber stopper. Inside, there was a note from Bumpus explaining that the bottle was among many being released to study the ocean.

In those days, there was no other way to study currents, said Steven Jayne, a senior scientist at Woods Hole.

"We didn't have satellites to track currents like we do now. So the only thing you could do was to see where something started and where it ended up," he said. "That was a pretty good approach."

Using the number on the postcard, Woods Hole workers tracked the bottle found by Joyce to a group of 12 released not far off Nova Scotia on April 26, 1956.

Woods Hole archivist David Sherman said three other bottles from the same batch were found within a few months after they were dropped in the ocean: two in Nova Scotia and a third in Eastham, on Cape Cod. There's no way to tell for sure when the bottle Joyce found washed up on Sable Island.

Border collie wins Westminster show agility trial

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A border collie named Kelso navigated a maze of obstacles Saturday, besting about 225 other dogs to win the Westminster Kennel Club show's first agility competition.

Owned by Delaney Ratner, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Kelso jumped, darted and clambered better than the competition to break new ground at Westminster. The winner was one of 35 border collies entered in the competition.

A husky mix called Roo!, owned by trainer Stacey Campbell, of San Francisco, got a special award for the best mixed-breed dog at the event.

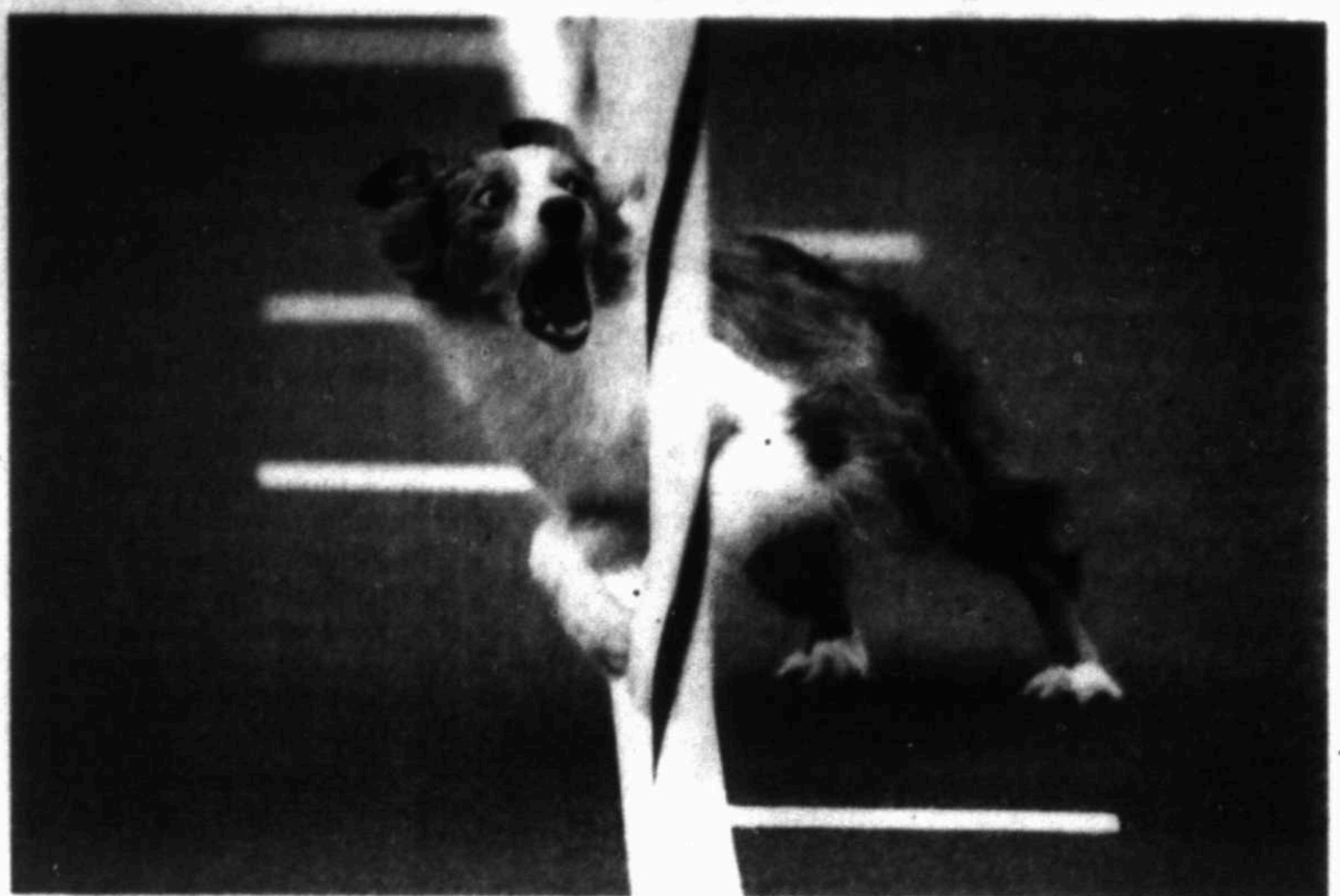
The agility trial added a dynamic, fast-growing sport to the nation's best-known dog show and marked the first time mixed-breed dogs have appeared there in 130 or more years. Dogs are judged on accuracy and speed as they navigate jumps, tunnels, ramps and other objects off-leash, with handlers guiding them via calls and signals.

Established decades ago, agility is an increasingly popular canine pursuit. The number of dogs competing in agility trials sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, the governing body for many canine events, has grown by nearly 50 percent over the last five years.

But at Westminster, the sport is playing on dogdom's biggest stage. The final rounds night were televised on Fox Sports 1.

"It's very special being here because of Westminster's prestige," said Westbury-based dog trainer and breeder Andrea Samuels, who had five papillons in Saturday's contest.

Agility aficionados say the sport is a canine confidence-builder that creates rapport between dogs and owners and provides a healthy outlet for



John Minchillo/AP

Sky, an Australian Shepherd, runs the weave poles during the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster staged at Pier 94, in New York on Saturday. The competition marks the first time mixed-breed dogs have appeared at Westminster.

high-energy dogs that need something to occupy them.

Saturday's competitors spanned 63 different breeds, from the diminutive papillons to such big dogs as Doberman pinschers.

Many represented breeds known for their agility chops. But their rivals included breeds with physiques that don't necessarily scream "nimble."

About 16 of the competitors didn't represent any one breed at all, in

a substantial shift for a dog show that has long been purely purebred turf. Westminster featured some mixed breeds early on but not since at least 1884, organizers say.

Mixed-breeds — or what the show calls "all-American dogs" — still can't compete for the sought-after Best in Show trophy. But their inclusion in the agility contest has brought cheers from owners eager to show that everyday dogs

can go nose-to-nose with their purebred peers. Animal-rights advocates who have criticized Westminster, and dog breeding in general, call the development a good step, though they still plan to protest the traditional part of the show next week.

Westminster officials say adding mixed-breed contestants helps the show make good on its aim to honor all dogs and their roles in people's lives.

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Club meetings, support groups today

■ Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m., Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Odessa; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.
 ■ Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline: 580-7868.
 ■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline: 582-2926

Community calendar

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club. Speakers include candidates for local and state offices. Luncheon tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To make a reservation, call 520-3500 or go to www.mcrw.us
 ■ Genealogy off the Shelves is planning a workshop 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday featuring professional genealogist Lloyd DeWitt Bookstuck. Workshop topics are names, deeds and wills and probate records.
 Lunch will be served. For more information, call 742-7440.
 ■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 20. This month's featured book is "Like Music." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Lowest job rates in nation

The following are the lowest unemployment rates in the nation for December, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bismarck, N.D.	2.8
Logan, Utah	2.8
Midland	2.8
Fargo, N.D.	3.0
Ames, Iowa	3.1
Iowa City, Iowa	3.1
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La.	3.1
Lincoln, Neb.	3.1
Sioux Falls, S.D.	3.1
Burlington, Utah	3.1
Lafayette, La.	3.3
Odessa	3.4

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Today in history

On Feb. 9, 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" broadcast from New York on CBS. The G.I. Joe action figure was introduced at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

MISD

From 1A

how to track a child's credit history; and contract with a security firm for an audit of data and equipment protocols, pending board approval.

"I want somebody coming in and saying, 'Here's the best practices in our industry,'" Warren said, adding he hopes to begin soliciting bids as quickly as possible.

The timeline for implementing internal procedures is ongoing, Warren said, but all MISD staff must be retrained on regulations, procedures and equipment by Feb. 21.

Laptops taken from MISD buildings must also be addressed by administrators, Warren said.

Some district employees work from school campuses and may not see their own office for more than a week at a time, Warren said earlier this week. Additionally, it is necessary to keep this information in one place because Texas requires school districts to track dropouts, Warren said.

According to MISD's student records policy, personally identifiable information — which includes Social Security numbers and birthdates — can be released without written

consent to "school officials, including teachers, who have legitimate educational interests."

Warren could not specify earlier this week how many people have access to this specific student data.

"In a district this size, when you're dealing with so many kids, you have hundreds of staff members, thousands of staff members, from teachers to office staff to central office staff," he said. "We all deal with information from a kid's standpoint and an employee information standpoint."

Parents have raised concerns about why the district needs this information at all, but according to MISD's website, the student's birth certificate, Social Security card, current immunization record, proof of address and former school records must be presented in order to enroll a new student.

"I've got so many staff members who go to so many different places, they've got to have that laptop with them," Warren said.

An exact solution has not been decided upon, but possibilities include requiring laptops be checked in at night or eliminating external hard drives for storing student data, he said.

No matter what, every single district device — including laptops, cellphones and iPads — will have a password, Warren said.

Board members said they believe the district has acted appropriately thus far and hope the correct steps will continue going forward.

"The steps we need to take are being taken," board Vice President Karen Nicholson said. "I just want to be sure that in the process we double-check our policy and see if we need to tweak any policies, which I know we're doing. The staff needs to be reminded of the things we need to do to protect data, which I know we're doing."

"All the things I know we need to do as a result of this, I know are already in place."

President Rick Davis said he is confident the board will approve of the steps to make sure the district doesn't find itself in a similar situation ever again.

"It was a mistake that was made — an honest mistake — and it was one that was capitalized upon by a thief," Davis said. "We can't forget the fact that a thief is what has caused this problem."

"But in any event, there's no question that we can learn from this event."



Plan to help prevent another personal information loss

As most Midlanders who follow the Reporter-Telegram and our local TV/radio stations are aware, this was a tough week for the school district and for many of our community members. A situation arose in which a theft of a laptop computer caused the loss of personal information for thousands of current and former students.

First and foremost, I personally apologize for this situation. The state and federal governments require so much information to be given to MISD, and we are charged to protect that data. One of my staff members was the victim of the theft, but we have to do a better job of protecting the data against the possibilities of theft like this one in which we are dealing.

Secondly, I am compelled to explain how MISD will deal with the issue at hand and describe what steps will be taken to negate the possibilities of this being repeated. This plan will be presented to the members of the MISD board of trustees for their input and guidance, and then we will initiate all parts of the plan. The initial points of this plan are as follows:

Point 1: To support the affected parents, caregivers and students, the district will publish specific, step-by-step instructions on how to track their children's credit history. Some of the comments we've taken this week allude to the fact that the credit websites are not as user friendly as need be, so we are going to break down all requirements of these websites and post the "how to" directions on the MISD website to better assist caregivers and students on how to track their data.

Point 2: I will recommend to the MISD board of trustees a financial package to help place protective measures on children's data if needed. My recommendation will consist of MISD partnering with CSID to provide a one-year subscription to "Breach Protector," which is a credit monitoring and identity theft restoration coverage. According to the letter we will send our caregivers and former students, CSID is an independent company that specializes in protecting and restoring its subscribers' credit and identity, if those have been compromised.

Point 3: MISD is going to completely analyze (and change where needed) both the content and the application of our data protection procedures to target all MISD employees regarding the responsibilities we all carry in the protection of student and employee data.

This task will require several different steps. Examples of these steps include the following: (1) initial needs assessment to identify procedural concerns; (2) policy/procedure revisions to address known concerns; (3) district-wide training of staff; (4) implementing technology security measures; and (5) further revision of policies/procedures if necessary.

As an administrative team, we have already researched several ideas regarding these protective steps. Just a few of the examples we've discussed for these initial recommendations consist of all MISD staff being retrained on current processes and new training to occur for new procedures by Feb. 21. We feel our regulations, procedures, equipment and expectations must be reemphasized for safeguarding student and employee data.

We are also looking at our procedures for specific hardware and equipment requirements. Because of their positions, hundreds of MISD employees need different levels of access to student data, but the uses of off-site laptops must be assessed. Also, not allowing the use of external storage devices (external hard drives and flash drives) for copying and storing sensitive data, such as student or personnel records, will be addressed. Finally, the district is planning to assure that all district laptop hard drives will be encrypted by computer policy.

Point 4-I will be recommending to our school board members that MISD contracts with an external security firm to conduct a full audit of all of our data and equipment protocols. We conduct financial and curriculum studies every year to make sure we are up to standards in both financial practices and our instructional programs, but we have to assure we are also securing data and equipment as best we can, so getting an outside, expert opinion will be of much value to the district as we move forward.

Our commitment to parents, caregivers and students of our community is that we will absolutely take more steps to safeguard our children, and we will learn much from this experience. Thank you for your support of our schools and for your support of our kids. If anyone has questions concerning the issues in this article or about anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me at ryder.warren@midlandisd.net or 689-1001.

Olympic viewing: NBC's opening ceremony editing

Associated Press

Highlights from coverage of the Sochi Winter Olympics:

NBC's EDITING: In a sign of how closely NBC's actions are being watched, the website Deadspin compared a speech that International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach made with the edited version NBC aired and headlined a story, "NBC Edits Out IOC Anti-Discrimination Statement From Opening Ceremony." True, NBC also left in another anti-discrimination statement by Bach. He made a point about the value of tolerance more than once in his speech. You could argue that the stronger statement was edited out — but not that NBC altered his message. Rich Ferraro, spokesman for the gay rights advocacy group GLAAD, said Saturday he had no comment on the editing. He said NBC's networks don't appear to be flying away from the

issue of how gays and lesbians are treated in Russia, and they should keep it up.

RATINGS: An estimated 31.7 million people watched the opening ceremony Friday night, the Nielsen company said. That's down 1 million from the audience for the 2010 Winter Olympics opening ceremony in Vancouver, which was televised live. NBC prefers a comparison to the last Winter Olympics opener shown via tape delay, from Turin in 2006, which was seen by 22.2 million viewers. The individual market with the best ratings was Minneapolis.

TRAINING: NBC is experimenting by airing live figure skating during the daytime on its NBC Sports Network, while showing tape-delayed coverage of the same events on the broadcast network in prime-time. The plan also gives on-the-job training to what may be its next generation of marquee analysts, the team of Johnny Weir and Tara Lipinski.

HOMEs

From 1A

Jim Gaines, an economist at the Real Estate Center, said Midland is seeing an increase in home prices primarily because the supply is so tight in the city.

At the end of last year, the inventory was 3.2 months, which translates to having just under 500 homes on the market.

A balanced market in a traditional metropolitan area is about a six-month supply, he said. But for Midland, Gaines said a 3 and a half- or four-month supply would be the norm, which is the equivalent to about 540 to 615 homes of the market.

Because of the tight supply in Midland, Gaines predicted that home prices will continue to increase throughout this year as long as the energy sector doesn't collapse.

Warren Ivey, Region 6 vice president for the Texas Association of Realtors, is not surprised that Midland has higher home prices than some of the state's largest cities. He's a real estate agent who serves both the Midland and Odessa markets.

"It might be surprising, I guess, to the population but we've been in the strong price structure probably over the last three years," Ivey said. "So is it surprising to me? Not really. I'm glad we're in this position. You might consider us to be in a sellers' market."

Ivey said he thinks Midland's home prices are just catching up with the rest of the state and that it shows that the city has a healthy local economy.

"I think that shows that we're in a strong market, but we're not that much ahead of the rest of the state," he said. "We're in the top five, but not at such a number that others can't catch up and surpass us."

Even though Odessa is only about 20 miles west of Midland and is also seeing enormous economic growth from the oil industry boom, home prices there still fall considerably shorter than Midland's.

In Odessa, the average price sits at \$177,700, nearly 33 percent lower than the average price in Midland.

"You can buy the same house in Odessa for a little bit less than what you can pay for it in Midland," Sales said. "That's certainly true in Lubbock and some of the other areas as well."

The population in Lubbock is nearly double the size of Midland, yet the average home price in that city is \$147,700, according to the latest data, which comes from November in this case.

Home prices in other West Texas cities — such as San Angelo and Abilene — are also well below those in Midland. The average price in San Angelo, for instance, is \$170,400 and the average price in Abilene is \$130,100.

Only four cities out of the 48 that the Real Estate Center analyzes record higher average home prices than Midland.

Average prices in Austin are the highest in the state, according to the data. The

Average home prices

Austin Average \$293,000 Median \$227,200	Midland Average \$264,600 Median \$235,700
Houston Average \$261,400 Median \$187,600	Dallas Average \$260,200 Median \$197,800
San Antonio Average \$212,600 Median \$171,100	Odessa Average \$177,700 Median \$164,700
San Angelo Average \$170,400 Median \$155,800	El Paso Average \$158,900 Median \$146,100
Lubbock Average \$147,700 Median \$125,300	Abilene Average \$130,100 Median \$108,700

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

average home price in the city is \$293,000 and the median price is \$227,200. The median price in Midland, however, is higher than in Austin.

Collin County, Fort Bend and Montgomery County also post average home prices higher than those in Midland. But Midland tops the median home price in Montgomery County, which is north of Houston. The median home price there is \$213,100, according to data.

Gaines said Austin traditionally boasts the highest home prices in the state because of the types of jobs available in the region and the mix of different industries around the metropolitan area.

Household income is the No. 1 factor that drives the cost of home prices in Austin, Collin County, Fort Bend and Montgomery County, he said.

Sales said the same is becoming increasingly true in Midland as well.

"The reason that the prices are going up is because we have great population growth," Sales said. "People are coming here to take some of the jobs that are available. Yes, houses are more expensive, but jobs are plentiful and more lucrative, as well."

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transparency is beyond me," Seliger said.

Canon also compared both their backgrounds by saying that Seliger has been a career politician while he has been in the private sector for most of his professional life. Other than his time on City Council from 2000 to 2007, Canon has been an oil and gas attorney.

"He's a lawyer," Seliger said. "He's never been in business while I've been in small business for 35 years. For him to not know the difference between law practice and small business, it sounds dangerous."

Seliger also addressed what Canon said on the

campaign trail at the Ector County Republican Women's campaign forum on Jan. 20.

At that forum, Canon maintained a stance against Proposition 6, a constitutional amendment to be voted on in November that would provide funding for water projects out of the state's rainy day fund, because he believed that water issues should remain on the local level.

Seliger questioned why Canon did not provide a solution if he does not support Proposition 6.

Furthermore, he said Proposition 6 can help local areas, such as Midland, for their water projects.

Another issue that has arisen during their cam-

paigns was their supporters.

Canon criticized the donations Seliger received from PACs, adding that he himself does not want to be viewed as person influenced by special interests.

According to the last set of campaign finance reports released Tuesday, Canon has a \$77,874 war chest, while long-term incumbent Seliger has \$1.5 million on hand.

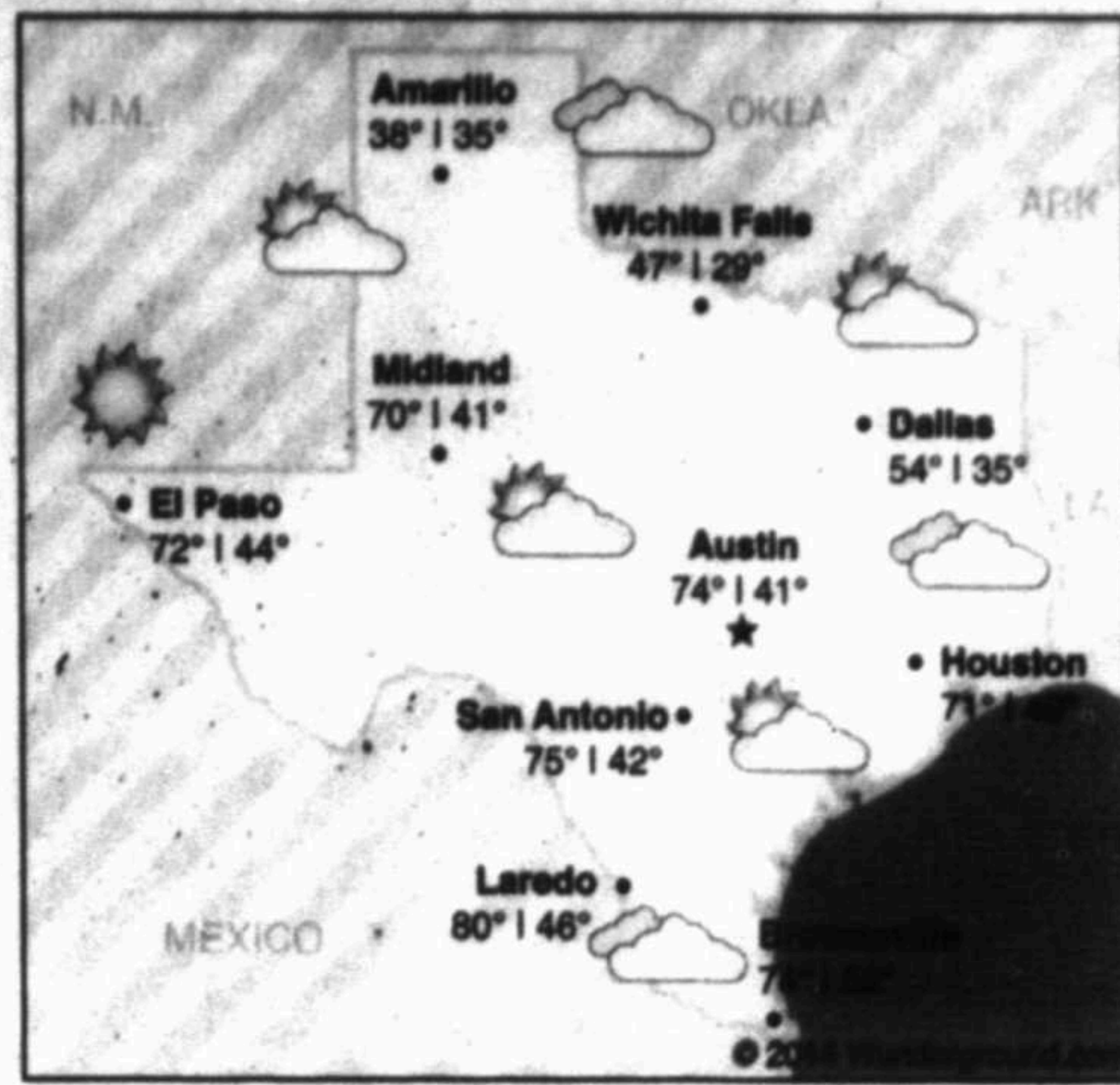
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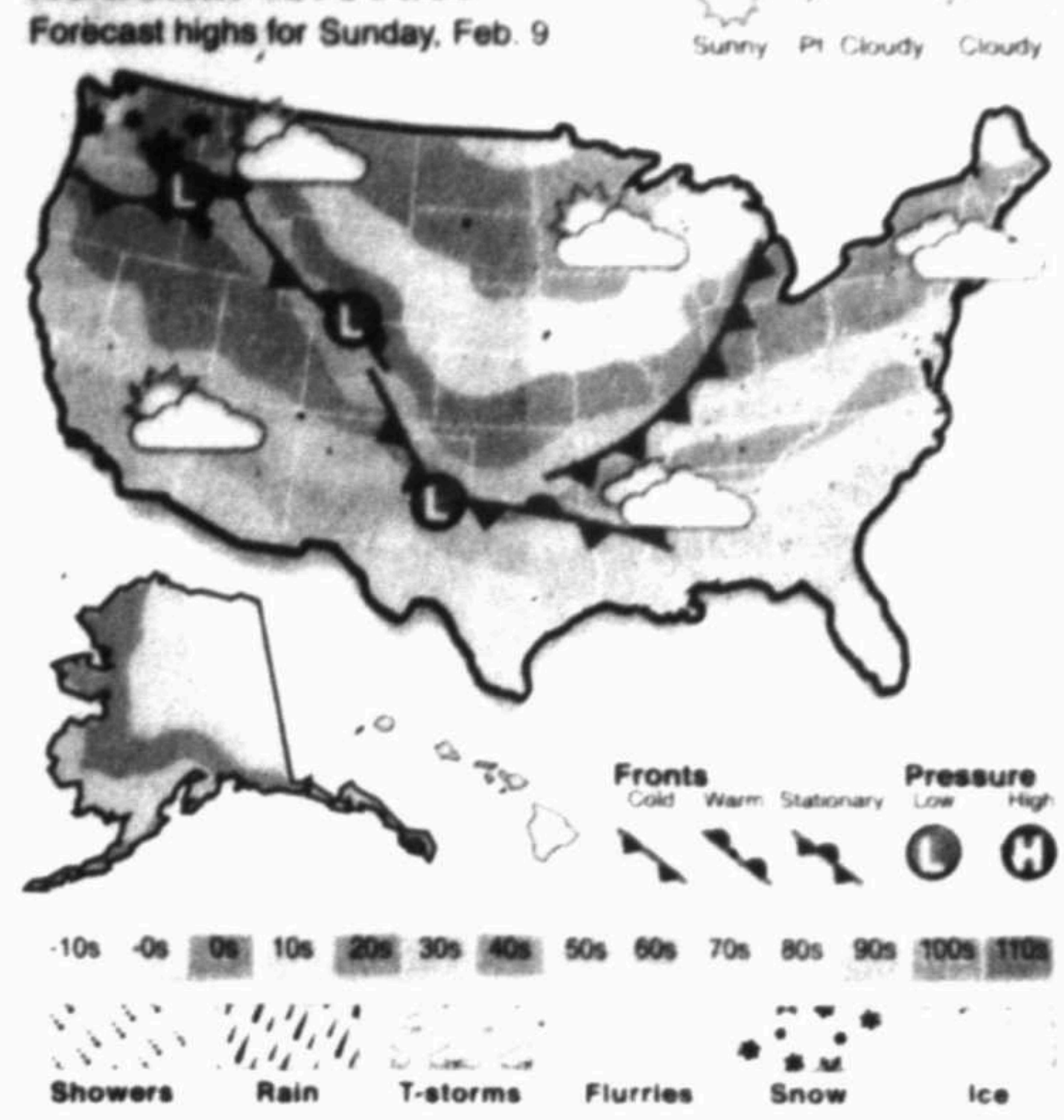
Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 72 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 26. Monday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 41 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph and a low around 23 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of freezing rain and sleet. Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 36 and a low around 29. There is a 20 percent chance of snow and sleet. The high Saturday reached 68, while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Feb. 8 is 83 set in 1994. The record low is -11 set in 1933.

Precipitation	Saturday's temperatures
Friday.....0.00 in.	High.....68
Saturday.....0.00 in.	Low.....32
Month total.....0.24 in.	Normal high.....61
Year total.....0.24 in.	Normal low.....33
Normal total (year to date).....0.75 in.	Sunrise.....7:36 a.m.
	Sunset.....6:36 p.m.



National forecast



National forecast

Winter will not release its grip on the northern half of the nation today as arctic chill stretches from Montana to Maine. The heart of the deep freeze will be over the Dakotas, where temperatures will struggle to reach zero. A large zone of arctic high pressure will promote some sun and dry conditions along with the chill. Farther east, a batch of snow is forecast to spread across the Ohio Valley and the Northeast, leaving a couple of inches of fresh powder in many places. Some rain can mix in along the coast. A front lingering in southern Florida can trigger spotty thunderstorms, but the remainder of the Southeast is expected to be dry and comfortable with some sun. The warmest weather will be found in southern Texas and the desert Southwest, where there is no end in sight to the

parched conditions. To the north, a cold wind will sweep across the Plains, with light snow extending from the Rockies to Missouri. A large shield of clouds is on tap for the West as a moisture feed from the Pacific continues to bring rain and snow to many places. Another wet day will occur from Northern California to the Washington coast, with snow east of the Cascades and into the mountains of Wyoming and Idaho. **FOCUS** On Feb. 9, 1934, extremely cold air spread across the Northeast, breaking record-low temperatures. While Philadelphia dropped to minus 11, a record low temperature for any date, Stillwater Reservoir, N.Y., set a state-record low of minus 52 degrees.

Drought-rattled California welcomes storm

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Californians accustomed to complaining about the slightest change in the weather welcomed a robust weekend storm that soaked the northern half of the drought-stricken state Saturday even as rain and snow brought the threat of avalanches, flooding and rock slides. In Willits, one of 17 rural communities that California's Department of Public Health recently described as dangerously low on water, City Councilman Bruce Burton said he was cheered seeing the water levels in a local reservoir and his backyard pond creeping up and small streams flowing again. The city in the heart of redwood country usually sees about 50 inches of rain a year and was expected to get about four inches by today. "It's guarded optimism. We are a long ways from where we need to be, but we have to start with some sort of a raindrop," Burton said. The storm that moved in Friday, powered by a warm, moisture-packed system from the Pacific Ocean

known as a Pineapple Express, dropped more than 7 inches of rain on Marin County's Mt. Tamalpais, an average of 4 inches in Sonoma County and one to three inches in San Francisco. San Jose and other urban areas as of Saturday morning, National Weather Service hydrologist Mark Strudley said. With areas north of San Francisco forecast to see another few inches by Sunday, the downpour, while ample enough to flood roadways and prompt warnings that parched streams could be deluged to the point of overflowing, by itself will not solve the state's drought worries, Strudley said. "The yearly rainfall around here, depending on where you were, was less than 10 percent of normal," he said. "The additions from this last series of storms and the totals are taking a dent out of it, but it is not a significant dent." The storm deposited a foot of snow on the top of Lake Tahoe ski resorts that have relied on man-made snow for much of the season, and elevations above 7,500 feet were expected to get another

foot or two by Sunday, said Holly Osborrie, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Sacramento. The additions, which followed some brief periods of snow in the last week, already have improved the outlook for the Sierra Nevada snowpack, which provides about a third of California's water supply.

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Experts increasingly contemplate end of smoking

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Health officials have begun to predict the end of cigarette smoking in America.

They long have wished for a cigarette-free America but shied away from calling for smoking rates to fall to zero or near zero by any particular year. The power of tobacco companies and popularity of their products made such a goal seem like a pipe dream.

But a confluence of changes has recently prompted public health leaders to start throwing around phrases like "end-game" and "tobacco-free generation." Now, they talk about the slowly-declining adult smoking rate dropping to 10 percent in the next decade and to 5 percent or lower by 2050.

Acting U.S. Surgeon General Boris Lushniak last month released a 980-page report on smoking that pushed for stepped-up tobacco-control measures. His news conference was an unusually animated showing of anti-smoking bravado, with Lushniak nearly yelling, repeatedly, "Enough is enough!"

"I can't accept that we're just allowing these numbers to trickle down," he said, in a recent interview with the Associated Press. "We believe we have the public health tools to get us to the zero level."

This is not the first time a federal health official has spoken so boldly. In 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop called for a "smoke-free society" by the year 2000. However, Koop — a bold talker on many issues — didn't offer specifics on how to achieve such a goal.

"What's different today is that we have policies and programs that have been proven to drive down tobacco use," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "We couldn't say that in 1984."

Among the things that have changed:

- Cigarette taxes have increased around the country, making smokes more expensive. Though prices vary from state to state, on average a pack of cigarettes that would have sold for about \$1.75 20 years ago would cost more than triple that now.

- Laws banning smoking in restaurants, bars and workplaces have popped up all over the country. Airline flights have long been off-limits for smoking.

- Polls show that cigarette smoking is no longer considered normal behavior and is now less popular among teens than marijuana.

- Federal officials are increasingly aggressive about anti-smoking advertising. The Food and Drug Administration launched a new youth tobacco prevention campaign last week. At about the same time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention debuted a third, \$60-million round of its successful anti-tobacco ad campaign — this one featuring poignant, death-bed images of a woman featured in earlier ads.

- Tobacco companies, once considered impervious to legal attack, have suffered some huge defeats in court. Perhaps the biggest was the 1998 settlement of a case brought by more than 40 states demanding compensation for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses. Big Tobacco agreed to pay about \$200 billion and curtail marketing of cigarettes to youths.

- Retailing of cigarettes is changing, too. CVS Caremark, the nation's second-largest pharmacy chain, announced last week it will stop selling tobacco products at its more than 7,600 drugstores. The company said it made the decision in a bid to focus more on providing health care, but medical and public health leaders predicted pressure will increase on companies like Walgreen Co. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to follow suit.

"I do think, in another few years, that pharmacies selling cigarettes will look as anachronistic" as old cigarette ads featuring physician endorsements look today, said CDC Director



AP file photo

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, left, joins state and federal officials April 21, 2011, in the Queens borough of New York to announce a crackdown on cigarette smugglers and tax evaders behind a display of cartons of confiscated cigarettes. Cigarette taxes have increased around the country. Though prices vary from state to state, on average a pack of cigarettes 20 years ago would have sold for under \$1.75. They cost about \$6 now.

Dr. Tom Frieden.

These developments have made many in public health dream bigger. It's caused Myers' organization and others to recently tout the goal of bringing the adult smoking rate down to 10 percent by 2024, from the current 18 percent. That would mean dropping it at twice the speed it declined over the last 10 years.

The bigger goal is to reduce U.S. smoking-related deaths to fewer than 10,000, from the current level of 440,000. But even if smoking rates dropped to zero immediately, it would take decades to see that benefit, because smoking-triggered cancers can take decades to develop.

But while some experts and advocates are swinging for the fences, others are more pessimistic. They said the key to reaching such goals is not simply more taxes and more local smoking bans, but action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate smoking.

A 2009 federal law gave the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products. The law barred FDA from outright blocking the sale of cigarettes, but the agency was free to take such pivotal steps as prohibiting the use of appealing menthol flavoring in cigarettes and requiring cigarette makers to ratchet down the amount of

addictive nicotine in each smoke.

But nearly five years after gaining power over cigarettes, FDA has yet to even propose such regulations. Agency officials said they're working on it.

Many believe FDA's delay is driven by defense preparations for an anticipated battery of legal and political challenges.

A spokesman for Altria Group Inc., the maker of Marlboro, said the company supports FDA exercising its regulatory authority over tobacco products. But as a whole, the industry has tended to fight regulation. Some of the nation's largest tobacco companies — though not Altria — sued to stop FDA-proposed graphic warning labels on cigarette packs. A federal court blocked the ads.

"The industry makes money as long as they can delay regulation," said Kenneth Warner, a University of Michigan public health professor who is a leading authority on smoking and health.

Warner and Michigan colleague David Mendez estimate that, barring any major new tobacco control victories, the adult smoking rate will drop from its current 18 percent only to about 12 percent by 2050. If health officials do make huge strides, the rate could drop as low as 6 percent, they think.

But Lushniak said zero.

Will that ever happen?

Some experts doubt it. As long as cigarettes and other combustible tobacco products are legal, it's likely some people will smoke them. Efforts to prohibit them are likely to fail, they said. (Remember Prohibition?)

"It's hard to do a ban on cigarettes because you're taking something away from people they have and are using. Once you have something, you hold tight," said Richard Daynard, a Northeastern University law professor who focuses on tobacco issues.

Better, he said, to bar people from having a product in the first place. He is intrigued by legal efforts in Singapore and a handful of other countries to ban sales of tobacco to anyone born after a certain year — 2000, say. That would be constitutional, he said. The question is: Would our culture accept it?

Probably not, said Ruth Malone, editor-in-chief of the scientific journal Tobacco Control.

"In our culture, we tend to think we have a right to things even if they're terrible for us," she said.

A growing number of experts believe the most promising option is to get people to switch voluntarily to something else, like electronic cigarettes.

Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide users with aerosol puffs that typically contain nicotine, and sometimes flavorings like fruit, mint or chocolate. They've often been described as a less dangerous alternative to regular cigarettes. But there are few studies exploring exactly what chemicals are in them, and in what concentrations, and whether those levels are harmful.

They're controversial: Some experts believe that at a time when cigarette smoking has finally become passe in popular culture, e-cigarettes may re-glamorize puffing away in public places. Cigarette sales could surge.

"It could go in either direction," said John Seffrin, the American Cancer Society's chief executive officer.

But if the FDA can ratchet down nicotine in conventional cigarettes to levels below what's in e-cigarettes, perhaps everyone who clings to smoking will switch to the higher-nicotine new products. That could achieve the end of smoking, at least of combustible, carcinogen-filled cigarettes — or so the thinking goes.

In the past, "the country really wasn't ready" to walk away from cigarettes," Daynard said. "I think the country's ready now."

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Child traffic deaths drop 43 percent over decade

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Children are dying less often in traffic accidents: Over a decade, the number who died in crashes dropped by 43 percent, according to a new government report. Health officials have said the increased use of car seats and booster seats drove the decline. Still, one-third of the children 12 and under who died in 2011 were not buckled up. "The first step is buckling up. Every child, of every age, on every trip," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC report focused on crash deaths of children 12 and under and covered 2002 through 2011, when traffic fatalities overall declined to levels not seen since the 1940s.

Young children traditionally have been only a small fraction of total traffic deaths. In the last year of the study, children accounted for 650 of the 21,000 deaths of drivers and passengers. Preliminary CDC figures for 2012 show child deaths continued to fall, to 637.

"Children aren't going drinking, and they're not typically out at night," said

Jonathan Adkins, deputy director of the Governors Highway Safety Association.

Teens and young adults account for the largest share of deaths, he added.

The CDC study was not designed to answer why the deaths of younger children declined. But experts credited a large growth in state laws requiring car seats and booster seats, and in programs that promote buckling kids up.

But there's been a racial disparity in how well that's worked. Almost half of the black and Hispanic children who died in crashes in 2009 and 2010 were not in safety seats or wearing

seat belts, compared to a quarter of white deaths, according to the CDC.

That may be related to income, experts said. Car seats can run well over \$100 and be challenging to install. Larger proportions of minority families may have trouble getting the money or help to put them in. Frieden noted there are community programs that provide help and subsidies for car seats.

Health officials urge parents to keep all children 12 and under in the back seat, and use car seats and booster seats until seat belts fit properly. They recommend that car seats should face the rear up to age 2.

Report: Child cancer cases up, deaths down

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA — In its most comprehensive look at the cancers that most commonly affect youths, the American Cancer Society said in a report Friday that childhood cancer cases continue to increase, but death rates have fallen.

Childhood cancer is considered rare, especially compared with cancer in adults. Still, it's the second leading cause of death in pre-adolescent, school-aged children.

And it is growing more common. New diagnoses have been inching up each year, most recently to about 187 per 1 million kids ages 0 to 19. The increases have been driven by some blood and lymphatic system cancers, including acute lymphocytic leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Experts are not sure why, but they said better diagnosis could be a factor.

The good news: Childhood cancer death rates dropped more than 50 percent since 1975, to 24 per 1 million kids and adolescents in 2010. Declines have been seen in many of the most common childhood cancers, including blood and lymphatic cancers. Experts said they think better treatment is at least part of the reason.

But progress has not been seen across the board. For example, median survival remains less than a year after diagnosis for a type of brain tumor called diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma.

The report estimates that this year 15,780 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed and 1,960 deaths will occur among children and adolescents ages birth to 19 years.

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G.I. Joe, the world's first action figure, turns 50

By Chris Carola
Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — G.I. Joe is turning 50.

The birthday of what's called the world's first action figure is being celebrated this month by collectors and the toymaker that introduced it just before the nation plunged into the quagmire that would become the Vietnam War — a storm it seems to have weathered pretty well.

Since Hasbro brought it to the world's attention at the annual toy fair in New York City in early 1964, G.I. Joe has undergone many changes, some the result of shifts in public sentiment for military-themed toys, others dictated by the marketplace.

Still, whether it's the original "movable fighting man" decked out in the uniforms of the four branches of the U.S. military, or today's scaled-down products, G.I. Joe remains a popular brand.

"Joe stood for everything that was meant to be good: fighting evil, doing what's right for people," said Alan Hassenfeld, the 65-year-old former CEO for Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro Inc., whose father, Merrill, oversaw G.I. Joe's development in 1963.

But it's Don Levine, then the company's head of research and development, who is often referred to as the "father" of G.I. Joe for shepherding the toy through design and development. Levine and his team came up with an



AP file photo

Tearle Ashby poses with some of his G.I. Joe action figures Jan. 31 in Niskayuna, N.Y. A half-century after the 12-inch doll was introduced at a New York City toy fair, the iconic action figure is being celebrated by collectors with a display at the New York State Military Museum, while the toy's maker plans other anniversary events to be announced later this month.

11-inch articulated figure with 21 moving parts, and since the company's employees included many military veterans, it was decided to outfit the toy in the uniforms of the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, with such accessories as guns, helmets and vehicles.

Levine, who served in the Army in Korea, said he got the idea for the moveable figure as a way to honor veterans.

But he and his team knew the product wasn't in Hasbro's usual mold, and it took years of pitches before Merrill Hassenfeld gave it the company's full backing.

"Most boys in the '60s had a father or a relative who was or had been in the military," said Patricia Hogan, curator at The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, home to the National Toy Hall of Fame. "Once you've bought Joe,

Death & rebirth

Sales sank in reaction to the Vietnam War, leading to a line "Adventure Team" G.I. Joe's that played down the military connection. Production was halted in the 1970s. In the early 1980s, G.I. Joe was reintroduced as 3-inch figures.

you need to buy all the accessories and play sets and add-ons, which was great for business."

G.I. Joe hit the shelves in time for the 1964 Christmas shopping season and soon became a big seller at \$4 apiece.

It remained popular until the late 1960s, as opposition to Vietnam intensified and parents shied away from military-related toys. Hasbro countered in 1970 by introducing "Adventure Team" G.I. Joes that played down the military connection. Into the '70s, G.I. Joes featured "life-like hair" and "kung-fu grip" and were outfitted with scuba gear to save the oceans and explorer's clothing for discovering mummies.

Hasbro discontinued production later that

decade. In the early 1980s, Hasbro shrank Joe to 3 1/2 inches, the same size as figures made popular by "Star Wars." It has stuck to that size, with the occasional issue of larger special editions.

Over the decades, G.I. Joe has spawned comic books, cartoons, two movies starring Channing Tatum, and a G.I. Joe Collector's Club and its annual convention — GJJoeCon — held in Dallas in April. But for many G.I. Joe fans of a certain age, the newer products hold no appeal.

"The 12-inch G.I. Joe built that company," said Tearle Ashby, of the New York village of Ballston Spa. "The stuff they put out now is garbage."

Ashby, a psychotherapist who turns 50 in June, played with G.I. Joes as a boy, but few survived, falling victim to encounters with firecrackers and little parachutes that failed to open.

"Casualties of war," said Ashby, who started collecting 12-inch G.I. Joes 20 years ago and now owns about 2,000.

On Saturday, he and other collectors plan to bring their 12-inch G.I.

Joes to the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs to celebrate the 50th birthday.

The exact date of G.I. Joe's introduction remains hazy. Ashby and others, including Hasbro, believe it was in February 1964 — but American International Toy Fair organizers say it was held in March that year.

Hasbro said it intends to announce details of its 50th anniversary plans during this year's fair in New York on Feb. 16-19.

G.I. Joe was elected into Toy Hall of Fame in 2004, six years after Barbie was enshrined. Hogan said the hall doesn't have policies prohibiting toy weapons from induction, although all candidates must be deemed safe. The U.S. was in the early stages of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq a decade ago, so G.I. Joe's induction didn't meet the opposition it might have faced as the conflicts dragged on, Hogan said.

"I suspect," she said, "most people would have acknowledged that G.I. Joe really does belong in the Toy Hall of Fame."



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'Stunning' shift on gay marriage is changing political landscape

By Sean Cockerham
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Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — When the new attorney general in Virginia decided recently to oppose his state's ban on gay marriage, it might have been dismissed as an isolated move by a Democrat seeking to reverse Republican policy. But it underscored the speed and breadth of a fundamental change in the country.

Public opinion on same-sex marriage is changing at breathtaking speed. Voters across the nation are dropping their opposition, and many state gay marriage bans just recently adopted are already coming under assault.

"On no issue in American life have opinions changed as fast as they have on gay rights," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster and political consultant. "It is truly a stunning development."

The change is especially vexing for Republicans, who used the issue to get conservative voters to the polls just a decade ago and now are torn between their traditional stance and political base on one hand and the quickly changing political landscape on the other.

Among the most dramatic shifts are in politically key battleground states such as Virginia, which was a bellwether in the last two presidential elections.

The state's newly elected attorney general, Democrat Mark Herring, announced recently that he'd join a lawsuit to overturn Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage. It wasn't just an abrupt reversal from his Republican predecessor, Ken Cuccinelli — who vehemently opposed gay marriage and who lost a bid for the governor's office in November — it underscored a turn for the state itself.

The ban passed eight years ago with the support

of 57 percent of the state's voters, including Herring, who said his views on the issue have evolved. He's not the only one to change his mind. Polls find that most other Virginians now support same-sex marriage, with 56 percent of likely voters opposing the state's ban in an October poll by Virginia's Christopher Newport University.

Many Republican legislators in Virginia, faced with those numbers, are hesitating to defend the gay marriage ban on its merits.

Their focus instead is on arguing that the attorney general has a duty to defend the ban because it's a law passed by the voters, said Larry Sabato, who directs the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

"In Virginia it's the same thing that's happened nationally: Public opinion has shifted dramatically in favor of same-sex marriage," Sabato said. "It was an alien concept for most people. Then the more they thought about it and the more they discussed it with gay friends and gay family members, the more they were inclined to back it."

As recently as 2009, Gallup found that only 40 percent of Americans thought that gay and lesbian marriages should be legally recognized. That number has swelled to nearly 60 percent, including 81 percent of Americans under age 30, according to a Washington Post/ABC News poll last year.

The survey was taken soon before the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a key portion of the Defense of Marriage Act last June, giving momentum to efforts around the country to defeat prohibitions on gays and lesbians getting married.

The reversal in public opinion puts Republicans who oppose same-sex marriage in a tough spot that was nearly impossible to foresee a few years ago.

Republican political strategist Karl Rove used opposition to gay marriage in mobilizing voters to help re-elect President George W. Bush in 2004. At the time, he called it one of the most potent issues to inspire the electorate.

Now Rove said he could imagine the next Republican presidential candidate supporting gay marriage. Ken Mehlman, Bush's campaign manager in 2004 and a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, came out as gay in 2010 and now fights for same-sex marriage.

Virginia isn't the only pivotal state where the tide has turned so dramatically. Florida and Ohio, other key swing states in deciding presidential elections, have seen huge transformations in public opinion. Both passed bans on same-sex marriage in the last decade with support from nearly two-thirds of their voters.

But 54 percent of Floridians now back same-sex marriage, according to a poll last year by the Public Religion Research Institute.

It could become a major issue in November elections, with Florida Republican Gov. Rick Scott opposing gay marriage and his likely challenger, former Gov. Charlie Crist, supporting a court effort to overturn the state's ban.

Recent polling found that Ohio voters support gay marriage, as well. Ohio's Rob Portman became the first sitting Republican in the U.S. Senate to endorse same-sex marriage last year, quickly followed by Sens. Mark Kirk, of Illinois, and Lisa Murkowski, of Alaska.

Portman's approval ratings dropped after he announced his stance. But that loss of support was just a temporary blip, said Paul Beck, a political science professor at Ohio State University. Beck said his state might see a ballot attempt to legalize gay marriage this year.

Ayres said he expected the foreseeable future to be a patchwork of states that allowed same-sex marriage and those that didn't.

"There's no question national poll numbers have changed dramatically on the issue. But there is also no question that there are vast differences in the numbers depending upon the state," Ayers said.

Gay marriage bans are under fire even in the deeply conservative states of Utah and Oklahoma, however. Federal judges in recent weeks struck down their bans as unconstitutional, decisions the states

have appealed. There's also changing public opinion, with Utah voters evenly divided on same-sex marriage in a Salt Lake Tribune poll in January.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have legalized gay marriage, up from just two in 2008. A ballot initiative is in the works to add Oregon to the list, and there are more than 40 cases pending in state and federal courts challenging bans around the nation.

One or more of those cases might reach the U.S. Supreme Court fairly quickly and decide the

question once and for all, said Fred Sainz, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group.

He said the movement had made big progress on a state-by-state basis and would continue those local fights but that the paramount issue was a ruling on whether it was constitutional to deny the right of marriage.

"It is ultimately the Supreme Court that is going to bring marriage equality to all 50 states," Sainz said.

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Democrats have odd reaction to CBO report

■ Obamacare revelation proves which is the party of less work

The Democrats once styled themselves the party of workers. Now, they are the party of people who would have been workers, if it hadn't been for Obamacare.

The Congressional Budget Office released a new analysis of the economic effects of the health-care law that estimates that it will reduce the number of workers, in effect, by 2.5 million in 2024.

This unleashed a torrent of arguments from the Democrats implicitly denigrating the value of work. Perhaps not since Southern "fire-eaters" attacked Northern "wage slavery" in the mid-19th century has a good honest day's work been talked about so dismissively.

The old jobs crisis was people not having jobs; the new jobs crisis is people having to work. The party devoted to combating inequality is now blithely unconcerned about a law discouraging people — especially people down the income scale — from earning more. So much for its championing of economic mobility.

White House press secretary Jay Carney

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declared the CBO report a validation of the law: "We noted that as part of this new day in health care, Americans would no longer be trapped in a job just to provide coverage for their families and would have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. This CBO report bears that out."

If only the number of people effectively dissuaded from working were 5 million, or 7.5 million, the health-care law would be an even more stunning triumph of sound public policy and true American values.

A few caveats are in order: We aren't talking about jobs that are eliminated in the usual sense of discouraging employers from hiring, as some Republican talking points suggested. And the 2.5 million number isn't for jobs per se, but for "full-time equivalent" positions, i.e.,

the cumulative lost hours of millions of people deciding to work less.

Nonetheless, the number is devastating. Democrats like Jay Carney want to pass it all off as ending the "job lock" that keeps people in a job only to preserve their health insurance. There is a little something to this, but it isn't the main problem. Obamacare has created a vast apparatus of subsidies, penalties and taxes that is effectively anti-work.

The CBO explains that Obamacare's subsidies, by giving people more resources, allow "some people to maintain the same standard of living while working less." And the way they phase out creates another disincentive, as "subsidies decline with rising income (and increase as income falls), thus making work less attractive." The penalties and taxes, meanwhile, "will ultimately induce some workers to supply less labor."

Democrats consider all this and pronounce themselves well-pleased. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., sees only upside in people working less: "What that means is instead they might be able to tuck their child in bed at night and read a bedtime story, or go to an activity, which means

they're better off."

Harry Reid found his inner libertarian: "We live in a country where we should be free agents. People can do what they want." Obviously, if you are afraid to earn more because government will take away a subsidy, you aren't a free agent.

White House economic adviser Jason Furman made an inapt comparison. "Getting rid of Social Security and Medicare would cause more 95-year-olds to work," he said. "You wouldn't judge whether Social Security or Medicare are good or bad based on what they do to labor supply."

No, you wouldn't — because they are programs for the elderly. Discouraging work among 95-year-olds is different than discouraging work among people in the prime of their lives. No one told us when the bill was being considered that Obamacare would have some of the same effects as a retirement program.

The latest CBO numbers are part of the growing list of facts about Obamacare that, if they had been widely acknowledged before its passage, would have doomed it in Congress. But that debate seems so long ago. It was back when both political parties professed to be pro-work.

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We prefer the latter.

We go back to last month's theft of a district laptop computer — and we realize that what took place was a theft by a person certainly lacking any integrity. It was the worst-case scenario with mistake compounding mistake after mistake.

Why was so much data needed off-campus at one time? Was the information on a 2008 graduate needed on a campus across town? Why did the school district not have in place a stricter set of rules for how to handle such a large amount of personal data and district equipment? Does MISD know how many employees have access to the personal data of so many current and former students?

In our view, this is the first major speed bump in Ryder Warren's time driving the school district's bus. And while we disagree with some of the actions that have taken place since the computer and external hard drive were taken from a school district administrator's pickup, we are happy to see his four-point plan to make sure this doesn't happen again.

His four points are:

- The affected parents, caregivers and students will be offered support. The district, he said, will publish specific, step-by-step instructions on how to track the students' credit history.

- Warren will recommend to the MISD board of trustees a financial package to help place protective measures on children's data if needed.

- MISD is going to completely analyze (and change where needed) both the content and the application of its data protection procedures to target all MISD employees regarding the responsibilities they all carry in the protection of student and employee data.

- Warren will recommend to the school board members that MISD contract with an external security firm to conduct a full audit of all data and equipment protocols.

For some people, Warren's plan is too little, too late. The district, they will say, should have been more proactive. And we get that.

However, we maintain this is another example of our district's lead administrator dropping everything to make sure the most important matter of the day gets done and done well. That's what we want to see of our leaders.

We will continue to keep our fingers crossed that this breach of the community's faith in our school district isn't made worse by that information getting in the wrong hands.

The district must address significant issues going forward. No one can dispute that. And our community's focus must return to those issues, but it is hard with so many worrying about "what if..."

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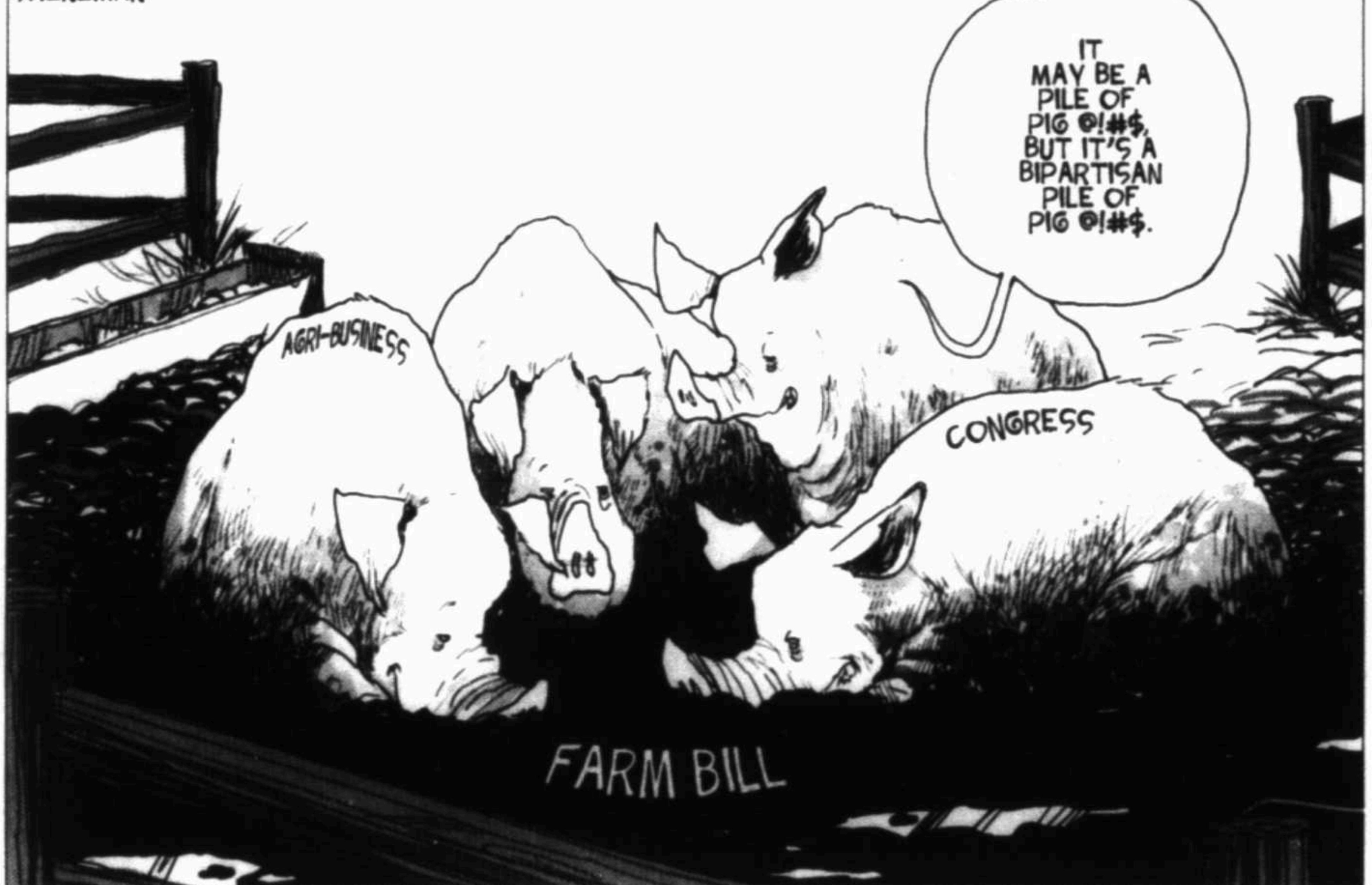
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What's the real 'immoral' question?

■ Do Republicans really have a right to talk about morality?

"It is immoral." That was the judgment of Rep. Pete Sessions, a Texas Republican and committee chairman, on the House floor last week. But the subject of his sermon wasn't the Assad regime in Syria, or human trafficking. What Sessions found immoral was the repugnant notion that the government would help Americans who lost their jobs and are looking for work.

Sessions was preaching in response to Democrats' pleas that the Republican majority hold a vote on restoring unemployment-insurance benefits to the 1.7 million who have lost them since the benefits expired six weeks ago and the 70,000 or so who are losing them each week. Sessions, on the floor to usher through the House "sportsmen's heritage and recreational enhancement" legislation, explained why he wouldn't bring up jobless benefits: "I believe it is immoral for this country to have as a policy extending long-term unemployment to people rather than us working on creation of jobs."

In fact, the economy has added about 8.5 million private-sector jobs in the last 47 months, and overall unemployment, at 6.6 percent in January, would be substantially lower if Sessions and his colleagues hadn't been so successful in their "work" of cutting government spending when the recovery was fragile.

One result of the Great Recession, though, has been historically high long-term unemployment — 3.6 million people out of work 27 weeks or more, according to Friday's Labor Department report. This is falling — by 1.1 million over the last year — but those still searching, from all parts of the country and all walks of life, need help.

Republican opponents of the benefits extension said they would consider it if it were "paid for" by saving money elsewhere. So Senate Democrats drafted a three-month extension that was paid for using an accounting method Republicans have supported in the past. Republicans responded with another filibuster — and on Thursday they again succeeded in blocking an extension of benefits.

Those opposing unemployment insurance were conspicuously absent during the debate. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., was brave enough to issue a statement: "We can get Americans back to work and our economy booming again, but this is not achieved by Washington turning a temporary federal benefit into another welfare program."

That echoes the Sessions complaint that extending benefits is "immoral." And, as is often the case, these complaints in turn echo Rush Limbaugh. After President Obama on Jan. 31 signed a

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memorandum directing the federal government not to discriminate against the long-term unemployed, the radio host responded: "So he says, 'I'm directing every federal agency to make sure we are evaluating candidates on the level, without regard to their employment history.' What if they're fired because they're drunk? What if they're fired because they were having affairs with the boss' secretary? Doesn't matter. Can't look at that."

Of course, the memorandum says no such thing. Limbaugh and his congressional apostles are justifying indifference to the unemployed much the way one denies a panhandler under the rationale that he would only use the money to buy more booze. But these are not panhandlers; these are, by definition, people who had been working and are trying to work again.

The Sessions/Inhofe/Limbaugh definition of morality is based in the ideal world of universal productivity they'd like to see, but it offers little help for human misery in the real world. This morality can be seen, too, in the attempt, led by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and embraced by many conservative lawmakers, to repeal the "risk corridors" that protect health insurers from unanticipated losses under Obamacare. That would likely bring down the entire health care law, as its foes desire. But a collapse would also cause 30 million or 40 million additional people suddenly to lose their health insurance, with no obvious solution or easy way back to the old system. "It would precipitate a crisis," says Larry Levitt of the Kaiser Family Foundation.

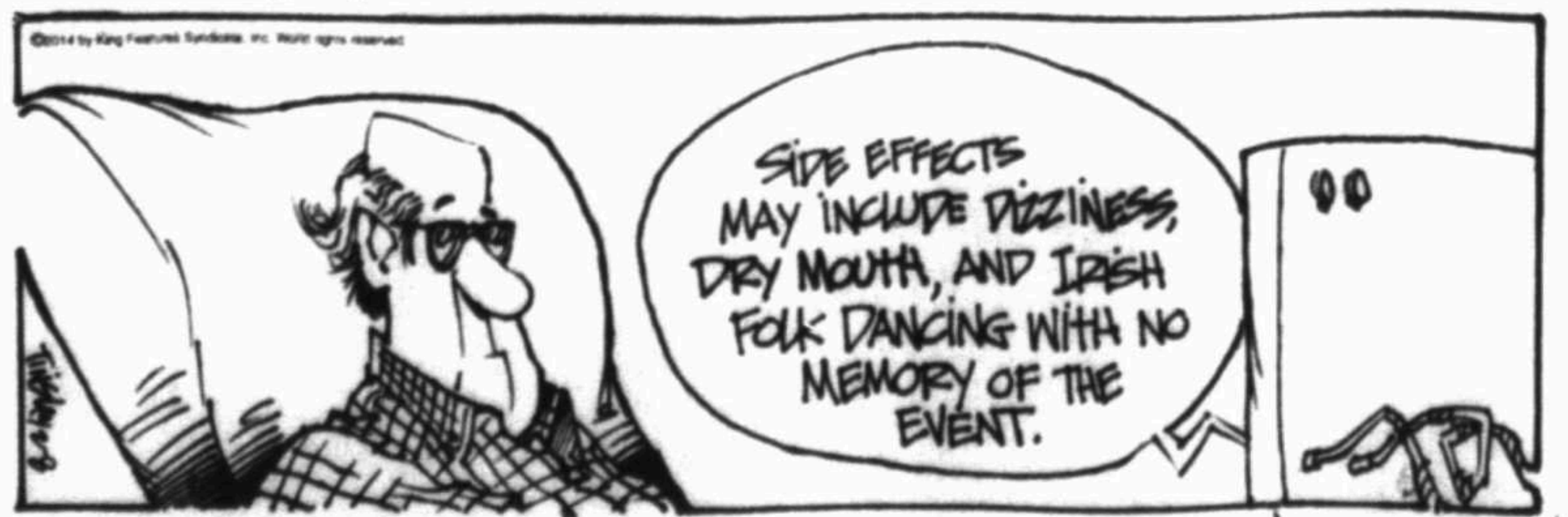
This morality is also at work in the decisions by 25 states under Republican control to reject the expansion of Medicaid offered under Obamacare. The states generally object because they are philosophically opposed to entitlement programs. But a new study from researchers at Harvard Medical School and City University of New York calculates that between 7,115 and 17,104 more people will die annually than would have if their states accepted the Medicaid expansion. The researchers, who favor a single-payer health system, examined demographic data and past insurance expansions.

Conservatives dispute the study's findings, and I hope the critics are right. Allowing people to die to advance your political philosophy isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

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ELECTION LETTERS

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State Senate

Canon will use conservative principles in Austin

Over the past 36 years, I have been involved in the Midland community, and we have been blessed with great leaders. One such leader has come forward to seek the position of state senator District 31 — Mike Canon, former mayor of Midland. While serving as mayor of Midland, Mike's votes were well-thought-out and based on conservative principles. Mike believes in effective leadership, protecting our liberties and improving our government. However, governmental growth should not hinder productivity, job growth and job creation. Mike will use these same principles while representing us in Austin.

It is my honor and privilege to endorse Mike Canon for state senator District 31. My family and I are voting for Mike Canon. I urge you to go to the website www.mikecanon.com for more information about Mike's candidacy and vote for Mike Canon in the Republican primary on March 4.

Don Tomlin

County Judge

Reeves has right approach in trying to curb expenses

Thank you for the very informative article concerning Kathy Reeves and Mike Bradford in the Jan. 31 edition of the Reporter-Telegram. The article made it clear for me that I will be voting for Kathy Reeves.

Concerning the Horseshoe and the costs involved in operating that center, it is my belief that we should go one step further and make sure that the building pays for its own upkeep from revenues received.

Kathy Reeves is right on the mark in her approach to curb expenses. I am not for expanding the facility, and it appears that many of the residents in Midland are tired of funding big projects when we all know the "boom" won't last forever. I have seen the "bust" twice. It is not pretty.

Barbara Cornell

Taxpayers benefit from Bradford's financial experience

Judge Mike Bradford is a proven leader for Midland County, honest and responsible.

Midland County now has a Triple-A bond rating, reduced taxes and eliminated debts.

We, the hardworking taxpayers of Midland County, need to continue to benefit from Judge Bradford's strong financial experience.

Barbara B. Yarbrough

Reeves' first priority is to county taxpayers

My deceased husband, County

Judge Bill Morrow, served with former Tax Assessor Collector Kathy Reeves for eight of the 31 years she spent in the tax office. During that time he expressed his respect and admiration for the efficient manner in which she performed her duties. He relied on her expertise as she provided budgetary information and consulted on county financial investments. He often commented on her high ethical standards.

Reeves has demonstrated that her first priority is to listen to and serve the taxpayers of Midland County. I would encourage everyone to support Kathy Reeves for county judge.

Shirley Morrow

Bradford has background, experience to continue to lead

Judge Mike Bradford has positively affected the lives of every segment of the Midland County population during his tenure as county judge.

- Children, families and individuals have enjoyed the new, interactive Midland County Centennial Library, which is paid for and debt-free.

- Water consumers have benefited from Judge Bradford's authorization of Midland County Fresh Water District No. 1, which built a pipeline to bring water to Midland.

- Drivers have benefited from \$40 million investment in Midland County roads.

- For those 65 and older, significant Homestead Tax exemption and for the first time, Homestead Tax exemption for property owners under 65.

- Residents of Midland County are safer because of increased funding for more patrolmen and law officers for the Sheriff's Office.

- Taxpayers benefited by paying a county tax rate that has been cut by 40 percent, the lowest Texas county tax rate in six of the last seven years.

The list of Judge Bradford's additional accomplishments while in office is lengthy and distinguished.

Mike Bradford has the financial background and experience as well as the honesty and integrity to continue to lead Midland County into the future.

Join me in supporting Judge Mike Bradford.

Melissa Rogers

Bradford's experience, training benefits county

I am very pleased to show my support for Judge Mike Bradford as he seeks re-election. I have known the judge for more than 20 years, and I am proud of my association with him. This pride stems from a relationship that is solid on many levels including a common belief in giving back to the community, his demonstrated consistency in fiscal matters and above all his integrity.

Mike has extensive financial experience and training, which has and will continue to benefit the county. With a background that includes the oil and gas industry, he is uniquely positioned to understand issues from the perspective of both business and his private resident constituents. It is clear that Mike is well-prepared for the county judge role. But beyond that, he is a proven leader

with a track record in the very position that he is seeking. His numerous and well-documented accomplishments (that I will not repeat) more than bear that out.

From my view, the choice is quite obvious, and Midland is very fortunate to have such a dedicated advocate who is so willing to serve.

G. Larry Lawrence

Under Bradford, county on firm financial footing

I urge all citizens to cast their vote to re-elect County Judge Mike Bradford. Judge Bradford's education and practical background in business have served the county well. His leadership has contributed to a first-class courthouse and library, all paid for. Judge Bradford's business acumen and vision have Midland County on firm financial footing as we enter this period of unprecedented growth and increasing pressure on our infrastructure and government institutions. In short, despite the growth and pressure, Midland County has enjoyed the lowest county property tax rate of any county for six of the last seven years and reduction of 30 percent of county debt under his leadership.

Moreover, Judge Bradford has proved that he listens to the residents, works well with others (notably improved county/city relations) and conducts himself with the utmost integrity and dignity.

Mike Bradford has been and will continue to be an excellent county judge. I urge your support of his re-election.

Harper Estes

District 318 Judge

Blair always interested in law, community service

I have known Matthew Blair since 1984, when we both did legal work for the FDIC. At that time, in Midland, times were difficult, as well as the cases we worked on; however, Matthew always took the time and effort necessary to represent his clients well.

I have always known Matthew Blair to be a man of character, and one who has always been interested in the law and service to his community. He is hard-working, industrious, independent-minded and an Eagle Scout. Matthew has always been dedicated to doing what is in the best interest of others, and doing what may be asked of him, even defending a court-appointed capital murder case when it was not popular to do so.

For 26 years, Matthew Blair has sat as an associate judge hearing family law cases for the 318th District Court, as well as numerous other courts, and, without fail, has always treated attorneys and the public with courtesy and professionalism appropriate to the parties and case.

I am supporting Associate Judge Matthew Blair in becoming the next judge of the 318th District Court, and I would ask that you join me in doing so when casting your vote.

Franklin H. McCallum

Lindemood's credentials, experience will serve him well

The best choice for the new

judge of the 318th District Court is David W. Lindemood. I have known David for more than 30 years. During that time I have worked with David in many capacities. I worked for and with him in trust banking. I have been a client, but most of all a personal friend.

On a professional level, I have always admired his creative mind when finding solutions to problem situations. As an attorney and certified family law mediator, he has been well-equipped for a practice that evolved to cases dealing with family issues. His credentials and extensive experience will continue to serve him well as judge of the 318th District Court. I have always found David to be a man of honesty, integrity and good character.

I ask you to vote, as I will, for David W. Lindemood, as judge of the 318th District Court.

Herb Cartwright

Lindemood cares about integrity of judicial system

My name is Bethany Hill, and I was born and raised in Midland. After graduating from Texas Tech School of Law, I was hired as an associate at Brockett & McNeel LLP, and David Lindemood took it upon himself to mentor me as a young lawyer.

On the day the bar results were released, David Lindemood called the court and arranged for me to be sworn into the state bar. Before being sworn in, David Lindemood expressed that it was an honor to join the state bar and stressed the importance of integrity.

I write about David Lindemood's mentorship to point out that he is more than just a veteran family law attorney. He truly cares about the continued integrity of the Texas judicial system. David Lindemood is not one to shy away from a challenge. Mentoring a young attorney is not easy, but he accepted the challenge because he has a passion for the judicial system. These qualities make David Lindemood the best candidate for judge in the 318th District Court in Midland County. David Lindemood has my vote, and I hope you will consider giving him yours.

Beth Hill

GOP party chairman Beauchamp has proven record in Permian Basin

James Beauchamp is a native Texan who has spent his entire career working in West Texas and for West Texas. Beauchamp's experiences as an aide to state and federal representatives led the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) to hire him to fight for our fair share of highway funding.

Beauchamp has long been active in successful campaigns to get good candidates elected. This led to his election as chairman, Midland County Republican Party. This unpaid, volunteer position is often overlooked. I know James and his qualifications and urge all Republicans to join me in voting to re-elect him as county chairman.

Under Beauchamp's leader-

ship, MOTRAN has led local entities to work together by setting priorities that enhance our region's transportation system. James played a major role in the widening of highways 349 and 158 to four lanes.

As a past MOTRAN member, I can attest to James' abilities to advocate for the Permian Basin. James Beauchamp has a proven record right here in the Basin. We don't have to go out of state to find his record as we would his opponent who is untested, unproven and unknown to most of us.

I urge you to vote for James Beauchamp, Republican County chairman

Marvin Wynn

Justice of the peace Precinct 3

Judge Johnson has served with compassion, fairness

I am writing this letter in support for the re-election of Judge Billy G. Johnson, who has proven he is the best qualified candidate for the position of justice of the peace for Precinct 3. Judge Johnson has shown himself as a strong civil servant of Midland County. He is a community leader, working with many youth in Midland County, a member of Teen Court board of directors, and Judge Johnson is serving on the education committee of Justice Court Training Center.

For the past seven years Judge Johnson has served the residents of Precinct 3 with fairness, compassion, and he has served with prudence and forethought, thus earning him the 2012 Community Service Award from the Midland Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance for Outstanding Public Service.

I am encouraging the voters in Precinct 3 to re-elect Judge Billy G. Johnson, Justice of the Peace.

Pastor Billy R. Ashley

County tax assessor-collector

Hood will give 100 percent as tax assessor/collector

I am writing to you on behalf of Karen Hood. Karen is seeking the office of Midland County tax assessor-collector.

My husband Gary and I have lived in Midland 35-plus years and have known Karen for years. We met Karen and Nick through our church, Golf Course Road Church of Christ, and have remained dear friends all these years. Needless to say, Karen is a devoted friend, a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a hard worker.

Karen gives 100 percent to whatever she does. I have watched her for years care for her elderly parents with love and without complaint and give 100 percent to their needs.

If Karen is elected, she will do the same with the position of tax assessor. She will work hard and give 100 percent. I support her in this endeavor and look forward to seeing her take this position as Midland County's tax assessor-collector.

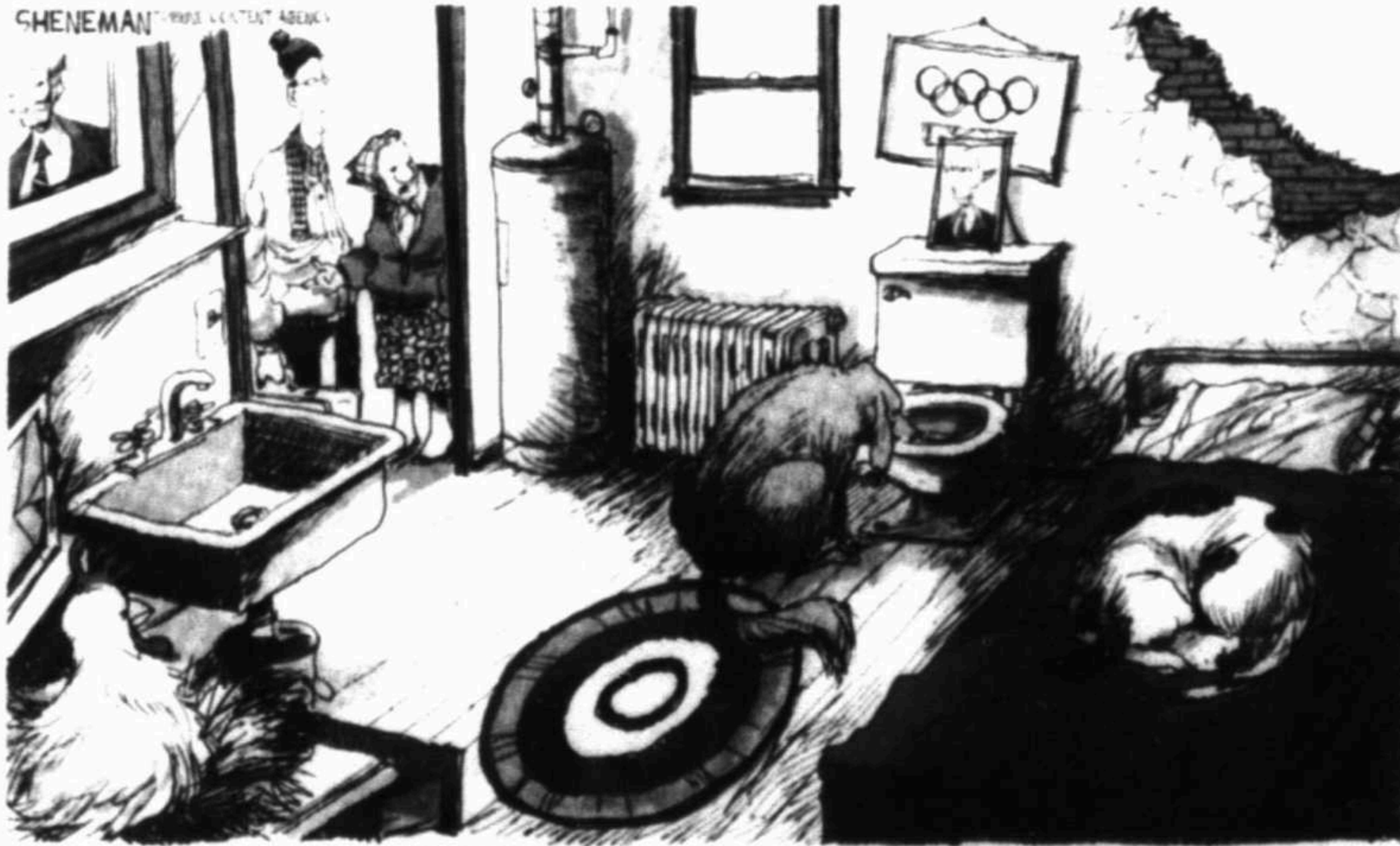
Leslie K. Stain

Those who work with animals are appreciated

Midland is prospering and growing while the lives of our pets have fallen into despair. A few weeks ago I saw "Steg" Stegall from Midland Humane Coalition on the local news talking about the importance and benefits of adopting older animals, especially when paired with older adopters. I was impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm she has. She is articulate, knowledgeable and a great asset to the coalition.

Everyone I have encountered at the Petsmart Adoption Center is a great asset. I do not know everyone, but from what I have seen, they are competent, professional and compassionate. It is important to be not only an animal person but a people person, also.

I am thankful people like that are working at the center to improve the lives of animals and people. Although the animals at the center are the luckiest around, still the reality is MHC and the adoption center were born because of the inexhaustible numbers of abused, unwanted, neglected, homeless pets.



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Dealing with this sad fact day in and day out has got to be a daunting task. Thank God for the people willing to do this.

Actually a giant thank you is in order for all working for the benefit of animals. Whether it is running the rescue432@ yahoo.com website to rehome and reunite, feeding a stray, donating to the local rescues, stopping to give aid to an animal on the roadside, opening your heart and home to a homeless pet, and of course, the ones in the trenches doing the hands-on work. For the most part, it is a

thankless job (except from the animals). No fame or wealth here. Many invest their own money, time, resources, efforts, and maybe the most costly, the emotional investment. We root for these animals, some from the most dismal of situations through no fault of their own, many times only to end in grief and sorrow.

Yes! A heartfelt thank you and much gratitude to the people who selflessly work to improve the lives of the voiceless, the meek, the animals.

Sybil Eberhart

Bible is racist, homophobic, does not reflect current life

In light of "Duck Dynasty" star Phil Robertson's remarks about gays and race, I would like to exercise my right to free speech on gays, marriage and the Bible. I am a proud Afro-American gay man, and I am truly trying to understand this fetish that conservative Christians have with homosexuality. It's their favorite subject when it comes to sin. Last I heard, all sin is an

abomination to God, but as usual you choose Scripture that benefits you. According to the Old Testament, marriage was between one man and hundreds of women — King Solomon. A wise man he was, did I just go there?

Scripture is not the law of the land, so it baffles me to see the Ten Commandments in courthouses, schools and now along highways. What for? No one abides by biblical laws. I heard one man say that this country is pulling away from God. Not true. We are pulling away from discrimination. The truth is, you are losing your grip on society. God does not need any assistance. He will take care of everything on judgment day. I believe that the Bible is racist, homophobic and male chauvinistic, paraphrased more than 3,500 years ago and does not reflect today's real life.

Gay marriage first legalized in Massachusetts in 2004, and 17 other states have followed. And if 2013 was any indication, you might as well prepare yourselves for more. Despite your beliefs, marriage is not a religious right; it's a civil right. This country is progressing from ignorance and stupidity and is finally coming to

grips that gays are products of heterosexual relationships. Our genetics create us. We are born, not made. People should be allowed to be who they are. I am a productive, hard-working, taxpaying American citizen, and I deserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as my heterosexual counterparts and as guaranteed me by our Constitution. The Bible will not dictate to me how I am supposed to live. If hell is my destiny, so be it. I'd rather be real than be a hypocrite.

Major A. Houston

Members of county staff are hard-working, helpful

Recently after our mother's death, it was necessary to probate her will. Our attorney made all of the arrangements and we met on the appointed day and time at the Midland County offices. My brother, Michael Jolly, and I, along with our attorney, first met with Judge Mike Bradford. After a 30-minute or so meeting covering all of the necessary legalities, questions and forms,

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It's the details on immigration that are sticky

■ There is more to the debate than just the sound bites

Word on the street is that immigration reform is dead — again. But trust me, the word is premature. The issue is bound to stay on life support for some time.

So despite the current wave of "Obama-care killed immigration reform" eulogies, let's drill down into what a plan that would offer legalization but not a special path to citizenship might look like, should a compromise miraculously occur.

According to Peter F. Assad, of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and an adjunct professor at American University's law school, the reform bill that passed the Senate offered only a special pathway to legal residency.

Indeed, the Senate's bill laid out a 10-year wait for a chance at obtaining permanent legal residency, which is much different from being in the country legally. And should a permanent legal resident seek citizenship, the final hurdles include another three-year wait, at minimum \$2,000 in fines, several hundred more dollars in fees and taxes, demonstrated fluency in English, a clean background check, meeting a "good character" standard and proof of having lived and worked

continuously in the United States during the 13 years.

So what are we really talking about when considering a House Republican plan that would offer legalization only? For starters, let's look at the sticky questions of how unauthorized immigrants would be able to move from a legal status to the permanent legal residency currently required before applying for naturalization. Even the present state of the system, in which legal residency is earned through family or employment ties, is the big, unspoken question mark.

"The bottom line is that a 'regular pathway to citizenship' is a fiction unless the legalization program creates an achievable and clear pathway by eliminating the three-, 10-year and permanent bars to citizenship," Assad said, referring to the current rules stating that those who have accumulated 180 days or more of unlawful presence after April 1, 1997, must

wait outside the United States for three or 10 years, depending on how long they lived here without permission. Some are barred forever. There are currently waivers for "extreme hardship," and those could certainly come into play. But they could also be a messy minefield that creates yet more bottlenecks.

Discussion on waiving these bars will surely send some conservatives into a tizzy about bending rules that require punitive consequences for initial and repeated violations of existing immigration laws. But compromise means that no one leaves the bargaining table with all of what they want, so let's not stop there. The other tricky issue is increasing the annual number of green cards allotted.

"Demand for green cards already exceeds the annual limit of green cards per year, creating a wait of years and in some cases, decades," Assad noted, referring to the years-long bureaucratic limbo that legal immigrants must endure before getting permanent residency.

"With millions more entering through a legalization program, 'the line' — and, really, it's many different 'lines' depending on what category a person is eligible for naturalization under — for a green card would be too long to make citizenship achievable for them and would gridlock any future flow of immigrants."

Assad worries that the finely tuned message of groups that oppose more immigration, legal or otherwise, such as NumbersUSA and the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) will shut down dialogue on this very point.

Writing on National Review Online, Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, criticized the Republican framework's nod to compromise. "Visa and green card allocations need to reflect the needs of employers," to which Krikorian countered, "Actually, they need to reflect the needs of the American people, including the 20 million-plus looking for full-time work."

The real problem with the two messy sub issues outlined above is that diligent consideration of both illegal and legal immigration is required in order to finally reform the immigration system. But this seems beyond Washington's grasp these days.

"Right now the conversation is happening at the petty political sound bite-level that doesn't get into boring nuances — but the boring nuances are important," Assad told me.

And they're definitely not "boring" to those who will get to stay, will be able to go or are already in the interminable "line" you get assigned to when you do things the so-called "right way." Their worries can't die quickly enough.

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Give me ... your huddled masses

■ Are Republicans really welcoming of immigrants? People know when they are welcomed or not

Just after House Speaker John Boehner affirmed the eventual need for Republicans to embrace immigration reform, a commercial for a carbonated beverage, of all things, demonstrated how difficult that process is likely to be.

Coca-Cola's Super Bowl ad featured a series of multicultural images set to "America the Beautiful," sung in seven languages. It turned out to be a national Rorschach test. The immediate reaction of some — myself included — was a lump in the throat. There is something moving about hearing American ideals of brotherhood, reverence and sacrifice praised in other tongues. It is the universality of these longings that makes them powerful. For the same reason, I get misty when I hear "Amazing Grace" sung in Tsonga, Swahili or Kituba. Some hopes belong to everyone.

The immediate reaction of others — measured by Twitter and talk radio — was that the ad represented an aggressive and divisive multiculturalism and that American national songs should be sung in English (though conservative blogger Erick Erickson smartly noted that "E Pluribus Unum isn't in English either"). Fox News radio host Todd Barnes called Coca-Cola "the official soft drink of illegals crossing the border." Former Republican Rep. Allen West declared America "on the road to perdition."

This is already making too much of a Twitter tempest. But it does illustrate a vivid difference in disposition. Some looked at those images and saw an affirmation of the universality of American ideals; others saw a violation of the particularities of American culture, such as the use of

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English. Some saw exceptionalism and strength; others adulteration and threat. It doesn't take the application of electrodes in a psych lab experiment to understand that these are deep, preconscious responses.

As a policy issue, immigration reform is complex, with serious arguments about the economic effects of migrants on the native-born working class and serious questions about more adversarial forms of multiculturalism. But it is this immediate reaction, this habit of mind, that has large political implications.

After decades of participation and reflection, here is my proposal for the most basic truth of politics: Human beings know if they are welcome at a party or not. I imagine there are good evolutionary reasons for this — an offered mastodon steak or an offered cosmopolitan cocktail might easily be an ambush. For this reason, effective ethnic politics (and not just ethnic politics) is actually a form of hospitality: Please make yourself at home. "People don't care how much you know," said my old boss, the late Jack Kemp, "until they know how much you care."

Sometimes politics really is this simple. After all the arguments about economics and assimilation, people understand if they are viewed as a threat to the predominant culture. They know if their voice is not welcome in the national chorus. And this does have implications for political philosophy. Kemp — the GOP congressman and vice presidential

candidate who described himself as a "bleeding-heart conservative" — passionately believed that human beings, as a rule, are economic and social advantages, the ultimate sources of energy, creativity and wealth. This included anyone, of any background, who happened to be in front of him and smothered by his enthusiastic attentions. Kemp strongly rejected the notion — common in every generation — that the current cohort of immigrants are somehow inferior to immigrants past.

I'm sorry to wax nostalgic — but not really. I saw how a Republican politician could treat immigrants and minorities as if they were valued national possessions. And I saw Kemp's frustration with the direction of his party. "We sound like we don't want immigration," he said. "We sound like we don't want black people to vote for us. What are we going to do — meet in a country club in the suburbs one day?"

The shift to a more welcoming GOP message toward immigrants won't happen in a single rush. It is not reasonable to expect Boehner to buck much of his conference without broader reinforcement. This will take donors and business groups willing to support pro-reform House and Senate candidates against tea party challenges — reducing the political risks of rationality. And it will require a presidential candidate in 2016 who offers something more than walls topped in barbed wire and self-deportation. Some optimistic, inclusive, Kemp-like leadership would be helpful cover for many Republicans who wish to do the right thing, the politically smart thing, on immigration reform.

But the most important change that is needed is the hardest to achieve: A genuine welcome to the party. And an honest prayer: *Dios derramo su gracia sobre ti.*

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Republicans 'retreat' on illegal immigration

■ At a time when the GOP has the advantage, why do they get involved in this no-win issue?

At a time when Republicans have Democrats playing defense on Obamacare, jobs and the economy, the GOP is inexplicably ceding political ground to the Democrats on an issue that can only provide more votes for that party and possibly lead to a permanent Democratic majority.

Meeting in Cambridge, Md., recently for what they called — with no little irony — a "retreat," Republican leaders signaled they are open to considering some sort of legal status for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants who have overstayed their visas or violated American law to get here.

But exactly who are the illegals? According to a study conducted by the Urban Institute, "Mexicans make up over half of illegal immigrants — 57 percent of the total, or about 5.3 million. Another 2.2 million (23 percent) are from other Latin American countries. About 10 percent are from Asia, 5 percent from Europe and Canada, and 5 percent from the rest of the world."

Republicans have convinced themselves that Hispanics are a "natural" constituency for their party because they are hard workers, religious and family-oriented. Statistics from the Pew Research Center suggest the opposite may be true.

According to Pew, 53 percent of babies born to Hispanic immigrants are to single mothers, about twice the rate of whites. As for Republican "family values," Pew found a majority of Hispanics, 53 percent, support same-sex marriage. As a great many illegals are poor, their strain on the welfare, health care and education systems is considerable.

In a recent column, Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative political analyst, cited an American National Election Study that asked Hispanics their views about the free market vs. big government solutions to problems. Schlafly noted, "Only 17.9 percent of Hispanics responded 'the less government the better,' and 85.3 percent said 'a strong government involvement is required to handle economic problems.'"

This is not the profile of a future Republican voter. The Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) said illegals now make up 3.5 percent of the U.S. population, or about 10.5 million people. According to CIS, "Nationally, illegal immi-

grants and their U.S.-born children account for 9.9 percent of all persons in poverty, compared to their 4.9 percent share of (the) nation's total population."

With lower incomes, illegals rely more on welfare programs. CIS said in Texas, "58 percent of illegal households collect some sort of welfare," with "49 percent using food assistance and 41 percent using Medicaid." In California and Illinois, reports CIS, "55 percent use welfare."

California, which has the largest number of illegal aliens, predictably has the greatest burden. In Los Angeles County alone, according to a CBS Los Angeles report, welfare and other benefits by the end of last year cost an estimated \$650 million just for the native-born children of illegal immigrant parents. L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich told CBS Los Angeles: "When you add the \$550 million for public safety and nearly \$500 million for health care, the total cost for illegal immigrants to county taxpayers exceeds \$1.6 billion a year."

Hospital closings in California remain a major concern. As Examiner.com reported recently in a story about the economic burden to taxpayers posed by illegal immigrants, "In 2003, the American Southwest saw 77 hospitals enter bankruptcy due to unpaid medical bills incurred by illegal aliens."

This country needs comprehensive immigration reform, whether that means maintaining a secure border or outlining a standard of economic sustainability for immigrants. Taxpayers cannot continue to bear the economic burden of illegal immigration. The Obama administration has promised immigration reform; the Republican Party has promised it, but partisanship and politics keep both sides miles apart. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., remains skeptical that any immigration measure will pass the GOP-led house this year, claiming that a distrust of the president runs deep with Republicans. And while both sides dither, the taxpayer continues to pay ... and our schools, hospitals and welfare system continue to sag under the weight of millions of illegal immigrants who choose not to take the legal route to citizenship.

If Republicans fail to come up with a workable immigration plan, they will simultaneously help Democrats who rely on the Hispanic vote and lose Republican votes. As Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz told Breitbart News, they could also fail to achieve their major goal for 2014: winning a Senate majority.

Immigration debate creates GOP house of mirrors

■ We need Republican leadership to know what they are saying on immigration

When the topic is immigration reform, Republicans can be counted on to infuriate.

Before heading for an annual retreat for congressional Republicans, House Speaker John Boehner told reporters that this is the moment to tackle immigration.

"This problem's been around for at least the last 15 years. It's been turned into a political football. I think it's unfair. So I think it's time to deal with it," said Boehner. "But how we deal with it is critically important."

So how did Boehner deal with it? For the most part, badly.

First, the immigration problem has been around for a lot longer than 15 years. It's been 28 years since President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the last piece of comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

How did the figure "15 years" get stuck in Boehner's head? What was happening 14 or 15 years ago? Answer: The 2000 Census, which showed that Hispanics accounted for 12.5 percent of the U.S. population. Today, that number is nearly 17 percent. Those changing

demographics sparked the modern immigration debate. Boehner unwittingly admitted as much.

Next, at the GOP retreat, Boehner released a list of the six main "standards" that should guide Republicans on reforming the immigration system. More than half are off the mark or half-baked.

In the preamble, there is the absurd claim that immigration laws "are not being enforced."

Really? With President Obama and the Department of Homeland Security on track to have deported 3.5 million people by the time Obama leaves office, how much more enforcement would Boehner and other Republicans like? Unless their goal is to remove every single illegal immigrant from the United States — all 11 million — and anything less than that signals a lack of resolve. If so, good luck reaching that goal.

Also, Republicans declare that border security and interior enforcement must come first.

This is right-wing boilerplate. You hear it from those talk-radio hosts who are passionate about an is-

sue they don't understand. It's worth the amount of thought they put into it, which is not much. For one thing, we'll never be able to seal off a 2,000-mile border that goes over mountains, deserts, rivers and private property. We could wait for years for the border to be declared fully secure, with our immigration system continuing to deteriorate all the while.

Besides, Republican leaders don't appear to have considered the research by U.S.-Mexico border experts such as Douglas Massey, a professor at Princeton. Massey notes that the walls and fences we've built on the border in the last 20 years have made it more difficult for undocumented immigrants in the United States to return to Mexico even for a visit because they're afraid that it will be too difficult to re-enter. So they stay put on this side of the border, where they start families and put down roots.

Finally, some good news. As for what we should do with illegal immigrants who are already here, the Republicans hit the sweet spot by offering what the undocumented

really want (legal status) without bothering with what many of them don't care about (citizenship).

For so-called "dreamers" — young people brought here by their parents — Republicans do even better by offering a path to legal residence and citizenship if they join the military or get a college degree. Sound familiar? It's the DREAM Act that the majority of Republicans voted against in 2010. Now the GOP leaders are onboard.

Or are they? In the house of mirrors known as the immigration debate, things are rarely what they seem. Several right-wing news sites have reported that, according to what rank-and-file Republicans say about what went on at the retreat, Boehner did not appear to be committed to pushing an immigration bill this year. He certainly wasn't trying to sell one. It sounds like — despite what he is telling the media — he is agnostic on the subject. Not good.

Perhaps this is all just political theater, an attempt by House Republican leaders to fool people and brush off the immigration issue before the midterm elections. This would be disappointing but not surprising.

Republicans have, with a helping hand from the other side of the aisle, made quite a mess of the immigration debate. It could be that they're not done yet.

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Washington gridlock at a crossroads

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and Congress stand at a junction.

The road the country has been on for the past five years is now beginning to come to an end. The Federal Reserve, which pumped \$3 trillion into the economy to keep the Great Recession from worsening, is withdrawing its financial lifeline amid signs of fresh economic growth. The nation's gross domestic product is inching up, and annual federal budget deficits are heading down.

How Washington policymakers respond to the improvements in the economy may even sow the seeds for more cooperation in Washington.

But don't count on it. Finger-pointing still abounds between the Democrats who control the White House and the Senate and the Republicans who control the House of Representatives ahead of midterm elections later this year that will determine control of Congress for the remainder of Obama's presidency.

"The president's policies are not working," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, declared. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., countered: "We cannot have a country that's paralyzed because of a group of people — the group of people who are the tea party-driven Republicans in Congress."

"There are no winners here," suggested Obama, with just under three years to go to complete his economic legacy. "The American people are completely fed up with Washington."

An important indicator of the state of the economy came Friday, when the Labor Department reported that the U.S. jobless rate in January fell to a five-year low of 6.6 percent. But employers added just 113,000 jobs, a modest gain. The numbers were a slight improvement from the 6.7 percent rate of the month before and a lot lower than the 10 percent reached briefly in 2009. But that is still significantly higher than the 5 percent or lower unemployment rate that usually signifies a healthy economy.

But even as public confidence in the economy is improving, polls also show that Americans' approval of Congress is at or near record lows.

More key fiscal battles are looming after self-inflicted wounds like last fall's government shutdown and repeated debt-limit crises over the past few years.

The federal government once again is about to bump into the limit on its borrowing authority, which is set by law. Last October's deal to end the 16-day partial government shutdown suspended the debt ceiling until Feb. 7. That was Friday.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has urged Congress to act quickly to raise the debt limit, saying "at some point very soon," probably by month's end, he'll run out of delaying strategies, and the nation could default for the first time ever on some of its debt.

"This can and should be a breakthrough year for our economy," Lew told the Bipartisan Policy Center. "The table is now set for us to build on the economic progress that we have made over the last five years — and it is incumbent on Washington to be part of the solution, and to avoid the brinkmanship of recent years that has done so much to diminish economic momentum."

Some congressional Republicans are looking for concessions from the administration in exchange for their support on the debt limit increase.

Also, early next month, Obama will submit his federal budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. Presidential budgets almost always trigger partisan warfare. In fact, the White House is already drawing heat from some Republicans for delaying its fiscal 2015 budget submission by a month. Presidential budgets are traditionally sent to Congress in early February.

"The president failed to meet one of his most basic responsibilities — submit a budget to Congress," complained Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, noting that Obama had called on Congress only two weeks ago in his State of the Union address to act quickly on his priorities.

Cornyn is the sponsor of a bill that would withhold Lew's government salary for every day the president's budget is late.

Republicans constantly blame Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill for a range of problems, beginning with the president's rocky rollout of his health care overhaul and expensive government programs, claiming such policies are threatening to derail the recovery that began in 2009. Democrats, in turn, point at Republicans and accuse them of triggering the government shutdown and advocating harmful spending cuts on social programs.

Both parties are mindful of the enormous public anger that the shutdown ignited and its damage to the economy. Many don't seem quite as eager to go to the mat again, especially on the fast-approaching debt ceiling.

"The goal here is to increase the debt ceiling," Boehner told reporters. "No one wants to default on our debt." However, the House speaker didn't rule out trying to get something in return for such GOP support.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From 11A

we then went to the probate office where all of the paperwork was copied and filed.

This may seem routine and uneventful, but it was actually just the opposite. A number of people have said in such an important and emotional time as this, they seem to be treated like a number and herded through a maze of uncaring bureaucrats. Judge Bradford took the time to answer our questions and perform his duties thoroughly, and the women in the probate office could not have been more helpful, efficient and friendly.

The residents of Midland County are very fortunate to have county staff who are so helpful and hard-working. While they don't always get the credit they deserve, I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank them. Keep up the good work.

Richard Jolly

Commissioners conceal information on assessor post

The saying that power corrupts rings true with the make up of the current county Commissioners' Court.

The court willfully engages in concealment rather than disclosure in their suppression of relevant public information relating to the vacancy in an elected position, namely the tax assessor, who gave ample notice, thus providing the court the opportunity to elicit from the whole community interest in the position. Their desire to anoint an heir apparent is suggestive of their own insecurity in maintaining absolute power.

Dee Russell, Big Spring

Additionally, the court's deceptive and grossly misleading approach in their projecting of cost associated with alleged community projects leans toward managerial incompetence. To date, not one project has come in close to the original guesstimate the court members quoted, (examples: courthouse, Horseshoe Arena, library, road projects). The court's blank check approach is contradictory of their allegiance to conservatism. (Do more with less tax dollars.)

It would, however, be unfair to burden the court with all the blame as those voters who described themselves as conservatives demonstrate a mandatory conformity that neither knows integrity nor dissent for fear of social disassociation, thus leading to the total abandonment on their party's principled values in the relentless clinging to power at the insurmountable cost to their conscience.

Finally, with the current mindset of the Midland County conservative party and no change in sight, mediocrity is the future of this community.

Manuel Lujan

Pro-life leader makes unusual statement

You just have to love the single-mindedness tunnel vision of anti-abortion leaders such as Elizabeth Graham, director of Texas Right to Life, when she issued the statement: "There's no data showing contraception prevents abortion."

Duh! Women who do not become pregnant do not need abortions!

Dee Russell, Big Spring

Race is on to enroll young, healthy for new insurance

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — “Do you guys have health insurance?” David Bransfield asks each time a group of college students passes by.

Some nod yes. A few promise to stop back after class. Others don't bother removing their headphones.

Nearly every day, Bransfield comes to a satellite campus of the University of the District of Columbia in the shadow of the Capitol, sitting for hours behind a table in the lobby of a classroom building.

With an Apple laptop and lots of fliers, he's part of the army of workers and volunteers trying to enroll young, and probably healthy, people in health insurance available through President Barack Obama's law.

Run largely by groups with close ties to the White House, the recruiting effort is based in part on lessons learned from Obama's presidential races, which revolutionized the way campaigns tracked and targeted voters.

“On the campaign, you want to be able to find an Obama voter and you want to get them to vote,” said Matt Saniie, who worked on the 2012 campaign's data team and is now analytics director at the organization Enroll America. “In the enrollment world, you want to find someone who is uninsured and you want to get them to enroll.”

More than any other group, participation from among the “young invincibles” — those ages 18 to 34 — will be crucial to the law's success.

The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that about 40 percent of those who enroll need to be young and healthy, to balance out the higher costs of insuring older, sicker people.

But less than two months



AP file photo

David Bransfield, a state outreach coordinator for Young Invincibles, a group which supports President Barack Obama's health care law, talks with student Philippe Komongnan, 27, who is in the process of signing up for health care Jan. 30 at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington.

before the March 31 sign-up deadline, the administration is lagging behind its goal.

Young adults made up about one-fourth of the 2.2 million people who enrolled in the exchanges through December, the last time the administration released demographic data.

Officials announced in mid-January that 3 million people had enrolled in insurance plans, but officials didn't update the demographic details.

Critics of the law said young people were most likely to be turned off by the technical problems that marred the first two months of online sign-ups.

They also said some young people will opt to pay the penalty for not enrolling — \$95, or 1 percent of income, whichever is higher — rather than pay more for coverage.

A December Gallup poll found that 26 percent of uninsured people under the age of 30 intended to pay the fine rather than enroll.

White House officials have minimized the slow enrollment by young people, saying they always expected those in their 20s and 30s to enroll toward the end of the six-month sign-up period.

Spokesman Jay Carney said young people are more likely to be deadline-driven and “late to the party when it comes to signing up.”

Megan Chapman is among the holdouts.

The 23-year-old college student from High Point, N.C., has been without health insurance for several years. She's been thinking about signing up through the new federal marketplace but said she's heard conflicting information about the costs, prompting her to do more research.

“It just depends on the price and how much financial aid I can get,” said Chapman, her laptop and spiral notebook spread out before her as she worked in the Guilford Technical Community College cafeteria in Jamestown, N.C.

“I'm unemployed. I can't pay a whole lot of money. So that will definitely be a

major factor.”

As Chapman studied, a volunteer from Enroll America was going from table to table in the cafeteria, encouraging uninsured students to sign up.

The volunteer, retired dentist Benjamin Williams, 75, didn't persuade Chapman to enroll, but he did get her to sign a card setting her up for a follow-up phone call to answer her health care questions.

With Chapman's personal information now in Enroll America's system, volunteers will almost certainly keep tabs on her enrollment status through March 31, mirroring the way the Obama campaign tracked likely Democratic voters.

Unlike the political campaign, in which staffers relied on voting records to track possible supporters, there's no ready-made list of the uninsured. So outside groups are compiling their own databases through contacts their volunteers make while they're

promoting the health law at colleges, bars, church youth group events and even laundromats.

Marlon Marshall, another veteran of Obama's presidential campaigns, now oversees health care outreach efforts for the White House. He said the strategy for signing up young people is to “meet them where they're at.”

Bransfield, who works for the aptly named organization Young Invincibles, said signing up young people takes patience, given that most are buying insurance on their own for the first time. The process can sometimes take weeks, he said, as people collect the information they need to enroll or weigh the options available to them.

But the deadline has increased the pressure on Bransfield to get the students through the system faster.

“We're trying to make sure it feels urgent,” he said.

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Loose lips give ammunition to MSNBC foes

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Because MSNBC is in the political ring, its opponents are always on the lookout for things to attack. Lately, NBC's left-leaning cable news sister has offered plenty of ammunition.

MSNBC fired a staff member last week for an offensive tweet after top Republicans began talking about refusing to appear on the network. It was fourth in a string of apologies by people who've gone too far with their words, leading to questions about whether the incidents reveal a systemic problem.

"It's one thing to make (mistakes) a few times in a row. That's bad luck," said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute. "But if you keep doing it after you've acknowledged it, that suggests a blind spot."

The provocative or profane can be a fine line, particularly when appealing to an opinionated fan base that cheers a hard hit on a rival.

MSNBC President Phil Griffin moved quickly to contain any damage following the latest incident, where a message on the network's Twitter feed suggested the right wing would hate a Cheerios ad featuring a biracial couple. "With increasing frequency many of your hosts have personally denigrated and demeaned Americans — especially conservative and Republican Americans — without ever attempting to further meaningful political dialogue," GOP National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus wrote to him.

Griffin apologized to Priebus, who backed off his threat not to appear on MSNBC programs and to encourage other Republicans to do the same.

The other incidences differed in degrees and targets. In November, Alec Baldwin apologized and subsequently quit for something that wasn't even on MSNBC's air. He was accused of using an anti-gay slur in a New York City street confrontation. But for the language involved, the timing may have been opportune: Baldwin's weekly program was a ratings dud.

Shortly after, afternoon host Martin Bashir apologized for an on-air suggestion that someone should defecate in former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's mouth. After a week of not addressing the incident publicly, MSNBC accepted Bashir's resignation.

Melissa Harris-Perry apologized after Mitt Romney's family Christmas card, which showed the Republican's adopted, African-American grandson, was joked about on her show. She said she meant to praise the family's inclusion, but the message went awry with her panelists' sarcasm.

"MSNBC got the wrong message from its Keith Olbermann experience," Paul Levinson, communications professor at Fordham University, said of the anchor whose intense anti-GOP commentaries set MSNBC on its new path before his relationship with management soured. "You had somebody who was very charismatic and galvanizing, and they thought it was OK basically to let anybody say whatever they want."

Griffin, who declined comment through a spokeswoman, has quietly put the word out to hosts to avoid personal attacks. Rachel Maddow's meticulous, fact-based criticisms of conservatives is looked upon as the network's model.

In an interview with The Daily Beast, he promised transparency. "If you make a mistake, you've got to address it, and we've done that throughout all the last six years that I've been here," he said.

Griffin's a survivor, one of a dwindling number of top NBC Universal executives who predate the company's takeover by Comcast Corp. He's succeeded by establishing MSNBC's identity as a liberal alternative to industry leader Fox News Channel.

A traditional post-presidential election hangover



AP file photo

MSNBC President Phil Griffin, left, answers a question as Rachel Maddow, host of "The Rachel Maddow Show," looks on at the NBC Universal summer press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Aug. 2, 2011. In the wake of several incidents involving offensive tweets and comments by MSNBC staff, Griffin has quietly put the word out to hosts to avoid personal attacks. Maddow's meticulous, fact-based criticisms of conservatives is looked upon as the network's model.

hurt MSNBC, with viewership dropping 29 percent between 2012 and 2013, the Nielsen company said. The network, particularly Maddow, showed signs of life with its attention paid to the New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie bridge story, hinting at better days when politics becomes a bigger story.

Financially, the picture is much brighter as new deals with cable and satellite companies have taken effect over the past

few years. As opposed to years when the network struggled for direction, its current identity makes it essential to more customers, and NBC Universal can charge higher prices.

There's some feeling within MSNBC, and among its fans, that the network's personalities are held to a higher standard than people at Fox News.

To a large extent, that's driven by the relationship with NBC News. Some

viewers make little distinction between the two, particularly when NBC News personalities like Andrea Mitchell and Chuck Todd have regular programs on MSNBC, and NBC is sometimes held culpable for MSNBC's sins.

"If you're going to be a news organization, I think you probably need a little more self-control than the MSNBC commentators have," Levinson said. "I think it does reflect badly on NBC."



Associated Press

Billy Crystal, left, talks to host Jay Leno during the final taping of NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," in Burbank, Calif., on Thursday.

Leno's last 'Tonight' draws 14.6 million viewers

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jay Leno's farewell "Tonight Show" drew the late-night show's biggest audience in more than 15 years, NBC said Friday.

A total of 14.6 million viewers tuned in Thursday to see Leno wrap up his 22 years as host of "Tonight," according to Nielsen company ratings released by NBC.

The audience was the biggest since May 14, 1998, when Jerry Seinfeld appeared on "Tonight" to

mark the end of his sitcom and nearly 15 million viewers tuned in.


Leno's goodbye to "Tonight" was watched by 2.7 million more viewers than when Leno left in May 2009 to make way for Conan O'Brien's short-lived stint as host. That telecast had 11.9 million viewers.

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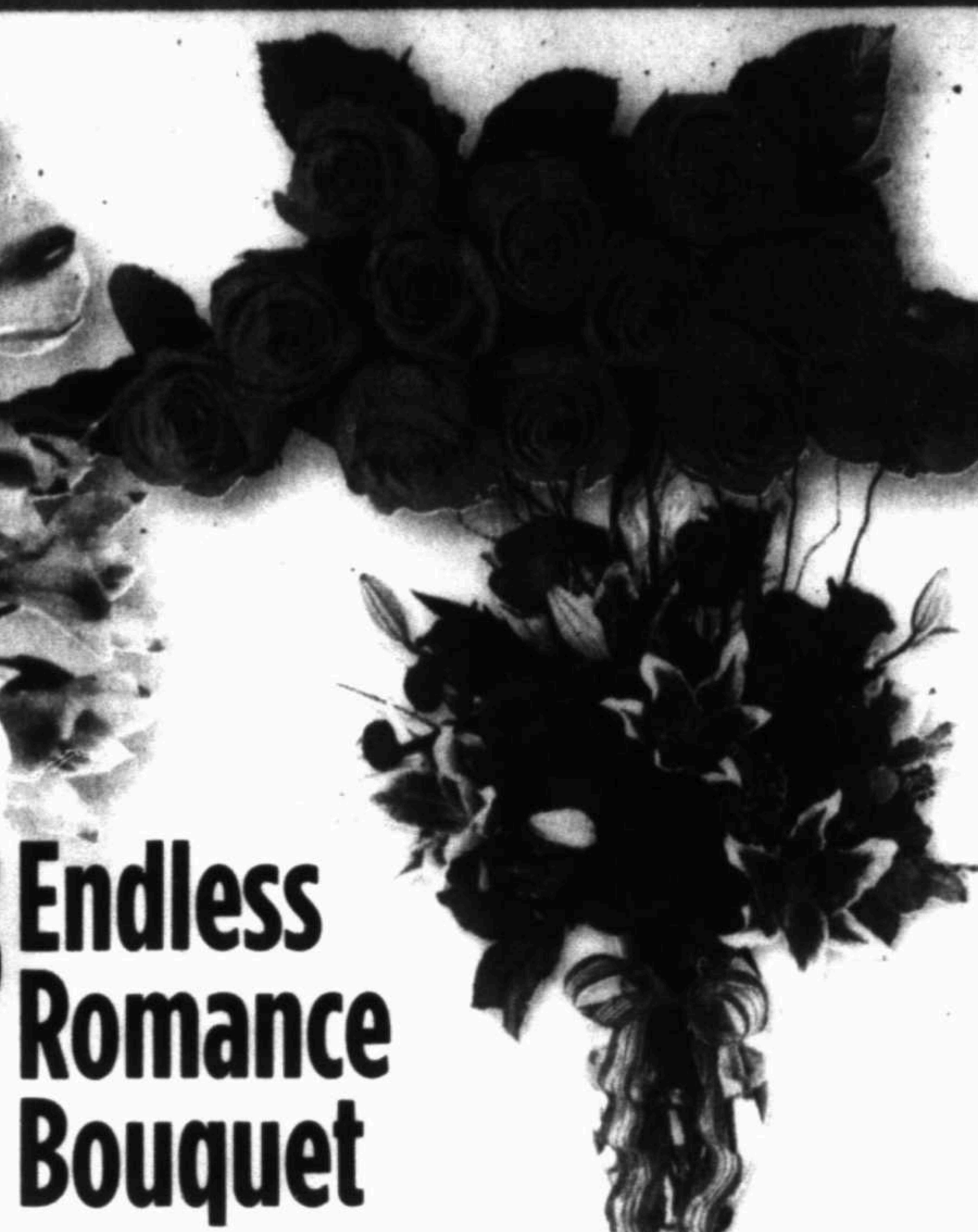
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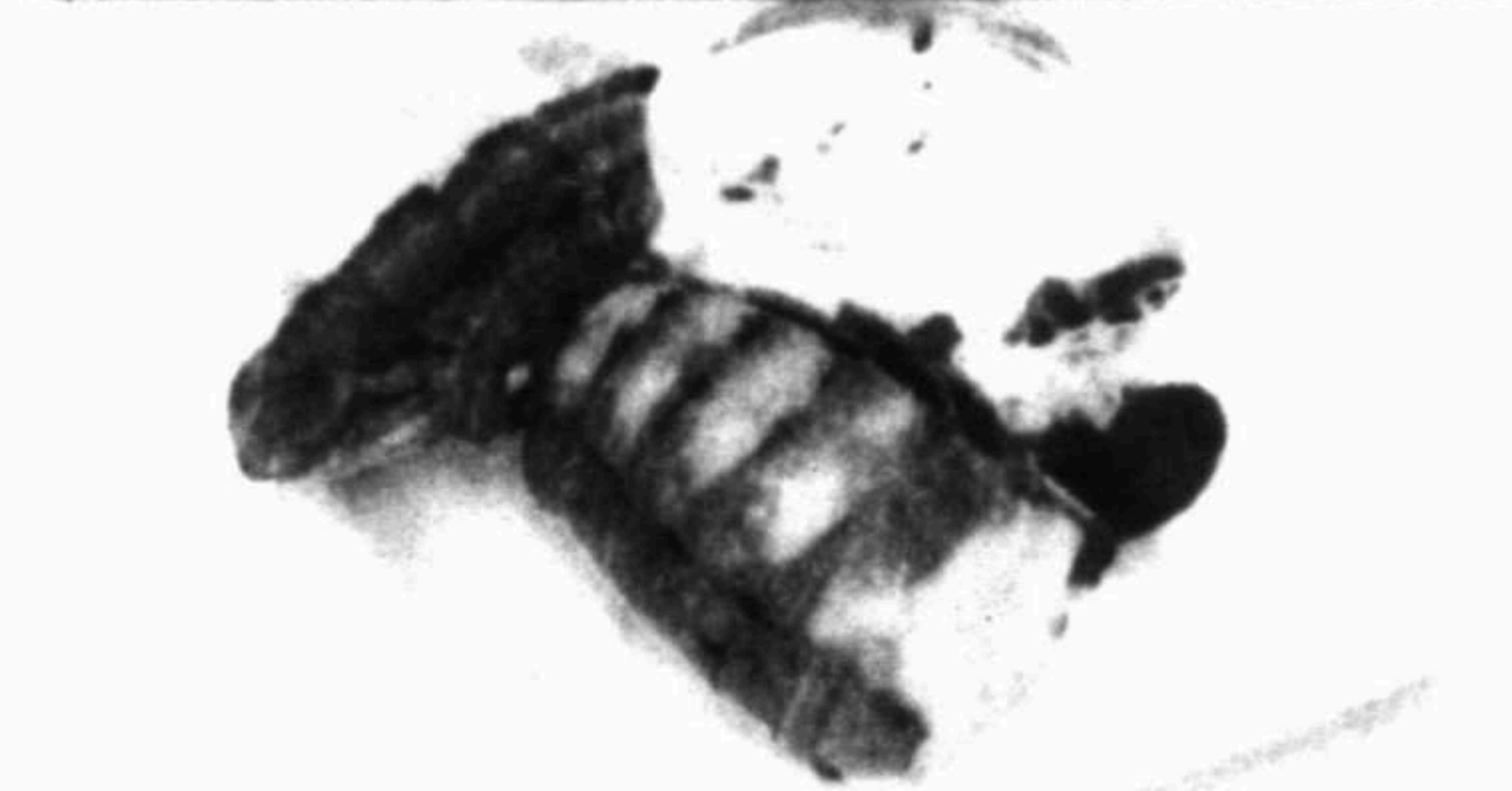


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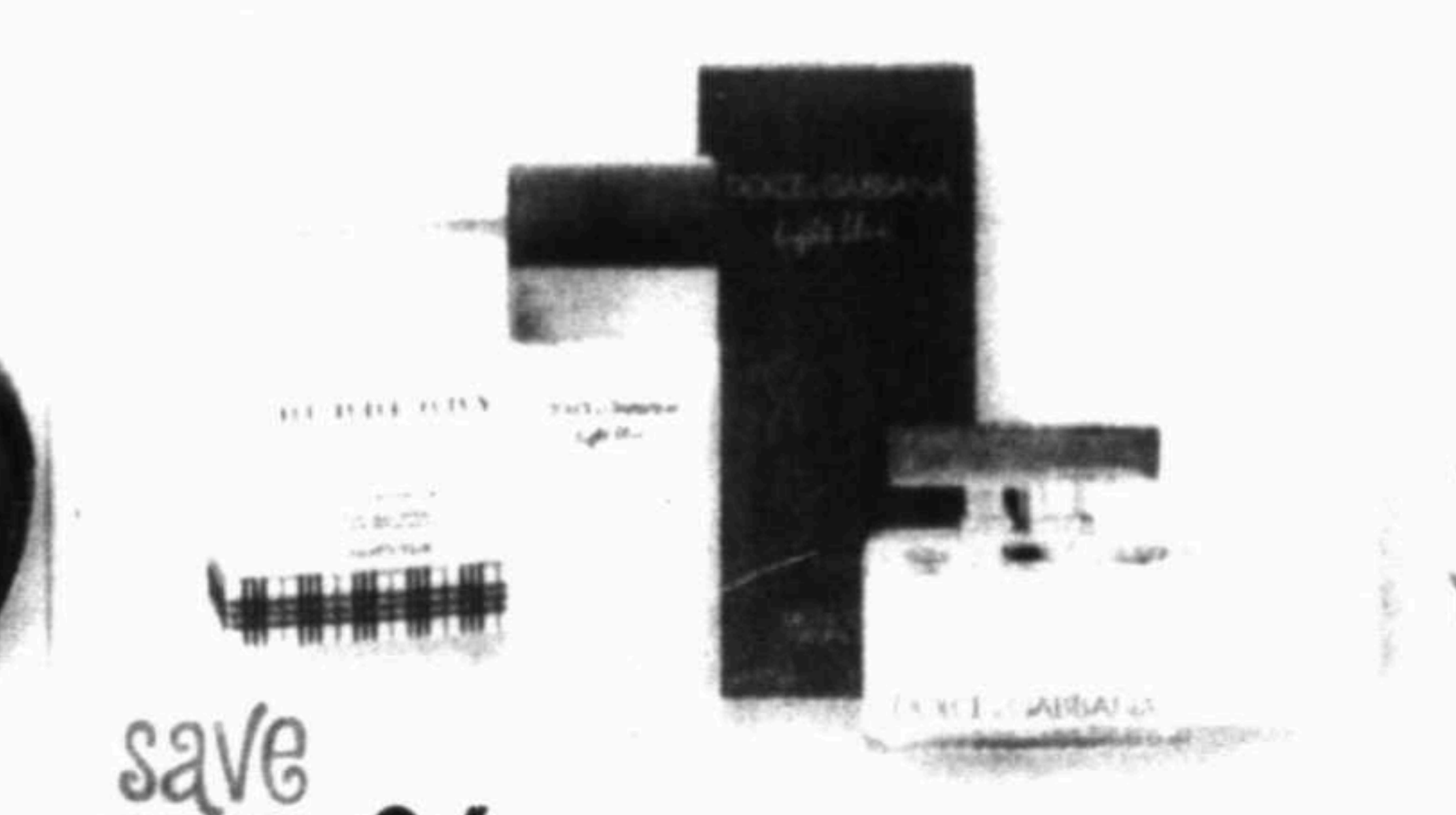
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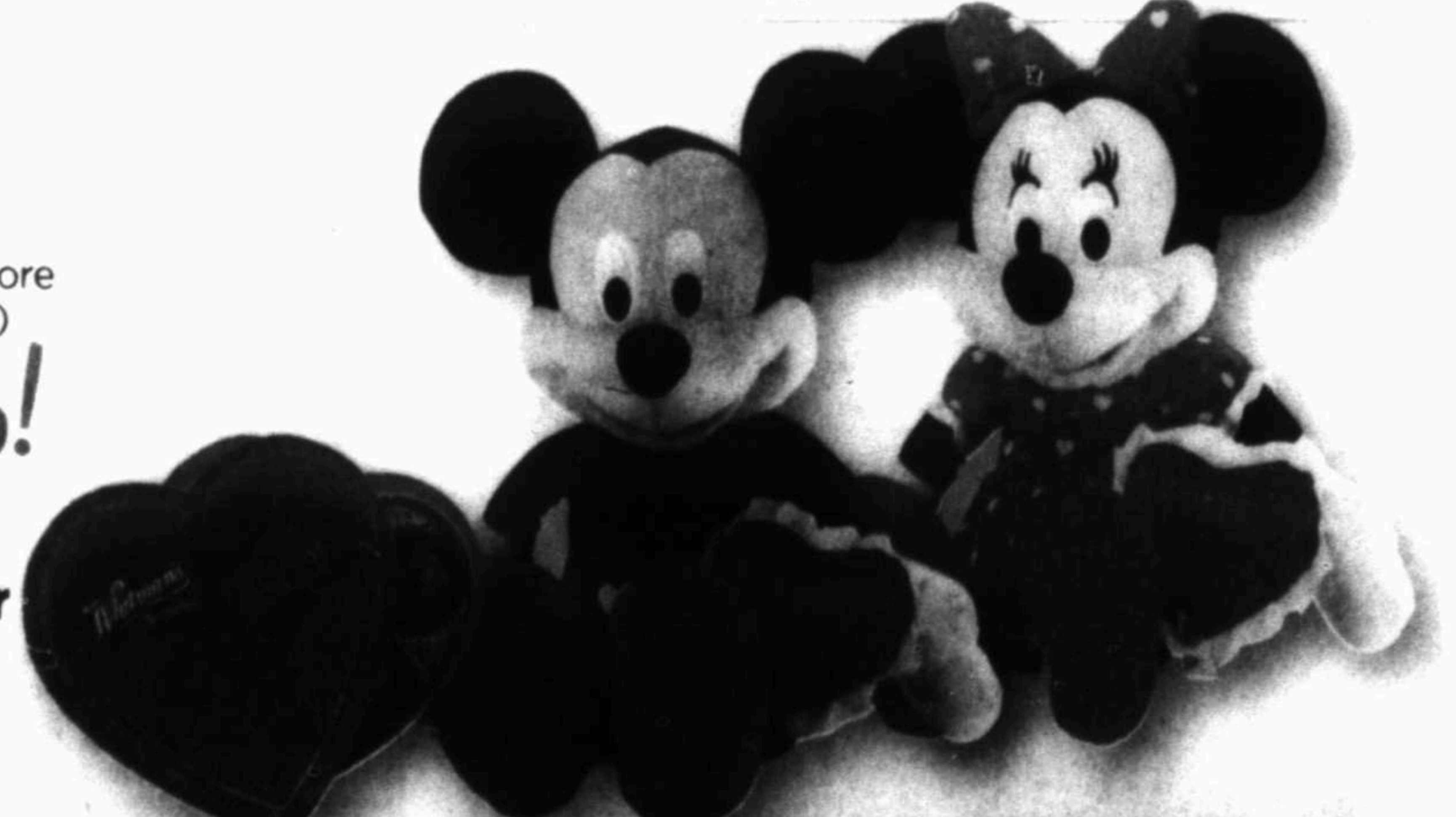


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West Texas could be home to spent nuke fuel

Lawmakers to determine if state will be open to highly radioactive waste disposal

By Asher Price
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Could a patch of West Texas desert be the next Yucca Mountain, the Nevada site once designated to be home to millions of pounds of socked-away highly radioactive waste?

Texas lawmakers will consider in coming months whether the state should open its borders to the disposal of spent used nuclear reactor fuel, also known as high-level radioactive waste.

While one West Texas facility is currently licensed by the state to bury radioactively contaminated trash such as rags, syringes and protective clothing from nuclear plants or hospitals, none is

licensed as a central repository of high-level waste.

"It'd be a huge escalation," said Cyrus Reed, conservation director of the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, which has been tangled in litigation over the low-level radioactive waste site.

Instructions to lawmakers issued late last week by Speaker Joe Straus call for the state's House Environmental Regulation Committee to study current high-level radioactive waste disposal regulations and to "determine the potential economic impact of permitting a facility in Texas."

The instructions also call for lawmakers to make specific recommendations "to permit a high-level radioactive

waste disposal or interim storage facility in Texas."

Such instructions from the speaker's office typically bubble up through lobbyists or lawmakers eager to float a legislative proposal, said Sherri Greenberg, a former member of the Texas House who heads the center for politics and governance at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

"You need to pay attention to interim charges, because you're likely to see that in legislation," she said.

A federal commission in 2012 declared the United States should develop "one or more permanent deep geological facilities

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A caution sign stands at Waste Control Specialists in 2009 near Andrews. Low-level nuclear waste is buried at the site outside Andrews, but lawmakers will determine in the coming months if highly radioactive waste also can be disposed of in the area. Big Spring also is under consideration as an area for disposal.

AP file photo

BOWLING WITH BIGS



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Brooke Robnett reacts after getting a strike during the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters on Saturday at Midland Park Lanes. The event, sponsored by Concho Resources, typically raises about \$65,000 for the day-to-day cost of running Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. To bowl, each five-member team had to pay \$250, which included T-shirts, food and drinks. New flights of teams started every two hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Executive Director Kay Crites said the center is still in need of mentors, especially males. "Studies have shown that children who grow up with mentors are more likely to continue schooling, less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol and less likely to end up involved with the criminal justice system," Crites said. "Those are good, positive things for our community."

RIGHT: Members of 7-Eleven convenience stores sponsored a team for the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser.



Desalination option builds momentum as drought continues

■ Cost of technology inhibits mass implementation

By Joseph Basco
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The effects of the drought — which has impacted much of the Southwest for about four years — have become apparent, but its solutions have not.

Cities and water supply districts are currently meeting demand by enacting water-usage restrictions, increasing water bill rates, drilling underground for water, recycling wastewater or building facilities that can turn water into a drinkable state.

The latter option, desalination, has already been used in cities such as El Paso but has not gained mainstream acceptance in the Permian Basin because of the high cost. Water filtration method proponents — from politicians to water industry specialists — believe that it has the most potential to address water supply issues if the drought continues.

As of Tuesday, only 14.95 percent of Texas is not under drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor website. Midland and Odessa are classified under a moderate drought, the second level of five drought categories. The first level starts with the lowest intensity and escalates from there to exceptional drought.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



3 little words can bring harmony on Valentine's Day

Why is it that the three little words "I love you" can get you in so much trouble?

Sometimes I think the world spins on those three words. Those words are expected to be used often and on cue.

This is just a reminder to you guys to use those three words on Friday, which is Valentine's Day. "I love you" is top priority talk.

If you don't use those words, you are going to be in a world of hurt — unless you have the proper flowers or play the "favorite" song behind a candlelight dinner. After all, there are all kinds of ways to say the three words or to act them out.

I know most of you men really do love your significant other but you have a hard time communicating the idea. I know. I've been there. In fact, I'm pretty sure I said those three words to the wife right about this time last year. And I'm pretty sure that won't buy me a pass to skip those words this year.

But I've grown somewhat wise over the years. One thing that age teaches you is to learn from your past mistakes. If you

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Obituaries



Katie Eaves

Katie Eaves passed away on January 15, 2014. She was born on October 14, 1938, in Spur, Texas. She was the daughter of Jack and Floye Rector and the youngest of three girls. Katie graduated from Spur High School and was active in school activities, lettering in basketball and was editor of the school newspaper. She graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1959 with a B.S. in English and where she met her future husband, Katie taught school for awhile after graduating.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Cre Mason, and survived by her oldest sister, Jacqueline D-cker. Katie is survived in her family by husband, Glenn Eaves and their two children, Craig Eaves with his wife, Rebecca Eaves, and daughter, Kristi Thompson and her husband, Cameron. There are two grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Katie married geophysicist, Glenn Eaves in 1959. His oil exploration activities had them living in Midland, Kingwood near Houston, and in Weybridge, England. While living in England, they traveled through the British Isles, western Europe, the Mediterranean and east Africa.

Katie was a gentle loving wife, mother, and my best friend. She loves kitties and befriended every stray cat that ever wandered up to the house.

No funeral services will be held. A Remembrance gathering for Katie, to celebrate her life, will be held in the near future.

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



Norma Louise (Rogers) Johnson

Norma Louise (Rogers) Johnson went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 7, 2014.

Norma was born on November 9, 1922 in San Angelo, Texas to Ruby and Norman Rogers, Sr. She grew up in San Angelo and attended San Angelo College. She met and married the love of her life, Thomas Reed Johnson, who was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

After the war she resided in San Angelo, Colorado City, and Vernon before moving to Midland in 1950. After moving to Midland, Norma joined Belview Baptist Church and later became a charter member of Crestview Baptist Church. She spent many years as a Sunday school teacher. Norma enjoyed music, played the piano and spent many years in the Crestview Choir. She especially enjoyed the Christmas and Easter Celebrations (Cantatas).

Norma was a homemaker and mother of three children and numerous dogs and cats. She also worked for several companies, including many years for Chamness Plumbing as secretary and bookkeeper. She enjoyed working with her husband at Fiddles Unique in Midland.

Norma is preceded in death by both parents and one child, Norman Rogers, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories a sister, Frances Teller of Alamogordo, New Mexico; sons, Jerry Guy Johnson and wife Joan Johnson of Midland, Texas and Richard Thomas Johnson and wife Almarie of Knoxville, Tennessee; and by a daughter, Celia Gayle Rivera and husband, Richard Rivera of Parker, Pennsylvania.

Other survivors include grandchildren, Jessica Johnson, Misty Yates, Mandy Marquez, Phillip Yates, Aaron Johnson, Jared Johnson, Jake Johnson, Christine

Huerta, Traci Lydic and David Lewellen; numerous great and great, great grandchildren; and Johnson family members with many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

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



Patrick Baker Brower

Patrick Baker Brower, 79, of Corpus Christi, Texas passed away February 6, 2014. Pat was born in Willard, Missouri and graduated from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri; it was there that he met the love of his life, his wife of 55 years, Julie.

Patrick was a Korean War veteran who proudly served in the United States Army. Continuing life's journey, he began a successful sales career for Nalco Chemical Company. The oil patch provided Pat with many opportunities; the most coveted being a stage on which to hone his practical jokes and funny stories to anyone who was fortunate enough to cross his path.

He appreciated a fine cigar, a perfectly barbequed pork rib, and most importantly, the company of family and many dear friends. He and his wife were active in several clubs. Pat is a founding member of the esteemed ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) where a sense of humor and friendship were always the specials of the day. Texas has truly lost a fine gentleman; he will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann Liles Brower; his children, Suzanne Brower Laufer (Douglas), Timothy Brower (Vanessa); his grand darlings, Merrill, Laura, Elizabeth, Eva; and his sister in law, Henrietta Brower.

He is preceded in death by his son, Robert Kevin Brower; his brother, Robert Brower; and his parents, Benjamin and Sybil Brower.

A celebration of his life will be held at Cagle-Mills Funeral Home on February 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Honorary pallbearers are Marvin Borchart, Bill Cheesman, Ralph Cobb, John Gray, James (Buster) Kirkland, Erm Muller, Roger Schroeder, and Frank Tvrdik.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Salvation Army of the charity of your choice.

McFaddin and her husband, Rodney, Sr. of Bryan, Texas.

Survivors also include his nephews, Roderick McFaddin and Rodney McFaddin, Jr., both of Houston, Texas; and his nieces, Marlo Affalo and her husband Mordecai of Los Angeles, California, Miesha Moses and her husband Dakari of Palmdale, California, and Priscilla Zambia of Los Angeles, California.

Raymond will be missed by host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and long-time friends.

The Family wishes to thank the members of the First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas for the many acts of kindness shown to our loved one.

Please share your memories and tribute to Raymond's family at www.Danielandsonfuneral.com.

two sons, Johnny (Karen) Pannell, and Jim (Nancy) Pannell; and by his grandchildren, Jake, Brooks, Kaitlyn, Rachel, Karson, Sumner, and Luke Pannell.

He is also survived by his brothers, Johnny (Marilyn) Pannell and Bill (Lucy) Pannell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Johnnie Presley and Jamie Marie Pannell.

There will be an informal memorial gathering held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16 at 606 W. Missouri Ave, Midland, Texas.

Private burial will take place at a later date outside of Stamford, Texas.

Death Notices

Addie Oliver

Addie Oliver, 89, died Sunday, January 26, 2014. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She is survived by two sons, Napoleon Smith, Jr. and Robert Smith; two grandsons, Napoleon Smith, III and Nicholas Robert Smith; and by other family members.

Charlie Morehead

Charlie Morehead, 81, died Friday, February 7, 2014. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She is survived by three daughters, Carol Morehead, Kay Honea, and Jan Falkner; three grandchildren Jaime Nichols, Brandon Falkner, and Garret Honea; two great grandchildren, Kaylee Kemper and Jaden Falkner; and by other family members.

Eudora "Dorie" Moore

Eudora "Dorie" Moore, passed away Friday, February 6, 2014. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m., February 11, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her three children, Laurel Graham, Camille Woodside, and Virgil Moore.

Greg Hogg

Greg Hogg, 61, died Thursday, February 6, 2014. Private family services will be at a later date.

He is survived by his wife, Cathey Hogg; five daughters, Diana Hegg, Jessica Tully, Misty Bosley, Madison Bosley, and Alexandra Bosley; one son, Chris Hogg; nine grandchildren; and by other family members.



Mr. Raymond Earl Brown

Mr. Raymond Earl Brown, 65, departed this life on February 5, 2014 in Midland, Texas. He was born on March 19, 1948 in Marshall, Texas, the son of the late John and Juanita (Burton) Brown.

His care is entrusted to Daniel & Son Funeral Home, located in Bryan, Texas. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ray professed Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California. He attended public schools there and graduated from Manual Arts High School.

Ray lived in Los Angeles for many years then relocated to Midland in the late 70's and held a number of odd jobs during his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his nephew, Jomo Zambia, II.

He leaves to mourn his passing his brother, Jomo Zambia and his wife Barbara of Los Angeles, California; and his sister, Carol



S. Frank Pannell

S. Frank Pannell, 72, of Victoria, Texas, and longtime Midland resident, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2014, following a brief illness.

Frank was born in Knox City, Texas on February 3, 1942. He attended Odessa High School and, after serving in the U.S. Navy, went on to receive a Business Management Degree from Texas Tech University.

Frank worked in the oil and gas business in Midland for over 40 years, getting his start in the pipe business and later as an independent operator.

He enjoyed spending time on his boat at Possum Kingdom Lake and fishing with friends at Lake Amistad. He loved to barbecue and was known among his friends for making some of the best barbecue brisket around. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his seven grandchildren and had his office walls adorned with the drawings they made for him over the years.

Frank is survived by his

OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK Actor Christopher Jones dies at 72

Christopher Jones, an actor who seemed poised for stardom before abruptly abandoning his movie career in the late 1960s, died on Jan. 31 in Los Alamitos, Calif. He was 72.

The cause was gallbladder cancer, said Paula McKenna, his longtime companion.

Jones made only a few films, but his talent and star power drew comparisons with James Dean, whose brief career his own mimicked in some ways. Like Dean, Jones studied at the Actors Studio, worked on Broadway and in television and projected an aura of wild yearning and raw energy, which he showed in films such as "Wild in the Streets" (1968) and "Ryan's Daughter" (1970).

No one seemed to know why Jones dropped out of the movie-star business. Speculation ranged across several possible explanations: a troubled personal history, a rebel's rejection of the strict regimen of filmmaking, his shock when a loved one was murdered because of her fame.

Jones told an interviewer in 2007 that he had been having an affair with the actress Sharon Tate when she and four others were viciously killed on Aug. 9, 1969, by members of the Charles Manson cult in the California home of Tate's husband, the director Roman Polanski, who was away. Jones was filming "Ryan's Daughter" in Ireland at the time.

His year there was one of the worst of his life, he told The Chicago Tribune. He was traumatized and

depressed over Tate's death and at odds with his co-star, Sarah Miles. "I had absolutely no desire to do anything for a long time," he said.

He appeared in only one more film — "Mad Dog Time," a 1996 comedy in which he had a small role — as a favor to a friend, Larry Bishop, the film's director.

Yet directors and agents sought him out for years. Ron Howard once offered him a part. McKenna said Quentin Tarantino sent him the script of "Pulp Fiction" while casting it.

"I didn't know who he was," Jones said in 2000. "And I wasn't interested." Jones made his living in later years as a painter and sculptor, McKenna said, and became deeply involved in bringing up his children, five they shared and two from previous relationships. "He wanted to be there, the way he never had it," she said.

William Frank Jones was born in Jackson, Tenn., on Aug. 18, 1941. His father was a grocery store clerk. His mother was an artist, who entered a mental hospital when he was 4 and died there when he was 19. Jones and his older brother, Bobby Joe, ended up in an orphanage.

When he came of age, Jones joined the Army, then went AWOL and spent six months in jail. Finding his way to New York, he worked odd jobs, studied painting, met artists and landed a small role in the 1961 Broadway production of Tennessee Williams' "The Night of the Iguana."

In 1965, he married Susan Strasberg, the daughter of the acting coaches Lee and Paula Strasberg. That

same year he was cast in the starring role of the television series "The Legend of Jesse James," which lasted one season. He and Strasberg divorced in 1968.

Besides McKenna, Jones is survived by his brother, four sons, Seagen, Tauer, Jeremy and Christopher, and three daughters, Calin, Delon and Jennifer Jones.

Jones' second film, the low-budget satire "Wild in the Streets," put him on the movie-star map in 1968 in the role of a rock star who becomes president of the United States and dispatches everyone over 30 to re-education camps for compulsory LSD treatment.

The film, which remains a cult favorite, struck a nerve in a year of political upheaval and brought Jones' looks and charisma to wide attention. In quick succession, he was cast in "Three in the Attic" (1968), a tale of infidelity that also starred Yvette Mimieux; "The Looking Glass War" (1969), a spy thriller based on a John le Carré novel; and "Brief Season," a story of star-crossed love.

His stardom peaked in 1969 when David Lean, the director of "The Bridge over the River Kwai," "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago," cast him as the romantic lead in "Ryan's Daughter." Jones portrayed a brooding British army officer, stationed in Ireland during the 1916 Easter rebellion, who becomes involved with an Irish woman (Miles) who is married to an older man (Robert Mitchum).

The movie was a box-office hit but received mixed reviews, and Lean himself considered it a disappointment, according to Kevin

Brownlow's biography of him. Lean and Jones had many conflicts on the set, but despite that, he told Brownlow, he found something special about Jones.

"He had this extraordinary quality of screen personality," Lean said, "which I always find terribly difficult to describe, or even to understand."

NEW YORK Concertmaster K. Lamar Alsop dies at 85

K. Lamar Alsop, the longtime concertmaster of the New York City Ballet Orchestra, as well as a busy studio violinist, a member of several prominent chamber ensembles and a professional whistler, died Monday in Baltimore. He was 85.

The cause was complications of progressive supranuclear palsy, said his daughter, Marin Alsop, the music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. His wife, Ruth Alsop, a cellist, had died 10 days earlier.

Working with City Ballet afforded Alsop more opportunities to play solos than the concertmaster of a symphony orchestra usually has. "I like working with the ballet," he told The New York Times in 1979. "It's like having your own private orchestra when you're constantly soloing."

The critics noticed: In a 1977 Times review of Balanchine's Ravel ballet "Tzigane," for example, the dance critic Anna Kisselgoff wrote that Lamar "played the first violin solo from the pit beautifully."

He retired from the orchestra in 1993, after more

than 30 years.

Keith Lamar Alsop was born March 11, 1928, in Murray, Utah, one of eight children of Henry Alsop, a chemist who worked for a mining company, and his wife, Ethel. Each child in the family studied an instrument, and Lamar focused on the violin, although he also studied viola, clarinet, flute and saxophone — instruments assigned to his siblings.

He began his career at 17 in the Utah Symphony Orchestra and, after serving in the Navy, moved to New York, where he received a bachelor's degree in violin performance from Mannes College of Music and a teaching degree from Columbia University.

Alsop was a member of the Beaux Arts String Quartet, the American String Quartet, the Carnegie String Quartet and the Alsop-Bernstein Trio, whose other two members were his wife and the pianist Seymour Bernstein.

Ruth Alsop, who performed with the New York City Ballet Orchestra for more than 50 years, and who also played with the Radio City Music Hall orchestra and taught music at Brooklyn College and the State University of New York at Potsdam, died of lung cancer on Jan. 23. She was 82.

Lamar Alsop was a faculty member at Brooklyn College, SUNY Potsdam and the Luzerne Music Center in upstate New York. He was also a member of the string section for recordings by a starry list of artists, including Aretha Franklin, Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand and Wynton Marsalis. He performed on the soundtracks of more

than 50 movies, including " Fargo " and " Fame."

He also enjoyed a side career as a whistler; his whistling skills were featured on albums by Bette Midler and others, and commercials for Irish Spring soap and other products.

Alsop and his wife encouraged their daughter to pursue her dreams of becoming a conductor, and in 2006 she became the first woman to run a major American orchestra. Her father made batons for her by hand, and at one point, presented her with a batch of 30.

In addition to their daughter, the Alsops are survived by a grandson, Ruth Alsop is also survived by three sisters, M. Elaine Love, Clair Meuse and Nancy Green.

UKRAINE

Shakhtar striker Maicon dies after traffic accident

DONETSK — Shakhtar Donetsk Brazilian striker Maicon Pereira de Oliveira died in a traffic accident early Saturday, the club said.

"He was a talented footballer, open and friendly guy. Maicon loved life and knew how to make it positive and bright. Tragic, untimely and absurd death took away a wonderful person from our ranks," the club said in a statement published on the official website.

The 25-year-old, was on a loan to the Ukrainian league club Illichivets Mariupol until the end of the 2013-14 season.

No further details were available Saturday.

Researchers study string of Texas earthquakes

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Researchers collecting seismic data hope it allows them to determine what role wastewater injection wells have played in a string of small earthquakes northwest of Fort Worth.

The area in northeast Parker County, about 15 miles northwest of Fort Worth, has experienced more than 30 small earthquakes since November. Last month more than 30 area residents traveled to Austin to ask the Texas Railroad Commission to consider shutting down injection wells there, but the commission said it didn't have enough information.

"We want to get to a point where we

can say, 'This particular well affected this seemingly dead fault,'" Heather DeShon, an associate professor of geophysics at Southern Methodist University told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "But first we have to gather the data."

DeShon said the school's network of seismic activity sensors in an area about 15 miles northwest of Fort Worth have detected numerous small earthquakes recently. Still, it could take a year or more before researchers could tie the earthquakes around the town of Azle to injection wells in the area.

Oil wells often produce tons of salt water, which is pumped back into the ground through the so-called injection wells, to

extract more oil. According to the Texas Railroad Commission, there are about 35,000 active injection wells in the state. About 7,000 of those are used for disposal. Experts have said it's rare for the wells to produce seismic events, but it does happen. There are five disposal wells around Azle.

Small earthquakes that occurred at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport from October 2008 to May 2009 stopped after one company shut down one of the two injection wells it operated on the airport property.

University of Texas researchers studied seismic data gathered in the Barnett Shale between 2009 and 2011. Cliff Frohlich, senior research scientist at the university's

Institute for Geophysics, concluded that "injection-triggered earthquakes are more common than is generally recognized."

About 850 area residents attended a community meeting on the earthquakes in early January. The Railroad Commission later voted to hire its own seismologist.

About 30 residents of northeast Parker County went to Austin later in January to ask the commission to consider shutting down the injection wells in their area. Commission members said they didn't have enough information to do that. Agency officials said they had inspected 11 injection wells in the area. One was being repaired, but the others were in compliance with their permits.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO Bilateral gang sent weapons to members in Mexico

Former members of a trans-national gang have testified in El Paso that U.S.-based members obtained weapons and ammunition for their Mexico-based counterparts.

The testimony came Friday at the trial of Arturo Gallegos Castellon, who is accused of ordering the March 13, 2010, shootings in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, of an employee of the U.S. Consulate there and two others. He has pleaded not guilty.

The El Paso Times reported that gang members in El Paso began accepting weapons as payments for drugs so they could smuggle them to their allies in Mexico.

At one point, a gang member in El Paso arranged to buy 15,000 rounds of ammunition through someone in Midland with a license for bulk sales at gun shows. The trial was scheduled to continue Monday.

AUSTIN Well-funded PAC targets Texas House Speaker Straus

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus and top allies are facing new pressure from a conservative group that is bankrolling challengers in the March primary behind big checks from prominent figures in Texas politics.

Among the top donors to Accountability First are embattled University of Texas Regent Wallace Hall and Jeff Sandefer, whose proposals to reshape higher education have stirred turmoil on Texas campuses but are embraced by Gov. Rick Perry.

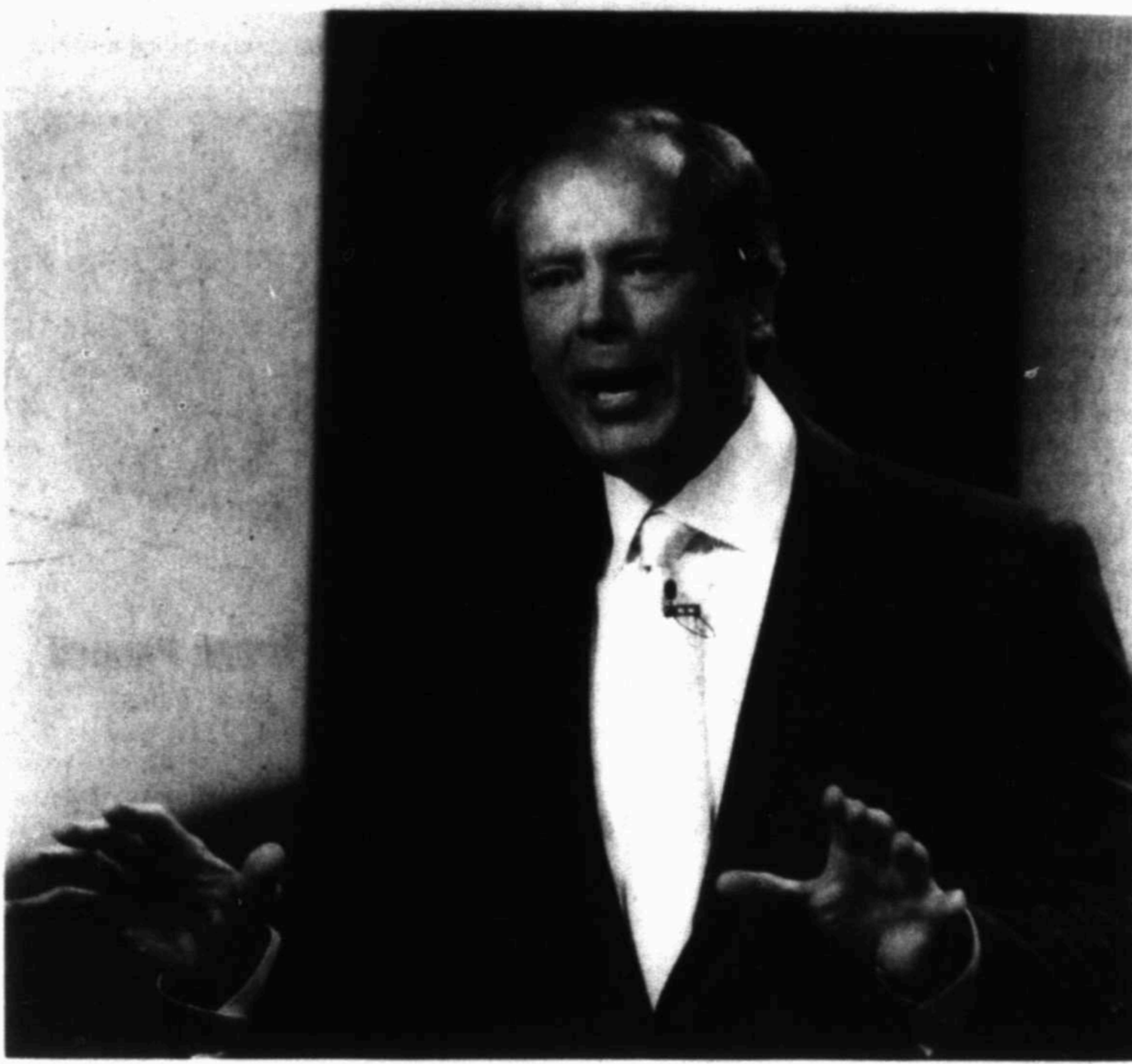
Both have given a combined \$300,000 to the political action committee, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday. That money to Accountability First is backing more than two dozen Republican House candidates — mostly newcomers — whose victories would further push the 150-member chamber to the far right.

Straus has been speaker since 2009 but has long frustrated ultra-conservatives, who blast him as moderate and criticize his appointees who chair powerful House committees.

Among those targeted by Accountability First is Republican Rep. Byron Cook, who chairs the State Affairs Committee.

"This is different from a PAC which may represent thousands of people around the state. This is the definition of a special interest with a few wealthy individuals who have a specific agenda with respect to policy," Cook said. "Their position seems to be as long as you're in leadership, we're against you."

Accountability First Treasurer Trey Trainor said the group's goal is to



Associated Press

Dewhurst still owes \$1.4M

A new federal report shows Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst still owing businesses \$1.4 million from his failed 2012 run for U.S. Senate.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that 20 private creditors have been waiting 18 months for payment. Dewhurst spokesman Travis Considine said the problem stems from a former adviser who Dewhurst sued over claims of stolen campaign funds.

Kenneth Barfield ultimately signed over his 6,000-square-foot home to Dewhurst as part of a legal settlement. Considine said efforts are ongoing to sell the house and use the money to pay creditors. Losing to Ted Cruz kept Dewhurst in the statehouse. He now wants a fourth term but faces a primary challenge from three big-name Republicans: state Sen. Dan Patrick, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples.

help elect candidates with a "conservative governing philosophy."

"Our overarching policy goal is fiscal conservatism in the state," he told the newspaper. "I don't think we're particularly focused on being anti-Straus. We are supporting candidates running against incumbents, but it's based on an analysis of how that incumbent has voted and governed in office."

Hall gave \$100,000 to the group on Sept. 27, which came as one of Straus' committees was investigating Hall over allegations that could lead to his impeachment.

Hall is accused of abusing his powers in a crusade against flagship Austin campus president Bill Powers. Hall's attorney has said his client has raised important questions about political influence and accountability.

Sandefer, meanwhile, gave \$200,000 on the same day as Hall's donations. He is best known for pushing a higher education overhaul behind his "Seven Solutions" that demand more efficiencies on college campuses. His vision has won support from Perry but has infuriated faculty on the state's largest campuses, where professors say the proposals undermine research.

Sandefer has also donated \$85,000 to Empower Texans, which is led by unabashed Straus critic Michael Quinn Sullivan.

Straus spokesman Jason Embry said the speaker is proud of "conservative results" that include tax cuts, a balance budget and

education reforms. The primary is March 4.

HARKER HEIGHTS Central Texas mayor resigns over tax debt

A Central Texas mayor has resigned over unpaid property taxes that left him ineligible to continue serving.

The Killeen Daily Herald reported that Harker Heights announced Friday that Mayor Mike Aycock had resigned due to "unfortunate financial circumstances beyond his control."

A statement from the city said that Aycock had been unable to pay his property tax obligations before a Jan. 31 deadline and according to the city charter could no longer hold office. Harker Heights is about 70 miles north of Austin.

Aycock has filed for re-election and he will be eligible if he pays off the taxes owed. In 2012, the Bell County Tax Appraisal

District sued Aycock's construction company for unpaid property taxes totaling \$8,644. It was not immediately clear if that tax debt was paid.

HOUSTON Elephant gives birth at Houston Zoo

Houston Zoo officials say three minutes of labor has produced a 385-pound Asian elephant calf.

The mother, Shanti, had carried the newly dubbed Duncan for 23 months before giving birth early Friday. Duncan was Shanti's fourth calf.

Zoo Director Rick Barongi told the Houston Chronicle zoo staff was pleased with Duncan's health. Barongi said at first the calf was very active and vocalizing but had mellowed and was nursing a lot.

The new calf will likely spend a few more days behind closed doors before the public can see him.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Billy J. Applin, 52, of Midland, was charged Friday with theft.

Guadalupe Berja, 47, of Craig, Colo., was charged Friday with forgery of a financial instrument.

Alexis O. Cervantez, 30, of Midland, was charged Friday with stalking.

Rory DeLeon, 47, of Midland, was charged Friday with criminal mischief between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

Jamar Jackson, 17, of Midland, was charged Friday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ediberto Lopez, 36, of Midland, was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Michael Martinez, 29, of Midland, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Jesus G. Ortiz, 24, of Del Rio, was charged Friday with burglary of a habitation.

Samuel K. Owusu, 23, (no place of residence listed), was charged Friday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Destiny Rios, 34, of Midland, was charged Friday with theft.

Hector Salcido, 28, of Midland, was charged Friday with aggravated robbery.

Luis E. Salcido, 31, of Midland, was charged Friday with aggravated robbery.

Kristie M. Spencer, 41, of Midland, was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Yolanda Venegas, 62, of Odessa, was charged Friday with violation of probation and failure to appear and bail jumping.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Electricity	7 families	\$ 2,302.71
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Rent	16 families	\$19,324.38
Home Repairs	1 family	\$ 555.41
TOTAL		\$25,428.31

We have all heard by now of the "tent city" that was evicted from the south side of town a few weeks ago, forcing many homeless people who had been living on the streets to find other places in which to live. It was a heartbreaking story, especially in light of the bitter cold we are experiencing this winter.

We received a call from one of these homeless people this week. Larry's story is this: he moved here from El Paso early in December. In El Paso he had made his living doing landscaping and yard work and had been able to manage for him and his wife. But the economy went bad there, and compounded by the severe drought he was no longer able to provide for them. He heard about the abundance of jobs in Midland. He came here looking for a new life, and like many new arrivals to Midland, he came on his last dime. He was able to obtain a paid job as a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army during the Christmas holiday, and he was provided shelter by them during those times. When the season ended he obtained another job working at a grocery store evenings, stocking merchandise. Because his work schedule was not compatible with the regulations of the Salvation Army (they have to be both in and out by certain times every day), he had to choose between the job and the lodging. He chose the job. He had not yet received a paycheck and so he had no choice but to sleep outdoors. While the tent city was in operation he was able to at least have a piece of land to sleep on, however when it was shut down he was completely homeless. Because of his homelessness, his inability to shower or to change into clean clothing, he lost the job. In desperation he called us.

When we spoke to him he had spent the previous evening sleeping in a flowerbed outside of a structure on Baird Street. The night had been bitterly cold and he found his clothing and sleeping bag covered in ice the next day. He was very worried about how he was going to be able to dry his clothing and sleeping bag out before the next night of bitter cold.

We found him to be a man desperately looking for a way to take care of him and his wife, and yet he was unable to even care for himself. Our hearts went out to him. Midland can be a bitterly cruel place for those trying to make a new start, for while the jobs are abundant, it is extremely hard to find affordable lodging. We provided Larry with a motel room for several weeks, in an area of town where he can walk to several places that are always hiring. We also gave him a box of food to get him through the next week or two. We asked him to get a good night's sleep, a decent meal and a shower before heading out to pursue employment.

He called his wife immediately to tell her that he was finally safe. Her gratitude and tears of relief could be heard by the caseworker across the desk. Larry also began to cry. At last the horror of the past several weeks was over!

Larry came back to us two days later to thank us and to tell us that he had found not only one, but TWO jobs within walking distance of the motel in which we placed him. He looked about ten years younger than when we met with him just a few days ago. It is too soon to tell whether he will make enough money to bring his wife to Midland, or whether he will make enough money to return to El Paso to resume his life there. We pray only that he is successful in whichever endeavor he pursues. Please join us in praying for him and for all of the many people who come to our city in hopes of finding a new start. And God bless all of you who make it possible for us to help people such as Larry to find that new start!

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In the Cruz family, Ted is the diplomatic one

Associated Press

MADISONVILLE — Bursts of applause had already interrupted Rafael Cruz repeatedly, but the loudest cheer of the night came when the Cuban-born pastor finally made the Barack Obama-Fidel Castro comparison the crowd had been waiting for.

"He acts no different than that bearded guy I left behind in Cuba," the father of firebrand U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz told a packed tea party gathering.

Likening the president to Castro has become something of a trademark for the elder Cruz, and it's actually one of his milder comments. The 74-year-old from suburban Dallas has in the past called for sending Obama "back to Kenya" and accused him of being an "outright Marxist" out to "destroy all concept of God."

His son, the conservative grassroots darling and often-mentioned 2016 presidential prospect, also relishes controversy — thrusting himself into the teeth of last year's government shutdown battle. But public officials, even combative ones, are usually wary of loose-cannon family members as too politically dangerous.

Not Cruz. His father is a highly visible face of his political operation, someone who can talk directly to his conservative base and delight them with bombshells that the senator himself can't drop. And the father could be a key factor in his son's political future.

In comments to The Associated Press, Ted Cruz and his staff acknowledged Rafael's place as an occasional political surrogate when asked about more than \$16,700 in travel expenses and mileage reimbursement his Senate campaign paid the elder Cruz in 2012 and through December of last year. Cruz and his office, however, have otherwise attempted to side-step some of Rafael's most explosive comments, maintaining in the past that he doesn't speak for his son and was taken out of context or joking.

The elder Cruz insists he isn't worried about the possible political implications of what he says.

"I have a burden for this country and I feel that we cannot sit silent," he said in an interview as he shook nearly every hand in a crowd of 300-plus following his speech in Madisonville, a tiny town known as Texas' mushroom capital because of a popular local festival.

He's also unapologetic: "It's time we stop being politically correct and start being biblically correct."

Besppectated and bald except for wispy patches of gray along the sides of his head, Cruz has two false teeth and a booming voice and ferocious on-stage presence that makes him seem taller and more physically imposing than he actually is. He heads what Ted Cruz's office describes as a "one-man" religious shop known as Purifying

Ministries — but it's not affiliated with the better-known group founded by gospel televangelist Benny Hinn.

His main job, though, is crisscrossing Texas, making appearances that mix religion and politics. He helped his son pull an upset victory in the Republican U.S. Senate primary in 2012, made a barnstorming trip with him to Iowa, where the presidential nominating process begins, and still regularly introduces him at home-state speaking engagements.

Still, some wonder how Rafael Cruz would fit in the atmosphere of a national campaign Cruz may one day mount. In 2008, then-candidate Obama had to distance himself from his pastor, Jeremiah Wright, because of Wright's past sermons featuring anti-America rants.

Though Ted may agree with his father's message, "it's the way he put it," said Allan Lichtman, a presidential historian at American University, referring to Rafael's ridicule. "The problem is, if you want to get into the mainstream and it's not just catering to your base, these things are the kiss of death."

Asked if he'd ever suggest that his father cool it, Ted Cruz responded in an email only. "I love my Dad, and I'm proud to be his son."

Rafael Cruz fled Cuba in 1957 after he was jailed under dictator Fulgencio Batista. He arrived in America with \$100 sewn in his underwear and worked his way through the University of Texas as a dishwasher. He said he thought of Castro as Cuba's savior until the state started seizing private property.

It's a story Ted Cruz supporters know by heart — both men repeat it at nearly all public appearances.

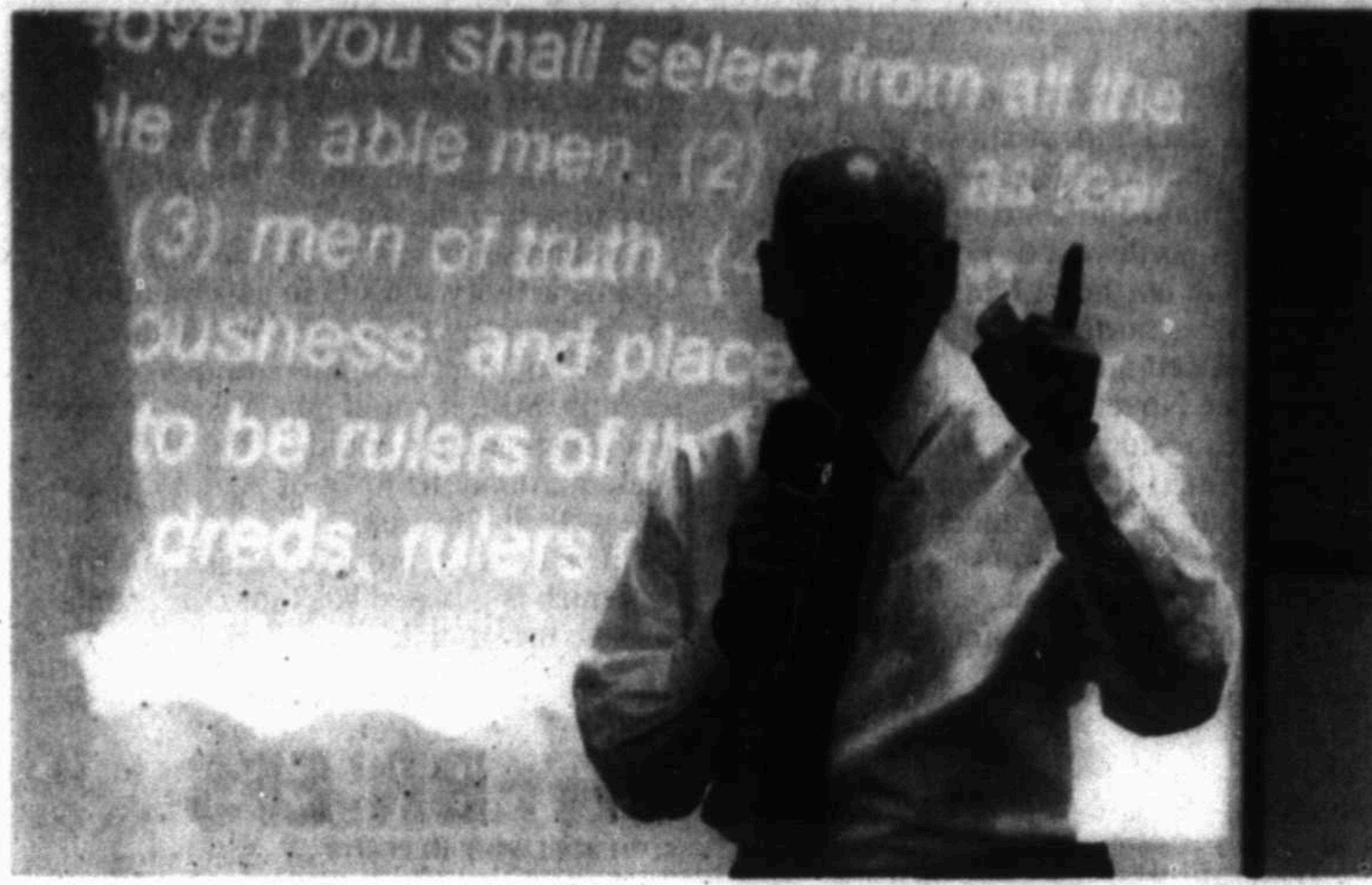
"He's the real thing. He's not just a front. He believes what he says," said Henry Churchwell, a retiree who heads the Madison County Tea Party.

In the United States, Rafael Cruz said, he became concerned in the 1970s that "the government was starting to impose socialism," and was delighted when his son went to Princeton and Harvard and earned a law degree, saying the schools needed stronger conservative voices.

The elder Cruz told the Madisonville crowd that the death panels that "everybody maligned" when former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin spoke out about them have now begun under the White House's signature health care law. If Republicans don't "re-take the Senate in 2014, I don't know if we have a country in 2016," he said.

When he meets with preachers, Rafael encourages them to endorse conservative candidates from the pulpit — in defiance of federal bans on nonprofits engaging in political campaigning.

"I lost my freedom once," he said of leaving Cuba for good "and I'm not going to lose it again. I'd rather die trying."



Rafael Cruz, father of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz speaks during a tea party gathering Jan. 10 in Madisonville.

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for the safe disposal" of high-level waste at a state that voluntarily takes the material.

The commission's findings came after the Yucca Mountain site stalled, following billions of dollars in studies and years of political bickering.

Straus spokesman Jason Embry said the lawmaker instructions are meant to determine the potential costs and benefits to Texas of storing or disposing federal waste given the issues identified by the 2012 commission.

Spent nuclear fuel rods are currently stored and monitored on the sites of nuclear power plants, said Dale Klein, former chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and associate director at the University of Texas Energy Institute.

The floating of a Texas high-level waste site at the Legislature "is surprising to me because at the federal level not much is happening on the waste issue," he said, after the fatigue of the Yucca Mountain saga.

"There's no Plan B for Yucca Mountain," he said. No applications to dispose of high-level radioactive waste have been received by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Given the complicated politics that come with the disposal of radioactive material, that makes the long-term permanent disposal of such material in Texas a long-shot, Klein said.

But an interim facility, where nuclear waste is entombed in dry casks on a concrete slab for as long as a century, could be feasible, he said.

Permitting such a facility, which would handle waste in a similar fashion to the nuclear reactor sites around the country, could take less than two years, Klein said.

The two most likely spots for a high-level waste facility are in Andrews County, the site of the current low-waste facility, and Big Spring, where officials with Austin-based company Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative have said they

want to build a high-level waste storage facility.

Bill Jones, the co-owner of the initiative who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2011 to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, did not return calls for comment.

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Waste Control Specialists, which operates the Andrews County facility, said his company did not press Straus or other lawmakers to order the study of high-level radioactive waste disposal.

The Waste Control political action committee donated \$1,000 to the campaign of state Rep. Patricia Harless, R-Spring, who chairs the House Environmental Committee, in 2011 and 2012. Harless' office said she was not available for comment.

Why does high-level radioactive waste need to be stored so carefully?

Spent nuclear fuel is no longer efficient in creating electricity, according to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. But it remains highly radioactive and harmful — and the only way it becomes harmless is through decay, which can take hundreds of thousands of years. So the wastes must be stored and finally disposed of in a way that protects the public for a very long time.

WATER

From 1B

Colorado River Municipal Water District, the regional provider of water for West Texas cities including Midland and Odessa, has felt the impact of the drought with its surface water supply. As of Monday, the O.H. Ivie Reservoir is 13.3 percent full and its other two surface water sources — Lake Spence and Lake Thomas — are less than 5 percent full, according to the CRMWD website.

"The drought is not over with," said John Grant, CRMWD general manager. "Don't forget that."

Rather than hoping for rain to replenish surface water sources, cities and private companies could turn into drinkable water the vast amounts of underground saltwater or brackish water that oil companies use for hydraulic fracturing.

"There's most likely water supplies out here that are more suitable for industrial uses, particularly in this area," said Leonard Levine, technical director for the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, a wastewater treatment company that operates one such facility in Odessa. "We think that there's water out there that would do the CRMWD no good

"The drought is not over with. Don't forget that."

John Grant, CRMWD general manager

at all because the cost of making it potable would be just more than you would want to pay at the tap."

The cost of purifying 1,000 gallons of brackish water is between \$2.20 and \$2.80, according to a presentation to the Permian Basin Coalition on Thursday by Dileep Agnihotri, president and CEO of desalination equipment company Advanced Hydro. It would be an additional cost tacked onto the \$3.50 to \$4 per 1,000 gallons that Texas residents are already paying.

Advanced Hydro is researching ways to make desalination more cost-efficient and mobile. One of the company's inventions has a cost-to-output ratio

of \$8 per 1,000 gallons.

In addition to the water it receives from CRMWD, Midland is currently using groundwater from Winkler County via the T-Bar Ranch water pipeline. It is not pursuing desalination at this time because of its high cost.

The high cost of desalination may have factored into the formation of the West Texas Water Partnership. The cities of Midland, San Angelo and Abilene have teamed up to pool resources for regional water supply efforts. The cities have their own separate projects, such as groundwater well fields or wastewater reuse facilities, but desalination is a long-term option under

consideration if the cities can work together.

"Our short-term water supply is taken care of, but we are looking now for long-term water," said San Angelo Mayor Dwain Morrison during the announcement of the partnership on Jan. 29.

The Permian Basin Coalition of city and county leaders learned Thursday about the state of water in West Texas and desalination's role in addressing the supply and demand. Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said desalination has the most potential because it could lead to unlimited water.

"When you get thirsty, money is no object," Fritz said. "So sometimes it's just need-driven. Who would have ever thought we would be giving \$1 for a bottle of water? Ten years ago, they would have laughed you out of here."

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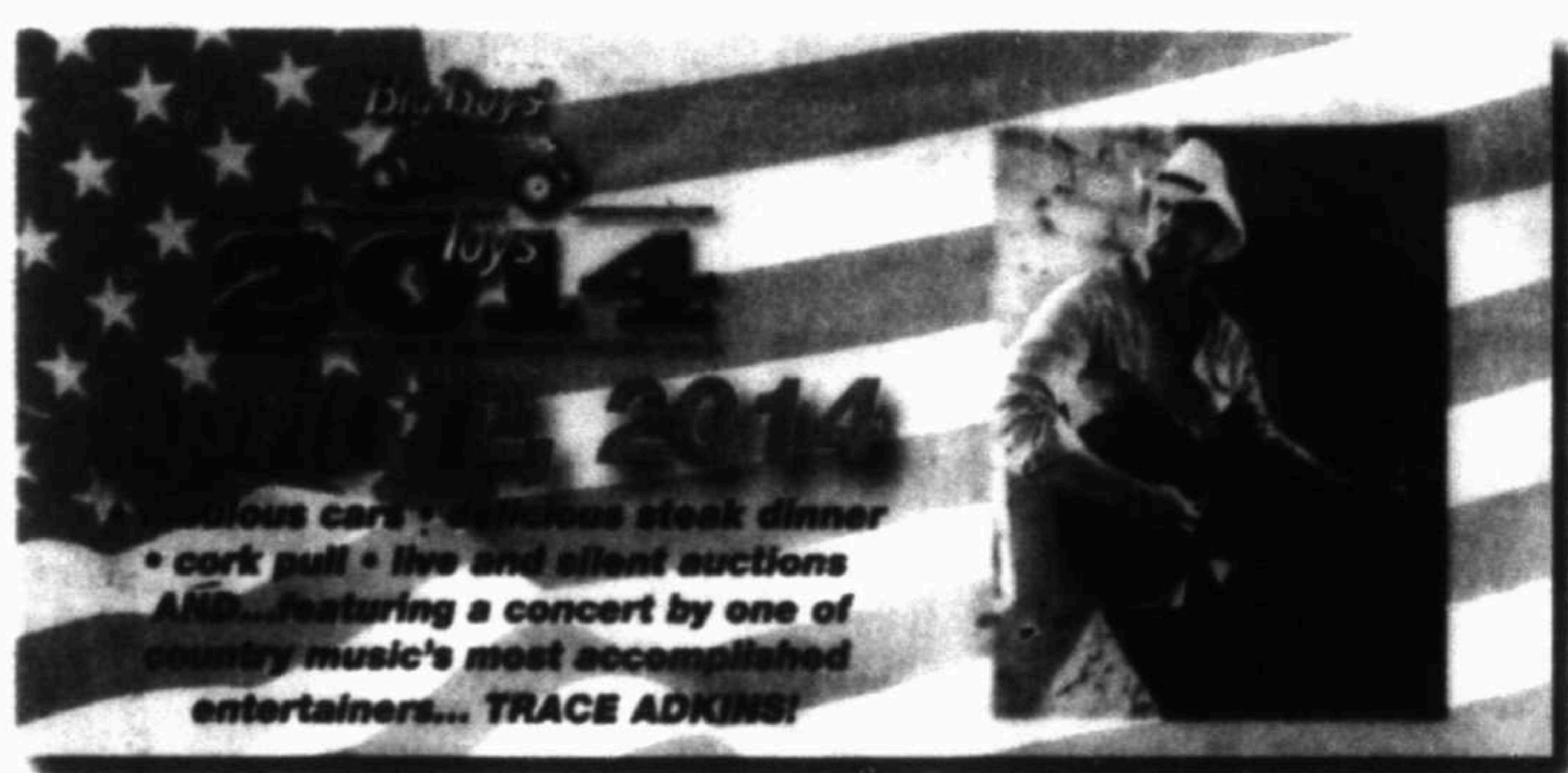
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FROM WIRE REPORTS

**FORT WORTH
2 rescued from
house fire later died**

Officials say a woman and boy pulled from a burning Fort Worth home have died.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Capt. Tom Crow told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday that 27-year-old Karla Guajardo-Salazar and a 6-year-old boy, who had not been identified, died after being taken to hospitals from the Thursday night fire.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office said Guajardo-Salazar died of smoke and carbon monoxide inhalation.

Crow said a critically injured man was also taken to a burn unit in Dallas. No update on his condition was available Friday.

That man told investigators his wife woke him, screaming that the couch was on fire. Investigators found an electrical malfunction near an outlet behind the couch started the fire.

Firefighters found the woman and child in a bathroom.

**NEW MEXICO
Congressmen
propose improving
CBP training**

ANTHONY — New Mexico Rep. Steve Pearce and Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke announced plans Saturday for a bipartisan bill to improve training for agents at U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Pearce, a Republican, and O'Rourke, a Democrat, made the announcement during a meeting Saturday morning with community leaders in Anthony.

The legislation would focus on improving training and accountability for Customs and Border Protection agents.

The measure would include the creation of new channels for people to resolve issues with the agency.

Pearce said the proposal is the result of input from

constituents, including ranchers and immigrants. "This proposal further emphasizes that together, our nation can find simple solutions to our broken system," Pearce said in a statement.

Pearce and O'Rourke previously collaborated on introducing the American Families United Act in October. That proposal would allow a judicial review for U.S. citizens separated from family because of immigration issues.

Pearce, who represents a district that borders Mexico, is viewed by the GOP as a key figure in helping attract Latino voters to the Republican Party. The lone Republican member of New Mexico's congressional delegation, Pearce has been pressed by advocates pushing for federal immigration reform. Many have called on him to support a proposal allowing immigrants living in the U.S. illegally a pathway to citizenship, an idea he has said he doesn't support.

In January, O'Rourke helped kick off a pilot project in West Texas in which private companies and local governments would be allowed to pay for extra staffing and overtime to cut down on wait times at ports of entry and Texas airports.

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with sleeping worker
inside**

ALBUQUERQUE — Authorities say an Albuquerque ambulance worker catching some sleep in the back of his vehicle woke up to find himself the victim of a carjacking.

Police have arrested a man and a woman accused of driving off in the ambulance around 3 a.m. Saturday while it was parked outside Lovelace Medical Center in downtown Albuquerque.

Police spokesman Elder Guevara said the employee was asleep in the vehicle's rear but was able to jump out when the ambulance slowed near an intersection.

Officers then pursued

the ambulance as it headed eastbound, and then westbound, on Interstate 40.

The ambulance finally came to a rest on I-40, over Tramway, after authorities used spikes to deflate the ambulance's tires.

Police have not released the names of the suspects or the victim, who was uninjured.

**NEW MEXICO
Murder charges
dropped in
shootout**

FARMINGTON — A judge has dismissed murder charges in the case of a bystander who was killed during a Farmington shootout targeting his neighbor.

The Daily Times reported Chief District Judge John Dean dropped the charges Friday against 26-year-old Lawrence Kellywood and 31-year-old Levi Wilson because of lack of evidence.

The judge ruled neither man could be prosecuted because police never recovered the bullet that killed 40-year-old Christopher Valdez.

Prosecutors said Kellywood and Wilson walked to the home of Michael Tafoya on July 27 with handguns and began firing. Tafoya returned fire.

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

WEEKENDER

Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram



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From 1B

don't do that, you're just plain dumb. I've learned to tell the wife that I love her once a year whether she wants to hear it or not.

Now, I've never said this world is fair. Somehow women have worked this thing around that you have to say these three words at least every February, but she doesn't have to say them back. She's under no obligation at all.

A Valentine's Day conversation might go something like this:

Man: "Honey, I love you."

Honey: "Oh. How sweet of you to say so. I'm surprised you even remembered it is Valentine's Day."

Man: "Why does that have to have anything to do with Valentine's Day? Can't a man tell his wife he loves her without having an ulterior motive?"

Honey: "I suppose that could happen, but you last mentioned it with candy last February, the best I can remember, and it's February again, or am I making way too much out of an unrelated set of circumstances?"

Man: "The candy is in the car."

Don't get into this battle. You're going to lose. If you whine about her not telling you she loves you, you are going to sound just like her.

The truth is, you probably really have "forgotten" to use those three key words recently.

Valentine's Day is a reminder to keep you on track. Look at it as a nudge from a wise friend who wants you to maintain family harmony. Three words can go a long way to creating a happy day for her and you.

Nobody talks about this much, but you can actually use these three words a lot during the rest of the year. It will open all kinds of doors for you. For instance, if you have a golf game in the afternoon, the three words in the morning may just be the ticket to a free afternoon.

Unfortunately, I gave up golf a few years ago, so that doesn't work so well at my house. But if I ever get a hobby, I'm keeping this proven fact in mind.

As far as Friday is concerned, I think I'll give that gal a big old kiss on the chops and say the three words with flair. I'm not afraid to be romantic, but I'm still not sure if I also need to get a card to go with all this attention. I'm never really sure when enough is enough.

Thought for the Week: "True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked." — Erich Segal, author of "Love Story."

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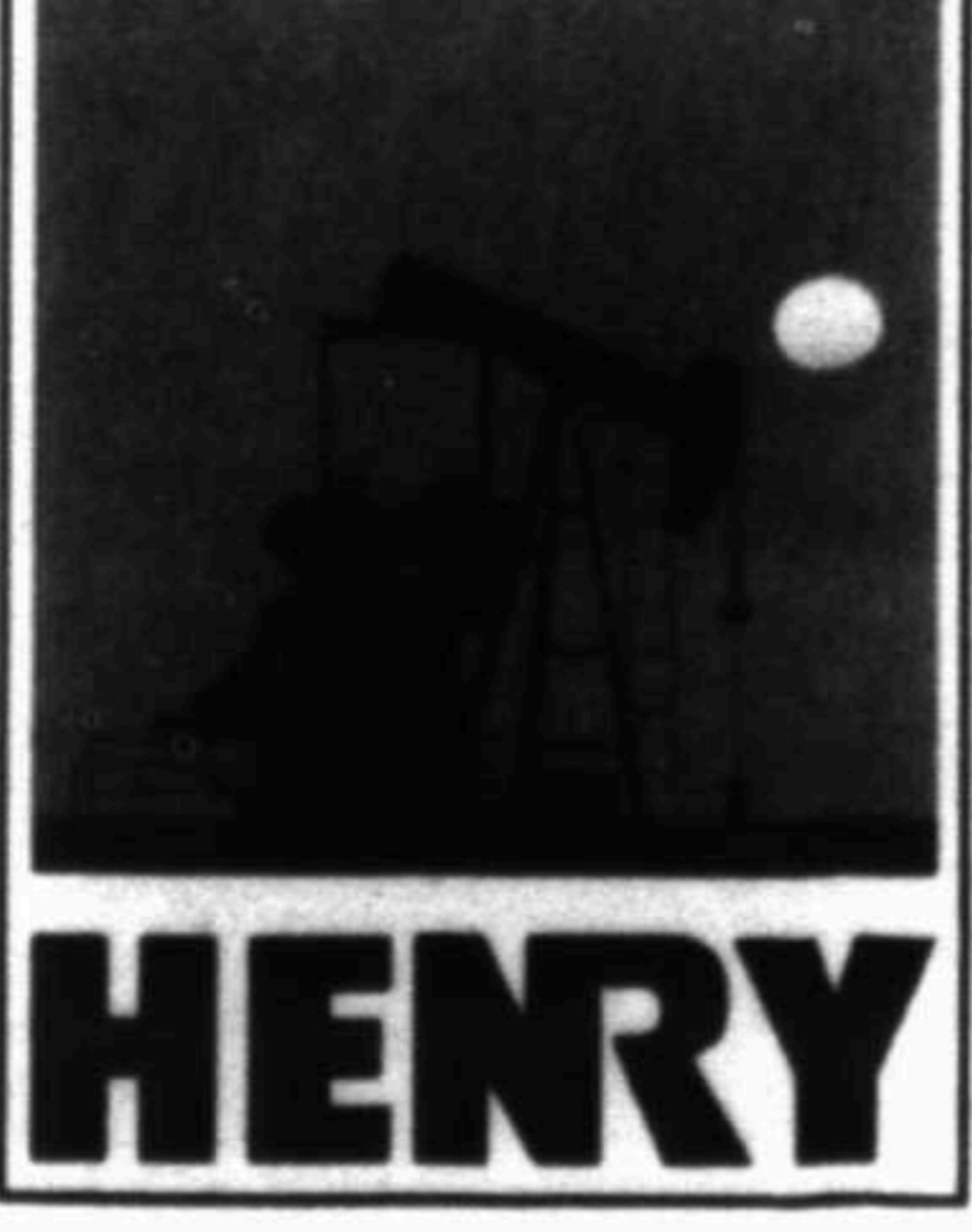
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Suit challenging Brewer's Medicaid plan tossed

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A lawsuit challenging Gov. Jan Brewer's Medicaid expansion plan that was filed by fellow Republicans in the state Legislature was dismissed in a ruling released Saturday, handing Brewer a major victory in her battle against conservative members of her own party.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Katherine Cooper agreed with Brewer that the lawmakers challenging the law don't have the right to sue, saying their argument was incorrect that a hospital assessment included in House Bill 2010 that passed in June was, in fact, a tax that required a supermajority vote of the Legislature under Arizona's Constitution.

Cooper's ruling, dated Friday, said it is the Legislature itself that determines if a two-thirds vote is required under a voter-approved constitutional amendment called Proposition 108.

A bipartisan coalition of lawmakers Brewer assembled to support her plan voted not to impose that requirement on the law, which expanded the state's health insurance program for the poor, known as the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, or AHCCCS, and imposed the hospital assessment.

"In short, Plaintiffs are a minority group within the Legislature who lost a battle over H.B. 2010. They do not claim a concrete, individual injury. Rather, they seek to overturn the vote of the House and Senate. The Legislature as a whole did not authorize them to bring this action," Cooper wrote.

Brewer spokesman Andrew Wilder called the court ruling on expanding "a huge victory."

"Judge Cooper's ruling is thoughtful and legally sound," Wilder said in a statement. "As a result, the state can move forward with implementing the Governor's Medicaid Restoration Plan without further distraction of litigation, thereby restoring cost-effective health care to tens of thousands of Arizonans through AHCCCS, and honoring the will of voters."

"The governor hopes this will put an end to the case and she looks forward to continuing to work with lawmakers on other important state business in the coming weeks."

That's not likely. The suit was filed by the Goldwater Institute on behalf of 36

Republican legislators and three citizens, and Goldwater issued a statement saying it planned to appeal.

"Unfortunately, this ruling greatly damages Arizona's critically important voter-enacted constitutional protection requiring a two-thirds legislative supermajority for all new taxes, even when the government is responding to a 'crisis or emergency' or a program 'for the poor,'" Goldwater attorney Christina Sandefur said. "If this decision stands, it would enable a simple majority of legislators to vote to ignore a constitutional supermajority requirement when politically convenient, shielding that vote from legal challenge."

The hospital assessment is expected to collect \$256 million in the state's 2015 budget year to pay the state's share of expanding Medicaid to about 300,000 people. Those to be covered include people earning between 100 percent and 138 percent of the federal poverty level and childless adults making less than that who lost optional coverage provided by Arizona when the state went through a budget crisis during the Great Recession.

Coverage began Jan. 1, and the most recent figures from the state's Medicaid program show about 30,000 people have gained coverage so far.

Hospitals strongly backed the assessment because they expect to see a much bigger reduction in the cost of treating uninsured patients. Cooper noted that they did not sue and are the only potentially injured party with a right to oppose the assessment.

Brewer is one of only a handful of Republican governors who embraced Medicaid expansion, a key part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law. In all, 25 states plus Washington, D.C., are moving ahead with the expansion, while 19 states have turned it down. Another six states are weighing options.

Brewer spent months trying to get Republicans who control both chambers to support Medicaid expansion. She convinced a handful of Republicans to join all minority Democrats and put together a majority that supported the move, but leaders refused to let it come to a vote. She finally rammed it through in June after calling a special session to get around recalcitrant GOP House and Senate leaders.

ARIZONA BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PHOENIX Internet upgrade may come from school fees

Gov. Jan Brewer said she wants to offset the digital divide among Arizona schools when it comes to Internet access.

But Brewer is proposing to pay for upgrades to the state's broadband infrastructure by charging school districts and charter schools \$15 per child over a six-year period. The Arizona Republic reported.

That proposal has drawn fire from some educators and politicians, who argue it would only benefit private companies and homeowners.

According to Brewer's plan, which would cost the state and private entities \$350 million in upgrades, schools would foot the bill for internal updates needed to access faster broadband. They would also have to pay for Internet access.

State staffers have been promoting the plan as a crucial to giving all students a competitive advantage and critical resources.

State Budget Director John Arnold said Arizona is 20 years behind other states, with three schools still using dial-up modems

to get onto the Internet. According to the governor's office, 11 percent of the state's schools can only get Internet at 100 megabits per second. The median data rate for the schools is 12 megabits per second.

TUCSON 1 dead, 3 wounded in vehicle collision

Tucson police say a man has died after two vehicles collided.

Sgt. Chris Widmer said firefighters responded to the scene near 6th Avenue and Illinois just before 2 a.m. Saturday.

Police said officers found bystanders pulling a male passenger from a vehicle engulfed in flames. He was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Emergency workers declared the male driver of that car dead at the scene.

Police said the male driver of the other vehicle has been hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. A male passenger in that car suffered only minor injuries.

Investigators said it appears the vehicle that caught fire was rear-ended when it turned southbound onto 6th Avenue.

They said speed, alcohol and possibly drugs appear to have been factors in the incident.

TEMPE Fire department creates a new 911 program

The Tempe Fire Department has created a new program geared at helping residents who frequently call for emergency services.

At the same time, the program is expected to save taxpayers' dollars.

It sends a nurse and a paramedic to do house calls for preventative checks on residents who are known to call emergency personnel.

Fire officials said they found a certain population that crews were interacting with almost on a daily basis through the 911 system.

The program is designed to work proactively with those people before they feel the need to call 911.

Some of the health issues identified included hypertension and diabetes.

Officials said patient advocates visited 20 homes last month, made 26 patient follow-up visits and 10 physician contacts.

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Bulldogs roll by Cooper, clinch final playoff berth

By Jonathan Hull
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Turns out the Midland High-Lee boys basketball matchup is for nothing more than bragging rights.

Midland High made sure that was the case Saturday when it wrapped up the fourth and final playoff berth available in District 2-5A with a 70-44 drubbing of Abilene Cooper at Chaparral Center. The win is the fifth consecutive for the Bulldogs (13-12, 9-6 in 2-5A) and eliminates Lee from postseason consideration.

"Great feeling, great feeling," MHS coach Charles Tatum said of clinching a playoff spot. "The kids really deserve it. They buckled down in a very difficult time of the season when we had to win some games. They did exactly

Bulldogs 70
Cougars 44

what they needed to do. They gelled as a team at the right time and that's all you could ask for."

During Midland High's five-game winning streak it seemed a different person was stepping up to lead the Bulldogs each time they went out on the floor. On Saturday, it was AD Johnson's turn.

Johnson knocked down four 3-pointers and converted one into a four-point play after being fouled on the shot, giving him a team-high 13 points.

"I felt like Steph Curry today," Johnson said in reference to the NBA All-Star guard from the Golden State Warriors. "I've been working really hard for this moment and it finally

came along."

Johnson's four-point play was a part of a 16-2 run by the Bulldogs in the third period that made the biggest difference in Midland High picking up the win.

The Bulldogs held a narrow 27-22 advantage heading into the second half. Tatum said the strong start to the third quarter was simply the team putting an emphasis on finding some energy while playing on a Saturday afternoon as opposed to the customary Friday night.

"We just tried to inject a little bit of energy into our game plan," Tatum said. "We kind of reminded them what they're playing for in the locker room at halftime. They did what they needed to do to get the win."

Please see **PLAYOFF/3C**



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Midland High's A.D. Johnson (4) passes around Abilene Cooper's Levi Cook (3) on Saturday at Chaparral Center. The Bulldogs clinched the last playoff berth out of District 2-5A with a 70-44 victory over the Cougars.

HS SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Standout stalwarts

Sheppard looking for another stellar season

By Len Hayward
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Ciara Sheppard has been a starter on the Lee softball team for so long that veteran Lady Rebels coach Wes Overton likely has her name already printed on each lineup card while the other spaces are left blank.

That's the kind of presence she has been for the Lady Rebel program the last three years.

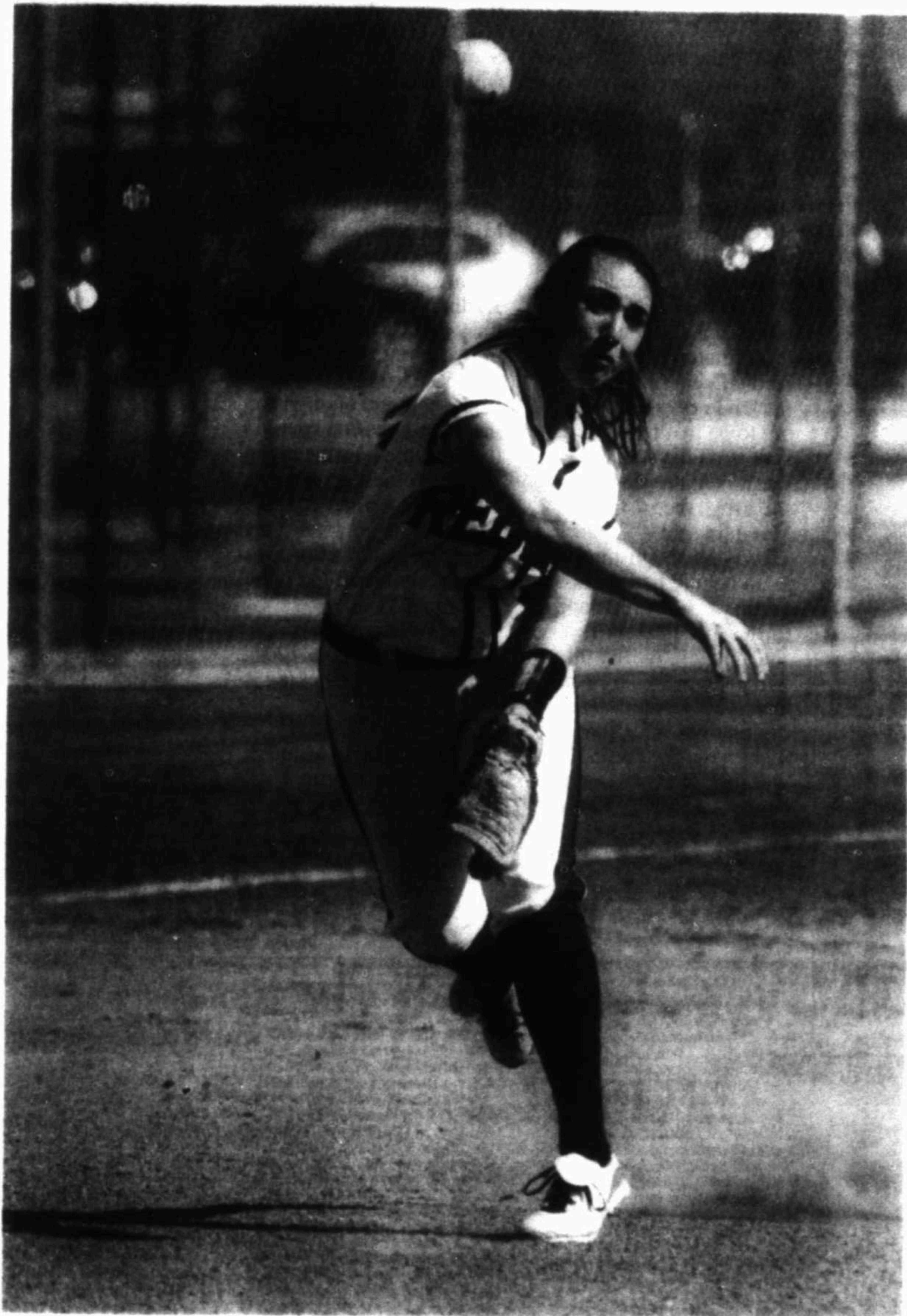
Sheppard started as a freshman at second base, moved to shortstop her sophomore year and has excelled in every season, earning superlative district honors in two of her last three years.

Overton said many coaches have even joked with him, "Hasn't she graduated yet?"

Sheppard is a senior this season, and when it's over, her full impact on the program likely won't be known until offseason workouts begin in the fall of 2014.

But for now, she's back for one more season to help cement her legacy as one of the Lee program's best players.

"She does just about everything for us," Overton said. "She's solid, she's dependable... however you want to characterize the way she plays, pick a



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Lee's Ciara Sheppard throws a first base for an out during a game last season at Gene Smith Field. Sheppard has been a mainstay for the Lady Rebels softball team.

Please see **SHEPPARD/4C**

Midland High's Warren rewarding coach's trust

By Len Hayward
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The biggest complement Midland High coach Shawnda Vines paid Courtney Warren as a freshman catcher was to allow her to call the pitches.

Warren had never called pitches in her career when she entered the Midland High program as a freshman in 2011. She had played the position her whole career, but a third of the way through her freshman season for the Lady Bulldogs Vines turned over the reins to her.

It was a decision that even now Vines said wasn't hard because from the point Warren began wearing Midland High colors, she knew Warren was ready.

"It was pretty easy to see with her that she was going to be a top-rated all-district-type player," Vines said.

Three years later, Vines' hunch turned out to be right as Warren has not only handled Midland High's pitchers with ease, but has also been a key component for the Lady Bulldogs the last three years. Now as Warren is ready to begin her senior season, and Midland High the 2014 campaign, Warren's reputation is already

established and now it's a matter of following up those three years with another stellar senior season.

"The pressure doesn't get to me really," said Warren, who has been a first team all-district selection the last two seasons.

"There is pressure to get my goals done, but pressure as in having faith in my team, and being a senior, no."

Even though Vines knew Warren had the talent to catch as a freshman, she didn't play the spot right away in 2011.

Warren played some in the field, and was also in the Lady Bulldogs' lineup.

But when the District 3-5A season approached, Warren had taken over the catching job and took off. Warren admits there was some adjustment having to call pitches and work with pitchers who were much older, but it didn't take long for Warren to find out she was right for the position.

"I had heard a lot about high school, and that it was really tough to start as a freshman, and I knew I had to come work hard for it," Warren said. "I think I was well prepared. The coaches I had in the past had always helped me out, but it was



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Midland High catcher Courtney Warren catches a foul ball to get the out during a 2012 game against Lee.

Please see **WARREN/4C**

Vazquez's 4 goals power MHS past OHS

Bulldogs 8
Bronchos 1

By Justin Oaks
MRT Correspondent

Homero Vazquez poured in four goals as the Midland High boys soccer team routed Odessa High by a score of 8-1 on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Vazquez's first goal came in the 13th minute and set the tone for the game as he outdueled three defenders to put the Bulldogs on the board early. That was one of three by Vazquez in the first half as MHS jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the opening 40 minutes.

"I just sort of used my speed to get around them," Vazquez said. "When you play as a team, you get a good result. That's what we did today. We played as a team."

Midland scattered seven more goals throughout regulation, including two in the last 10 minutes for good measure, on the way to its third win in District 2-5A play. The Bulldogs improved to 3-1-1 with 10 points in the 2-5A table and Odessa High fell to 1-3-2 with 5 points.

"We found the finishing touches that we've been struggling with. We were really finding the back of the net (Saturday)," said Midland High coach Warren Cottle. "Homero had an incredible game, but it was a complete effort. Everyone across the board put in the work to make



Vazquez

Please see **BULLDOGS/3C**

Carriger, Campbell find spots at state meet

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — A pair of competitors from the Midland ISD swimming and diving teams will be heading to the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championships later this month in Austin after Saturday's Region 1-5A meet.

Midland High freshman Kyle Carriger won the 100-yard breaststroke to earn a spot in the state meet, while Lee freshman Charlye Campbell finished second in the 1-meter diving to also earn a spot at state.

Those two finishes were part of a big day for Midland ISD swimmers as there were a total of seven swimmers and divers that earned medals, and two relay teams that also earned podium finishes.

"It was really exciting, the kids really stepped up," Midland ISD swimming and diving coach Jennifer Mangum said. "We had lifetime best swims from everybody whether they were the relay-only swimmers or swimming four events. The mood



Carriger



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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV COLLEGE WRESTLING Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, 2 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus GOLF PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, final round, Noon, TGC PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, final round, 2 p.m., CBS Championships Tour, Allianz Championship, final round, 2 p.m., TGC HORSE RACING NTRA, Donn Handicap and Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap, 4 p.m., Fox Sports 1 MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Michigan St. at Wisconsin, Noon, CBS UConn at UCF, 5 p.m., ESPN2 Clemson at Syracuse, 5 p.m., ESPN Creighton at St. John's, 6 p.m., Fox Sports 1 Washington at Colorado, 7 p.m., ESPN NBA New York at Oklahoma City, Noon, ABC Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m., ABC Dallas at Boston, 5 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest RODEO PBR, LiftMaster Chute Out (same-day tape), 11 a.m., CBS SOCCER Premier League, teams TBA (same-day tape), 1 p.m., NBC Sports Network WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Louisville at UConn, Noon, ESPN Boston College at Florida State, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest Plus Creighton at DePaul, Noon, Fox Sports 1

Sunday Morning Line

This and that as realignment was not quite as dramatic as it could have been:

Tickets are on sale now for "Midland Mystique," the documentary that El Paso filmmaker Charlie Minn has directed.

Minn directed a film on Hobbs, N.M. basketball last year, and then was turned onto the Midland project by one of his producers.

Minn focuses much of the film on Lee's run to three straight state championships from 1998-2000, but he also takes a look at high school football success in the Permian Basin after World War II.

The movie is set to debut in Midland on Feb. 28. You can get more info on the film at www.midland-mystique.com. If you're a football fan from around here, this is a must-see movie.

And hey, they even in-terview Hondo Schneider, so that can't be missed.

Word coming out of the first district meeting of the new District 3-6A is that Lee and Midland

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High will be playing in Week 10 for the next two football seasons. But the two Tall City teams will be the only rivals playing that weekend because the two schools that have sister schools in different classifications wanted to avoid Thursday district games.

So, the blind draw was used to determine the schedule instead of putting all the rivalry games on the same week, and Midland High and Lee ended up that weekend.

I thought all the rivalry games might happen on the same week since Abilene High and San Angelo Central are longtime rivals, but it didn't work out that way.

The Lee and Midland High girls basketball teams began the Class 5A

playoffs this week with games in Alpine. After a quick glance at the bracket it looks like the Lady Rebels have favorable draw, while Midland High's draw is a little tougher.

Don't be surprised, though, to see at least one team playing in Fort Worth in the regional tournament later this month. Both teams are playing well right now, and if they can get hot they could turn some heads to the east.

It looks like Midland may have found its next swimming star. Midland High freshman Kyle Carrier won the 100-yard breaststroke at the Region I-5A swim meet on Saturday, winning by more than a second.

Carrier has certainly made a mark this year both as an individual and

as part of Midland High's 200 medley relay team.

Overall, Saturday was a big day for Midland ISD in swimming as seven individual swimmers and divers earned podium finishes, along with two relay teams.

And the best part for coach Jennifer Mangum is that there are more coming down the road.

It looks like Alex Rodriguez thought better about suing the organization that stands up for him and took his one-season suspension from Major League Baseball. Rodriguez suing the players' association, though, was not surprising considering his track record.

And finally, there will be a Midlander at Daytona in two weeks. Keep an eye on Tyler Young, who will be making his debut at the track in the Camping World Truck Series race on Feb. 21. Good luck Tyler.

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MEET

From IC

from Lubbock Coronado. Midland High junior Sarah Blank took third with a score of 417.75.

Carrier won a total of four medals on Saturday as she finished third in the 200-yard individual medley, and was part of the Midland High 200 medley relay that finished second.

Carrier teamed with Jordin Newman, Blythe Lary and Cassidy Hale in that event for a time of 1:50.65. The time will likely be good enough for the team to earn a spot in the state meet as the eight region winners plus the event qualify for state.

Mangum said the announcement will likely be made on Monday. The foursome also finished third in the 400 freestyle relay, clocking in at 3:46.11.

Also on the girls side, Lee junior Keely Martin earned a medal with a third-place finish in the

girls 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:30.77. That was a lifetime best swim for Martin.

On the boys side, Midland High sophomore Barak Bane grabbed second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.56, and was third in the 50 freestyle at 21.87.

Midland High sophomore Zach Breeding took second in the boys 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.06 as Breeding finished just under a second behind San Angelo Central's Sebastian Forbes.

Fresh, 2nd, 424.95 Sarah Blank, MHS, Sr. 3rd, 5:17.75 100 butterfly Cassidy Hale, MHS, Sr. 1st, 1:02.04, Jordin Newman, MHS, Sr., 8th, 1:02.04 100 freestyle Lee Moreno, Lee, Jr., 15th, 1:00.56 Lauren Sims, Lee, Jr., 20th, 1:03.10 500 freestyle Keely Martin, Lee, Jr. 3rd, 5:30.77 Haleigh Cooper, Lee, Sr., 14th, 6:08.50 200 freestyle relay Midland High (Lisavette Soriano, Rachel Casilla, Kalee McCarty, Julia Delgado), 17th, 2:59.35 Lee (Olivia Taylor, Marissa Branch, Melody Davis, Haleigh Cooper), 19th, 2:06.63 100 backstroke Blythe Lary, MHS, Jr., 7th, 1:02.30 Jennifer Sites, Lee, Sr., 11th, 1:04.70 100 breaststroke Kaye Carrier, MHS, Fr. 1st, 1:05.13 Keely Martin, Lee, Jr., 7th, 1:14.02 400 freestyle relay Midland High (Cassidy Hale, Blythe Lary, Kaye Carrier, Jordin Newman), 3rd, 3:46.11 Lee (Lee Moreno, Lauren Sims, Jennifer Sites, Keely Martin), 7th, 4:00.89 BOYS 200 medley relay Midland High (Barak Bane, Zach Breeding, Josh James, Michael Huzzey), 10th, 1:47.93 Lee (David Lee, Robbs, Zach Gray, Corey Sanchez, Austin Gibson), 19th, 2:05.72 200 freestyle Josh James, MHS, Sr. 13th, 1:55.43 200 IM Zach Breeding, MHS, Sr. 10th, 2:07.07 Jared Barrendy, Lee, Sr. 19th, 2:24.37 50 freestyle Barak Bane, MHS, Sr. 3rd, 21.87 100 butterfly Josh James, MHS, Sr. 9th, 56.29 Shelby Hawkins, Lee, Sr. 21st, 1:05.12 100 freestyle Barak Bane, MHS, Sr. 2nd, 47.56 500 freestyle Jared Barrendy, Lee, Sr. 20th, 5:39.90 200 freestyle relay Midland High (Barak Bane, Michael Huzzey, Josh James, Zach Breeding), 14th, 1:39.95 Lee (Ted DeCambré, Shelby Hawkins, River Atwood, Jared Barrendy), 16th, 1:42.07 100 backstroke Shelby Hawkins, Lee, Sr. 20th, David Lee, Robbs, Lee, Sr., 23rd, 1:09.53 100 breaststroke Zach Breeding, MHS, Sr. 2nd, 1:01.06 400 freestyle relay Lee Jared Barrendy, River Atwood, Ted DeCambré, Shelby Hawkins, 16th, 3:50.56

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY COLLEGE BASEBALL Cameron at UTPB, Noon (DH) COLLEGE SOFTBALL UTPB vs. New Mexico Highlands, 1:30 p.m., Las Vegas LOCAL SPORTS

MIDLANDERS

INDUCTED INTO USSSA HALL OF FAME FORT WORTH — A pair of Midlanders were recently inducted into the Texas USSSA Hall of Fame recently. Midland residents Tim Kohn and Bob Weidner were part of the Class of 2014 and were inducted as players. The pair was inducted along with Joe Jenkins, Sturber Ibron, Larre Feeler, Ray Butler, Garland Softball Association and Joey Gillaspay.

RANCHLAND HILLS MEMBER GUEST

Results of the Ranchland Hills Member Guest Tournament: Championship Flight: 1. Bryan Wood/KT Livingston 62; 2. Aaron Garcia/Brian Stephens 67; 3. the Michael Muller/Troy North 69; Joe Espey/Trey Perkins 69; John Hopkins/Greg Avery 69 President's Flight: 1. Bill McGuire/Robert Rancovich 66; 2. Brady Shivers/Dave Shivers 69; 3. the Horny Maldonado/Mike Ybarra 71; Lee Plucka/Zach Smithley 71 First Flight: 1. Nick Reeves/Aaron Burchfield 71; 2. Tom Cole/Warren Hutchinson 74; 3. (tie) Rudy Maddox/Jerrod Stallings 75; Craig Winborn/Tom Newman 75 Second Flight: 1. Mark Hessel/Chip Roemisch 73; 2. Abel Lujan/Sammy Fields 77; 3. Dan Bohannon/Wes Smith 78 Third Flight: 1. the Bill Smith/Tom Morris 74; 2. Mike Maldonado/Loa Maldonado 74; 3. Barrett Mouser/John Hayes 76

WJCAC STANDINGS

Table with columns for Women and Men, District, W, L, T, Overall. Includes scores for various districts like Midland College, Howard College, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL National League LAKE ARROWHEAD (L) Agreed to terms with HPF Jeff Samardzija in a one-year contract for \$3.1 million. LOS ANGELES ANGELES (A) Agreed to terms with HPF Paul Mauer in a one-year contract for \$1.8 million. MIAMI MARLINS Agreed to terms with HPF Matt Moore in a two-year contract. Detroit Tigers acquired Jimmy Paredes for assignment. MILWAUKEE BREWERS Acquired left-handed reliever Brandon Hand for assignment. FRONTIER LEAGUE LAKE ARROWHEAD (LAH) Agreed to terms with HPF Chad Kuhl with a two-year contract for \$1.8 million. SEAHAMBERS (SBA) Agreed to terms with HPF Willie Ponder in a one-year contract for \$1.8 million. WASHINGTON ANGELES (WA) Agreed to terms with HPF Quincy Gutierrez in a one-year contract for \$1.8 million. FOOTBALL National Football League CHICAGO (CHI) Agreed to terms with HPF Matt Ryan in a one-year contract for \$15 million.

FISHING REPORT

WEST ALAN HENRY Water slightly stained, 54-56 degrees, 13-17 feet low. Black bass are far on Texas rigs and flats. Traps No reports on copper or catfish. ARROWHEAD Water murky, 38-43 degrees, 15-21 feet low. Catfish are far on Texas rigs. Carp are far on live minnows. One carp report on U-Tail and nightcrawlers. One carp report on nightcrawlers. COLORADO CITY 20-25 feet low. No report available. FORT PHANTOM HILL Water clear, 51-54 degrees, 12-18 feet low. Black bass are far on Texas rigs. Crappie are far on live minnows. Catfish are far on nightcrawlers. HUBBARD CREEK Water clear, 58-65 degrees, 21-25 feet low. Black bass are far on Texas rigs. Crappie are far on live minnows. Catfish are far on nightcrawlers. NASWORTHY No report available. OAK CREEK Water stained, 38-44 degrees, 12-12 feet low. Black bass are far on Rat-L-Traps, crankbaits and soft plastic worms. Striped bass are far on slabs and grubbs. White bass are far on slabs and crankbaits. Catfish are far on shrimp, nightcrawlers and chowchew. Yellow catfish are good on trout and dropshells baited with live perch. Everyone on a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing).

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HSBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys GRAPEVINE FAITH 83 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 72

Grapevine Faith didn't hit 23 3-pointers this time against Midland Christian, but the Mustangs couldn't pull off the win as the Lions won 83-72 on Saturday at the McGraw Special Events Center.

Midland Christian couldn't recover from a 42-31 halftime deficit during the game.

Daniel Venzant and Caleb Warren each led the Mustangs (19-11, 7-4 in TAPPS 1-4A) with 18 points, and Sam Gilbert added 13 in the loss.

Midland Christian coach Marks Lanham said his squad did a much better job of limiting the 3-pointers from the Lions but struggled to rebound the missed shots.

The Mustangs will take on Lubbock Trinity Christian at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Lubbock.

Table with 5 columns: Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Blocks. Includes names like Modsett, Ford, Carter, Standish, Dixon, McCaw, Bostema, Womack, etc.

Girls NO. 15 MID. CHRISTIAN 40 GRAPEVINE FAITH 31

Morgan Ashton scored 14 points and Lindsey Mills added 13 as No. 15 Midland Christian took a 40-31 TAPPS 1-4A victory against Grapevine Faith on Saturday at the McGraw Special Events Center.

The Lady Mustangs held the Lady Lions to single digits in three of the four quarters, including opening the game with a '15-5 first quarter lead.

Midland Christian (24-6, 7-1) will take on Lubbock Trinity Christian at 6 p.m. Tuesday. If the Lady Mustangs win, they will tie for the TAPPS 1-4A title and will play a seeding game with Lubbock Trinity for the top seed from the district in the playoffs.

Table with 5 columns: Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Blocks. Includes names like Luan, Linn, Berman, Barnes, McKinnon, etc.

Krisa's goal sends Lady Dawgs past OHS

By Len Hayward lhayward@mrt.com

It was the result that Ryan Dunlevy and the Midland High girls soccer team has been looking for all season, and it finally came on Saturday.

Sarah Krisa's goal in the 36th minute was all that the Lady Bulldogs needed to take a 1-0 victory against Odessa High at Grande Communications Stadium.

During the first three weeks of the District 2-5A season, Midland High had tallied a loss and tie against league leaders San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian.

Saturday's match was one more chance to notch a win against one of the district's contending teams, and MHS seized the opportunity to vault itself back into the top tier of the 2-5A girls table.

"It was huge," Krisa said. "That's our first win that we had to really dig deep, and we did it."

Midland High improved to 3-4-2 overall and 2-1-2 in District 2-5A with eight points and moved into fifth place, one point behind Abilene Cooper.

The win, though, might not have happened if not for a key save on a penalty kick by Lady Bulldog goalkeeper Caitlyn Terebessy in the first half.



Krisa

Odessa High player was fouled inside the 18-yard box, giving the Lady Bronchos a chance to take the lead. But Terebessy stopped Kianna Barrera's shot.

Terebessy jumped up and down after the save, and the save also seemed to spark the Lady Bulldogs, who began to put more pressure on Odessa High's backline.

"You know, I just felt something come over me. I just knew," Terebessy said about stopping the shot. "They would've scored, and then we would've been down and been in a hole. (The save) kept our spirits alive, and it was a good way to start the game."

Just more than 15 minutes later, Midland High's pressure paid off when Adrienne Almodova sent a ball into the box off of a free kick and Krisa used her height to leap over the OHS defenders to get her head on it for the goal.

"I started my run further back than they set up their line," Krisa said. "I tried to make my run early and play the ball. It was perfect. I've been in that situation before and missed it, and I did what I could to make sure it went in."

Midland High will hit the road on Tuesday for a game against Amarillo

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Lady Bulldogs 1, Lady Bronchos 0.

Girls District 2-5A Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, Overall. Includes teams like Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper, etc.

Saturday's Scores

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Midland High 1, Odessa High 0; Lee 2, Abilene High 2; etc.

Tuesday's Games

Table with 2 columns: Game, Time. Midland High at Amarillo; Lee at Abilene; etc.

Tascosa, and Lady Bulldogs coach Ryan Dunlevy said his squad needed Saturday's victory.

"We were frustrated with the San Angelo loss and the tie to Odessa Permian," Dunlevy said. "Those are kind of the big dogs, and we are just a couple of little things away from them being different games. But I'm so proud of the girls for finding a way to win. That's kind of been the focus all week is finding a way to get the job done, and that's what they did today."

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Midland High's Gary Ringo (5) and Shawn Rivers, right, defend Abilene Cooper's Myles Royak, center, on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

PLAYOFF

From 1C

Johnson's four-point play came with 4:56 left in the third and lifted the Bulldogs to a 38-24 lead. But as if that play didn't excite the team enough, a dazzling play by Shawn Rivers and Gary Ringo was shortly on the horizon.

After Johnson drained his fourth 3-pointer of the game at the 4:06 mark, Rivers stole a pass on Cooper's ensuing possession and headed down the court for what seemed to be an easy transition layup.

Rivers, however, saw Ringo trailing the play in his peripheral vision and Ringo called out to him. "Throw it off the backboard."

Rivers adjusted his layup attempt to bounce a pass off the backboard which Ringo leapt and grabbed with two hands for a dunk. The play not only brought the Midland High bench and crowd to its feet, but also capped the 16-2 run and gave the Bulldogs a 43-24 lead with 3:35 left in the third.

"We hadn't worked on anything like that before," said Rivers, who had six

assists. "We've messed around in practice with some dunks and stuff but never off the backboard like that."

The momentum the Bulldogs seized from that alley-oop dunk carried over into fourth quarter, and they hope it carries over into Tuesday's rivalry game against Lee and the postseason.

But for now the Bulldogs are just going to revel in the glory of being in the playoffs after winning just seven games in each of the last two seasons.

"This means a lot," Ringo said. "We're tired of losing."

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Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, Overall. Includes teams like Midland High, Abilene Cooper, etc.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

it happen."

Vazquez's second goal came four minutes after the first on another joust with several defenders, and he notched his third with one minute left in the first half with an assist by Will Downing.

The Bulldogs' third and fourth goals were scored by Alex Von-Holle, the first of two for the sophomore.

and Francisco Arriaga, respectively as Midland went into halftime with a 5-1 lead.

Vazquez added one more goal to his total in the 50th minute of play to run the score to 6-1.

The final two goals were scored in the waning minutes by Von-Holle and Allan Aguilar to seal the victory for the Bulldogs.

Will Downing had two assists, and Ricky Munoz, Aguilar, Mar-

cus Davis, Bryce Hoppel and Alexis Mendoza also had helpers.

Cottle said, though, that his team cannot afford to rest on its laurels.

"It's one game, and we have to keep on improving," Cottle said. "It's a crazy district. Today was our day, but you never know when you're going to face someone who's playing really well."

Rebels drop 2nd straight district contest

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee boys soccer team dropped its second straight District 2-5A game Saturday after Abilene High scored two unanswered goals in the second half to take a 3-2 victory at Shotwell Stadium.

The Rebels went up 2-1 in the 42nd minute after



Strambler

12 minutes later, Abilene

Darius Strambler scored his second goal of the game off an assist from Omar Alvidrez.

But Lee did apply some late pressure for an equalizing

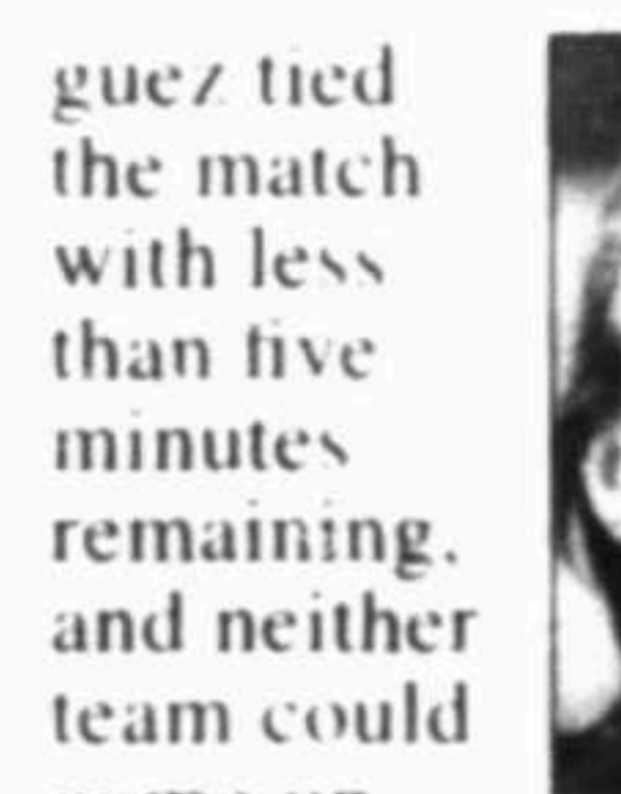
Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Eagles 3, Rebels 2.

Lady Rebels settle for a tie against Abilene High

From staff reports

ABILENE — Chaselyn Richardson and Marina Silva each scored goals as the Lee girls soccer team played to a 2-2 draw with Abilene High on Saturday at Shotwell Stadium.

Silva's goal, which came in the 68th minute on an assist by Abigail Baeza, gave the Lady Rebels a 2-1 lead in the second half. But Abilene High's Caitlyn Rodri-



Richardson

quez tied the match with less than five minutes remaining, and neither team could come up with a game-winner after that.

Lee is 3-3-3 overall and 1-2-2 with five points in District 2-5A, while Abilene High is now 4-2-



Silva

2 and also 1-2-2 with five points in 2-5A.

"We're a young team, and we definitely showed some youth in the way we played," Lee girls coach Alan Castillejos said. "I'm proud of the girls. We played with intensity."

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points. Lady Rebels 2, Lady Eagles 2.

Unfortunately, we didn't come away with three, but one point's not bad on the road."

Richardson scored her goal in the 19th minute on an assist from Silva.

Lee will return to Shotwell Stadium on Tuesday to take on Abilene Cooper at 7 p.m.

HSBASKETBALLPLAYOFFPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Table with 2 columns: Region I, Region II. Lists playoff pairings for Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and Division I.

Table with 2 columns: Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A, Class A Division I. Lists playoff pairings for various classes.

Table with 2 columns: Region I, Region II, Division I. Lists playoff pairings for various regions and divisions.

HSSOFTBALLPREVIEWCAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

LEE Coach: Wes Overton (15th season at Lee, 370-133-1 in 14 seasons; 18th season overall, 424-141-1) Last season: 28-8, 13-3 (3rd in District 2-5A) Key losses: P Emily Hardaway (Hardin-Simmons), 3B Kristen Schlemeyer, IF Dee Gaona Key returners: SS Ciara Sheppard (Sr.), OF/P Kylie Olivias (Sr.), OF Kylie Herring (Sr.), C Destiny Reyes (Sr.), 1B Rosie Marquez (Jr.) Overton on the Lady Rebels' pitching situation: "It's going to be a draw somebody out of the hat every game probably as far as who is going to start. We've got four or five girls that can throw, and we may have to use four or five girls every game." Notes: The Lady Rebels will have a potent lineup with the return of such players as Sheppard, Olivias, Herring and 3B Sidney Martin (Jr.), but the big question mark will be who ends up in the circle. There are four pitchers listed on the roster in Olivias, Tasha Lindemuth (Jr.), Darby O'Grady (So.) and Alexus Granado (Jr.), and Overton said every one of them could see plenty of innings during the short non-district and tournament season. Olivias, however, will be used in emergency situations, and O'Grady comes back with some varsity pitcher experience. As far as hitting, though, Sheppard has been a consistent bat for her three years in the program, while Martin can provide some power. Olivias was strong a year ago at the plate, while Reyes will fit into the leadoff spot.

2014 Lady Rebels Schedule Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Time. Includes games against Lubbock, Odessa, Midland High, etc.

All home games at Gene Smith Field * Denotes District 2-5A Game

Penny Abila is no longer with the team. Vines said that Sydney Betcher (Sr.) will see time at first, but added that Aubrie Elliott could see some time at the spot once she joins the team from basketball. Madison Gonzales (Jr.) has been playing second, while Shelby Neatherlin (Jr.) has been playing both third base and shortstop. Lopez, meanwhile, has been shifting between both the infield and outfield during scrimmages and pre-season workouts. "We've had to replace one or two before, but we are literally rebuilding our infield," Vines said. "We would like to have it set by that first district ball game against Odessa High, but there's no guarantee that's going to happen." Vines said that Baeza will return to the circle this season, along with Ryan, who was last year's District 2-5A Newcomer of the Year, and Vines said that Kendra Evans (Jr.) and Arlyn Flores (So.) could also pitch.

MIDLAND HIGH Coach: Shawnda Vines (15th season, 358-162, all at MHS) Last season: 33-9, 13-3 (2nd in District 2-5A) Key losses: IF Lexi Lopez; IF Taylor Vines (Odessa College) Key returners: C Courtney Warren (Sr.), IF/OF Leandra Lopez (Sr.), P/OF Stefani Baeza (Sr.), P/OF Brooke Ryan (So.) Vines on the upcoming season: "I would say that we believe that we have what it takes to push the bar even higher. We are just not there yet, not even close. But we do believe in them, and believe they have potential." Notes: About the only infield position that is set for the Lady Bulldogs entering this season is Warren at catcher. Other than that, Vines said they may be working with different combinations in the infield for a few weeks before they settle on the right one. The reason is the Bulldogs lost three key players in Lexi Lopez and Taylor Vines to graduation, and last year's shortstop

2014 Lady Bulldogs Roster Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Class, Sr. Includes Lexi Lopez, Courtney Warren, etc.

All home games at Gene Smith Field * Denotes District 2-5A Game

anchor the outfield. Notes: The Rangerettes could be a work in progress for the first few weeks of the season as Kassie Maddox is just returning from a concussion she suffered during the fall. "We are going to work her in slow," Curry said. "She's sound and determined to make her way back on the field. We might have to pull the reins back on her because her long term (health) is much more important than the softball season." Shawnda Price returns and will likely see plenty of time in the circle as the season progresses as Maddox makes her way back into the lineup. Price was a 4-3A All-District first-team selection in 2013. Curry said a key for this team will be health. She is having to move some people around and are waiting on a few players from basketball for the season. Priscilla Acosta (Jr.) will move into the catcher's role, taking over for Craft, while Jaden Shoults (Jr.) also returns but could be playing either shortstop or second base. Meanwhile, Airielle Urias (Sr.) and Kambree Ebenstein (Sr.) will

2014 Rangerettes Roster Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Class, Sr. Includes Marissa Brewer, Airielle Urias, etc.

All home games at Greenwood Softball Field * Denotes District 4-3A Game

and Vines. But Hardy said she is confident this team will be able to stay consistent at the plate and in the pitching circle. Hardy said to look for Garcia, a Cisco JC signee, to pitch along with Beeson and Lauren Grizzard, while freshman Megan Biodroski might see some time early in the season. The additions of Lee transfer Adriana Berzosa and Midland High transfer Bianca Ambrosio will add to the Lady Mustangs lineup. Berzosa will play shortstop, while Ambrosio will play in center field. Notes: The Rangerettes could be a work in progress for the first few weeks of the season as Kassie Maddox is just returning from a concussion she suffered during the fall. "We are going to work her in slow," Curry said. "She's sound and determined to make her way back on the field. We might have to pull the reins back on her because her long term (health) is much more important than the softball season." Shawnda Price returns and will likely see plenty of time in the circle as the season progresses as Maddox makes her way back into the lineup. Price was a 4-3A All-District first-team selection in 2013. Curry said a key for this team will be health. She is having to move some people around and are waiting on a few players from basketball for the season. Priscilla Acosta (Jr.) will move into the catcher's role, taking over for Craft, while Jaden Shoults (Jr.) also returns but could be playing either shortstop or second base. Meanwhile, Airielle Urias (Sr.) and Kambree Ebenstein (Sr.) will

2014 Lady Mustang Roster Table with columns: Player, Pos., Class, Sr. Includes Maddy Garcia, Caitly Beeson, etc.

All home games at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex, Usher Park * Denotes TAPPS 1-4A Game

Hardy on the upcoming season: "Getting to the state tournament (in 2013) and losing that semifinal game, the girls have come back with a lot of motivation." Notes: The Lady Mustangs returned to their old stomping grounds — the TAPPS 4A State Tournament — in 2013 for the first time in five years, and are looking to do it again this season. The Lady Mustangs, though, lose some key players in Neff, Kaake

2014 Lady Mustang Schedule Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Time. Includes games against Big Spring, Pecos, etc.

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and Vines. But Hardy said she is confident this team will be able to stay consistent at the plate and in the pitching circle. Hardy said to look for Garcia, a Cisco JC signee, to pitch along with Beeson and Lauren Grizzard, while freshman Megan Biodroski might see some time early in the season. The additions of Lee transfer Adriana Berzosa and Midland High transfer Bianca Ambrosio will add to the Lady Mustangs lineup. Berzosa will play shortstop, while Ambrosio will play in center field. Notes: The Rangerettes could be a work in progress for the first few weeks of the season as Kassie Maddox is just returning from a concussion she suffered during the fall. "We are going to work her in slow," Curry said. "She's sound and determined to make her way back on the field. We might have to pull the reins back on her because her long term (health) is much more important than the softball season." Shawnda Price returns and will likely see plenty of time in the circle as the season progresses as Maddox makes her way back into the lineup. Price was a 4-3A All-District first-team selection in 2013. Curry said a key for this team will be health. She is having to move some people around and are waiting on a few players from basketball for the season. Priscilla Acosta (Jr.) will move into the catcher's role, taking over for Craft, while Jaden Shoults (Jr.) also returns but could be playing either shortstop or second base. Meanwhile, Airielle Urias (Sr.) and Kambree Ebenstein (Sr.) will

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definitely different." Warren, though, didn't take much time to get used to the difference she faced in high school softball, and Vines said that Warren has never stopped working. Players who may play early in their high school careers can peak early as well, but Vines said Warren has never slowed down in trying to become better. Vines said Warren constantly works with pitchers on learning what pitches work and what pitches don't, plus is a tireless worker when it comes defense and hitting. "You can say she's applied herself to the craft," Vines said. "She's more than willing to put in the work to be a better catcher, a better hitter. She's very hard on herself and she expects a lot of herself."

The work ethic has always been there and she just continues with it." Warren said her work ethic comes from her father, who she said has been both her biggest fan and biggest critic. But she said the combination of her father's advice and Vines' coaching style has been the perfect complement for her during her career. "My dad was always truthful. My dad would say, 'You've got this Cort,' and that's just my dad." Warren said. "Coach Vines is a tough coach, but in a good way. She felt like she didn't have to put me behind the plate with girls that had been there for three or four years, but to do it that was a real big complement to me." Follow Len on Twitter @ Len_Hayward_MRT

SHEPPARD

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word. There are numerous words that can describe what she does for us." About the only things Sheppard has done for the Lady Rebels during her stellar career is pitch and catch. "You don't want me to play there," Sheppard joked. Sheppard has been a mainstay on a team that has been a district title and playoff contender, while also excelling in her position in the infield at shortstop and at the plate. Sheppard has not only been a steady force on defense, but has also hit in the top half of Lee's lineup for most of her career. While her numbers and accolades have certainly gained her plenty of praise, Overton said she has continued to display the work ethic and preparation that she has garnered her those awards. "She does so many things right, and (the older players) kind of take for granted that she is going to continue doing this," Overton said. "It's more memorable if she does make an error because it doesn't happen very often." Sheppard began her career in 2011 as a freshman playing alongside then-senior Jamey Lane in the middle of Lee's infield. The next season after Lane graduated, Sheppard made the move to shortstop and didn't miss a beat. Overton said Sheppard's hitting has gotten better, and so has her fielding. But even he admits that errors have been so rare for Sheppard during her tenure at the school that when they do happen, even opponents are surprised. Sheppard

was District 2-5A's Defensive Player of the Year in 2013, while also being named Newcomer of the Year in 2011, and she was a first team all-district pick in 2012. Even as a younger player, Sheppard was someone other players looked to for leadership. Sheppard wasn't quite as vocal in her younger days as she says she is this season, but playing a position such as shortstop naturally turns a player into a leader. Sheppard is one of five seniors on Lee's roster this season, but much of the time it's Sheppard they turn to for leadership. "It's not that I've felt like I have to be a leader because you always have to have the mentality of being one," said Sheppard, who signed with

Angelo State in November to play softball. "But, yes, in certain situations I know I should be a leader because of my past experiences." Sheppard will start her final season in a Lee uniform this week. She said it's been "crazy" how fast time has gone. But she's ready for the season to start. "Every year there's something that's always different, there's certain things that go on and people that stay on and people that go," Sheppard said. "There haven't been many huge changes, though." That huge change comes when Sheppard plays her last game and no longer will be wearing maroon and white. Follow Len on Twitter @ Len_Hayward_MRT

Chaparral baseball team splits twinbill

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team split a doubleheader with Weatherford College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium, winning the first game 12-9 and then falling 12-7 in the second. The Chaparrals (2-1) used a seven-run third inning and four-run fourth to take an 11-4 lead against the Coyotes in the first game. But Weatherford scored five runs in the sixth to make the game close. Jayden O'Dell picked up

the pitching victory and Cade Davis was awarded a save. Blaine Prescott was 2 for 4 with three RBI, a home run and two runs scored, and JoJo Col-lazo was 2 for 3 with two runs scored. Christian Whigham also added two hits, including a triple, and two RBIs and two runs scored. Nikko Velarde also notched a triple with three RBI and a one run scored. In the second game,

the Coyotes rallied from a 6-3 deficit to score three runs in the fourth and three in the ninth, along with single runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth to clinch the victory. Prescott was 2 for 5 with a double and two runs scored, and Bryndan Arredondo was 2 for 4 with two RBI and one run. Midland College will return to action on Feb. 14 with a pair of games against McLennan Community College in Waco.

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Tech launches campaign to fund 25 athletic facility projects

By Don Williams Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's newly launched athletics capital campaign will involve all 17 sports and include 25 facility projects, a Tech spokesman said Friday. The Tech athletic department hopes to raise more than \$100 million in what it's dubbed "The Campaign for Fearless Champions." Scholarships endowment and a leadership academy also will benefit. "The cornerstones of the facilities portion will be the south end zone of (Jones AT&T) Stadium, the indoor practice facility for football and indoor track and field," Tech spokesman Blayne Beal said. "And the United Spirit Arena team facilities, so locker rooms, sports medicine, all that." The campaign came to light Thursday, Feb. 6. Beal posted about it on Twitter, and Tech officials used the occasion of a football signing day review dinner in Dallas to tell a crowd of about 1,000 fans. But Tech did not send out any announcement or have any mention of it on the athletic department website. "It's in the very early stages yet," Beal said. "There will be a website launched. There will be a bigger push later on. This is kind of a soft launch of the

campaign." Additional signing day reviews were scheduled for Friday night in Austin, Monday in Midland and Tuesday in Houston. University leaders and Tech coaches are giving presentations at the dinners. Fans at Thursday's recruiting review were told that Tech officials now are looking at the area where the Athletic Training Center sits as a spot for the indoor football practice facility. Beal confirmed that Friday, but said it isn't a firm plan. "We're not expecting the architects to come back to us until March," he said. "That's what they're looking at now, but that could change in a month once the architects say what's feasible." Beal said the indoor workout facility is "very high at the top of the priority list." In November, Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt, asked to give an estimate of how much an indoor facility might cost, said \$15 million to \$17 million. He stressed that it was just a guess and he had nothing on which to base that figure. In his Twitter post Thursday, Beal said the campaign would total more than \$100 million. "We're not specific on a dollar figure," he said Friday. "Ultimately, it will be more than \$100 million."

UTPBROUNDUP FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL DALLAS BAPTIST 77 UTPB 70 ODESSA — Dallas Baptist used a second-half surge to pull away from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin 77-70 on Saturday at the Falcon Dome. The Falcons (13-8, 7-6 in the Heartland Conference) were down 35-31 at the end of the first half, but the Patriots (8-12, 5-8) outscored UTPB 42-39 in the second half to secure the victory. Thomas Feeney led the Falcons with 23 points, and Keith Martin added 14 points and Phadarius Taylor and Dwayne Soders each added 10. Jonathan Perry led Dallas Baptist with 20 points, and Remy Ndiaye scored 16 points. The Falcons will return to action Thursday against St. Mary's in San Antonio.

BASEBALL FALCONS SWEEP CAMERON ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin baseball team swept a doubleheader against Cameron University, 5-3 and 4-3, at Rodden Field on Saturday. The Falcons (3-2) scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning to tie the game at three in the first game. Then Jose Sierra drove in Andrew Grifol with a single in the fifth inning for the game-winning run. Sierra had two hits and four RBIs in the first game, and Neil Madsen also added an RBI. Jesse Arnold picked up the pitching victory, giving up three runs on four hits with five strikeouts in five innings. Brad Paramaponya was credited with a save after pitching a scoreless seventh. In the second game, Ty

Morgan's pinch single in the sixth inning drove in Daniel Andrade for the game-winning run. Sierra had another big game at the plate as he was 3 for 3 with one RBI, while Ryan Popescu and Morgan each had RBI. SOFTBALL UTPB DROPS TWO GAMES IN NEVADA HENDERSON, Nev. — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin softball team dropped a pair of games at the 2014 Desert Stinger at Majestic Park. The Falcons (1-7) lost to Colorado State-Pueblo 4-1 in the first game and then fell to Texas Woman's University 9-1 in the second game. UTPB tallied seven hits in the loss to Colorado State-Pueblo as Nikki Brafalors drove in the Falcons lone run.

Brafalors had two hits in the second game and also drove in UTPB's lone run. The Falcons will return to action on Feb. 18 with a pair of games against University of the Southwest in Odessa. TENNIS TRINITY TOP FALCONS, 7-2 ABILENE — Trinity University defeated the University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's tennis team 7-2 in a dual match on Friday night. Lisa Roslanova picked up the Falcons lone victory in singles as she defeated Caroline White, 6-1, 7-5. Roslanova and Rebecca Stafford then teamed up to win in doubles over Kathleen Lundquist and White, 8-4.

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Jimmy Walker seizes control at Pebble Beach

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jimmy Walker had a hot hand in the cold wind Saturday and built a six-shot lead in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Walker made his first bogey of the tournament, and that hardly slowed him. He countered with five birdies in 30 mph gusts at Monterey Peninsula for a 4-under 67, leaving him on the verge of his third PGA Tour victory this season.

He was at 13-under 202. Tim Wilkinson of New Zealand had a 69 and Hunter Mahan had a 72, both at Monterey Peninsula. They were at 208.

Jordan Spieth, tied with Walker going into the third round, had to face Pebble Beach at its fiercest. He was 5 over through 15 holes — nine shots out of the lead — when the third round was halted by darkness.

The wind was so strong that the third round was delayed for 2 hours, 19 minutes because golf balls were rolling off some of the greens. It was a peculiar sight to see clouds gathering on the Pacific horizon, and officials trying to spray water on the greens to help balls stay on the putting surface.

It didn't work.

And when play resumed, Brian Gay was given relief on the fourth green at Pebble Beach because of standing water left from hosing down the greens. He was able to move his

Mills' 32 points lift Spurs over Bobcats

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Patty Mills said Saturday night reminded him a little of playing for the Australian Olympic team in 2012.

He was counted on to shoot, score and run the offense.

"The Olympics are fun," said Mills, who led all scorers in the 2012 Games with 21.2 points per game.

So was Saturday night. Mills, getting added

shots and had four 3-pointers to help the Spurs defeat the Bobcats for the sixth straight time.

Parker started for the Spurs and played 26 minutes, but it was obvious he's not back to full speed after sitting out Thursday night with back spasms.

"It's important for all of us to step up, whether you're in the backcourt or not," Mills said. "We have managed to do OK without (Manu Ginobili and Parker). Everyone has been able to collectively step up."

Mills stayed in the game for the entire fourth quarter, and coach Gregg Popovich made sure he called plays to get him the ball.

"His motor is always going," Popovich said. "He doesn't need me to do anything to get him going. He's a competitor. He's played on the Australian Olympic team for 1 don't how many years. He's a competitor. He's not impressed with the NBA. He just comes and plays."

NBAROUNDUP

ROCKETS 101 BUCKS 95
MILWAUKEE — Dwight Howard scored 27 points, including three crucial free throws in the closing seconds, and James Harden scored 10 of his 22 points in the decisive third quarter to help Houston hold off short-handed, scrappy Milwaukee to win its fifth straight.

Jeremy Lin added 18 as the Rockets tied their longest winning streak of the season, a mark set in late November.

Brandon Knight scored 23 points for the Bucks and Kris Middleton had 20, including three free throws after being fouled behind the arc with 46.6 seconds remaining as Milwaukee came back to trail 98-95. Howard made three of four free throws for Houston's final points and seal the win.

JAZZ 94, HEAT 89
SALT LAKE CITY — Marvin Williams scored 23 points and rookie Trey Burke hit a jumper with 24 seconds remaining to lift the Utah Jazz to a 94-89 victory over the Miami Heat on Saturday night.

Trailing 87-79 after Williams hit two 3-pointers, the Heat used a 10-4 run to draw within two points when Ray Allen made a 3 from the corner with 46 seconds to play.

SUNS 122 WARRIORS 109
PHOENIX — Goran Dragic scored 13 of his career-high 34 points in the final seven minutes and Phoenix pulled away for a victory over depleted Golden State.

Dragic, who also had 10 assists, topped 30 points for the sixth time this season as the Suns (30-20) pulled

GOLF RESULTS

PGA AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Scores
Saturday
At Pebble Beach, Calif.
Pebble Beach: 6,816 yards, par-72
Spyglass Hill GC: 6,852 yards, par-72
Monterey Peninsula: 6,887 yards, par-71
Purse: \$6.5 million

Partial Third Round

Jimmy Walker	66-69-67=202
Tim Wilkinson	67-72-69=208
Hunter Mahan	68-68-72=208
Richard H. Lee	65m-72p-72=209
Phil Mickelson	66m-73p-71=210
Blake Adams	69-69-72=210
Kevin Na	72-68-70=210
Ryan Palmer	72-69-72=210
Chris Kneifel	68m-70p-72=210
Jim Renner	65m-73p-72=210
Michael Thompson	71-68m-72p-211
Brendon Todd	70-68m-73p-211
Dustin Johnson	68-73m-70p-211
Brice Garnett	71-68-69m-211
Robert Garrigus	67m-71p-73=211
Jim Herman	70m-70p-71=211
Woody Austin	73-70-69m-212
Brian Davis	68m-74p-70m-212
Bryce Molder	72m-71p-69m-212
Jason Kokrak	74-69m-73p-212
Dicky Pride	66m-72p-74=212
Russell Knox	70p-72m-70m-212
Dudley Hart	71p-68-73m-212
Daniel Sumner	69m-69p-74=212
Matt Jones	69m-74p-73=212
Andrew Loupe	63m-73p-74=212
Aaron Baddeley	69m-70p-73=212
Kevin Stadler	67m-73p-73=213
Steven Bowditch	68m-70p-75=213
Wes Roach	67m-74p-75=213
Jim Furyk	70m-73p-73=213
James Driscoll	69m-71m-73=213
Padraig Harrington	72p-69m-72m-213
J.B. Holmes	68p-75e-70m-213
Will MacKenzie	69m-74p-75=213
Cameron Tringale	70p-73-71m-214
Patrizio Recoqui	69m-70p-75=214
Ben Kohles	72p-73-69m-214
Graeme McDowell	71-71m-72p-214
Seung-yul Noh	72m-71p-71=214
David Duval	72p-68-74m-214
Bronson LaCasse	70p-72m-72=214
Robert Shute	67-73-72m-214
Victor Dubovson	73m-67p-74=214
Doug LaBeile II	70m-74p-70=214
George Mehl	67m-74p-73=214
Roberto Castro	70m-73p-71p-214
Alex Ceja	69m-71m-73=215
Sean O'Hair	70p-71-74m-215
Greg Owen	67m-74p-74=215
Stuart Appley	65m-74p-76=215
Andres Romero	71-70m-74p-215
Michael Putnam	69m-71m-75p-215
Kyle Stanley	74-69m-72p-215
Russell Henry	73-70m-72p-215
Chris Kirk	71-68m-76p-215
Kevin Foley	68m-76p-71=215
Rory Sabbatini	67-72m-77p-216
Lee Janzen	68m-73p-75=216
Scott Langley	69m-70p-75=216
Kradach Aghabarnat	69m-74m-73p-216
Will Wilcox	72p-69-75m-216
James Lovemark	73m-69p-74=216
Reife Gossens	71p-73-72m-216
Jason Day	68m-73p-71=216
Justin Kaner	72-69m-75p-216
John Mallinger	71-71m-74p-216
Rafael Cabrera Bello	76p-73-68m-217
Lee Williams	76p-73-68m-217
Brian Harman	66m-79p-75=217
Troy Merritt	74-69-74m-217
Justin Thomas	70-72m-75p-217
Jason Bohn	69m-71m-77p-217
Freddie Jacobson	68m-73p-75=217
Will Clayton	68m-74p-75=217
Chad Campbell	73m-70p-74p-217
D.H. Lee	69-73-75=217
Scott Brown	70m-76p-71=217
Jeff Maggert	71m-74p-72=217
Danny Lee	68m-74p-75=217
Paul Goydos	72-70m-76p-218
Nick Watney	72-74m-72p-218
Martin Flores	69m-75p-73=218
Ben Martin	71p-73-74m-218
Brendan Steele	70-72m-76p-218
Ken Duke	72p-72-74m-218
Alex Prugh	74p-75-69m-218
Adam Everly	71m-75p-73=218
K.J. Choi	69-75-75m-219
William McGirt	70-73m-76p-219
Vijay Singh	78p-71-70m-219
Mike Weir	70m-73p-76=219
Mark Wilson	71-73m-75p-219
Twitter Immelman	70-72m-77p-219
Bo Van Pelt	72-75-73m-220
Kevin Tway	70m-76p-74=220
Joe Durant	74p-72-74m-220
Sang-Moon Bae	69-74-77m-220
Lucas Glover	68m-70p-74=220
John Senden	69-74-77p-220
Tag McGinley	67p-76-78m-221
Paul Ridings	73-73m-75p-221
Spencer Levin	76-74-71m-221
Matt Belencourt	75-71m-75p-221
John Huh	67m-77p-77=221
Miguel Angel Cabrallo	72m-77-72=221
Geoff Ogilvy	71-69m-81p-221
Rod Pumping	73p-73-72m-221
Brandt Snedeker	72-72m-77p-221
Hudson Swafford	71p-75-75m-221
Justin Hicks	74-75-73m-222
Bobby Gates	71p-75-72m-222
James Hahn	69-72-81m-222
Nicholas Thompson	72-78m-72p-222
Ted Potter, Jr.	69m-75p-78=223
Ytterby Van Aswegen	73p-74-76m-223
Charlie Hoo	71m-80p-79=223
Steven Fox	72p-78-74m-224

STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
Toronto	26	24	520	—
Brooklyn	22	26	458	3
New York	20	30	400	6
Boston	18	33	353	8 1/2
Philadelphia	15	36	294	11 1/2

Southwest Division

Central Division				
Indiana	39	10	796	—
Chicago	24	25	490	15
Detroit	21	29	420	18 1/2
Cleveland	17	33	340	21 1/2
Milwaukee	9	41	180	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	40	12	769	—
Portland	35	17	714	3
Denver	24	25	490	11
Minnesota	14	27	417	15 1/2
Utah	17	33	340	22

Pacific Division

Saturday's Scores				
San Antonio 104, Charlotte 100	Memphis 126, Denver 109	Portland 117, Minnesota 110	Houston 101, Milwaukee 95	New Orleans at Brooklyn 5 p.m.
Utah 94, Miami 89	Phoenix 122, Golden State 109	Utah 94, Miami 89	San Antonio 104, Charlotte 100	

Memphis at Cleveland 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 104, BOBCATS 90
SAN ANTONIO (104): Green 14 (3-3) 3; Duncan 6-13 4-4 16; Davis 5-9 1-1 13; Parker 3-13 3-4 9; Joseph 3-7 2-2 8; De Colo 5-11 4-4 15; Ayres 3-4 2-2 8; Bonner 0-1 0-0 0; Mills 10-13 8-9 32; Brown 0-0 0-0 0; Totals 36-77 24-28 104.

CHARLOTTE 100: Kidd 16-27 0-0; G. Smith 13-18 4-6 33; Jefferson 12-21 2-2; 26; Walker 7-19 4-18; Henderson 8-19 5-8 23; Zeller 1-3 4-6 6; Sessions 4-9 1-2 10; Tolliver 2-5 0-6; Byrnum 0-1 0-0 0; Pargo 0-0 0-0 0; Totals 39-89 18-22 100.

SAN ANTONIO 104, CHARLOTTE 100
3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-21 (Mills); Charlotte 2-5 (19:07).

ROCKETS 101, BUCKS 95
HOUSTON (101): Parsons 3-8 0-0 8; Jones 1-4 0-0 2; Howard 11-19 5-7 27; Knight 10-20 1-23; Walters 9-15 0-1 19; Pachula 5-5 2-2 12; Antetokounmpo 0-8 1-2 1; Radulicic 1-4 0-2; Neal 0-8 2-2 2; Totals 40-90 9-11 95.

MILWAUKEE 95: Middleton 7-13 3-3 20; Henson 7-14 0-14; Sanders 1-3 0-0 2; Knight 10-20 1-23; Walters 9-15 0-1 19; Pachula 5-5 2-2 12; Antetokounmpo 0-8 1-2 1; Radulicic 1-4 0-2; Neal 0-8 2-2 2; Totals 40-90 9-11 95.

MIAMI 89, JAZZ 94
MIAMI (89): James 4-13 4-13; Batten 2-4 2-8; Bush 3-12 1-8 13; Chalmers 4-3 3-12; Chalmers 4-3 3-12; Allen 4-8 0-9 9; Cole 4-9 2-4 12; Oden 0-0 0-0 0; Totals 36-77 24-28 104.

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OSU star Smart shoves fan in loss to Texas Tech

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Oklahoma State star Marcus Smart shoved a fan behind the basket in the waning seconds of Texas Tech's 65-61 win over the 19th-ranked Cowboys on Saturday night.

Smart tried to block Jaye Crockett's dunk attempt from behind with 6.2 seconds to go and tumbled into the front row of the crowd. He was helped to his feet by one man but then got in the face of

Red Raiders..... 65
No. 19 Cowboys..... 61

another fan in a black shirt.

The man appeared to say something to Smart, who then shoved him with two hands. The fan stumbled backward a bit but didn't fall.

Teammates quickly pulled an angry Smart away from the fracas, and he pointed back in the direction of the fan. Smart was called for a technical foul but was not ejected.

Crockett scored 21 points and tied his season

high with 12 rebounds to lead Texas Tech, which handed the Cowboys (16-7, 4-6 Big 12) their fourth straight loss.

The game was tied at 61 when Crockett hit the go-ahead shot with 41 seconds remaining. Oklahoma State's Le'Bryan Nash lost the ball in the lane, and Crockett raced toward the basket at the other end.

Smart knocked the ball away and was called for a foul, then pushed the fan and drew the technical. Dusty Hannahs and Crockett each made one of two free throws for

final margin.

The Red Raiders (12-11, 4-6) earned their second win over a Top 25 team in the past month. They beat then-No. 12 Baylor in January.

The game was tied 13 times and the lead changed 12 times as each team put together runs throughout the game.

Texas Tech dominated inside, getting 32 points in the paint to 22 for the Cowboys.

Smart scored 22 points and Phil Forte had 15 to lead the Cowboys.



Tori Eichenberger/AP
Oklahoma State's Marcus Smart (center), after Smart shoved a fan during their game Saturday in Lubbock.

BIG 12/TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men
BIG 12
KANSAS ST. 74
NO. 15 TEXAS 57
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Marcus Foster scored a career-high 34 points on 13-of-16 shooting and Kansas State beat No. 15 Texas 74-57 on Saturday, ending the Longhorns' seven-game winning streak.

Foster surpassed the previous scoring mark for a Kansas State freshman set by Michael Beasley against Colorado with 33 points on March 4, 2008. Foster's previous high was 25 points against Oral Roberts on Nov. 13.



Bo Rader/Wichita Eagle

Texas forward Connor Lammert (21) defends as Kansas State guard/forward Wesley Iwundu shoots Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

Moody Coliseum on campus five weeks ago.

Livingston was 6 of 6 from the line and added a dunk in overtime.

NO. 16 IOWA ST. 84
TCU 69
AMES, Iowa — Melvin Ejim hit 20 of 24 shots in scoring a Big 12-record 48 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds to lead No. 16 Iowa State to an 84-69 victory over TCU on Saturday.

Ejim had two 3-pointers and six dunks during his big game, one on a spectacular free-break lob from DeAndre Kane that gave the Cyclones (18-4, 6-4 Big 12) a 67-52 lead and effectively put the game out of reach.

GEORGIA 62
TEXAS A&M 50
ATHENS, Ga. — Kenny Gaines scored all of his 14 points in the second half. Brandon Morris and Charles Mann each added 10 points and Georgia beat Texas A&M 62-50 on Saturday night.

Georgia (12-10, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) has won two straight after ending a three-game skid in Thursday's victory over LSU.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Men

SATURDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

- 1 Syracuse (22-0) did not play. Next vs. Clemson, Sunday.
- 2 Arizona (22-1) did not play. Next vs. Oregon State, Sunday.
- 3 Florida (21-2) beat Alabama 79-69. Next at Tennessee, Tuesday.
- 4 Wichita State (25-0) beat Northern Iowa 82-73. Next vs. Southern Illinois, Tuesday.
- 5 San Diego State (21-1) beat Nevada 73-58. Next at Wyoming, Tuesday.
- 6 Villanova (21-2) did not play. Next at DePaul, Wednesday.
- 7 Gonzaga (23-3) lost to SMU 78-53. Next vs. Houston, Saturday.
- 8 Kansas (18-5) beat West Virginia 83-69. Next at Kansas State, Monday.
- 9 Michigan State (20-3) did not play. Next at Wisconsin, Sunday.
- 10 Michigan (17-6) lost to No. 17 Iowa 85-67. Next at Ohio State, Tuesday.
- 11 Duke (19-5) beat Boston College 89-66. Next at North Carolina, Wednesday.
- 12 Creighton (19-3) did not play. Next at St. John's, Sunday.
- 13 Saint Louis (22-2) beat La Salle 65-63. Next vs. VCU, Saturday.
- 14 Louisville (19-4) did not play. Next at Temple, Thursday.

Texas (18-5) lost to Kansas State 74-57. Next vs. No. 19 Oklahoma State, Tuesday.

16 Iowa State (18-4) beat TCU 84-69. Next at West Virginia, Monday.

17 Iowa (18-6) beat No. 10 Michigan 85-67. Next at Penn State, Saturday.

21 Oklahoma State (16-7) lost to Texas Tech 65-61. Next at No. 15 Texas, Tuesday.

20 Virginia (19-5) beat Georgia Tech 64-45. Next vs. Maryland, Monday.

21 Oklahoma State (16-7) lost to Texas Tech 65-61. Next vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.

22 UConn (17-5) did not play. Next at UCF, Sunday.

23 Gonzaga (21-4) lost to No. 24 Memphis 60-54. Next vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.

24 Memphis (18-5) beat No. 23 Gonzaga 60-54. Next vs. UCF, Wednesday.

25 Pittsburgh (20-4) beat Virginia Tech 62-57. 207 Next vs. No. 1 Syracuse, Wednesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

- Ark. Pine Bluff 64, Alabama A&M 61.
- Incarinate Word 89, Houston Baptist 82.
- Delaware 81, Southern Miss 54.
- Texas A&M-CC 71, Abilene Christian 69.
- Texas Tech 85, Oklahoma St. 61.
- Tulsa 66, Rice 58.
- W. Kentucky 79, UALR 76.

SOUTH

- Alabama St. 75, Missouri S&T 70.
- Arkansas 77, Vanderbilt 75.
- Beaufort 93, Austin Peay 68.
- Coastal Carolina 67, Longwood 58.
- Coppin St. 58, Md. Eastern Shore 51.
- Davidson 65, Furman 60.
- Delaware St. 81, SC State 53.
- ETSU 96, Lipscomb 88.
- East Carolina 81, UTSJ 71.
- East Tenn. State 59, Faulkner 52.
- Florida Gulf Coast 73, North Florida 48.
- Gardner-Webb 80, High Point 76.
- Georgia St. 74, Texas A&M 50.
- Hampden-Sydney 47.
- Jackson St. 71, Alcorn St. 61.
- Kentucky 99, Mississippi St. 59.
- LSU 87, Auburn 80.
- Louisiana Tech 90, North Texas 71.
- Marion 83, Florida St. 71.
- Memphis 80, Gonzaga 54.
- Middle Tennessee 70, FIU 68.
- Mississippi St. 91, Tennessee 84.
- Missouri S&T 86, E. Kentucky 79.
- Murray St. 73, Tennessee St. 62.
- N. Ark. A&T 64, Florida A&M 78.
- N. Central 77, Bethune-Cookman 54.
- N. State 56, Miami 55.
- North Ala. 64, Morgan St. 43.
- Northwestern St. 96, Nichols St. 73.
- Radford 83, Presbyterian 66.
- Rutgers 79, South Florida 69.
- SC Upstate 76, N. Kentucky 59.
- Sanford 92, Chattanooga 85, UT Southern 104, Grambling 54.
- Stetson 73, Jacksonville 68.
- Tennessee 72, South Carolina 51.
- Tennessee Tech 72, Jacksonville St. 60.
- TN-C. Asheville 75, Liberty 72.
- UTEP 83, Old Dominion 49.
- UMI 82, Charleston Southern 84.
- Virginia 64, Georgia Tech 45.
- W. Carolina 84, Appalachian St. 75, OT.
- Winthrop 98, Campbell 62.
- Winthrop 77, The Citadel 56.

FAU 82, UAB 71.

Florida 79, Alabama 69.

Florida Gulf Coast 73, North Florida 48.

Gardner-Webb 80, High Point 76.

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NO. 21 OKLAHOMA 88
BAYLOR 72
NORMAN, Okla. — Isaiah Cousins scored 15 of his career-high 21 points in the second half to help No. 21 Oklahoma beat Baylor 88-72 on Saturday night.

Buddy Hield had 19 points and Cameron Clark added 16 for the Sooners (18-6, 7-4 Big 12), who made a season-high 14 3-pointers and snapped a two-game skid.

SAM HOUSTON ST. 84
LAMAR 70
HUNTSVILLE — Dakari Henderson scored 13 points, making all three 3-point attempts, to lead Sam Houston State to an 84-70 victory over Lamar Saturday.

Sam Houston has won eight of its last nine games and remains alone in second place in Southland Conference play behind Stephen F. Austin. Sam Houston will host SFA Saturday. SFA won the first meeting 73-56.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULES

SOUTHWEST

- Ark. Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M, 6 p.m.
- Incarinate Word at Houston Baptist, 8 p.m.
- Delaware at Southern Miss, 3 p.m.
- Texas A&M-CC at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m.
- Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 6 p.m.
- Tulsa at Rice, 6 p.m.
- W. Kentucky at UALR, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

- Alabama St. at Missouri S&T, 7 p.m.
- Arkansas at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
- Beaufort at Austin Peay, 6 p.m.
- Coastal Carolina at Longwood, 5 p.m.
- Coppin St. at Md. Eastern Shore, 5 p.m.
- Davidson at Furman, 6 p.m.
- Delaware St. at SC State, 5 p.m.
- ETSU at Lipscomb, 8 p.m.
- East Carolina at UTSJ, 7 p.m.
- East Tenn. State at Faulkner, 5 p.m.
- Florida Gulf Coast at North Florida, 4 p.m.
- Gardner-Webb at High Point, 7 p.m.
- Georgia St. at Texas A&M, 5 p.m.
- Hampden-Sydney at Jacksonville, 4 p.m.
- Jackson St. at Alcorn St., 6 p.m.
- Kentucky at Mississippi St., 5 p.m.
- LSU at Auburn, 8 p.m.
- Louisiana Tech at North Texas, 7 p.m.
- Marion at Florida St., 7 p.m.
- Memphis at Gonzaga, 5 p.m.
- Middle Tennessee at FIU, 6 p.m.
- Mississippi St. at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
- Missouri S&T at E. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
- Murray St. at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.
- N. Ark. A&T at Florida A&M, 7 p.m.
- N. Central at Bethune-Cookman, 5 p.m.
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- SC Upstate at N. Kentucky, 5 p.m.
- Sanford at Chattanooga, 8 p.m.
- UT Southern at Grambling, 5 p.m.
- Stetson at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
- Tennessee at South Carolina, 5 p.m.
- Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville St., 6 p.m.
- TN-C. Asheville at Liberty, 7 p.m.
- UTEP at Old Dominion, 4 p.m.
- UMI at Charleston Southern, 8 p.m.
- Virginia at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.
- W. Carolina at Appalachian St., 7 p.m.
- Winthrop at Campbell, 6 p.m.
- Winthrop at The Citadel, 5 p.m.

NO. 8 KANSAS 83
WEST VIRGINIA 69
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Andrew Wiggins scored 19 points, Wayne Selden had 17 and No. 8 Kansas survived a foul-fest to beat West Virginia 83-69 on Saturday and pad its lead in the Big 12 standings.

Reserve Tarik Black added 11 points for the Jayhawks (18-5, 9-1 Big 12), who honored the 40th anniversary of their 1974 Final Four team by fending off the Mountaineers (14-10, 6-5) to take a two-game lead over surprising Texas in the conference race.

PRAIRIE VIEW 85
TEXAS SOUTHERN 77
PRAIRIE VIEW — Montrael Scott scored 26 points and Demondre Chapman added 23 as Prairie View A&M snapped a 3-game losing streak by topping Texas Southern 85-77 on Saturday.

Prairie View (7-15, 5-5 Southwest Athletic Conference) shot 53 percent from the floor and made 8 of 18 beyond the arc. John Brisco chipped in with 16 points.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULES

SOUTHWEST

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- Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 6 p.m.
- Tulsa at Rice, 6 p.m.
- W. Kentucky at UALR, 7 p.m.

TEXAS
UTEP 63
OLD DOMINION 49
NORFOLK, Va. — John Bohannon scored 19 points and Julian Washburn finished with 18 as UTEP secured its seventh-straight conference victory, 63-49 over Old Dominion on Saturday night.

Bohannon shot 6 of 7 from the floor while Washburn hit all three of UTEP's 3-pointers. The Miners (18-6, 8-1 Conference-USA) led all the way after a 2-2 tie to start the game, and were up by 10 points at the half. Washburn opened up the second half by scoring the first six UTEP points, and the team shot 47.7 from the floor.

TULSA 66
RICE 56
HOUSTON — Rashad Smith scored 18 points as Tulsa continued its dominance of Rice with a 66-56 win on Saturday, its 15th straight in the series.

James Woodard added 15 points and Brandon Swanegan had 10 for the Golden Hurricane (11-12, 6-3 Conference USA), who have beaten Rice by an average of 13.1 points per contest during the streak.

Women

BIG 12
NO. 17 WEST VIRGINIA 84
KANSAS STATE 44
MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — Bria Holmes had a career-high 31 points and Taylor Palmer surpassed the 1,000-point mark on Saturday as No. 17 West Virginia defeated Kansas 84-44.

SMU 76
NO. 7 CINCINNATI 55
DALLAS — Nick Russell had 15 points to go with several big steals, and coach Larry Brown's SMU Mustangs stayed undefeated at home with a 76-55 victory Saturday night over the 7 Cincinnati, ending the Bearcats' 15-game winning streak.

SMU (19-5, 8-3 American Athletic Conference) has already beaten three Top 25 opponents in seven games since moving into the renovated

INCARNATE WORD 89
HOUSTON BAPTIST 82
SAN ANTONIO — Denzel Livingston scored eight of his career-high 36 points in overtime and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Incarnate Word to a come-from-behind victory over Houston Baptist 89-82 Saturday night.

Kyle Hittle scored first in overtime to give Incarnate Word its first lead since late in the first half, and the Cardinals led the rest of the way.

TEXAS
NO. 21 MID. TENNESSEE 65,
RICE 54
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Ebony Rowe scored 12 points and added 12 rebounds as Middle Tennessee defeated Rice.

EASTERN CONFERENCE						PACIFIC DIVISION									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts				
Boston	57	37	16	4	78	176	125	Anaheim	60	41	14	5	87	196	147
Tampa Bay	59	33	20	5	71	168	145	San Jose	59	37	16	6	80	175	142
Montreal	59	32	21	6	70	148	142	Los Angeles	59	31	22	6	68	139	126
Toronto	60	32	22	6	70	178	182	Vancouver	60	27	24	9	63	146	160
Detroit	58	26	20	12	64	151	163	Calgary	58	22	29	7	51	137	179
Ottawa	59	26	22	11	63	169	191	Edmonton	60	20	33	7	47	153	199
Florida	58	22	29	7	51	139	183	NOTE: Two points for a win; one point for overtime loss.							
Buffalo	57	15	34	8	38	110	172								

Lehtonen has 26 saves, Stars beat Coyotes

Stars..... 2
Coyotes..... 1

The Stars and Coyotes have identical 27-21-10 records for 64 points, but Dallas stars a tiebreaker over Phoenix, which fell to ninth.

Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said his team's position at the break is "probably about where we should be. I think we're better than that, but that's where we are."

"I'm not worrying about that too much yet," Lehtonen said of Dallas' position in the standings. "It's good that we're moving to the right direction. We just have to keep going."

He was more impressed by defeating Phoenix twice in five days to make up four points on the Coyotes.

"They were huge games both times. I really like it when we play well as a team."

Dallas limited Phoenix to 27 shots, 13 in the third period. Lehtonen shut them out until Radim Svrba scored on a power play with 15 seconds remaining.

Metropolitan Division						Central Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts				
Pittsburgh	58	40	15	3	83	186	136	St. Louis	57	39	12	6	84	196	136
N.Y. Rangers	59	32	24	3	67	155	146	Chicago	58	38	11	14	84	207	183
Philadelphia	59	30	23	6	66	162	167	Colorado	58	37	16	5	79	174	153
Columbus	56	29	24	5	63	170	161	Minnesota	59	27	21	10	69	145	147
Washington	59	27	23	9	63	171	175	Dallas	58	27	21	10	64	164	164
Carolina	57	26	22	9	61	144	158	Winnipeg	60	26	26	8	62	168	175
New Jersey	59	24	22	13	61	135	146	Nashville	59	25	24	10	60	148	180
N.Y. Islanders	60	22	30	8	52	164	200								

Grim talk turns to gold for now at Olympics

By Fred Lief
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — All the gloom and grim talk leading to the Sochi Olympics at last gave way to more uplifting things. IOC President Thomas Bach had said it's "time that it finally starts." And so it did Saturday — the first competition since the cauldron was lit. In all, 98 gold medals will be awarded over the next 16 days, and five were settled on Day 2. Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjoerndalen became the oldest individual gold medalist at the Winter Olympics, winning the 10-kilometer sprint — his seventh career gold.

Cross-country skier Marit Bjoergen, also from Norway, captured the women's 15-kilometer skiathlon for her fourth Olympic title. And American snowboarder Sage Kotsenburg, his blonde hair flapping from his helmet, won the first gold medal of the games by taking men's slopestyle.

BIATHLON: At age 40, Bjoerndalen became the oldest Winter Olympic gold medalist in an individual sport, bringing him within one gold of the all-time mark of eight held by Norwegian cross-country skier great Bjorn Daehe. He was followed by Dominik Landertinger of Austria and Jaroslav Soukup of Czech Republic. "I am in super form," Bjoerndalen said. "I prepared well for this and I am feeling strong."

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Bjoergen's gold was tempered by grief. The brother of teammate Astrid Uhrenhoeld Jacobsen died "suddenly and unexpectedly" a day earlier, according to Norwegian Olympic officials. Bjoergen, joined by teammates, sobbed in an embrace after the race. "We really did a good race for him today," Bjoergen said. Bjoergen held off silver medalist Charlotte Kalla in the final straightaway to win in 38 minutes, 33.6 seconds, successfully defending her title from Vancouver. Norway's Heidi Weng won the bronze. "One gold was my goal, so now I can relax a little bit," Bjoergen said. **SPEEDSKATING:** Sven Kramer of the Netherlands set an Olympic record and defended his speedskating title in the men's 5,000 before his country's king, queen and prime minister. Kramer has been bedeviled at the Olympics, notably in

Vancouver when his coach pointed him to the wrong lane in the 10,000. But on this day he surged around the oval, winning in 6 minutes, 10.76 seconds and leading a Dutch sweep in which he was followed by Jan Blokhuisen and Jorrit Bergsma. "That Sven was able to deliver despite such pressure, it leaves me speechless," King Willem-Alexander said. **ALPINE:** Bode Miller of the U.S. and Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway emerged as favorites on a treacherous downhill course. Miller and Svindal finished 1-2 in the final downhill training run. Asked of his objectives Saturday, Miller said: "Um, not kill myself was primary." **HOCKEY:** The U.S. won the opener of the Olympic women's hockey tournament, defeating Finland 3-1 behind Hilary Knight's goal 53 seconds into the game and Jesse Vetter's 14 saves.

The Americans can reach the semifinals by beating Switzerland on Monday. Canada beat Switzerland 5-0. **FIGURE SKATING:** If the Russians keep performing as they have in the new team figure skating competition, they're sure to dominate throughout these Sochi Games. Julia Lipnitskaia at 15 had the look of an Olympic champion on Saturday night, dazzling the home crowd with a near-perfect routine in the women's short program. Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov earned cheers as they routed the field in the free skate. With only the men's and women's free skate and the free dance left to contest in Sunday's finale, Russia has 47 points and a six-point lead over Canada. World champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White quick-stepped their way to victory in the team short dance, lifting the U.S. into the medals chase. The Americans

are third with 34 points. **MOGULS:** Justine and Chloe Dufour-Lapointe joined a few other sisters to win gold and silver in the same Olympic event. They did it in women's moguls, where their oldest sister Maxime made it into the finals and finished 12th. French skiers Mariee and Christine Gotscheff and Austrian lugers Doris and Angelika Neuner are on the short list of sisters to also go 1-2 in an Olympic event. "A dream. A long time, we've dreamed this," said their father. "Yves. It doesn't get any better than this. It doesn't." **BOBBLED:** Sprint star Lauryn Williams was selected to push the U.S. sled driven by Elena Meyers. She has a chance at becoming only the second person to win gold at the Summer and Winter Games.

US, Canada win women's hockey openers

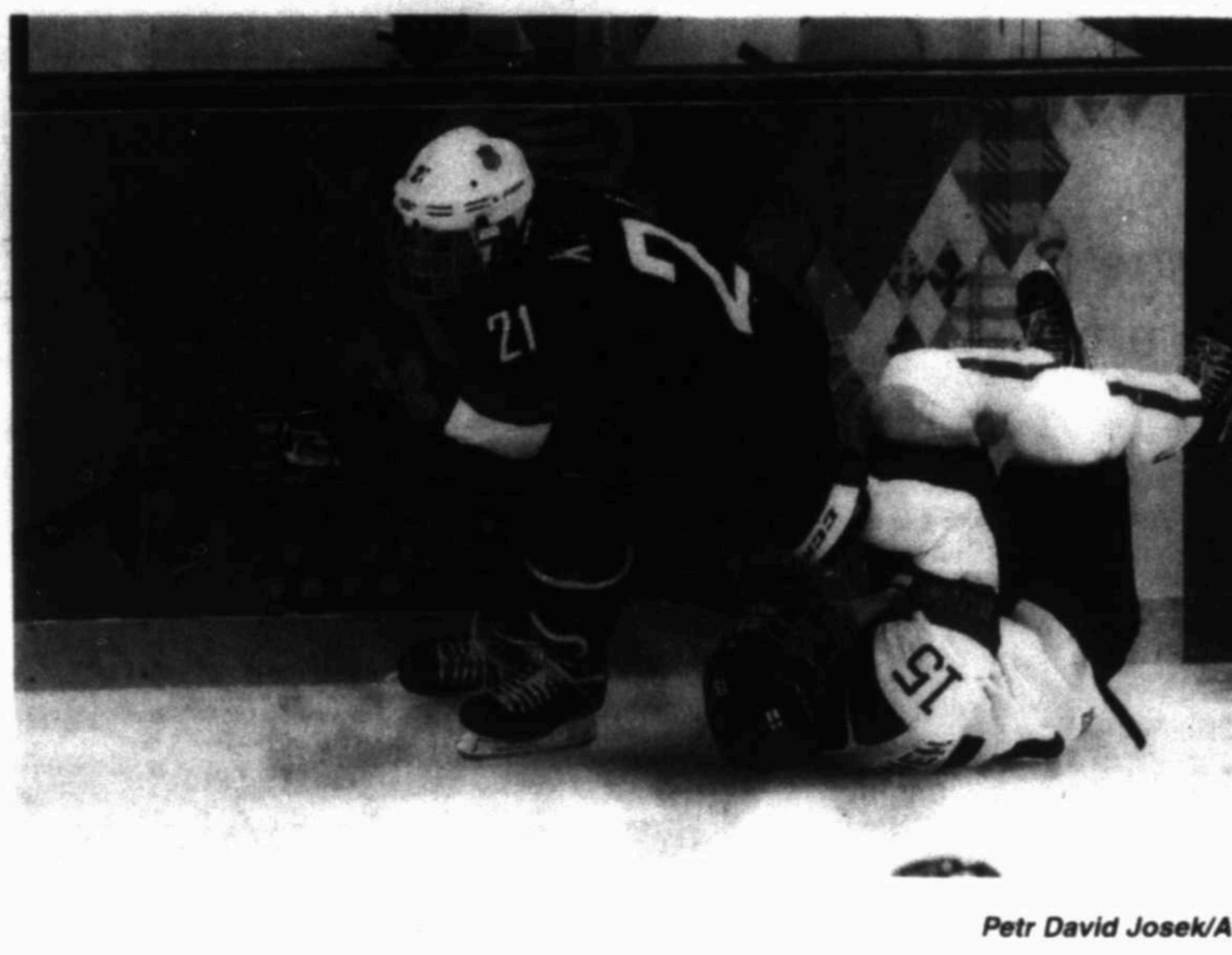
By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — A new format was supposed to make the Olympic women's hockey tournament more competitive after Vancouver, when then-IOC president Jacques Rogge hinted that the sport could be kicked out of the Winter Games.

One day into the Sochi Games and the winners look the same. The United States and Canada won their openers at the Shayba Arena on Saturday despite changes that were supposed to bring some of the marquee matchups into the round-robin. The Americans beat Finland 3-1 and Canada beat Switzerland 5-0, showing that the North American dominance of the sport is still supreme.

"It's the best result we've ever had against Canada," Swiss goalie Florence Schelling said after making 64 saves in a 5-0 loss to the three-time defending champions. "It shows we have improved." A spate of blowouts in 2010 led hockey's international governing body to place the four top teams in their own group, with the next four in a group of their own. The teams in Group A will compete for two spots in the semifinals; two other spots in the quarterfinals will go to the top two teams in Group B.

That means the United States faced Finland, the 2010 bronze medalist, in the Sochi opener instead of China, which it beat 12-1 to start the Vancouver Games. Finnish goalie Noora Raty, a two-time NCAA champion, gave up Hilary Knight's goal 53 seconds into the game but stopped 40 shots to keep it close from there. "I always know that when you face the U.S. or Canada, it's going to be 40 or 50 shots," she



Petr David Josek/AP

Finland's Minnamari Tuominen (15) falls underneath the United States' Hilary Knight early Saturday during women's ice hockey at the Shayba Arena in Sochi, Russia.

said. "They are the huge favorites and we are the underdog." Jesse Vetter stopped 14 shots for the Americans. Kelli Stack and Alex Carpenter also scored for the Americans, each getting a fortunate bounce on what Finnish coach Mika Piieniemi called "an 'oops' goal."

The U.S. players had said they would need ugly goals to beat Raty, who stopped 58 American shots in November in an upset victory in Lake Placid, N.Y., and coach Katey Stone made no apologies for how the puck went in. "We talk a lot about how there are no snapshots on the scorecard," Stone said. "If it's an ugly one, and sometimes against a fantastic goaltender that's how you have to get it done."

All-time Olympic leading scorer Hayley Wickenheiser added to her record with her 17th career Winter Games goal to lead Canada in the late game. Wickenheiser has participated in every Olympics

Women's hockey standings

Team	Preliminary Round					Pts	GF	GA
	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pen			
Canada	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0
United States	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
Finland	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Switzerland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

Team	Group B					Pts	GF	GA
	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pen			
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

since women's hockey was made an official sport in 1998, and she has scored in every one. "She's got 'It,'" coach Kevin Dineen said. "I don't know what 'It' is, but whatever makes someone extremely successful in their chosen field, she's got. She's just the real deal." Rebecca Johnston had a goal and two assists and Marie-Philip Poulin had one of each for Canada, which hadn't ever beaten the Swiss by fewer than six goals in any competition. Charline Labonte stopped all 14 shots she faced for the shutout. The United States plays Switzerland on Monday, and Canada plays Finland. The North Americans will meet in the round-robin on Feb. 12 — one of the benefits of the new format — and they remain on track to play in the gold medal game Feb. 20.

Sochi's 1st gold: Kotsenburg of US wins slopestyle

By Will Graves
Associated Press

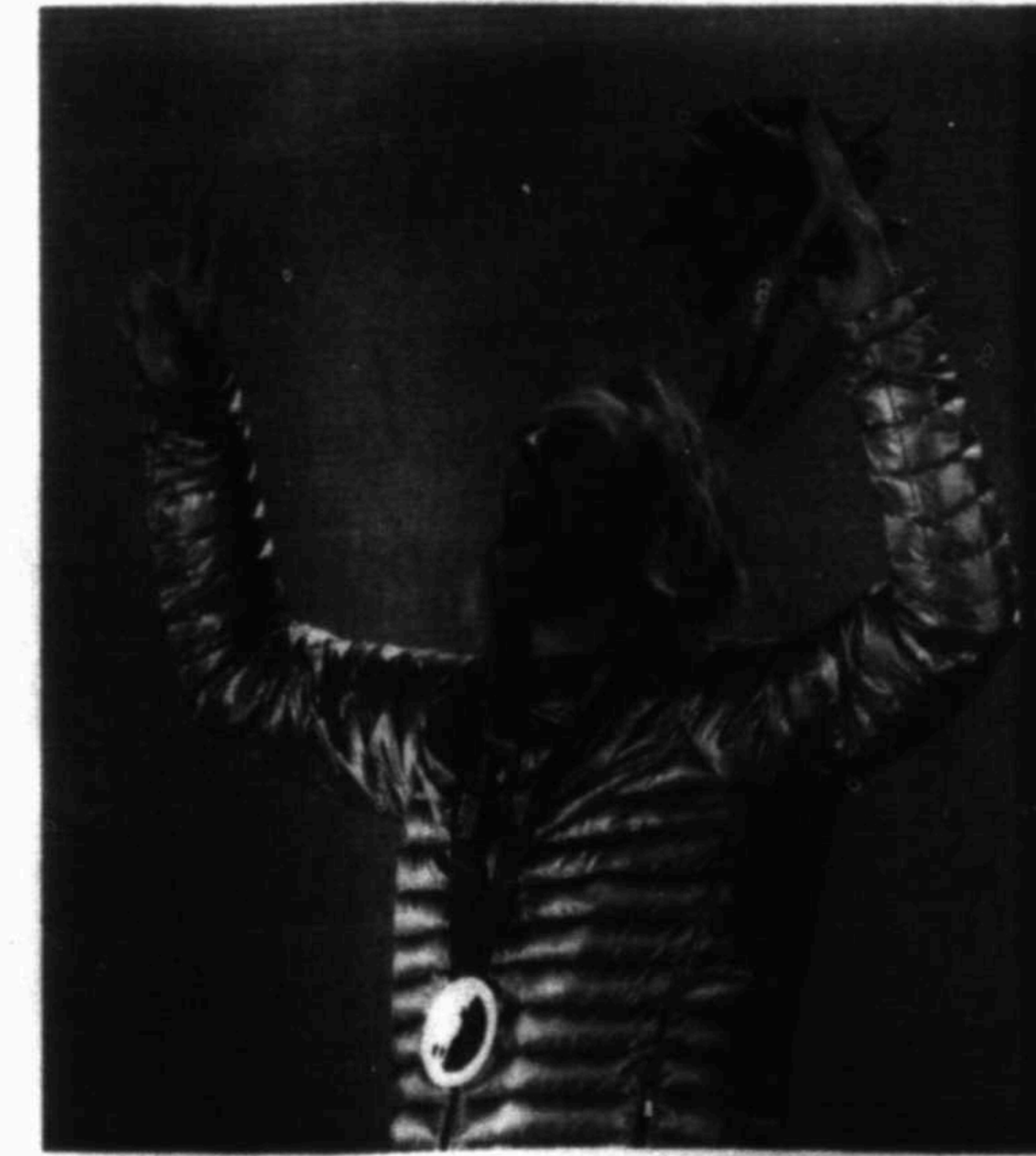
KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Sage Kotsenburg of the United States won the first gold medal of the 2014 Olympics on Saturday, soaring to victory in the men's snowboarding slopestyle final.

Kotsenburg had a score of 93.50 to edge Staale Sandbech of Norway. Mark McMorris of Canada, who barely made the finals, took bronze.

Canadian Max Parrot, who topped qualifying on Thursday, missed the podium. He washed out at the end of his first run and his second run wasn't quite crisp enough. Parrot finished fifth.

Kotsenburg needed to navigate the semifinals early Saturday but seemed to find his stride. He placed second in the semifinals then rolled with a medal on the line. The 20-year-old clasped his hands over his head in disbelief after his score was revealed.

The laid-back kid from Couer d'Alene, Idaho — nicknamed "second-run Sage" because of his tendency to come through at the last minute — didn't



David J. Phillip/AP

Gold medal winner Sage Kotsenburg reacts after receiving his medal during the medal ceremony for the Snowboard Men's Slopestyle competition on Saturday at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

waste time putting together the run of his life. He tamed the treacherous course that chased away teammate Shaun White earlier in the week and sent several other contenders to the medical tent.

While the course that features a large nesting doll, tricky rails and three jumps took out its fair share of riders, Kotsenburg kept his cool. His blonde hair flapping out from under his helmet as he soared through

the sun-splashed Caucasus Mountains, Kotsenburg looked as if he were cruising down the hill with friends.

Still, there was drama as he waited out the rest of the 12-man field. He stood off to the side after his second run, a not quite sharp 83.25, and clapped behind a nervous smile as the rest of the field aimed for his score.

McMorris, slowed by a broken rib, couldn't quite get there. A gold medal favorite before his injury at X Games last month, McMorris needed to scramble to get through the semifinals and his trip down the hill in the finals was solid but not spectacular.

Sandbech, who went next to last, was nearly flawless. He was so pumped after his second run he belly-flopped onto the ground. His 91.75 wasn't quite good enough, leaving only Parrot in Kotsenburg's way of gold.

Parrot dominated qualifying, posting the best score of the week. He put together a flawless first run only to sit on the landing of his final jump. He wobbled twice on his second run. He dropped his head when his 87.25 popped up on the scoreboard while Kotsenburg raised his arms in triumph.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Today's Schedule
Alpine Skiing
Men's downhill, 1 a.m.
Biathlon
Women's 7.5km Sprint, 8:30 a.m.
Cross-Country Skiing
Men's 15km/15km Skiathlon, 4 a.m.
Figure Skating
Men's Team free program, 5 a.m.
Women's Team free program, 10:05 a.m.
Ice Dance Team free dance, 12:10 p.m.
Ice Hockey
Women
Group B Sweden vs. Japan, 2 a.m.
Group B Russia vs. Germany, 7 a.m.
Luge
Men's Singles (Run 2), 8:30 a.m.
Men's Singles (Run 4), 10:40 a.m.
Ski Jumping
Men's Individual (normal hill) First Round, 11:30 a.m.
Men's Individual (normal hill) Final, 12:30 p.m.
Snowboard
Women's Slopestyle Semifinals, 12:30 a.m.
Women's Slopestyle Finals, 3:15 a.m.
Speedskating
Women's 3000, 5:30 a.m.

Today's TV Schedule
NBC
1:5 p.m. — Figure Skating: Team Event Gold Medal Final: Men's Free Skate; Women's Biathlon: 7.5km Sprint Gold Medal Final; Women's Speedskating: 3000 Gold Medal Final; Men's Cross-Country: Skiathlon Gold Medal Final
6-10 p.m. — Figure Skating: Team Event Gold Medal Final; Ladies Free Skate; Ice Dancing Free Dance; Men's Alpine Skiing: Downhill Gold Medal Final; Women's Snowboarding: Slopestyle Gold Medal Final; Men's Ski Jumping: Individual K-95 Gold Medal Final
10:35 p.m. — Figure Skating: Team Event Gold Medal Final Postgame; Men's Luge: Singles Gold Medal Final Run 5
11:35 p.m. — 3:30 a.m. — Primetime Encore
NBCSN
2-4:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey: Sweden vs. Japan (LIVE)
4:30-7:30 a.m. — Men's Cross-Country: Skiathlon Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Women's Speedskating: 3000 Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
7:30-9 a.m. — Men's Luge: Singles Competition (LIVE)
9 a.m. — Noon — Figure Skating: Team Event Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
K-95 Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
3:4 p.m. — Hockey: England vs. Sweden
4-6 p.m. — Game of the Day: Hockey
MSNBC
7-9:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey: Russia vs. Germany (LIVE)

Saturday's medalists
BIATHLON
Men's 10km Sprint
GOLD—Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, Norway
SILVER—Dominik Landertinger, Austria
BRONZE—Jaroslav Soukup, Czech Republic
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Women's 15km Sprint
GOLD—Marit Bjoergen, Norway
SILVER—Charlotte Kalla, Sweden
BRONZE—Heidi Weng, Norway
FREESTYLE SKIING
Women's Moguls
GOLD—Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada
SILVER—Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Canada
BRONZE—Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt.
SNOWBOARD
Men's Slopestyle
GOLD—Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah
SILVER—Staale Sandbech, Norway
BRONZE—Mark McMorris, Canada
SPEEDSKATING
Men's 5000
GOLD—Sven Kramer, Netherlands
SILVER—Jan Blokhuisen, Netherlands
BRONZE—Jorrit Bergsma, Netherlands
Olympic Figure Skating Results
Saturday
At Sochi, Russia
Team Short Program
Ice Dance Short Program
Meryl Davis, West Bloomfield, Mich. and Charlie White, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 75.98
Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Canada, 72.98
7. Anastasia Bobrova and Dmitri Soloviev, Russia, 70.27 (Q)
4. Nathalie Pechalat and Fabian Bourzat, France, 69.15
11. Anna Cappellini and Luca Lanotte, Italy, 64.92
16. Nelli Zhiganshina and Alexander Gazizade, 64.92
18. Rina Cioneci and Nicholas Buckland, Belarus, 59.91
17. Cathy Reed and Chris Reed, Japan, 52.00
10. Suzanne Henken-Carney and Dmitri Dun, Ukraine, 44.19
15. Huanzhi Xing and Zheng Kun, China, 41.98
Women's Short Program
1. Alisa Prokhorova, Russia, 72.90 (Q)
2. Larissa Kotner, Italy, 70.84 (Q)
3. Mai Asada, Japan, 64.07 (Q)
4. Ashley Wagner, Alexandria, Va., 63.10 (Q)
5. Kaitlyn Osmond, Canada, 62.94 (Q)
6. Mari Benness Mele, France, 55.45
7. Zhang Kexin, China, 54.58
8. Natalia Popova, Ukraine, 53.44
9. Nathalie Wenzer, Germany, 52.16
10. Jenna McCormick, Britain, 50.09
Final Round
Pairs Free Skate
1. Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov, Russia, 135.29
2. Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch, Canada, 129.74
3. Stefania Bertoni and Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 120.82
4. Marissa Castelli, Cranston, R.I., and Simon Shnapir, Sudbury, Mass., 117.94
5. Nanami Takahashi and Ryuichi Kohara, Japan, 86.33
Judges: Karen Archer (TC), Troy Goldstein (TS), Peter Carr (TSA), Fabio Bianchetti (RE), Albert Zaydman (L1), Seiya Kiroki (L2), Yurina Wang (L3), Elena Formis (L4), Nicole Sanborn (L5), Karen Bulcher (L6), Elizabeth Lister (M.B.E.), Vladislav Petukhov (J8), Tatiana Tordaniya (J9), David Santese (L10), Alexander Kuznetsov (J11)

Olympic Snowboard Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Men's Slopestyle
(Start position in parentheses)
Final Ranking
1. Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah (83.50), 83.25 (83.50)
2. Staale Sandbech, Norway (27.00), 91.75 (91.75)
3. Mark McMorris, Canada (33.75), 88.75 (88.75)
4. Sven Thorgren, Sweden (83.75), 87.50 (87.50)
5. Maxence Parrot, Canada (47.00), 87.25 (87.25)
6. Jamie Nicholls, Britain (85.50), 48.50 (85.50)
7. Peetu Piiroinen, Finland (78.50), 81.25 (81.25)
8. Yuki Kadono, Japan (53.00), 75.75 (75.75)
9. Sebastian Toutant, Canada (54.50), 58.50 (58.50)
10. Billy Morgan, Britain (38.00), 39.75 (39.75)
11. Roope Toivoniemi, Finland (31.50), 39.00 (39.00)
12. Gjerund Bratseth, Norway (24.75), 20.50 (24.75)
Olympic Cross-Country Skiing Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Women's 15km Sprint, 8:30 a.m.
Final Ranking
1. Marit Bjoergen, Norway, 38:33.6
2. Charlotte Kalla, Sweden, 39:39.4
3. Heidi Weng, Norway, 39:48.8
4. Therese Johaug, Norway, 39:48.2
5. Arno-Kasa Saarimaa, Finland, 39:48.9
6. Justina Koschorc, Poland, 39:29.7
7. Kersti Niskanen, Finland, 39:35.3
8. Jesse Joerges, U.S., 40:05.5
Other U.S. Finishers
12. Liz Stenson, East Windsor, N.J., 40:06.6
31. Sadie Brockner, Westport, Wash., 41:09.7
47. Holly Brockner, Anchorage, Alaska, 42:34.0

SOCHI 2014 OLYMPICS



Medal count

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
Norway	2	1	1	4
Canada	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
United States	1	0	1	2
Austria	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Czech Rep.	0	0	1	1

Olympic Speedskating Results
Saturday
At Sochi, Russia
Men's 5000
1. Sven Kramer, Netherlands, 6:10.76
2. Jan Blokhuisen, Netherlands, 6:15.71
3. Jorrit Bergsma, Netherlands, 6:16.66
4. Bart Swings, Belgium, 6:17.79
5. Svein Lundevold, Norway, 6:18.84
6. Denis Yuskov, Russia, 6:19.51
7. Ivan Skobrev, Russia, 6:19.83
8. Patrick Beckert, Germany, 6:21.18
U.S. Finishers
16. Emery Lehman, Oak Park, Ill., 6:29.94
19. Jonathan Kuck, Champaign, Ill., 6:31.53
20. Patrick Meek, Northbrook, Ill., 6:32.94

Olympic Freestyle Skiing Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Women's Moguls
Medal Run
1. Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 22.44
2. Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 21.66
3. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt., 21.49
4. Aiko Uemura, Japan, 20.86
5. Marika Fouchard, France, 20.46 (F)
6. Eliza Ostrin, Hamden, Conn., 19.37

Olympic Freestyle Skiing Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Women's Moguls
Qualifying
Ranking
1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt., 23.05 (Q)
2. Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 22.84 (Q)
3. Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 22.28 (Q)
4. Eliza Ostrin, Hamden, Conn., 21.51 (Q)
5. Perrine Laffont, France, 21.34 (Q)
6. Yulia Galysheva, Kazakhstan, 21.17 (Q)
7. Aiko Uemura, Japan, 21.01 (Q)
8. Maxime Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 20.86 (Q)
9. Audrey Robichaud, Canada, 20.61 (Q)
10. Regina Pakhomoa, Russia, 20.48 (Q)
U.S. Finishers
19. Tim Burke, Paul Smiths, N.Y., 25.23 (1)
35. Lowell Bailey, Lake Placid, N.Y., 26.04 (12)
45. Laila Nordgren, Marne, on St. Croix, Minn., 26.17 (40)
46. Russell Currier, Stockholm, Maine, 26.58 (54)

Olympic Luge Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Men's Singles
After Two Runs
1. Felix Loch, Germany, 1:44.49
2. Albert Demchenko, Russia, 1:44.44
3. Armin Zoeggler, Italy, 1:44.893
4. Andi Langerhans, Germany, 1:45.187
5. Reinhard Egger, Austria, 1:45.194
6. Semen Pavlichenko, Russia, 1:45.253
7. Alexander Pennerstorfer, Russia, 1:45.265
8. Dominik Fischer, Italy, 1:45.269
9. Wolfgang Kindl, Austria, 1:45.300
10. Samuel Edney, Canada, 1:45.329
37. Shiva Khatun, Iran, 1:50.06
38. Stanislav Beniov, Bulgaria, 1:50.046

Olympic Ski Jumping Results
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Men's K90 Individual Qualifying
1. Michael Hayböck, Austria, 101.0, 72.0, 55.5, 128.6
2. Andreas Wank, Germany, 102.5, 75.0, 55.1, 127.9
3. Renshu Shimizu, Japan, 101.5, 73.0, 54.0, 126.2
4. Anders Fannemel, Norway, 100.0, 70.0, 55.0, 124.6
5. Maciej Kot, Poland (98.5, 67.0, 54.0), 123.7
6. Roman Koudela, Czech Republic (99.5, 69.0, 54.0), 121.3
7. Taku Takeuchi, Japan (97.5, 65.0, 52.5), 119.1
8. Jan Matura, Czech Republic (97.0, 64.0, 54.0), 118.5
9. Thomas Morgenstern, Austria (99.5, 69.0, 52.5), 118.3
10. Jakub Janda, Czech Republic (98.5, 67.0, 51.5), 117.0
34. Cho Heung-Chul, South Korea (90.0, 50.0, 50.0), 105.9
35. Peter Pennerstorfer, Saransk Lake, N.Y. (88.0, 56.0, 52.0), 105.3
36. Jarkko Maaheita, Finland (91.5, 53.0, 51.0), 104.6
37. Anssi Kovuranta, Finland (89.5, 49.0, 51.0), 104.5
38. Davide Bresadola, Italy (90.5, 51.0, 51.0), 104.3
39. Alexey Romashov, Russia (90.5, 51.0, 49.5), 102.5
40. Nick Alexander, Lebanon, N.H. (90.0, 50.0, 49.0), 100.7
41. Matthew Rowley, Canada (90.5, 51.0, 51.0), 100.0
42. Kang Chi-Ku, South Korea (89.0, 48.0, 49.5), 99.3
43. Roberto Dellasega, Italy (89.5, 49.0, 49.0), 98.4
44. Vladimir Zografich, Bulgaria (89.0, 48.0, 50.5), 97.8
45. Sorin Iulian Pilev, Romania (86.0, 42.0, 49.0), 90.2
46. Alaysh Pobelintov, Kazakhstan (85.5, 41.0, 47.5), 89.9
47. Trevor Morrice, Canada (86.0, 42.0, 49.0), 88.7
48. Nikolai Polychukov, Greece (83.5, 37.0, 47.5), 85.6
49. Marat Zhapurov, Kazakhstan (83.0, 36.0, 47.5), 84.9
50. Nick Falst, Andover, N.H. (80.5, 31.0, 44.5), 77.3
51. Sim-Tanel Sammelgraj, Estonia (73.0, 46.0, 45.0), 66.2
Prequalified
1. Robert Kranjec, Slovenia (100.5, 71.0), 59.0
2. Thomas Dithmer, Austria (99.5, 69.0), 59.0
3. Andreas Wellinger, Germany (98.5, 63.0), 59.0
4. Anders Bardal, Norway (98.5, 67.0), 59.0
5. Simon Ammann, Switzerland (100.0, 70.0), 58.0
6. Severin Freund, Germany (104.0, 78.0), 57.0
7. Gregor Schlierensauer, Austria (104.0, 78.0), 57.0
8. Noriaki Kasai, Japan (98.5, 67.0), 57.0
9. Peter Prevc, Slovenia (101.5, 73.0), 57.0
10. Kamil Stoch, Poland (100.0, 70.0), 57.0

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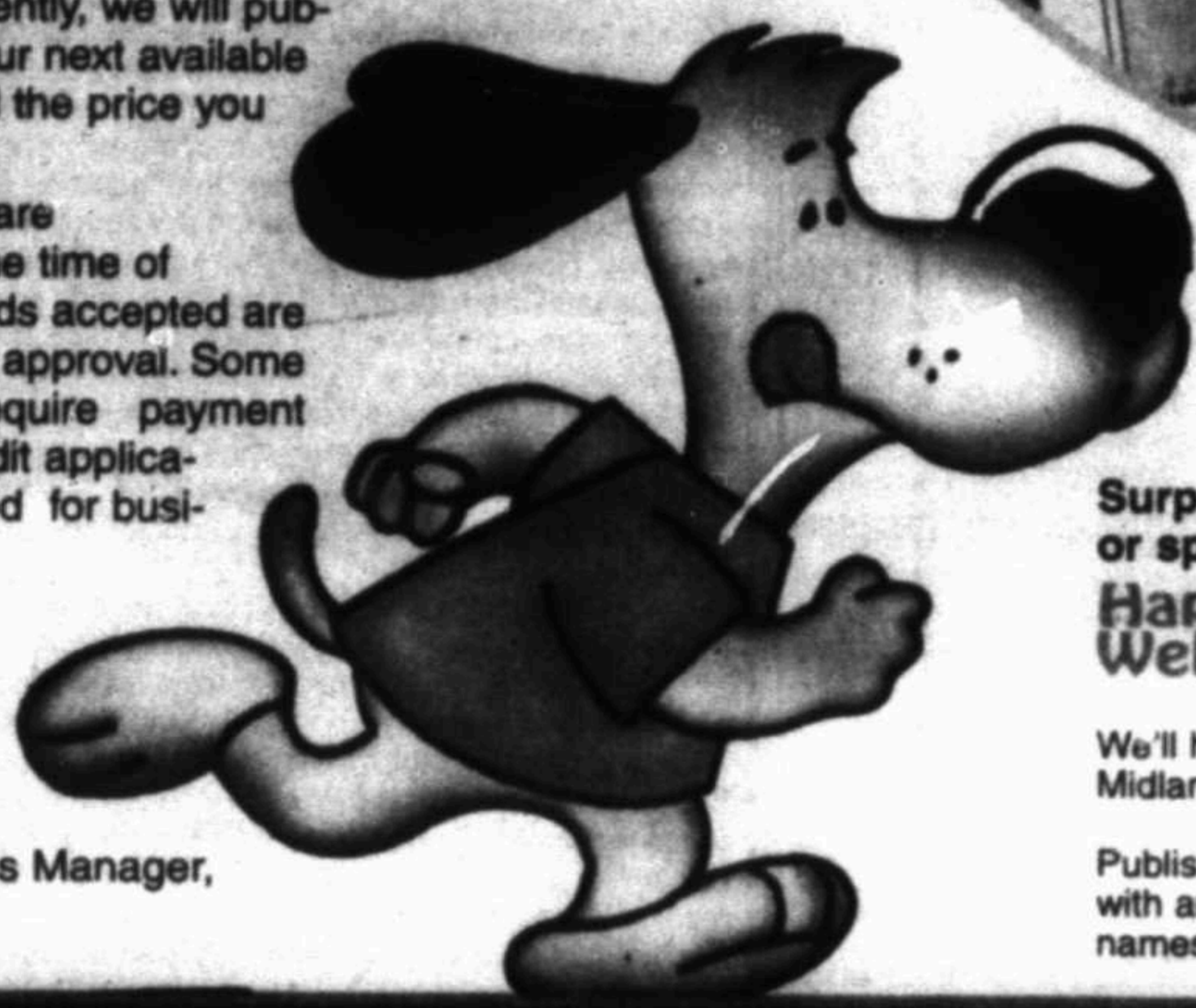
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For plan availability, contact Todd Cunningham with MW Builders.

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Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., February 19, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 7493-14

For: Dump Bodies

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland.

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SEALED BIDS addressed to Marcelino Fuentes, Midland ISD 801 South Moran, Midland TX 79701 for Custodial Services for MISD Schools...

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PROPOSAL #2014-017

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for a student tour company. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Purchasing Office...

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 6, 2014 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, March 13, 2014 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas, ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC. RRC Operator No. 665748 has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38).

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Table with columns for Lease/Unit Name, Lease/Unit Well No, Lease/Unit Acres, Nearest Lease Line (ft), Nearest Well on Lease (ft), Lease Lines, Survey Lines.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

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SEALED BIDS addressed to Jill Hallmark, Midland ISO, 801 South Moran, Midland, TX 79701, for Sand and Refinish (2) Gym Floors at San Jacinto Jr. High School, located in Midland, TX, bids will be received at the above address no later than 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, February 24, 2014. The bid forms and specifications may be obtained at 801 South Moran, Building #1 Midland, TX or by calling 432-689-1500.



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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MIDLAND

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 6th day of February, 2014, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 8th day of February, 2014, seized, levered upon, and will on the 4th day of March, 2014, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levered upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V./P./) or document number of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

Table with 4 columns: PROP #, CAUSE #, STYLE, PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #. Contains 48 rows of property sale information.

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale. I do hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 6th day of February, 2014, at Midland, Texas

GARY PAINTER, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By: KEN COLSTON, Sergeant, You may contact the taxing units at (432) 699-4991.

Legal & Public Notices

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Terrell County, Texas, will offer for lease and will, in its discretion, lease for oil, gas, and other related hydrocarbons and sulphur produced in connection with oil and/or gas to the highest and best bidder submitting a bid therefore, a lease on Terrell County's interest in all or any part of the following described tracts of land situated in Gaines County, Texas, to-wit:

All of League 308, Terrell County School Lands Survey, Gaines County, Texas

The lease must provide for a primary term of not more than three (3) years from the date of execution and approval by Lessor; a royalty of not less than one-quarter (1/4th) of the gross production to be retained by Lessor, that all royalties accruing under the lease shall be without deduction for the cost of production, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products produced there under ready for sale and use; that provides for bonus consideration for the lease in an amount not less than \$300.00 per acre; that the lease provide for an annual delay rental of at least \$1.00 per acre; that the lease may not be maintained in force solely by the payment of shut-in royalties; that the least must provide for reasonable and customary damages to the surface estate, including crops, caused by operations of Lessee on the leased premises and including reasonable and customary compensation in the area of the above-described lands for well locations, pipelines and roads; that no potable water suitable for irrigation purposes from the above-described lands shall be used in secondary recovery operations; that one (1) well will not hold more than 320 acres, said 320 acres to be designated by the Lessee according to the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas, or other ruling governmental agency, contain a proportionate reduction clause; and said lease to otherwise contain terms, covenants, and provisions acceptable to the Commissioners Court of Terrell County, Texas.

Said Commissioners Court will meet in regular session on the 14th day of April, 2014, in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse of Terrell County, Texas, in the town of Sanderson, Texas, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. to receive and consider any and all bids submitted for the leasing of the above-described lands, and in the discretion of such Commissioners Court will award the lease of the above tracts of land to the highest and best bidder submitting a bid therefore, provided that, in judgment of such Commissioners Court the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of such lease, such Commissioners Court in its discretion may reject same and in its sole discretion, give notice and call for additional bids. The Commissioners Court has the sole and absolute discretion to accept or reject any and all bids. The acceptance of such bid is contingent upon a satisfactory lease agreement by and between the Commissioners Court and the successful bidder. If such agreement cannot be reached, the Commissioners Court may negotiate a lease agreement with the second highest and best bidder without the necessity of re-advertising the property for lease.

Each bid is to be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope marked "BID" to Santiago Flores, County Judge of Terrell County, whose address is P O Box 4810, Sanderson, Texas 79848.

Each bidder shall exercise due diligence in determining the acreage which is open and unleased. Terrell County expressly makes no warranty of title. Bids will be accepted on all or any part of the lands described herein.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, at office in Sanderson, Texas, this 20th day of January, 2014

MARTHA ALLEN, County Clerk, and Ex Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Terrell County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, February 20, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider VARIANCES to the City Code concerning height limitations, requirement in close proximity to Midland International Airport on the following properties:

- Case ZBA 14-001: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (Bombardier West 1H Well)
Case ZBA 14-002: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (Bombardier West 2H Well)
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Case ZBA 14-009: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST 4001 Well)
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Case ZBA 14-011: T&P RR Co Survey 41, A-260, Midland Co., TX (ST 4107H Well)
Case ZBA 14-012: T&P RR Co Survey 44, A-800, Midland Co., TX (ST 4414 Well)
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Case ZBA 14-015: T&P RR Co Survey 42, A-802, Midland Co., TX (ST W 601H/602H Well)
Case ZBA 14-016: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Midland Co., TX (ST W 712 Well)
Case ZBA 14-017: T&P RR Co Survey 43, A-261, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4302 Well)
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Case ZBA 14-019: T&P RR Co Survey 43, A-261, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4305 Well)
Case ZBA 14-020: T&P RR Co Survey 43, A-261, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4306 Well)
Case ZBA 14-021: T&P RR Co Survey 43, A-261, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4307 Well)

VARIANCES: To the City Code concerning the height limitations for temporary Oil Well Drilling Equipment. If any further information is desired, please feel free to contact the Building Official at (432) 685-7388.

Steve Thorpe, Building Official, City of Midland

Note: The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance of City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired person wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Stephanie Young, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RFP
Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for an AUTOMATED URINALYSIS ANALYZER for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014**.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled "BID # 1118-020514".

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months**.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
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For the hundreds of thousands of service men and women who re-enter the workforce each year, the transition often amounts to unexpected toil.

Not only is finding work difficult, but adjusting to life at the office requires patience. That's why experts such as John W. Phillips, a retired U.S. Army Field artillery officer and career book author from Atlanta, suggest that military workers remain steadfast to move through the various stages needed to reach full integration.

"The same training that has helped service members thrive in the military world will bring them success outside the gate. They just need to leverage what they learned in uniform," Phillips says.

The Department of Defense estimates that some 220,000 service members returned to work in 2012, and projects that nearly 300,000 service members will transition each year through 2015.

In his new book "Boot to Loafers: Finding Your New True North," (2014) Phillips identifies the three stages that service members must go through as transition, transformation and integration: Leaving the military is considered the transition process. Reinventing or rebranding yourself to adapt to the workforce is seen as the transformation. Assimilating back into the civilian world or private sector is considered the integration process. The journey should ideally begin prior to leaving the service.

The transition process involves preparing for the job search and the interview process. It includes identifying the core skills acquired in the military and communicating these to the hiring manager.

Phillips notes that service members understand, for example, the importance of functioning as part of a team because they have lived and breathed that concept. Also, the ability to adapt instantly to a variety of shifting situations is second nature to those who have served in the military.

"These skills are simply not taught outside the gate as a general rule, but the absence of them in co-workers can be a source of irritation and frustration," he adds. That's when service people can create teachable moments and share their knowledge and a story or two to reinforce how they have honed those skills.

The transformation process involves effectively managing the move from military culture to civilian culture. Phillips notes that when he left the U.S. Army, it took him a few weeks to catch on to what kind of communication style is acceptable.

"The military environment, sometimes marked by unpredictable and violent situations, dictates the need for quick, concise and very direct communication with fellow service members. This method of communication can be difficult to find in the private sector," he says.

If getting the job is step one and keeping the job is step two, then thriving in the job is step three. Phillips says the one goal for service members should be to align themselves with others who can provide important insights about how each department works toward achieving the business goals and vision of the company.

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COMPELLING CAREER NARRATIVES HELP JOBSEEKERS STAND OUT AND GET NOTICED.

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Life stories are the key to landing a dream job, but most people tell theirs without knowing how important it is to be compelling, interesting and reflective of who they are.

A personal story, or career narrative, is shorter and more informal than a full bio, around two or four sentences – and should be memorable.

"A career narrative is a story which helps us understand the other person better – their likes and dislikes, their motivations," says Iqbal Ashraf, chief executive of the Mentors Guild in Honolulu. "It is useful in looking for your dream job or to help someone understand why you want a major transition in career."

Business professor Heidi K. Gardner explains in a Harvard Business Review article that career narratives require introspection. To be effective, they link unrelated past experiences and explain how one experience led to the other.

Gardner notes that a "good narrative needs to hang

together with the right combination of honesty, humility and personal flavor. Narratives that just articulate a string of successes are not credible and are not likely to be repeated."

An easy-to-remember story helps a prospective boss remember the interview more easily, and paints a picture of that individual that dispels untrue assumptions.

Brian Beatty, a career coach in New York who helps people develop career narratives, says storytelling is the surest way to plant an idea in someone's mind. "It activates the brain so that a listener can turn the narrative into his own idea and experience. This is one of the most powerful means of winning people over, and it's been happening for centuries," Beatty says.

Thus, career narrative should feature more prominently than education and past work.

"A narrative will tip us off to the depth and breadth of all you have to offer. Career narratives even allow us a glimpse into the unique essence of who

you are," Beatty explains.

Beatty suggests starting with your resume. Stand before a mirror and read every word out loud. Pretend the information is new and pay attention to how it sounds as a story. Then, look at a clock and summarize it, out loud, as a 60-second elevator pitch. Next, boil it down to one phrase that clearly states what you have to offer.

Beatty also employs a six-step approach to developing a career narrative that includes:

1) Define your goals. What do you see in your future? Do you want to become known as the best manager in your niche? Do you want to land a job at a larger company? Are you looking to secure a promotion?

2) Research your goals. Figure out what your competition is doing. Ask your role models about how they achieved success. Seek advice from a mentor. Understand what will be required of you in the role that you envision for yourself.

3) Differentiate. Determine what unique qualities you offer. Think about how you

want people to describe you and what your personal brand should convey.

4) Map yourself. Here is where you have to really think about how far you are from your goal. Also, determine how people perceive you now and what you need to change. You should be clear about how large the gap is between your current achievements and where you would like to be in three, five or ten years.

5) Develop a strategy. Now that you see your goal more clearly, write down what steps you need to take to get there. What is a reasonable timeline? How can you build accountability into the process? How will you evaluate your success?

6) Manage your interconnectedness. Ensure all your social media outlets use the same language. You should use the same phrases and keywords in your LinkedIn profile as in your resume. Your photo images and the tone and voice for how you write should also be uniform across all mediums.

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THE DISCRIMINATION EQUATION

Most jobseekers think they're the right one for the job – but what they should be thinking is "why am I not?"

A recent study finds that when applicants directly address the popular, negative stereotypes that work against them, observable opposition from the interviewer – such as trying to end the interview prematurely or hostile body language – is significantly reduced.

The study, funded by Rice University, measured resistance to hiring pregnant applicants for jobs with 161 retailers, all hiring for positions at three malls in the same

metro area.

Reviewing literature involving pregnancy discrimination, researchers identified four major stereotypes: incompetence, lack of commitment, a need for special accommodations and inflexibility, explains Whitney Botsford Morgan, a University of Houston professor and lead author of the study.

When applicants in the study – all visibly pregnant – directly

addressed a stereotype, such as inflexibility, by saying: "My schedule is flexible. I have the help I need so I can work whenever you need me," test observers recorded less resistance from the interviewer.

In theory, notes Morgan, directly counteracting common negative beliefs should benefit other types of workers such as the long-term unemployed. However, since she

hasn't tested for different scenarios, she's reluctant to state that categorically.

But Lyn O'Brien, owner of YourHiddenAdvantage.com, says she's seen that applicants who rehearse statements to counteract discrimination before an interview and deliver their responses easily have seen positive results.

It's best to address issues indirectly, says Haley Cousins, recruiter for Naviga Business Services. "Instead of saying, 'I'm pregnant, but don't worry, I will still work really hard,' just describe how you are a hard worker and will work around the clock until a project is completed," she advises.

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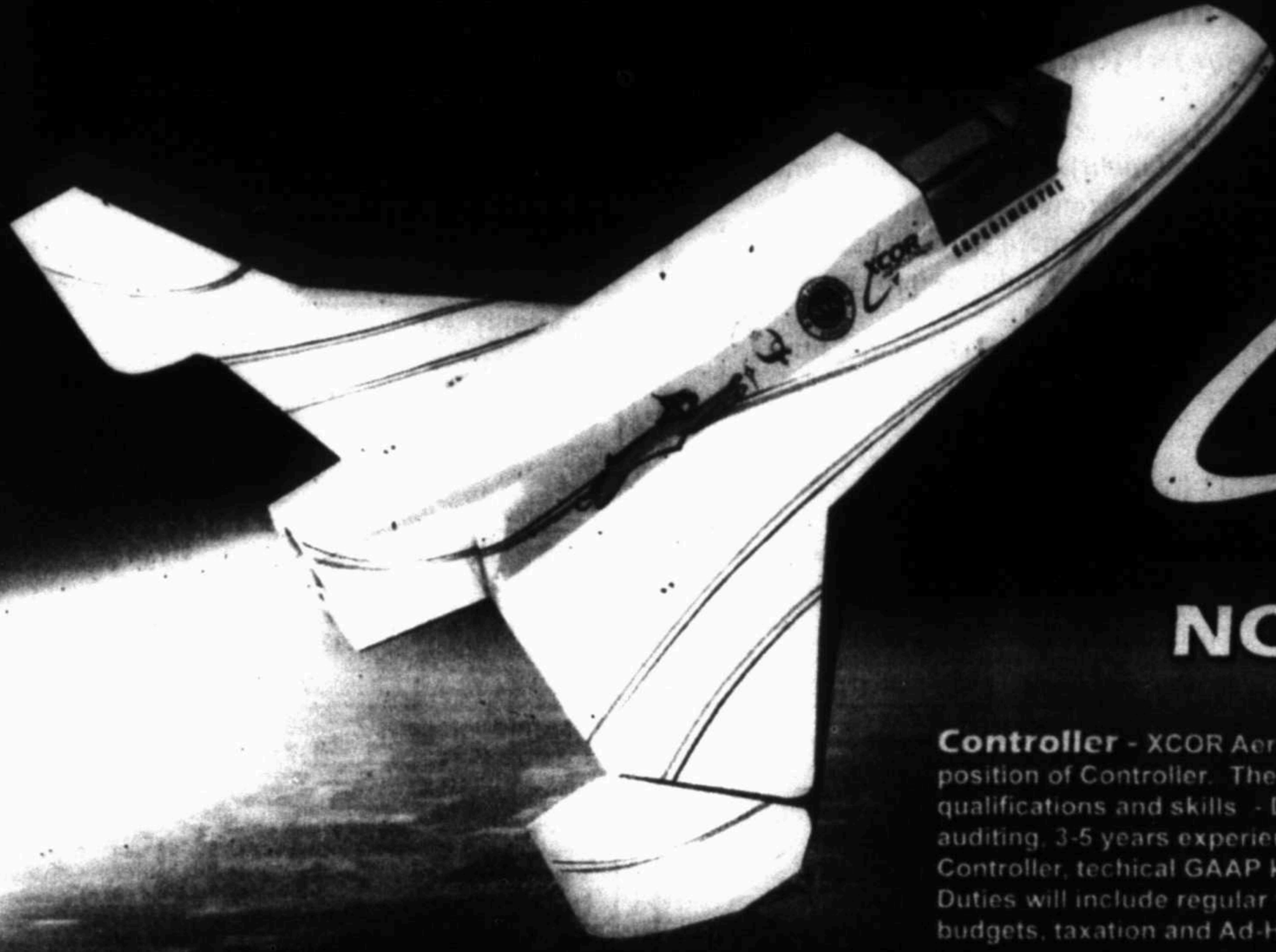
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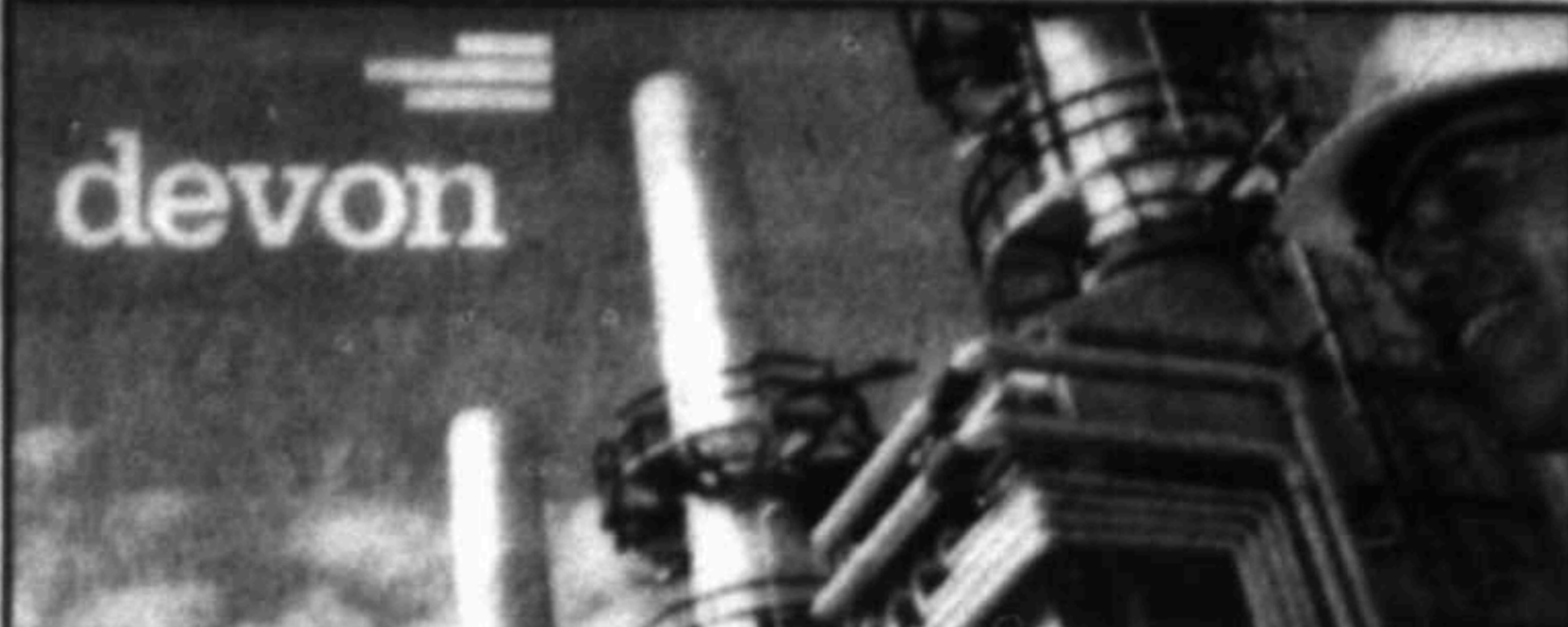
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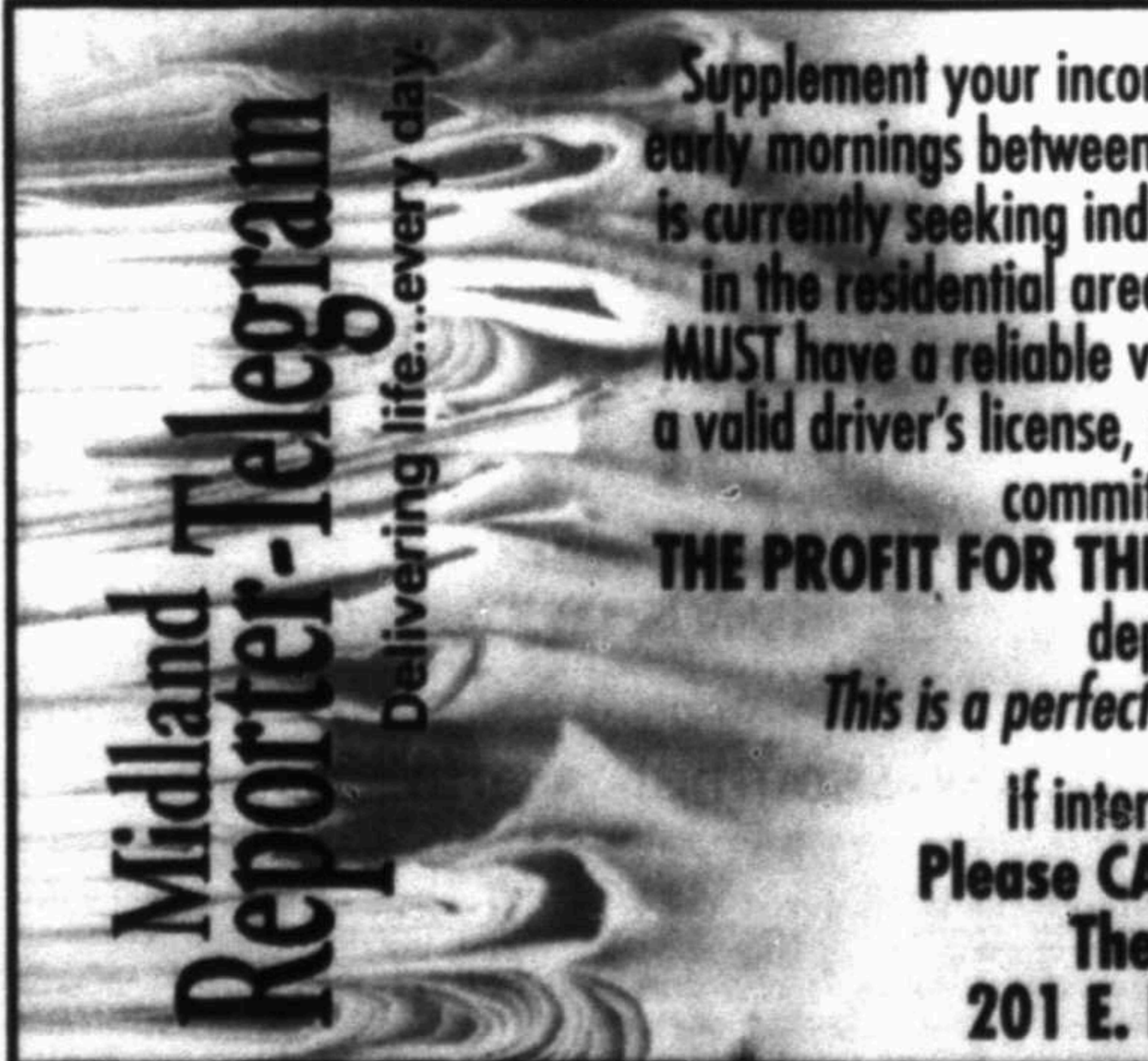


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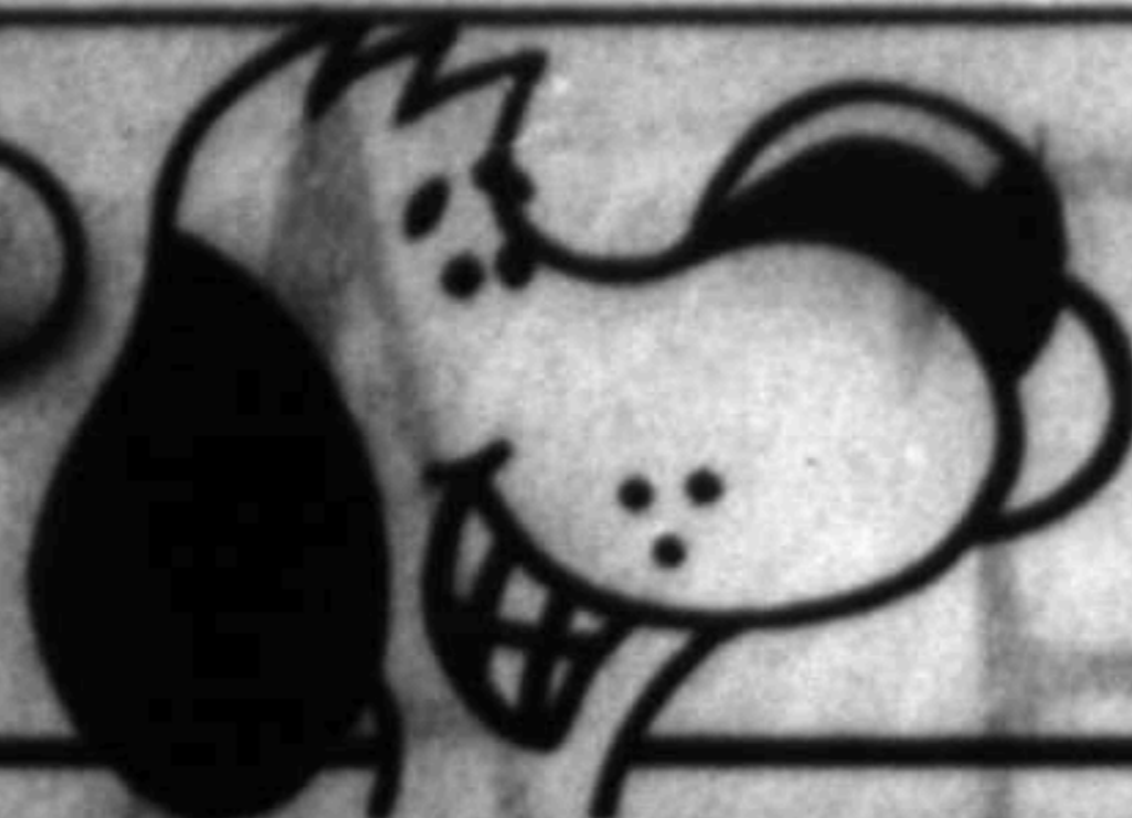


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ANSWER:

The government is not forcing lenders to call. While the mortgage servicer's behavior is obnoxious, this is a case where you can save money by listening to your callers.

The Department of Veterans Affairs says that lenders must have a "reasonable" grace period before a late fee becomes due. Typically, mortgage payments are due on the 1st of the month but there is a 15-day grace period in case payments are delayed in the mail. After the grace period, the borrower may then face a late fee.

By paying on the third Wednesday of each month you apparently are making payments far past the grace period. The result is that, unless waived, you are paying needless and costly late fees.

How can this problem be solved?

One option is to speak with the mortgage servicer and ask if the payment schedule can be changed to accommodate your monthly finances. This may not be possible, but it can't hurt to ask. If you get a "yes," make sure the new payment schedule is confirmed in writing.

The best solution is to change your timetable so that payments are made earlier in the month, a choice that will be tough the first month but easy thereafter. This is the quickest, easiest and surest way to make your unwanted callers and financial penalties go away.

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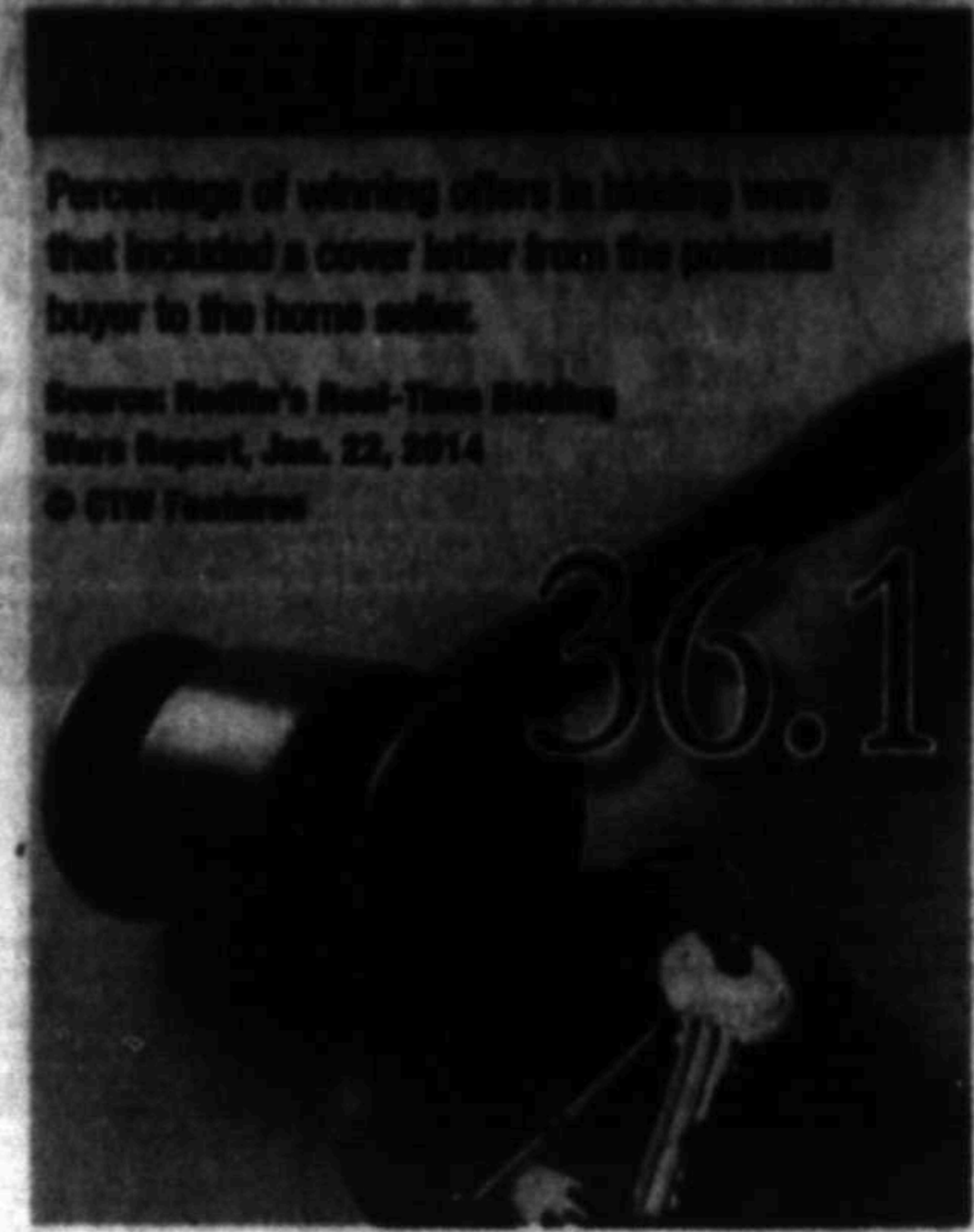
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HOME EQUITY: TO BORROW OR NOT TO BORROW?



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Many homeowners who were once underwater now find that not only are they high and dry, but that their home sits above a well of cash.

Home equity — defined as the difference between a home's current value and the amount of principal owed on any mortgage — took a big, \$2.2 trillion leap from 2012 to 2013, according to U.S. Federal Reserve statistics.

The recovery in housing prices means that many owners' mortgage balances no longer loom above their home's value, a situation known as being "underwater." Many homeowners might be able to do the unthinkable a few, economically distressed years ago: Take a second mortgage.

Indeed, Moody's Analytics predicts the dollar volume of equity credit will rise about seven to eight percent in 2014.

RIGHT AND WRONG

But just because you can doesn't mean you should take on added mortgage debt, warns E-

len Schloemer of the Center for Responsible Lending, a nonprofit consumer protection group.

"Some reasons for borrowing from home equity are better than others," adds Cleveland financial planner Kenneth Robinson. Spending on a home improvement that will provide a lasting boost to a home's value could be a "better" use, he says.

On the other hand, says Dublin, Ohio-based financial planner Carol Friedhoff, if the borrowed funds are spent on something that's quickly consumed — like a vacation — and doesn't provide a lasting value, "then it's 'bad debt.'"

TRUTH BE TOLD

Consumers are somewhat protected from "bad" debt, since lenders have a stake in ensuring the equity won't sink their finances, says Keith Gumbinger of mortgage data firm HSH.com.

Expect questions on what the equity funds will be used for, says Dan Gjeldum, senior vice president of mortgage firm Guaranteed Rate.

Then, lenders will try to ensure that funds are used for their

stated purpose and don't enable a borrower to fall into deeper debt. For example, Gjeldum says, "If someone is consolidating credit card debt, they may be told to bring in their statements and the credit card accounts will be paid at the closing."

During the boom preceding the housing crisis, lenders didn't worry much about what borrowers did with their funds. "One of the biggest reasons these loans went bad was because people said they were going to pay off a credit card but didn't," Gjeldum explains.

Now, lenders try to ensure borrowers aren't able to get into more debt because of the equity credit. All debt shouldn't exceed about 40 to 43 percent of a borrower's income, Gjeldum says.

Still, lenders can't know if borrowers might open new credit accounts later. Robinson advises using equity to consolidate credit cards only if people "have demonstrated — not resolved, but demonstrated — that they no longer use the credit cards for over-spending."

HOLD IT THERE

Here's another housing crisis

lesson: If home values drop, so does the amount of equity an owner has, and a second mortgage could be the added debt that pushes an owner underwater.

Owners now need a relatively large amount of equity in a property to borrow against it, Gjeldum says. At least ten percent — usually 20 percent — of the value of a home should still be mortgage-free after the equity loan.

Most equity lending is in the form of a "line," Gumbinger says. "Equity loans are harder to find."

In the case of a home equity line, the borrower pays a variable interest rate on the money he or she has drawn. In contrast, an equity loan is one lump sum usually with a fixed interest rate charge.

In some cases, the lines require interest-only payments for an initial period, like five years, and then the balance is due, says Charles Chedester, past president of the Mortgage Professionals of Iowa.

Yes, lending rules are more restrictive, but consumers should still be careful. "Anyone who doesn't read the documentation could get a surprise," Gumbinger says.

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PRESERVE YOUR RESERVES

Seventy percent of homeowner associations are underfunded, and homeowners will feel the pinch

Anyone who lives in a townhouse or a condominium relies upon a homeowner association (HOA) to manage and maintain the building and common areas. Unfortunately for homeowners, a new study shows that most HOAs are drastically underfunded.

While regular HOA assessments go toward monthly maintenance and regular fees, the association also is expected to hold a reserve fund that can be drawn upon for emergencies.

But the majority of HOAs don't have the reserve funds to deal with problems like a

leaky roof or burst pipe. A recent study by Association Reserves, a study company that works with HOAs nationwide, reveals that 70 percent of HOA reserves are underfunded.

That number doesn't surprise Richard Monson, president and CEO of California Association of Homeowner's Associations Inc.

"It's fairly common knowledge that people move around," he explains. "If you were living in a condominium association and your work was going to take you someplace else in a few years, you aren't going to

want to put your money into reserves for the future benefit of someone else in the association."

If the reserve fund falls short, a potential buyer or lender might steer clear. However, "other than that, there's not too many consequences" for the association itself, Monson says.

The most significant consequences fall upon current homeowners.

When the building or community requires the emergency repair or unexpected expense, the association can choose to charge a special assessment (one lump-sum payment) or increase the monthly payments to the association.

First-time homebuyers should always be thorough



when researching prospective homes, but they should take special care in learning about their HOA. Rathbun says prospective homebuyers should be proactive in their research.

"Is the association financially solvent?... Has the community seen a lot of special assessments in recent past?" Those questions must be considered, Rathbun says.

Put simply, he says, "In other words, do your homework."

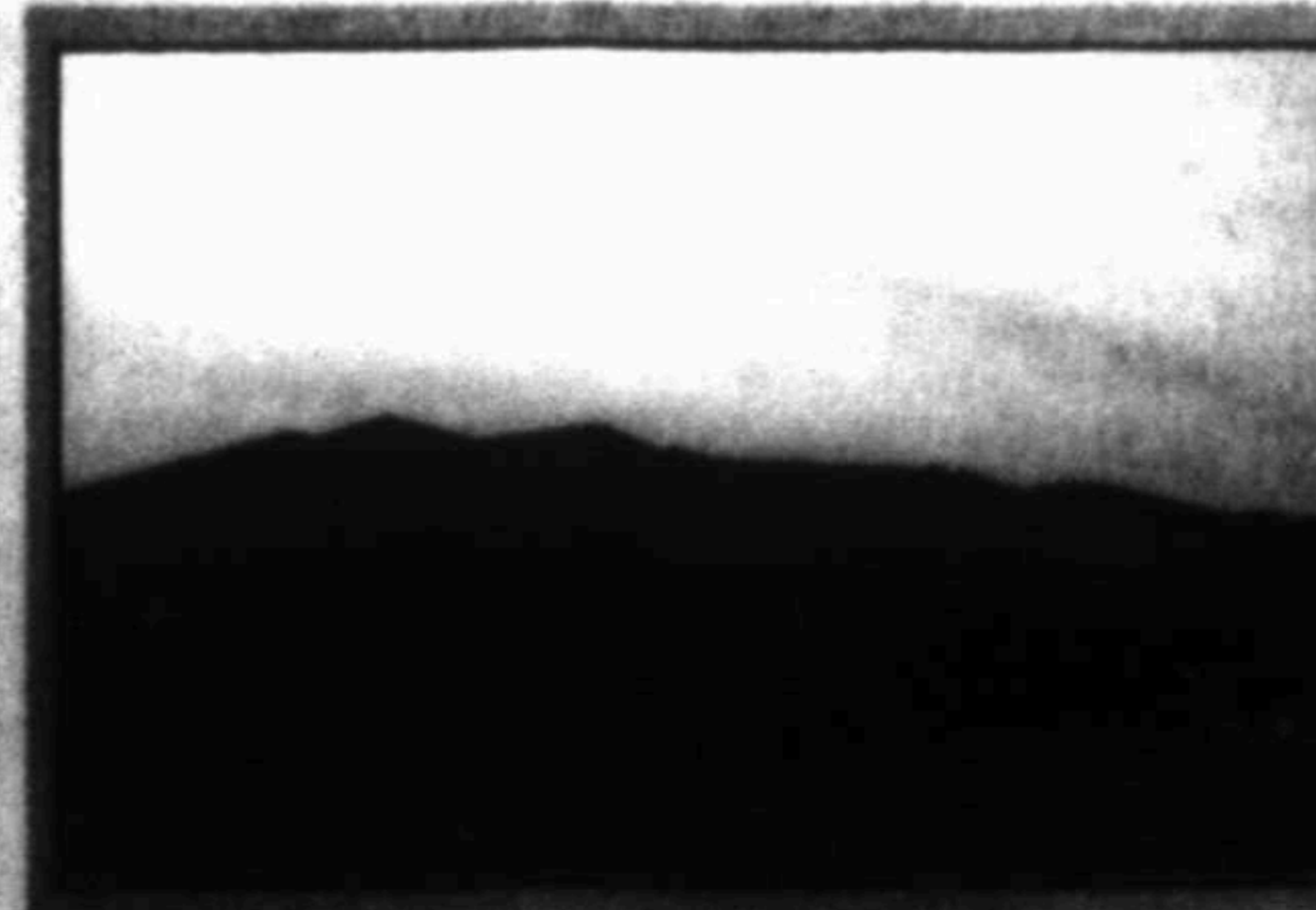
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Situated on a corner lot, the home has a circular drive winding beneath mature oak trees. Step in the front door and your eyes are drawn to the gorgeous flagstone floors that cover most of the first floor. To the right of the entry is the formal dining and sitting area with a view of the front yard. Cork flooring makes a beautiful base for the room. Ahead of the front door is the living area where floor-to-ceiling plate glass windows give a view of the landscaped back yard. Another eye-catching amenity is the sandstone double-sided, wood-burning fireplace that divides the room from the kitchen. Both areas can enjoy the ambiance of a fire while watching television or while working in the kitchen. As you sit in the den, a two-story ceiling offers a view of the upstairs landing. Built-ins also provide areas for displaying favorite items.

Downstairs, the spacious sequestered master bedroom is indeed a retreat. A jetted tub, two dressing areas and sinks, marble countertops and nickel faucets are modern and inviting. The closet is any woman's dream as it wraps around the entire bathroom and includes built-ins for storage.

Upstairs, there are four more bedrooms, each with unique roof lines and lighting in addition to an abundance of storage. At the top of the stairs is a large storage closet, which also includes a cedar closet and built-in cabinets. The first two bedrooms are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom and the next bedroom faces the backyard. Two siblings could share the final bedroom -- one side of the room mirrors the other, it has four closets! A full bathroom is located on the landing for these two bedrooms to share. Here, there are two sinks, a dressing area and more built-ins.

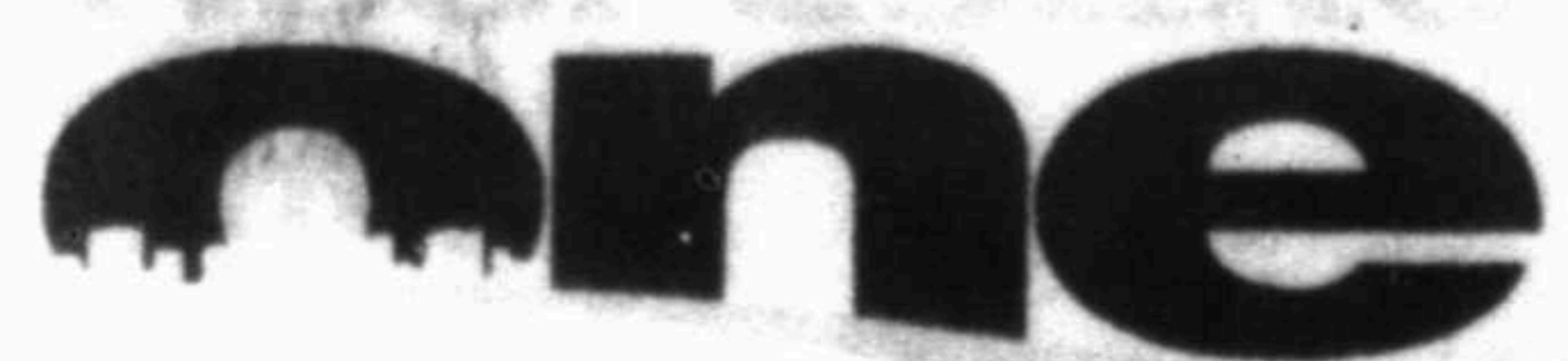
Downstairs, the kitchen has been updated with stainless steel appliances including a professional grade Electrolux refrigerator/freezer. The granite backsplash coordinates beautifully with the Caesarstone countertops and oversized island. Walls of richly stained cabinets surround the kitchen. Nearby, another smaller countertop provides the perfect coffee bar. A dining table can be placed between the kitchen and the fireplace for a cozy area to eat. A half-bath is conveniently located down a hall by an exterior door.

You will want to enjoy warmer months out back on the brick porch where there is ample space for outdoor furniture. A small cabana in the corner of the yard is perfect for relaxing in the swing. Additional amenities to this home include bookcases, shades/blinds, automatic garage door opener, large pantry, sequestered master and corner lot.

The saying goes, "They don't make them like they used to," and this is obvious from the moment you walk in the front door of this home. Listed at \$859,000, more information may be obtained by contacting Roberta Aldridge, Real Estate One at (432) 683-3424. MLS#96966



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

What you should know about homeowners associations

If you're planning to buy a house or condominium, keep in mind that the property may be governed by a homeowners association. An estimated 4.8 million Texans live in communities managed by HOAs. Many homebuyers appreciate the benefits provided by HOAs, but the mandatory dues and covenants, conditions and restrictions placed on the group of homes occasionally rub some people the wrong way. Before you make an offer on a property governed by an HOA, here are some things to consider.

What's in it for you?

Homeowners associations often provide access to attractive amenities that individual residents couldn't otherwise afford—pools, gyms, tennis courts, walking trails—and their rules can protect property values in the neighborhood. Some associations also take on services traditionally provided by the local government, such as trash pickup, landscaping, street lighting and street and sidewalk maintenance.

Beyond the golf course

Your perfect condo may have a great pool or your dream house might be sitting on the first tee, but remember that those things are only part of the HOA's scope. When you purchase a property governed by an HOA, you enter into a legal contract with the association. You agree to abide by the association's regulations and pay its dues. In exchange, you get a community guided by an HOA and the access to its facilities and perks.

Read before you buy

Make sure that any uses or freedoms you expect to come along with your property are allowed in the CCRs. Want to store your boat trailer in your driveway? The association's CCRs may not allow that. Want to paint the house? Some HOAs have restrictions on permissible colors, so check the palette allowed by the association.

Reforming the rules

Texas REALTORS® supported several HOA reforms during the most recent session of the Texas Legislature that enhance the rights of property owners who belong to HOAs. In fact, the efforts of the Texas Association of Realtors led to changes in state law now in effect. Homeowners in HOAs are now guaranteed the right to place religious displays on their front doors; fly U.S., state and military flags; and install rain barrels and solar panels on their property. In addition, new laws require HOAs to hold open meetings and make records more accessible to all HOA members. The associations also are now required to see a judge to foreclose on homeowners who are behind on their dues and offer homeowners a payment plan if they are behind on payments.

Paying your dues

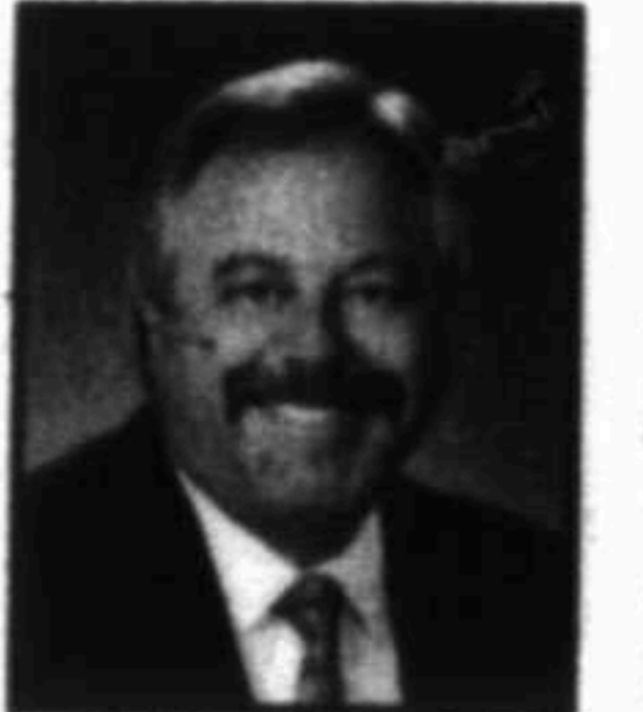
HOAs run on dues—your fee for living in the community. Some are charged quarterly, some annually. These fees range from less than one hundred to thousands of dollars, depending on the neighborhood or building and what amenities it offers. Ask how much the dues are when you're house hunting, if they've increased during the past few years and how often you are required to pay them. In addition, find out what the dues cover and what they don't. For example, your condo association may perform all exterior maintenance. That means when the roof leaks, your dues pay for its repair, even if you live on the ground floor of a three-story building. If you live on that third floor, however, you don't have to pay to repair the entire roof yourself. If the association manages a pool, you're paying for it, even if you can't swim and never use the amenity.

Who's in charge?

When you review an HOA's documents, be sure to ask about its finances. Is the HOA solvent? Does it have a reserve fund? Who controls the money? What kind of oversight is that person subject to?

Find out who manages the HOA and what role residents have in its governance. There may be a board or other group of property owners who are elected to manage the association. Take some time and talk to people who currently live in the community. How do they feel about the neighborhood, development or building? Find out their impressions of the HOA and how it's run. It's in your best interest to perform due diligence before signing a contract to purchase a property governed by a homeowners association. You'll be able to make an informed decision about the HOA's pros and cons, as well as your responsibilities, without jeopardizing the transaction or subjecting yourself to regulations that aren't consistent with your lifestyle.

For expert advice about HOAs and all kinds of information about owning, buying or selling a home, ask your REALTOR®.



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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 rattling
 - 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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breakers are signs of a problem. Consider hiring a home inspector for a more thorough report, especially if you are thinking about selling your home. Your Realtor will be able to provide you with a list of inspectors to help you.



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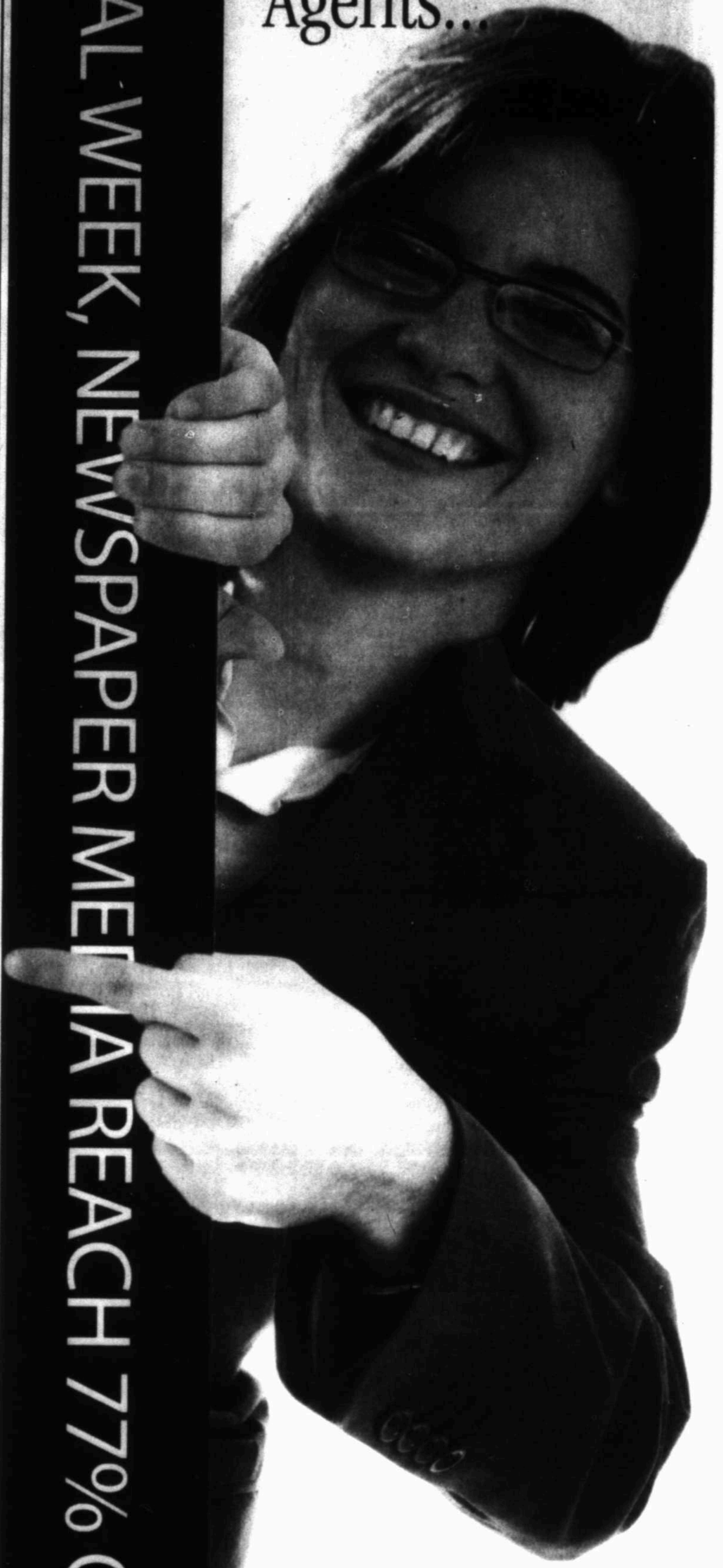
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4084 Melville - 3 bd, 2.5 bath, neutral paint \$259,000

4084 Dutton Dr. - Spacious 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 2 1/2 car \$254,000

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3218 Caldera - condo, 2bd, 2 1/2ba, 2 storey \$99,000

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1508 Cascade Ct. - Lots of updates in this lovely 3br/2ba warm feeling home. Must see! UC \$205,000

5196 Aynette Dr. - Galle, color, oak UC \$195,000

2415 Sherry Ave. - Beautiful updated 4br/3 1/2 bath home w/ beautiful hardwood floors, large lot UC \$179,000

386 Keith-one owner 3br/2ba living garage. Could be for rental, investor and bath. Washer, dryer, frig, gas range, & microwave. Tile storage building, storm cellar, pool, well. Newer roof shingles, HVAC UC \$155,000

3519 W. Wilmore - Updated 4 1/2 bath. New price, bonus room, detached garage. SOLD \$149,000

205 Nobles Ave. - 4 in New, completely renovated UC \$153,000

101 W Spruce - 3br/2ba, 2 car garage, lots of updates, open floor plan. \$130,000

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1802 Country Club Dr - Beautiful 4br/3 1/2 bath in Old Midland \$810,000

4281 Tanager Ave. - Fabulous custom 4BR 4BA (2 1/2 bath, 3 living areas, study, 4 car garage) \$859,000

4505 Bent Tree - Lovely home in Green Tree North with pool! \$775,000

2007 Country Club Dr - Wonderful 4br/4bth home UC \$800,000

7818 Inwood - Beautiful updated 4br/3 1/2 bath 5 car garage w/ 2A and 2P. A must see property UC \$650,000

7806 Keyhaven - Hurry to make your selections on this custom 4/3/3 Trailridge Home in Odessa! UC \$355,725

7804 Keyhaven - Make your selections for this beautiful 4/3/3 custom Trailridge Home in Odessa! UC \$354,950

7808 Keyhaven - Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA kitchen home with open floorplan UC \$344,250

2387 Maxwell - Terrific 4 br home w/ great floor plan, high ceilings, updated kitchen and bathrooms in central location. UC \$349,000

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2107 College Ave. - Cottage look from the outside but big & grand inside. Wonderful open plan w/tons of space, 300 Karth-one owner, 3br/2ba living, 1 garage. Could be for as den has closet and bath. Washer, dryer, frig, gas range, & microwave. Tile storage building, storm cellar, pool, well. Newer roof shingles, HVAC UC \$155,000

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2000A Bonifant - Alibon - 5BR, 4BA, pool, spa, gymnasium, beautifully updated UC \$1,075,000

6802 Inwood - Beautiful 4br/4.5 bath home on the lake in Green Tree North. Must see! UC \$594,000

2000 Shell - 5 bedroom in the "Heart of Warwick" UC \$500,000

5405 Heartland Ct - Pinnite 5br/5 ba + o/c, lab flooring, quiet Grandview cul-de-sac UC \$439,000

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2512 Lockhead Ave. - Custom 3 1/2 bath w/ granite, hardwood floors, walk-in closets, "Old Midland" UC \$249,000

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 3000 Fairwood This stunning 5 bed 4 1/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Mockingbird heights! Some of its incredible features include a gourmet kitchen, a beautiful wrought ironed raised staircase, hand scraped hardwood floors, gorgeous granite and a fabulous 1420 sq. ft. guesthouse! \$999,900
 4004 Island Dr. Spacious 5 bed 4 1/2 bath home in Green Tree North sits on the lake! Den boasts a towering fireplace and built-in! Breakfast dining is open to the living and has a private patio! \$799,900
 5400 Whitman-Fantastic 5 bed 3 bath home sits on almost 7 acres! Spacious living areas with soaring ceilings! Lots of recent updates including the master bath complete with heated floors! Gorgeous yards and dawning pool! \$750,000
 4700 Talleman-NEW! Absolutely gorgeous 5 bed 3 1/2 bath home on 7 1/2 acres! Gourmet kitchen and spacious living areas! Outdoor kitchen, sparkling pool and in-ground trampolene. \$729,900
 3400 Meadowridge Ln. Absolutely spectacular 4 bed 4 bath home in Holly Meadows with many updates! Some of its fabulous features include walls of windows, miles of the sparkling pool, cabana and hot tub! \$529,900
 4516 Hilltop Dr. Spectacular 4 bed 3 bath home in Bransford with mature trees and lush landscaping! Unbelievable hand-troweled texture ceiling & walls, dramatic 12 ft. ceilings, stacked stone over molding and hand scraped hardwood floors! \$465,000
 913 Country Club-NEW! Fantastic 4 bed 3 bath home on a corner lot in Old Midland with tons of updates! Beautiful kitchen! Fabulous backyard with pool and cabana! \$408,000
 5914 N County Rd 1130-NEW! Fantastic 4 bed 2 bath property on 11 acres in Greenwood! Metal fencing on perimeter of property! \$398,000
 4505 Rosewood Dr. Immaculate move-in ready 4 bed 2 bath home in Bransford! Beautifully updated throughout! Spacious living area with wood burning fireplace! Peaceful backyard with artificial turf! \$355,000
 2819 Maxwell-NEW! Spacious 4 bed 3 1/2 bath home with a large circle drive! Walls of windows and miles of tile throughout! Gameroom! \$299,900

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE
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 5500 Sundance Ct. -NEW! Spectacular updated 3 bed 2 1/2 bath home in Grassland! Updated gourmet kitchen w/granite! Faux hardwood floors and miles of tile throughout!
\$315,000

4+ BEDROOMS
 5007 Chapel Hill-NEW! Fabulous updated top to bottom 4 bed 3 1/2 bath living or 2 dining with huge covered RV parking + shop! Gourmet kitchen with granite and sequestered master suite! \$275,000
 5293 Dublin Ave. ODESSA-Fabulous 4 bed 2 bath home sits on a lovely cul-de-sac! Gorgeous open floor plan! Beautiful kitchen w/terracotta breakfast bar, granite and opens to the spacious den w/a fireplace! \$269,990
 3842 Blossom Ln. -ODESSA-Charming updated 4 or 5 bed 2 1/2 bath home on a restful curved street in East Odessa. **SOLD \$242,500**
 1704 Byron Ave. ODESSA-NEW! Spacious 4 bed 3 bath with sparkling swimming pool! Kitchen opens to the den! Sequestered master bedroom! \$229,900
 4782 Cindy Pl. Spacious 4 bed 2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Woodwood Estates! **SOLD \$225,000**
 3513 Imperial Ave. -NEW! Spacious 4 bed 2 bath living area low maintenance home near schools!! Soaring ceilings, miles of tile, and wood blinds throughout! \$199,900

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS
 3701 Timber Wolf Trail-Trustee Robert Anderson 3 bed 2 bath new construction sits on 4.82 acres! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances, walk-in pantry, and granite countertops! Sequestered master has dual vanities, French doors, and huge closet! 2 water wells and 90 ft. well! \$425,000
 2618 E FM 1212 STANTON-Fabulous county property on 12.888 acres w/2 water wells, 60x25 workshop, 3 storage buildings and over 100 trees! \$378,000
 3085 Knolls Dr. Awesomely updated 3 bed 2 bath home on 1 1/2 acres! Gourmet kitchen with granite and stainless appliances! Large shop and shed! \$329,900
 5500 Sundance Ct. -NEW! Spectacular updated 3 bed 2 1/2 bath home in Grassland! Updated gourmet kitchen w/granite! Faux hardwood floors and miles of tile throughout! \$315,000
 3791 Crestmont-NEW! Absolutely stunning updated 3 bed 2 bath home with miles of tile and plantation shutters! Gourmet kitchen completely updated! \$258,000
 2304 Bellechasse Ct. Spacious 3 bed 2 bath home with 3 living areas on a quiet cul-de-sac! **LIC \$239,900**
 720 Sinclair Ave. -NEW! Fabulous 4 bed 2 bath home on a huge lot with great curb appeal and a metal roof! Miles of tile, hardwood floors, and walls of windows throughout! \$235,000
 1913 Mays Dr. -NEW! Absolutely fabulous 3 bed 2 bath home on a huge corner lot in Legends Park! Spacious living, stainless appliances, and sequestered master bedroom! \$229,900
 4306 Glenaville Dr. Spacious 4 bed 2 1/2 bath home sits within walking distance to Parker Elementary! **SOLD \$214,000**

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 2625 Metz Dr. -Wonderfully updated 3 bed 2 bath home near the mall, Goddard and park! **SOLD \$210,000**
 3085 Freda Pl. -Fabulous updated 3 bed 2 bath home in Woodwood Estates located within walking distance to Bush Elementary! **SOLD \$202,500**
 2216 Shell Ave. -NEW! Absolutely precious 3 bed 2 bath home with some updates! Tile wood flooring, refreshed cabinets, updated guest bath! Mature landscaping! **LIC in 1 Day \$192,000**
 2401 Terrace-One owner 3 bed 2 bath home in Fawn Terrace on a corner lot! Under book fence and 300 sq. ft. detached 3rd car garage/workshop! **SOLD \$195,000**
 1310 W. Tennessee Ave. -Updated and absolutely charming 3 bed 2 bath home on a landscaped corner lot! **SOLD \$195,000**
 485 Edgewood Dr. Great 3 bed 2 bath floor plan with huge kitchen! Full of cabinets and fridge! **SOLD \$190,000**
 4088 Anandale-Wow fantastic 3 bed 1 1/2 bath home within walking distance to school! Oversized kitchen boasts tons of cabinet space and overlooks the living room! \$149,000
 100 Gray St. Stanton. Nicely updated 3 bed 1 1/2 bath home with a bonus room! Lots of new Wood laminate floors and carpet throughout! \$120,000

LAND, LOTS AND RENTALS
 4483 W-28-Great commercial land 5 1/2 acres with interstate 20 frontage! Business Park zoning! **\$325,000**
 County Rd. 2306-Prime location for residential building sites minutes from Midland easy access to the airport! Deed restrictions-No mobile homes! Water Wells without pumps! 29.98 acres! **\$299,000**
 2270 County Rd. 2901-12.20 acre corner plot with more adjoining acreage available! Great location in developing area with easy access to Loop 250 North! **\$183,000**
 County Rd. 2306-Prime location for residential building sites minutes from Midland easy access to the airport! Deed restrictions-No mobile homes! Water Wells without pumps! 10.44 acres! **\$194,000**
 2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Built in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **\$75,000**
 1975 Timber Wolf Lane-Built in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4 1/2 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **\$72,000**
 1980 Timber Wolf Lane-Built in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4 1/2 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **\$64,500**
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1521 S. FORT WORTH - \$157,500
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SUNDAY FEATURED HOME
2819 DURANT DR. \$240,000
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<p>1504 S DALLAS ST 3 bedrooms, 1 bath & 1 half bath, 2 living areas. 2 car garage. Totally remodeled. \$119,000. Call Jim.</p>	<p>3612 CR 1190 Midland Two commercial bldgs on 1 1/2 acres. One bldg is 5000 sq. 3000 shop space with 2 overhead doors and 2000 office space. The other bldg is 2500 sq ft for storage. There is a small apt in the shop area with central heat and air. Contact Carol 432-528-1632</p>	<p>1606 S. CO. RD. 1140 5 acres Greenwood. Area is developed with beautiful homes. Horses allowed. \$62,500. Contact Elvia Lopez 432-978-9798.</p>
<p>SOLD 3725 BLOSSOM LANE Wonderful 4 bedroom 3 bathroom home in Windsor Heights. Spacious with great floor plan. This is a must see! Beautiful built in bookshelves. Sequestered in-law plan.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT 2803 MOSS 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath town home large living with fireplace, pool and 2 car garage w/ rear entry. \$150,000. Contact Kay.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING/ LAND 1005 E COUNTY RD 129 Midland, TX 79705 1.22 acres in Ridgeheights. This lot sits on a well established area. Water well with pump and 40X70 shop. Call Elvia 432-978-9798.</p>
<p>3203 APPERSON DR. Wonderful 3 (or 4) bedroom home with the prettiest trees around - 2 living areas - separate utility room - storage area behind carport - new tile in the kitchen \$269,500 Contact Kay</p>	<p>6 Acres 11816 W COUNTY RD. 58 1/2 6 acres: great location close to amenities. great country feel Contact Deborah 432-553-0056</p>	<p>6.21 Acres LOOP 250 This property is currently zoned retail however city will consider other proposals. No industrial. 6.21 acres. Call Deborah</p>

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5815 Sabine- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 3 Car Garage.....	\$349,500
5915 Sabine- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Dining Room, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$376,500
6009 Sabine- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Dining Room, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$406,500
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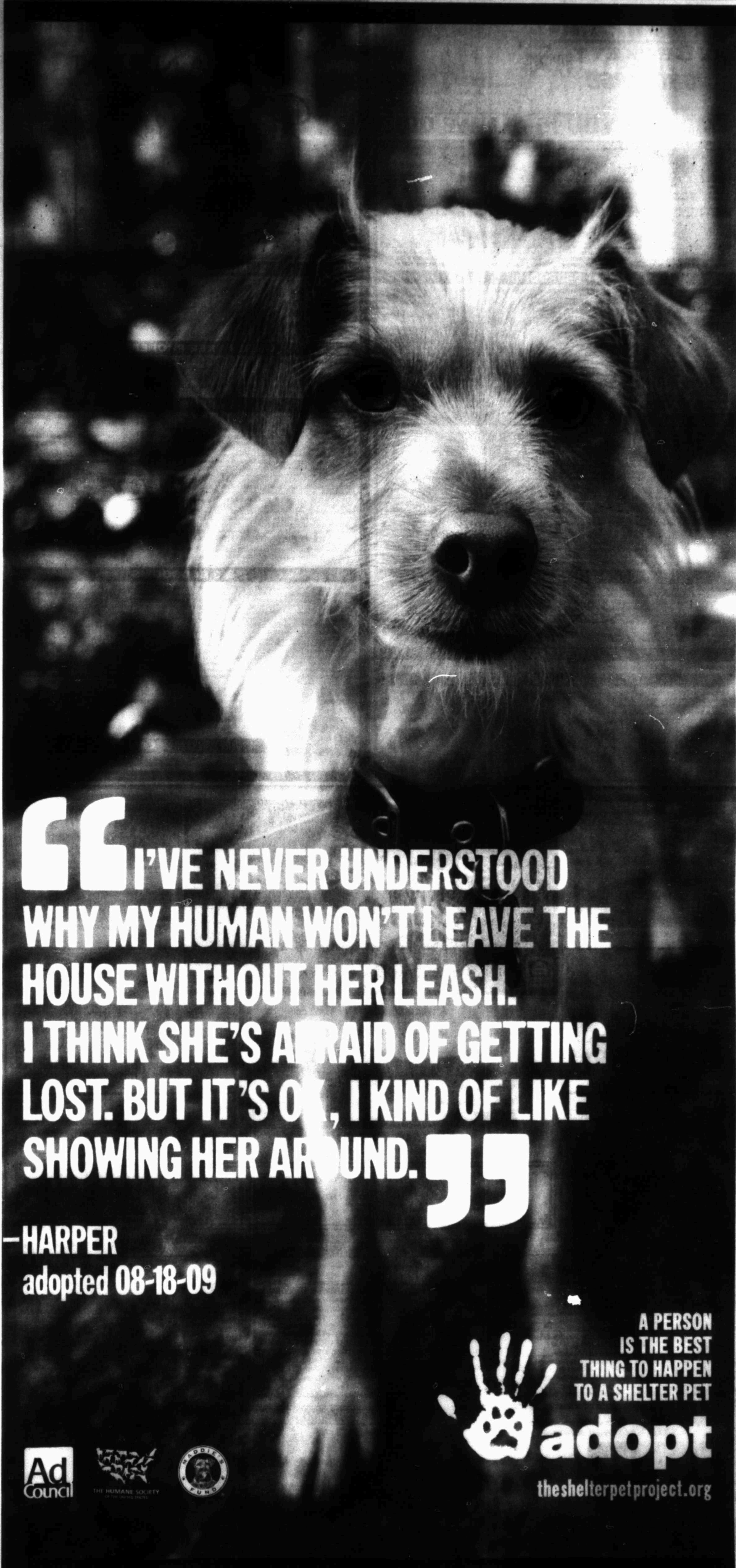

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- 1912 Alpine** - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, Open Concept! Nice Updates! Guest House and Swimming Pool. 4 Car Garage, Shop on a HUGE Lot! The possibilities are endless! **New Listing! \$395,000**
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- 5001 Canterbury** - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, Home with Many Recent updates in this 2400 Sq Ft with Separate Master Bed! Wood Floors! **Sale Pending! \$345,000**
- 5204 Lakewood Trace** - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, 2 Living Areas, 2 Full Baths, 3 Living Areas, 55' Golf Course View Here! Perfect Opportunity to Buy! Four Dream Homes! **Sale Pending! \$339,000**
- 2801 Dunlap** - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, Home 2 Living Areas, 3 Car Garage, 2 Sheds, 10' Ceilings, Updates, Granite, Guest Rooms, Impreg'ed Floor! **Sale Pending! \$328,000**
- 3816 Bayman** - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Great Open Plan, Sequestered Master Bedroom, Plenty of Storage! **Sale Pending! \$325,000**
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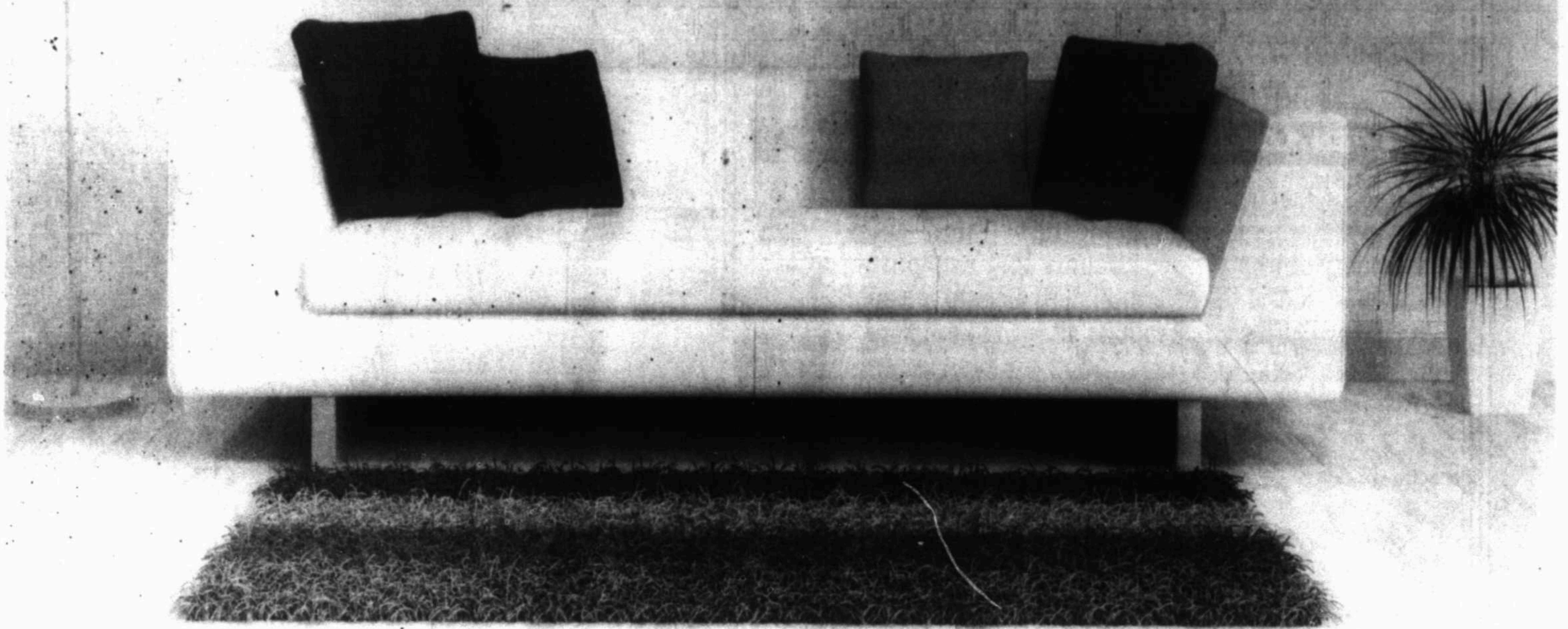


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White Walls that Wow



When a coat of paint is out of the question, the task of sprucing up white walls doesn't have to be a daunting task. Here, design pros share some of their favorite secrets for making neutral walls work

By RACHEL STARK | CTW Features

It's a classic decorating dilemma for renters: They want to make a living space feel personalized and homey, but their options are limited by landlord rules.

Luckily, an abundance of white isn't a sentence to a sterile living space. There are plenty of easy ways for decorators to add color and interest, and use the blank surroundings to their advantage.

John Koncar, an interior designer based in Cleveland, is one who doesn't just embrace white walls — he often prefers them. The look is found throughout both of his two homes. "I like it because of its qualities, how it changes every minute of the passing day," he says.

Whatever is going on outside, and coming through the windows, affects the way the rooms look.

UNCONVENTIONAL ARTWORK

Koncar suggests people fill white spaces with large, bold-shaped furniture, which will pop against the walls.

They also have room to get creative with the artwork they hang, as "almost anything can go on a white wall and be interesting."

That includes thinking beyond the traditional two-dimensional print. Objects such as old garden tools, a set of skis or a surfboard can look like "museum pieces" against white walls, Koncar says. A bike hung over a sofa then lit like a picture frame can serve as a unique piece of art in addition to storage.

"Use your white walls as a mat, like you would around a picture, and add something bold against it," Koncar says. "If you look at an object not for what it is, but as artwork, it can be sculptural."

BIG IS BETTER

Painting isn't the only way to add large splashes of color to walls. One easy, cost-effective DIY project that Koncar recommends is to purchase a fabric that complements the furniture in the room and stretch it over a canvas to hang. Even the simplest of fabrics can have

a dramatic effect. The key is to go big. "Don't be afraid to put a five-foot-wide canvas above a seven-foot-wide sofa," Koncar says.

Removable wallpaper murals are another handy option, says Jennifer Bertrand, an HGTV "Design Star" winner and interior designer in Kansas City, Mo. Like a giant reusable sticker, these murals are "a perfect way to bring in a wallpaper look without damaging the wall," she says. People can opt for a fun graphic or even create their own personalized design.

LIVING WALL

If a dull kitchen is the problem, Bertrand says a living wall can be the solution. One project she loves? Herbs planted in galvanized pails — anywhere from nine to 16 of them — and hung in rows on the wall.

"The herb wall creates a sense of light and drama," Bertrand says, while also serving a practical function in cooking. "And if you kill it, you don't have to feel

bad because you bought it cheap," she adds.

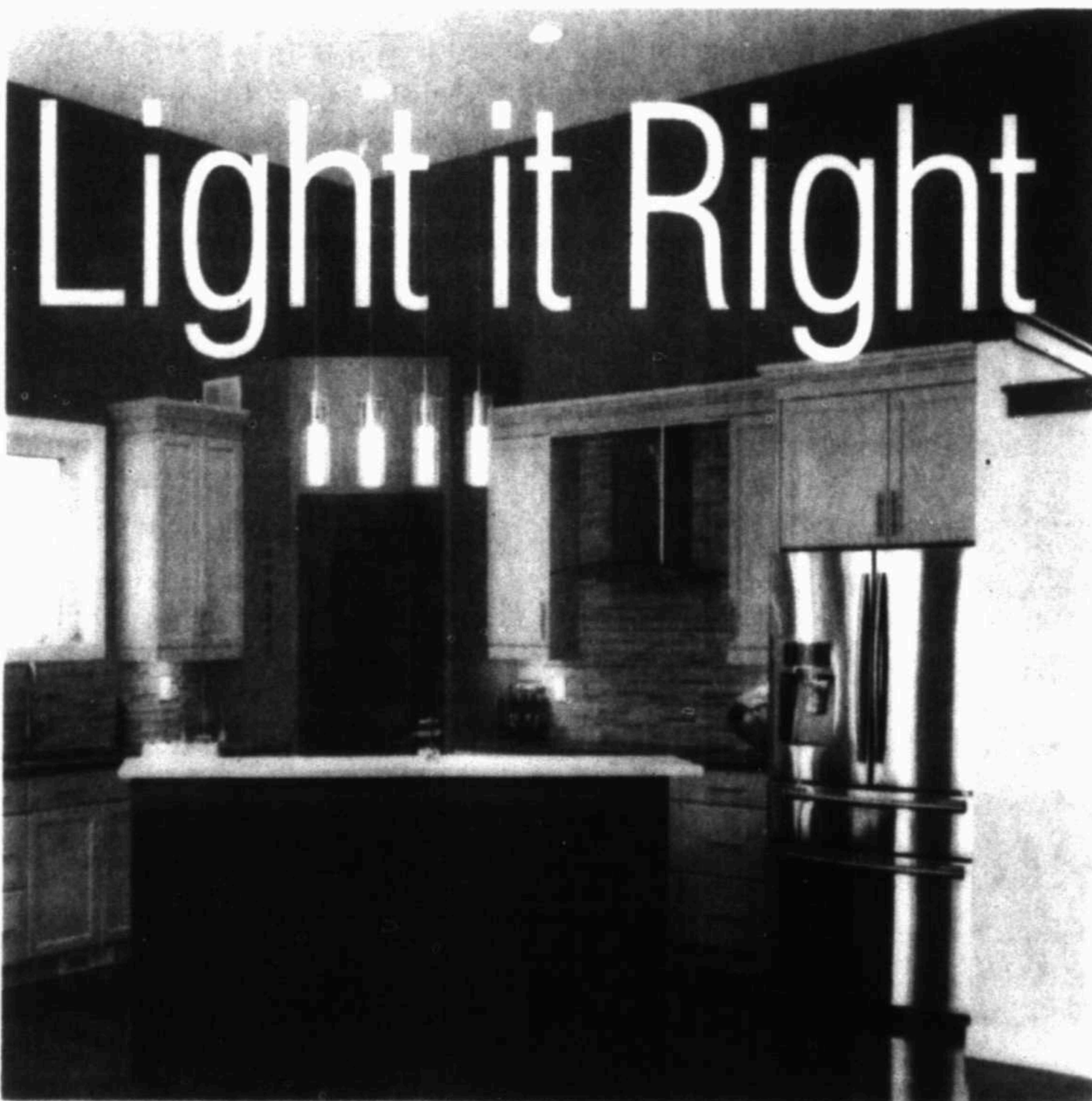
CLASSY COLLECTIONS

Unique clusters of collectibles and black-and-white family photos are other surefire statement makers. Or, to really "wow" visitors, Colleen Bassett, an interior designer with Stedman House in Charlottesville, Va., suggests creating a wall of mirrors.

She explains that this look can be pulled off with five to nine small mirrors of various shapes, all with the same color of frame. Hang the central mirror at eye level, or around five feet up from the floor, and build out with the others on all sides. In order to keep the appearance of a collection, Bassett recommends hanging the mirrors no more than two inches apart.

"The wall of mirrors catches the light and reflects it," she says, and uses the colors you already have around the room.

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Good lighting makes a world of difference. Create the best ambience in your home with these tips from lighting experts

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA | CTW Features

Something's missing from your home design. It might not be an extra painting on the wall or a piece of an accent furniture, but something with a big presence and small footprint.

"Light is invisible until it hits something," says Deborah Witte, lighting systems consultant and member of Illuminating Engineering Society in New York. "[This] is a key reason people don't give it as much attention as they should."

She suggests that people keep lighting on a ranking with large items like sofas when developing a primary decorating plan. When it comes to placing light fixtures, "most people don't plan enough, it's almost an afterthought," Witte says.

In general, light and airy beats dark, which often equates with dreary, says Heidi Semler, an interior designer in Portland, Ore. Living in a perpetually rainy climate, Semler often uses lighting strategies to brighten rooms.

One way is to "create multiple layers of light that can be switched on or off with current needs," Witte says. "You put on certain lights for certain moods and activities."

Ambient light in corners or from wall scones can reflect up and down, providing balance and interest, says Martin van Koolbergen, professional lighting designer with Kaplan Gehring McCarroll Architectural Lighting in New York.

If you're remodeling, it's a good time to experiment with recessed lighting, which helps fill in dark spaces where light is needed, he says.

Also, table and floor lamps and other fixtures are decorative and functional in adding ambient light when needed, Witte says.

Once you have enough light sources, install dimmer controls for an effective, inexpensive way to adjust light levels.

Then, take a moment to notice what the light is doing in your space, van Koolbergen says. When you're at home, start looking at what's right or wrong. One example is if there is a single light fixture in the middle of the ceiling that can become a glare bomb at night, van Koolbergen says.

Another issue could be lack of task lighting. "If you haven't changed anything about your lighting in years, you probably should," van Koolbergen says. "As we get older, we need more light in work areas."

Task lighting under kitchen counters helps tired eyes, Semler says. Track lighting can also help illuminate those tiny washing instructions in a windowless laundry room.

Ultimately, the right light is what's right to the eye. It may be invisible, but its effects can be dramatic.

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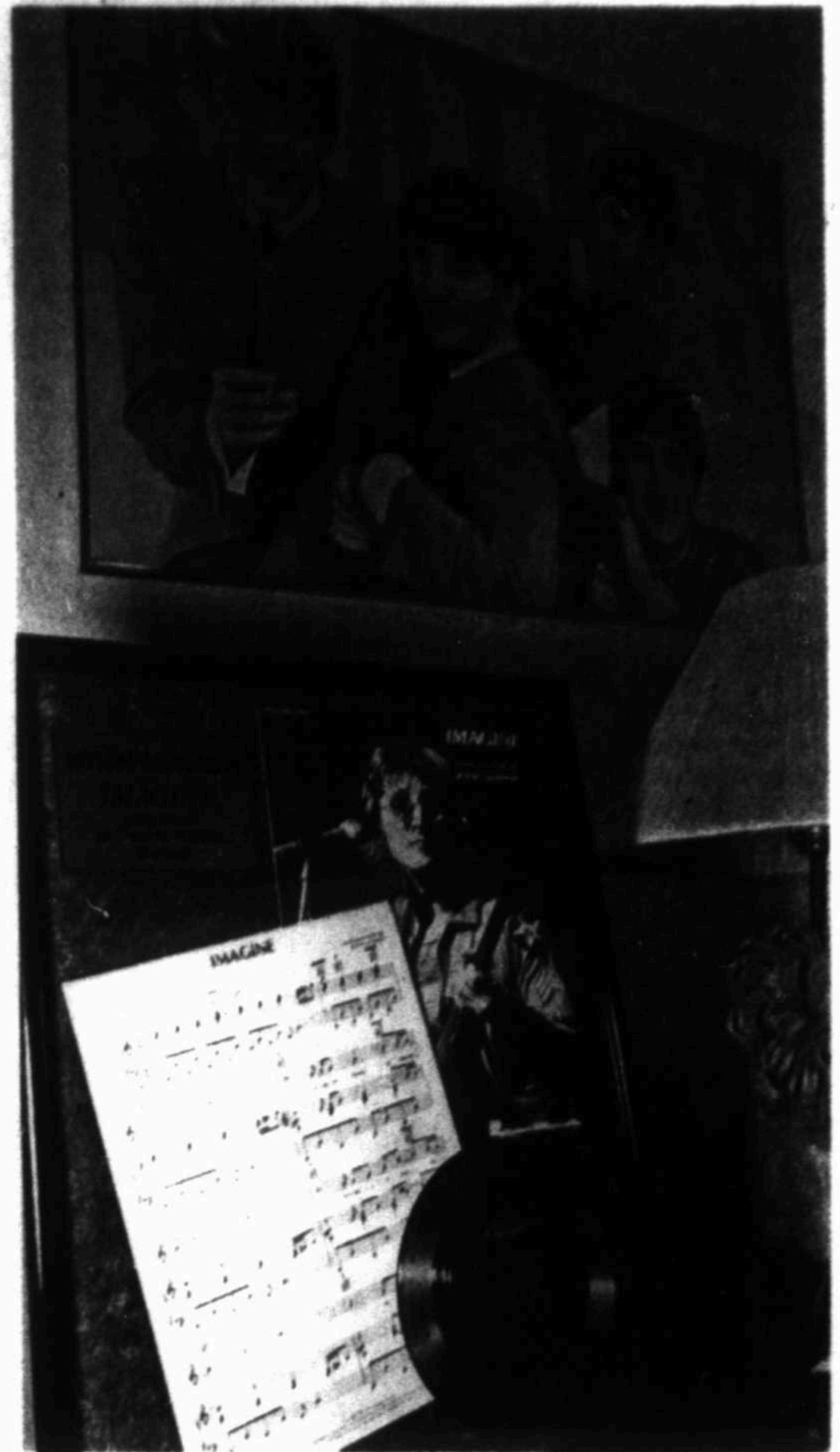
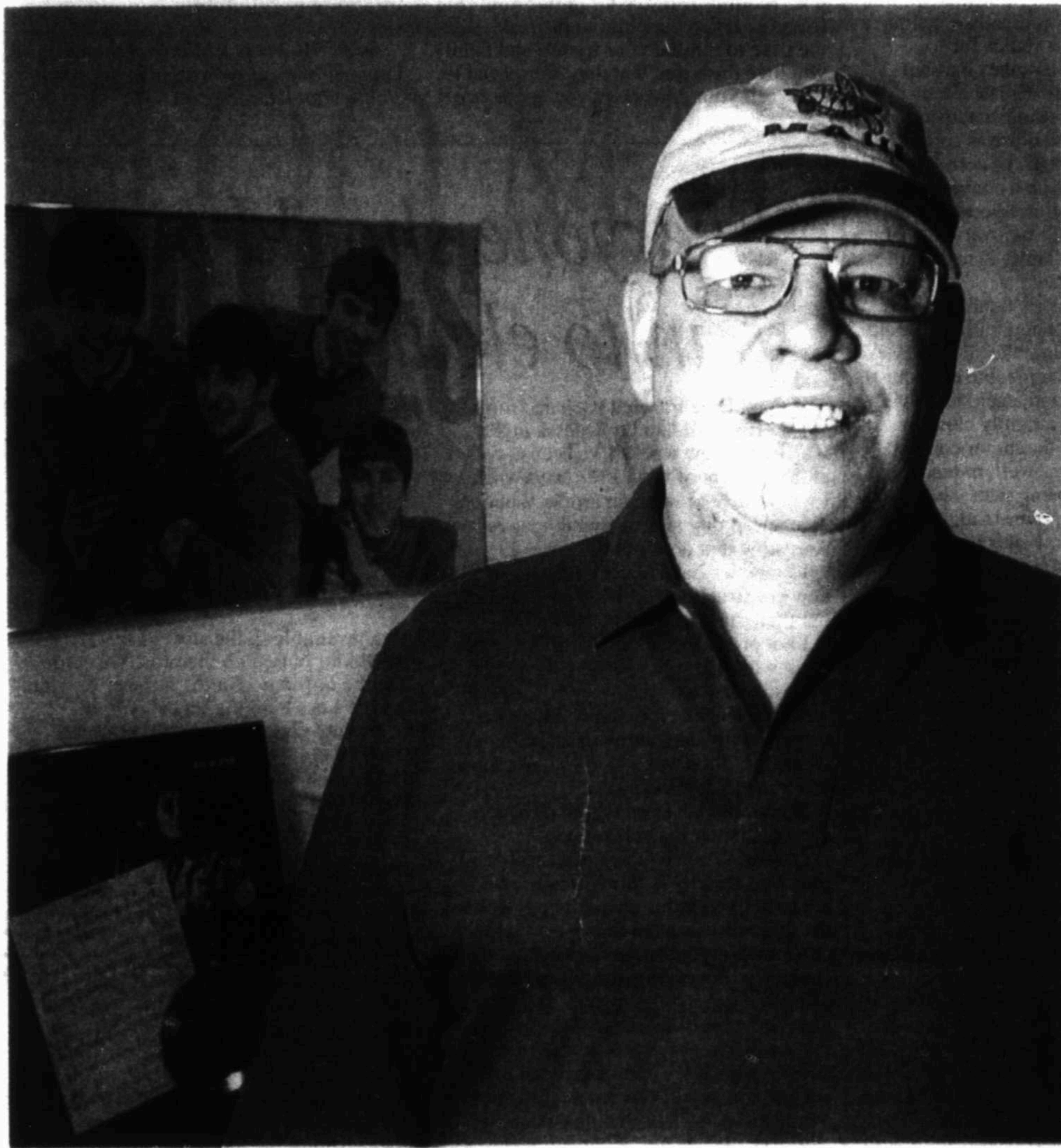
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THE BEATLES IN AMERICA *the fans*



Trey Iverson, left, poses with his collection of Beatles memorabilia on Feb. 5. Iverson's memorabilia is also seen above and bottom left.

Photos by James Durbin

Midlander displays Beatles memorabilia in special room of house

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Framed photos of the Fab Four. A sheet of John Lennon-inspired stamps. Beatles-themed Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit. Stacks of books about the pop group's history and music. Rows upon rows of CDs lining the walls. Original vinyl records stacked in a closet.

And a small, yellow submarine in a snow globe. Walk into Trey Iverson's "Beatles room" in his Midland home, and you'll be transported to the era of the Fab Four. To your right is a framed photo of The Beatles that Iverson won in a silent auction at a barbecue restaurant in Little Rock, Ark. Directly ahead is a limited edition, 24-karat gold-plated vinyl record of John Lennon's "Imagine" that he bought on QVC. The board games, books, CDs and vinyl records — most still in their original packaging — are all part of The Beatles memorabilia that Iverson has collected over the past 20 years.

"It's the one room in our house that's 'The Beatles room,'" Iverson's wife, Shanna, said.

Iverson has been a fan of The Beatles since he heard them on the radio as a child in the 1960s. A native Midlander, he said he loves the pop group for their charisma, style and music. Back in the early 1970s, he started collecting their albums.

He enjoys the hunt for Beatles collectibles, searching for items on Amazon, eBay and in stores such as Best Buy. Some are gifts, like the latest addition to his room — "The Beatles by Chaplin," an original photo of the Fab Four from

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Building happy families: How corporate world, military can tame chaos at home

A typical weekday morning at our house consists of me frantically putting on my shoes and jewelry as I ask my daughter for the 10th time to please stop playing with her toys and finish her breakfast. Once she puts the last bite in her mouth I'm on her to get dressed, and brush her hair and teeth. But like many pre-schoolers, my daughter doesn't understand — or simply doesn't care about — the concept of being late to school or work. And like many families, our morning routine is stressful, inefficient and occasionally leads to tantrums and tears.

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Bruce Feiler's suggestion to streamline chaotic mornings: personal accountability. The author of New York Times best-selling "The Secrets of Happy Families" recommends enlisting the help of a

morning chore chart. According to Feiler, when children actually check off items themselves some kind of magic happens that could possibly result in mom actually drinking an entire, hot cup of coffee. Borrowing the idea from the corporate world, Feiler posits that children get the same feeling of accomplishment from crossing off items on their own to-do list that grown-ups get from doing the same. I don't know if this will work with my own 3-year-old daughter, but I'm definitely going to give it a try.

Feiler was the keynote Tuesday at Trinity School's fifth annual "Sweetie" and

Hal Clay Peck Memorial Speaker Series. He spoke to a packed dining room at the Petroleum Club about his unique research techniques and his own experiences as a father trying to build a happy family.

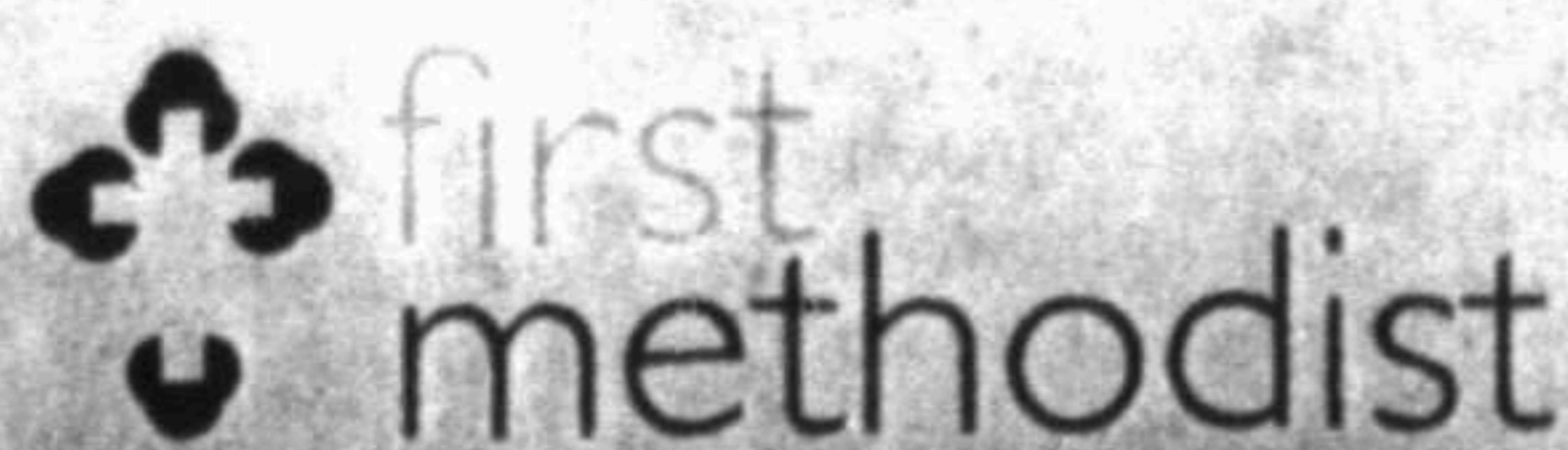
Feiler wanted to know what it is that happy families do right. Instead of going to child psychologists and family therapists to find the answer, he sought knowledge from unexpected sources. Looking for insight on how best to handle discipline, money, sex, values, play, extended family and busy mornings, Feiler went

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to the corporate world and even the military. He talked to Warren Buffet about allowance. He asked the Green Berets for tips on how to help family members connect. He sought problem-solving advice from executives at Google. Then he took what he learned and tried it out with his own family.

Without watering it down into a list of dos and don'ts, Feiler emerges with three basic guidelines for happy families along with numerous tips and examples of sometimes counter-intuitive parenting methods. Despite the instinct to protect them, we should let our kids make mistakes with money, he said. And we should present an honest family history to our children — complete with ups and downs — that allows them to connect to an ongoing, intergenerational narrative.

According to Feiler, happy families adapt all the time. It's not news that today's families are different than those in our parents' or grandparents' generations ... and busier.

"Everybody is crazy and everybody knows it, especially the kids," Feiler said.

With technology blurring the lines between work and family time, grown-ups are expected to constantly learn and evolve and change procedures and policies. So why should we set rigid and static expectations and limits for our children?

Feiler visited a family that had implemented a strategy from the corporate world that replaced what he called the "waterfall" top-down strategy for one in which employees — or children — set their own goals and send ideas and progress reports up the chain of command. The family successfully applied this to their chaotic morning routine with a chore board and the expectation of personal accountability from their four children.

Feiler also suggests starting weekly family meetings during which the family discusses what went well that week, what did not work and what two things they should work on. Everyone participates, everyone votes on what the family should work on and the children are part of the process of choosing their own rewards and punishments. The family meetings give parents and children an opportunity to evolve, adapt and change

procedures.

Happy families talk a lot, said Feiler. Standing at the podium, he asked the audience if our children know what values are most important to us. I had to wonder. I know my husband and I work to set an example of kindness, generosity and honesty but have we ever sat down with our daughter and told her specifically what our family stands for?

Feiler takes it a step further: Create a family mission statement. He admitted it was corporate and "kind of corny," but it opens up a conversation that allows you to define — and discover — what your family is really all about.

Feiler's final guideline for happy families: Go out and play. We all fight, we all struggle, but enjoying time with each other will bring a family closer and make "the minor conflicts seem ... well, minor.

Closing with wisdom that applies to all aspects of life, Feiler said, "Happiness is not something we find, it's something we make."

Just like a job or a marriage or art, to build a happy family we have to put in the effort.

memorabilia is clearly his passion — you'll find more than just Beatles artifacts in his home. He plays the guitar, loves classic rock and is a fan of the Rolling Stones as well. For his birthday in January, his wife threw him a Beatles-themed birthday party, complete with a cake that had a photo of John, Paul, George and Ringo on it.

Though he's never seen The Beatles together in concert, Iverson has seen Paul McCartney perform four times and Ringo Starr perform once.

"It was like a dream come true," he said.

His favorite Beatles songs include "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Hey Jude," "She Loves You" and "Yellow Submarine."

Valentine's Day can cause both positive, negative feelings

Valentine's Day seems to be a holiday that is either loved or hated. For those who are in a stable, loving relationship, this holiday is a day to remember and express the love they have for one another. For those who are single, divorced or who recently lost a partner/spouse, this is a day that may generate feelings of loneliness and heartache.

While the corporate side of this holiday showers us with the ideas of romantic, never-ending love, many struggle with grief and feelings of inadequacy during this time. No one should define himself or herself by a relationship status on Facebook or whether he or she has a date on Feb. 14. In the scheme of things, whether an individual has a romantic interest on an arbitrary day in the middle of February is hardly important.

For those with negative feelings about Valentine's Day, I hope you will take this opportunity to make a positive impact on others. Rather than focusing on loneliness or pain, focus on the people who are in your life. Instead of fretting over romance, send your love and good wishes to your family or friends. Make a phone call to your mom or dad, send a card to your best friend or take your child to the park. Take the time to remind your friends and family you love them and that they are special to you. Tell your coworkers you appreciate

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them. Do something positive for another person who has meaning in your life. This act of kindness will not only make the other person feel good, but will also lift your spirits. For those of you who struggle with this holiday, I hope you will plan to take control and do something that will generate positive feelings on this day.

Whatever your opinion may be when it comes to Feb. 14, let's not forget it is a holiday that gives us the opportunity to slow down from our busy lives and tell those around us we love them and appreciate them. For those who are going through hardship, remember there can still be people around you who can comfort and support you. If you need additional support, contact our office to make an appointment at 570-1084.

Angie Morris is a bilingual therapist at Centers. She enjoys working with young children and adolescents.

Everyone should pitch in to clean up city

As I have traveled back and forth from Midland to Odessa in the past few weeks I've been appalled at the amount of trash I see everywhere. I would love to write an article about our nice, clean city and surrounding area but somehow that does not fit.

I know we have to contend with wind, new construction and wide open spaces, but there has to be a better way.

I am proud to see the Sheriff's Department with their charges helping out, but it almost seems to be of no avail. I'm glad we have special community days when groups really do attempt to make things cleaner, but it never seems to make much difference a few days later.

Where did we learn that trash everywhere is better than cleanliness?

I talked to Keep Odessa Beautiful and they said the city is hiring more personnel to help with this chaos. They also said the director was attending a seminar with other such organizations throughout the country in hopes of getting some ideas of what helps in other places. It's great to hear about all of these innovations if we see the difference. I was unable to reach anyone with Keep Midland Beautiful.

I am not sure of the status of the ban on plastic bags in both cities. If we list all the pros and cons for keeping plastic

bags available in the stores I feel the cons would far outweigh the pros. We could see the difference in the number of white plastic bags hanging on everything.

I do not understand how a business owner can look out the front door, see the trash and do nothing about it. If everyone would pick up the trash they see out their front window or door, would that help?

Who taught the people in our community that it is OK to throw beer bottles and cans out the doors and windows of a pickup or a car? This is learned behavior and we need to unlearn it.

What if the goal of each Midlander and Odessan was to say no more and do his or her part to make sure a change happens?

It takes at least 30 days to change our habits and my hope is that in 30 days I can look out my windows and see a difference. Please do your part to keep Midland, Odessa and the land between the two cities clean.

ALEX ROSE

AARP Community Service volunteer



BEATLES

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1979 that his mother-in-law found on eBay. He recently ordered box sets of The Beatles' "The U.S. Albums" and CD singles collection — the latter cost him nearly \$300.

His collections aren't for reselling, Iverson said. Rather, they're to keep and appreciate. Music

Simple homemade gifts can wow on Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a perfect excuse to make everyone around you feel special and loved. It's a day to surprise people with little touches of kindness that show you appreciate them throughout the entire year. Sometimes simple gifts from the heart are the most special.

Oreo truffles are as delicious as they are easy to make. One year, I put this recipe in an article and was told by some dads that they gathered their children and made these for all the moms. Not only did they have a good time with their kids, the moms were impressed with their efforts.

Cake balls take a little more time (not much) than the truffles, and you can choose any cake mix flavor or color, which makes them perfect for Valentine's Day. Buy a red velvet or strawberry cake mix for red balls and dip them in milk or white chocolate. You might want to make them with a chocolate cake mix if you really love chocolate. After dipping in chocolate, add some red sprinkles on top for a finishing touch.

The strawberry pie takes a little more effort, but you can use refrigerated pie crusts to speed up the process. The recipe produces very impressive results and is perfect for giving to someone special.

Various sized Mason jars make great containers for colored M&M's or other candy; tie on a heart-shaped note for a quick gift. For a special teacher or co-worker, get a small basket and fill with florist Styrofoam. Using wooden skewers, hot glue the person's favorite candy bars securely on the ends of the sticks. After the glue has dried, push the sticks into the foam to make a candy bouquet. For a super-simple valentine, purchase pencils and add a cut out heart that says, "Valentine, you are write for me!"

Grandparents would love this idea: Fold a piece of paper in half and lay your child's hand on the paper so the tip of their thumb and index finger are touching the fold. Trace their hand and cut out. Open and you will have two hands with a heart in the center. Glue on paper and write a special note.

Warm someone's heart with a heart-shaped hand warmer. Cut small hearts out of any color of fleece, sew two hearts together leaving a small hole in the seam. Fill with uncooked rice and, then close

FAMILY FUN

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the seam. These can be placed in the microwave for about 30 seconds to make a warmer for coat pockets.

From simple crafts to speedy recipes, it is easy to show someone you care on Valentine's Day. Surprise someone with one of these ideas and see how much fun you can have playing cupid.

OREO TRUFFLES

From "Keepers"

1 (18-ounce) package chocolate sandwich cookies with white filling, finely crushed

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese softened

1 pound white baking chocolate, melted

In large mixing bowl, combine crushed cookies and cream cheese. Beat with mixer on low speed until well blended. Form 1-inch balls by hand. Dip balls in white chocolate; place on baking sheet covered with waxed paper. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. To store, cover and refrigerate. Makes 50 truffles.

CAKE BALLS

1 (18-ounce) package strawberry cake mix*

1 (16-ounce) can strawberry frosting*
White or milk chocolate for dipping
Mix cake mix according to instructions on package for a 9x13-inch cake. Cool. Break into pieces and add about 1/2 to 2/3 of a can of frosting. Stir until well combined and mixture holds together. Do not add too much or they will fall apart. Roll cake/frosting mixture into balls about the size of a ping-pong ball. Refrigerate. Melt desired flavor of chocolate and dip cake balls into chocolate and then put on parchment or waxed paper to dry. *Can use any flavor of cake mix and frosting.

STRAWBERRY HEART PIE

From Miss Buttercup (www.missbuttercup.com)

3-4 cups of strawberries, cut into chunks

Refrigerated pie crust for 2 pies

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup water

3 Tablespoons cornstarch

1 egg yolk

Coarse sugar for sprinkling on top

In a bowl, coat the cut strawberries with sugar. In a medium saucepan, bring the water, cornstarch, and strawberries to a boil over medium heat (about 10 minutes). Meanwhile, cut out hearts from the Pillsbury pie crusts using about a 1 1/2-inch heart shaped cookie cutter. Let the strawberry filling cool and then pour it into the pie shell.

Brush one side of the cutout hearts with the egg wash and firmly place them side by side on the rim of the crust (bottom of hearts facing the inside of the pie). Continue to place the hearts by layering them in between the gaps of the first row of hearts until there is only a small circle of strawberry filling showing through at the center of the pie.

Brush the entire pie with egg wash and dust with sugar. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 minutes then reduce the oven to 375 degrees and bake for another 20 to 25 minutes until the filling bubbles. The crust should be golden brown.

TWINKIES ON A STICK

From "Confessions of a Cookbook Queen"

Twinkies

Lollipop sticks

White almond bark or candy melts

Melt candy coating according to package directions. Unwrap Twinkies, and dip the sticks about 1/3 of the way in melted candy. Insert the sticks in the Twinkies and place on a wax paper-lined baking sheet. When all of the Twinkies have sticks in them, place the baking sheet in the freezer for 10 minutes. This keeps the sticks from sliding out of the Twinkies.

If the white candy coating has set up a bit, melt it again in the microwave. Remove Twinkies from freezer and coat completely in the melted candy. Tap off

excess, and place back on wax paper-lined baking sheet. Once all the Twinkies are coated, drizzle with additional melted candy melts of your choice of colors. Red, pink and chocolate are great choices. To drizzle, use a fork or put the melted candy in a disposable piping bag with the tip cut off and squeeze it over the Twinkies in a zig zag motion.

Before the candy is set, sprinkle with festive sprinkles. Place the pan back in the freezer for about 5-10 minutes until the candy is set. Wrap in long clear plastic bags (from craft stores) and tie with a ribbon to pass out to friends.

HEART-SHAPED CRAYONS

From www.cherishedbliss.com

Old crayons

X-Acto Knife

Silicone heart-shaped mold

Baking sheet

Regular knife

Slide the paper on the crayons to speed up the process of removing the labels. Break up the crayons in small pieces. You may need to use a knife if your kids have a hard time breaking them. Put them in the silicone mold mixing up the colors.

Preheat oven to 250. Place the silicone mold on a baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes. (They used a mold with 1 3/4-inch hearts in it, so if your mold is larger, it will take a little longer.)

Once completely melted, remove from oven and let cool completely. Push from the bottom of the mold to remove and you will have heart-shaped crayons. Many colors will come from one heart crayon using this method.

FLEECE HEART HAND WARMERS

Fleece in holiday colors

Uncooked rice

Sewing machine

Cut out two hearts (about 4 or 5 inches diameter) for each hand warmer. Sew edges together leaving about a 1/4-inch seam. Leave an opening and using a funnel, fill with rice. Sew raw edges together to close opening. To use, microwave about 30 seconds and they will stay warm for about an hour.



Nolan Young, 3, front, looks at a smartphone while his brother Jameson, right, 4, looks at a tablet at their home in Boston Monday. Child development experts said it's natural for toddlers to be fascinated with their own image, and that interest plays an important developmental role as they develop a sense of self.

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TOO MANY SELFIES?

Parenting in an iPhone age: Today's toddlers used to instant gratification

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Every so often, Brandi Koskie finds dozens of photos of her 3-year-old daughter, Paisley, on her iPhone — but they aren't ones Koskie has taken. "There'll be 90 pictures, sideways, of the corner of her eye, her eyebrow," said Koskie, who lives in Wichita, Kan. "She's just tapping her way right into my phone." The hidden photos, all shot by Paisley, illustrate a phenomenon familiar to many parents in today's tech-savvy world: Toddlers love selfies. Observant entrepreneurs have caught on to these image-obsessed tots, marketing special apps that make taking photos super-easy for little fingers. You can even buy a pillow with a smartphone pocket so toddlers can take selfies during a diaper change. But toddlers aren't the only ones taking photos nonstop. It's not unusual for dotting parents to snap thousands of digital photos by the time their child is 2. Today's toddlers think nothing of finding their own biopic stored in

a device barely bigger than a deck of cards. While the barrage of images may keep distant grandparents happy, it's not yet clear how such a steady diet of self-affirming navel-gazing will affect members of the first truly "smartphone generation." Tot-centric snapshots can help build a healthy self-image and boost childhood memories when handled correctly, but shooting too many photos or videos and playing them back instantly for a demanding toddler could backfire, said Deborah Best, a professor of cognitive developmental psychology at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. The instant gratification that smartphones provide today's toddlers is "going to be hard to overcome," she said. "They like things immediately, and they like it short and quick. It's going to have an impact on kids' ability to wait for gratification. I can't see that it won't." Julie Young, a Boston-based behavioral analyst, has seen that firsthand. She was recently helping her 3-year-old son record a short birthday video for his cousin on her iPhone when he stopped mid-sentence, lunged for her

phone and shouted, "Mom, can I see it?" "It's caught on the end of the video. He couldn't even wait to get the last sentence out," said Young, who has two sons. "The second the phone comes out, they stop, they look and they attack." Now Young and her husband make their sons wait to look at a new video or photo until after dinner or until the other parent comes home, when everyone can watch together. They are careful to sit with their kids when looking at photos and have adopted the phrase "practice patience" as a family mantra. It's natural for toddlers to be fascinated with their own image (think mirrors), and that interest plays an important developmental role as they develop a sense of self, child development experts said. Watching a video again and again can also help move events from short- to long-term memory, Best said. But like any other fun thing kids get obsessed with, too much of it can be bad. Parents should make sure some photos show the child with other family members or friends. Parents can also sit with kids and narrate the photo or

video as if it were a bedtime story. "When we read a book to a child, it's the same thing we do with these photos," Best said. Koskie has noticed that cuddling in bed on a lazy Saturday morning and swiping through digital photos is one of Paisley's favorite activities, and it seems to encourage her to ask about her place in the world. They look at photos and videos together on the iPad going back to Paisley's birth and "she'll start to ask questions: 'When I was a little tiny baby did I do this? Did I do that?'" Paisley and the iPad are almost the same age. She was born two weeks after it came out. "That's a base-level, foundation technology for her," said Koskie, who handles marketing and content strategy for the email app EvoMail. "Someday it's all going to come back to bite me or she's going to come back and say, 'Wow, there's this whole encyclopedia of my whole life.' We're very plugged in, for better or for worse." Still, parents who remember the days before iPhones wonder if their children will ever really understand the power of a cherished photograph. Jason Michael, a 32-year-old father of two in

Denver, has taken so many photos of his 11-month-old son and 4-year-old stepdaughter (about 4,000) that his iPhone's memory has filled up three times. His stepdaughter takes plenty of selfies and loves to film herself singing favorite songs, then watches the videos again and again. Michael worries that all that visual noise may keep them from treasuring that one special image that can evoke memories decades later. For him, it's a photo of himself as an 8-month-old baby lying on a pink blanket decorated with a rabbit eating a carrot. He remembers the photo so vividly that he asked his mother for the blanket when his son was born. "I know everything about that photo. But there are 20,000 photos of my kids, so will it have that same emotional impact for them?" Michael said. "It sounds a little cheesy. I guess, but you look at the photos and it's so rich and there's so much you remember about it," he said. "Now, all they have to do is swipe their hand to the left and it's gone and there's a new picture."

Healthy marriage requires God as 'Divine Third'

DEAR READERS: This will appear just before Valentine's Day so hopefully some of you will find it of use. In my work with married couples, I want to share one of my most profound realizations. While it probably should be obvious, it took me a long time to understand what it might mean. In a healthy marriage, God must remain as the "Divine Third" in the husband-wife-God trinity. What this concept means to me is that while there are times when a couple may strongly disagree with each other on some subject, situation or decision, they can eventually get back to the question, "What would Jesus do?" When we think of that question, we are then to remember he said we are to "love one another as he has loved us." That is a steep order when we reflect upon how Jesus described and showed his love for us. He told us if we love him, we are to "feed the sheep." I believe that means we are to be kind and supportive of the other person and try to feed the other, even if we do not want to. That is, when there is a disagreement over something that either or both feel strongly about, sacrifice is necessary. As Dr. Scott Peck observes, "Love is the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." The Rev. Thomas Merton said, "True happiness is found in unselfish love, a love which increases in

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Jim Max, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center



proportion as it is shared. It must be given not merely taken." I believe that means both are to try to sacrifice for the other when it is necessary. While our egos and personal desires often get in the way of such a radical idea, it works. There is much more in the spirit domain and marriage to consider. For example, Saint James said we are to confess our sins to one another, pray for one another and we will be healed. Can you imagine how powerful it is to be able to set one's ego aside, confess our sins to our spouse and then pray for one another? Perhaps a quote that we often hear stated at weddings from Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians said it best, "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." I believe the willingness and the strength to love like this can only come from keeping God actively involved in marriage.

I would share a final secular thought about marriage from relationship expert, Peggy Vaughn. "After 47 years of marriage, I'm convinced that having a long-lasting satisfying love relationship is one of the most difficult things in the world. Even though my husband and I started out as childhood sweethearts with the same background, values, etc., we have both changed through the years — so it's been difficult to continually find ways to maintain a solid relationship. Frankly, I now realize that there will never be a time when we will have 'arrived'; it's an ongoing process of staying in touch with each other as each of us changes through the years," she writes. She concludes with, "It's not enough to focus on your relationship only on Valentine's Day. Love is an accumulation of the multitude of daily interactions we have with each other. By paying attention to what's happening on a daily basis — and remembering the real importance of every day in our lives — every day can be Valentine's Day." In the words of William Shakespeare, "They do not love who do not show their love."

Absentee dad remains object of young daughter's curiosity

DEAR ABBY: I have an extremely bright 7-year-old daughter, "Amy," from a previous marriage. Her biological father, "Jake," and I separated when she was an infant. He lives across the country, so while we shared custody, Amy usually saw him only once a year. For a while I called him "Dad" when talking about him to her, but when it became apparent that he wasn't going to be involved in her life (and because I was going to be remarried), we switched to using his first name. My current husband formally adopted Amy last year, and she couldn't have been happier. Now there's a baby sister, and Amy is overjoyed. Recently, though, Amy has started asking me why Jake never visits and when she's going to see him again. I don't know what to tell her. I feel it would be crushing to her to say that Jake isn't interested in her anymore, but I also don't want to lie to her. How do you tell a 7-year-old she should just forget her biological father because he's never going to be there for her? — ANXIOUS IN HOUSTON

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your daughter needs to come to this realization in stages, and her questions should be answered in an age-appropriate way. Understand that Amy may always be interested in knowing about her biological father, and by the time she is in her teens, she will be computer savvy enough to search him out on the Internet. For now, tell your daughter that the reason Jake doesn't visit is because he is "busy," and you don't know when he plans to visit. It's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: My brother "Jared" is dating a woman, "Dawn," who is about 10 years younger. They have been seeing each other for about a year. She seems nice and is polite at family gatherings. I have noticed, however, that whenever I'm spending time with my mother, Dawn is constantly texting or calling her. I'm a grown woman, too, but I



never communicated to that degree with any of my boyfriends' mothers. Jared has told both Mom and me that he isn't even close to wanting to propose marriage. Do you think it's peculiar that Dawn contacts my mother multiple times daily? — TAKEN ABACK IN GEORGIA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Dawn may not have a mother of her own and need a mother figure, which is why she does this. Or she may be attempting to ingratiate herself to her boyfriend's mother because she thinks it will help her land your brother. Not knowing Dawn, I can't say for sure — but this technique has worked for other women in the past.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this year and I have a question. We'd love to invite a group of our friends to celebrate with us at our favorite restaurant, but we won't be able to pick up the tab. Is there a sensitive way to ask friends to celebrate with us, but get across the message that it'll have to be dutch treat? — ON A BUDGET IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR ON A BUDGET: If these are close or longtime friends, I'm sure they won't be shocked that you'll be celebrating your 50th — especially if some of them were at your wedding. I think the best way to approach this would be to be honest. Tell them that as much as you'd like to entertain everybody, you are unable to, but that you would love it if everyone could meet for dinner at your favorite restaurant and go dutch treat. And be sure to mention that although it's your anniversary, the only gift you would like would be their presence at this happy time.

WEDDINGS



Booth-Chitrit

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Booth of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Drerup of Orange, California are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Justin Henry Booth, to Miss Sharon Lynette Chitrit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keim of Cottontown, Tennessee and Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Chitrit of Corpus Christi, Texas.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. (Budge) McDonnold, Jr. of Midland and Mrs. Judy Booth of Nacogdoches, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Booth of Lufkin, Texas.

Justin is a 2000 graduate of Midland High School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A & M University and earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas. He is currently a surgical resident in San Antonio, Texas.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Nancy Peterson of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and the late Donald Peterson and Rachel Chitrit of Panama City, Panama and the late Samuel Chitrit.

Sharon is a 2004 graduate of Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Texas and graduated with a degree in business from the University of Texas, San Antonio. She is a system's analyst for United Health Group and currently is enrolled in the MBA program at UTSA.

The couple will be married in April at the Escondido Golf and Lake Club in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. John William Burns, II

Brandi Blair Raindl of Lubbock and John William Burns, II of Midland were united in marriage at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Lubbock Country Club in Lubbock. Brad Jurkovich, of the Victory Life Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiated the double ring ceremony. A reception followed the ceremony at Lubbock Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mitch and Donna Raindl of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of R.F. Fort and the late Juanell Fort of Lubbock, formerly of Midland, and the late Bland and Quinn Draper.

The groom is the son of Bill and Patti Burns of Midland, and the grandson of J.W. and Gail Burns and the late Marcia Burns of Houston, Texas and Emma Jean Jackson and the late Homer Lee Jackson of Navasota, Texas.

Escorted by her father, Mitch Raindl, the bride wore an asymmetrically pleated dress that featured Valencia organza, along with tulle and point d'esprit, which ruffled frills that cascaded down the flared skirt. The fitted A-line gown with sweetheart neckline and corset closure included a detachable beaded satin ribbon belt featuring Swarovski crystals.

April Ehlers of Slaton served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Samantha Andrews of Dallas, Mandi Wilson, Kaitlyn Jackson and Jordan Smith, all of Lubbock. Krista Spears of Dozier, Alabama, and sister of the groom, Sarah Burns of Midland.

Both of the groom, Jackson Burns of Midland, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Zack Klunick, Cameron Cole, and Matt Wright, all of Midland, Alex Blake of Liberty, Steven Cobb of Dallas, and Justin Herricks of Laverna.

Nephews of the bride, Whitman and Hamilton Raindl, served as ring bearers.

Soloist was Eloy Gonzales of Austin. Readers for the ceremony were Daniel Scharbauer of Ft. Worth, Chad Dresser of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Jordan Overstreet of Lubbock.

The groom is VP of Exploration for Opus Operating Co. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a Business Finance degree.

The bride is self-employed and received her Bachelors degree in General Business and Masters degree in Organizational Management from Lubbock Christian University.

The couple resides in Midland after honeymooning in Lanai, Hawaii.



Carrie Fagerstrom/AP

This undated photo, provided by Carrie Fagerstrom, shows Fagerstrom's catio, which allows her eight cats to enjoy the outdoors but not the harmful elements that come along with it. The playground for the cats has an 11-by-14-foot base and is 11-feet high, with mesh wiring on the sides and a clear roof. The room includes scratching posts, a small water fountain and plenty of toys to entertain them. It cost \$5,000 to build at Fagerstrom's home in Portland, Ore.

Catios give cats a safe way to enjoy the outdoors

By Michelle Spitzer
Associated Press

When Carrie Fagerstrom was looking for a new home in Portland, Ore., her must-have list didn't include a spacious yard, plenty of closets or even a large kitchen. Her highest priority: the comfort of her cats.

"I really wanted a house that would allow me to build a place for them," said Fagerstrom, who had visions of a catio out back.

A catio is essentially a cat's playground. It's an enclosed, covered area, much like a patio, that allows feline friends to be exposed to the outdoors, getting fresh air and scenery, while keeping them safe from predators.

"I thought it would be as simple as running wire on three sides and putting tarp overhead, but it wasn't that easy," Fagerstrom said. "It ended up being a much bigger project, but I love it."

Roughly \$5,000 later, her eight cats have room to roam in a catio filled with scratching posts, climbing apparatuses and even a drinking fountain. The space also contains human seating so that Fagerstrom and her friends can enjoy it as well.

"It's a very calm and serene place," she said. Catios got their start with cat breeders and at animal sanctuaries, but more and more cat owners have begun building them at home, according to Kate Benjamin, founder of Hauspanther.com, an online magazine for design-conscious cat people.

"I've been seeing a lot more people catifying their homes," Benjamin said. "If your cats are truly beloved members of your family, you won't let them live outside. There are just too many threats."

There are benefits to cats both ways: being indoors-only and being allowed access to the outdoors, said Sarah Ellis of the University of Lincoln, in England, who co-chaired a group of experts that issued cat-care guidelines last year for the American Association of Feline Practitioners and the International Society of Feline Medicine.

"An indoor cat is more likely to be protected from injury, such as that from road traffic accidents and neighborhood cats, as well as less likely to contract infectious diseases that are passed from cat to cat," Ellis said. "However, an indoor-only cat may be more likely to experience

boredom and frustration from the inability to exhibit hunting behaviors, running and exploring."

That's why catios are great, said Fresno, Calif. resident Harvie Schreiber. The two catios she and her husband built onto their home give their four cats the best of both worlds, she said.

"We have indoor cats only and we believe they live longer, healthier, safer lives, but we wanted to give them a chance to enjoy the outdoors in a safe way," she said.

The Schreibers started by turning the small patio off their bedroom into a catio. Heavy-duty wiring was used to enclose the space, which already had a roof. They added some cat favorites such as trees and cardboard boxes, and the area became a favorite spot for their feline family members.

That's when the Schreibers knew they wanted to build a larger catio, off the main living area in their home and overlooking the backyard pool.

Since it was so visible and centrally located, they wanted the catio to be attractive as well as functional.

Harvie Schreiber had the entire thing, including the ceiling, painted Tree Frog Green. She hung decorative artwork and included a couch for humans. The catio also includes 7-foot-tall cat condos and tons of toys.

The cats "love being out there and getting the fresh air," Schreiber said. "Even when it's horribly hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter, they still want to be out there."

Some tips from Benjamin on building a catio: A catio can be built in any home, no matter the size. While some people build large, elaborate ones, a small window enclosure also will work if you're short on space.

Make sure the catio is fully enclosed, so cats cannot get out and predators cannot get in.

Provide cats a view of the outdoors, and make sure there's ventilation so that fresh air comes in. Be aware of the weather: You might need a fan in the summer or a heater in the winter.

Include plenty of toys and features your cats enjoy, such as climbing shelves, scratching posts, cat condos, trees or a water fountain.

Keep their litter box in the catio.

Make the space pleasant for humans too. Include comfortable seating so you and your cats can enjoy the catio together.

Vets prescribing physical therapy for pets

By Diana Marszalek
Associated Press

When Ronna Kelly's dog, Cici, made little progress following knee surgery, Kelly decided the athletic Australian shepherd mix should try treatment usually reserved for humans: physical therapy.

So for the next several months, Cici underwent a personalized exercise program — including running on an underwater treadmill — up to twice weekly at about \$60 a pop. "At first she was confused," said Kelly, of Piedmont, Calif. "But after a few times she learned the routine."

A year later — and after a rigorous treatment program that included home exercise, vitamins and painkillers — Cici is back in action. "She's running like crazy after squirrels at the local dog park, and jumping up and down steep hills with amazing agility. She looks like a deer sometimes," Kelly said.

Physical therapy for pets is one of the fastest-growing areas of veterinary medicine, aimed at helping aching, injured or post-operative animals feel better.

"In the past, we didn't know what to do with them and put them in a crate for six weeks," said Kirk Peck, a physical therapy professor at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and president of the American Physical Therapy Association's animal rehabilitation group.

Now, he said, the veterinary community knows better: "The faster you mobilize them, the faster



AP file photo

Sasha Foster, a rehabilitation therapist, works with a great dane named Claire who receives electrical stimulation for pain management and therapeutic exercise for hind limb weakness due to a congenital neck injury commonly known as "Wobbler's Syndrome" at the Small Animal Orthopaedics at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, in Fort Collins, Colo., on March 18, 2013. Physical therapy for pets is one of the fastest-growing areas of veterinary medicine.

their recovery is." Animal care experts said physical therapy for animals is based on the same tenets as it is for people, and is frequently executed by the same practitioners.

Treatment options include therapeutic exercise programs (many of which feature underwater treadmills, at least for dogs) to strengthen muscles; manual therapy to mobilize tight muscles and joints; cold laser therapy and sports conditioning. Rehab also could include stretching and using some standard equipment, such as balance boards, clinicians said.

There are outpatient and inpatient programs, depending on the pet and its condition.

While dogs make up the bulk of animal physical therapy patients, cats and horses are also prime candidates. The animal rehabilitation program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., had a pig as a patient.

Although animal rehab has been around in practice for a couple of decades, it has become a more standard component of pet health care only in the last five years or so, experts said.

Part of the reason is that more veterinarians now recognize the benefits of rehab, which not only helps post-op patients but could also prevent some pets from having to undergo surgery at all, doctors said.

"People have recognized through research that, in

the same way we do with people, we can accelerate pets' recovery after surgery, or even without surgery improve their quality of life," said Colorado State veterinarian Felix Duerr, who specializes in sports medicine. "Instead of just giving pain medication, we try to improve the outcome of the cases."

Animal rehab also has benefited from a boost in credibility. Today, practitioners (many of whom are traditional physical therapists — i.e., they work with humans) can get certified through programs such as the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga and the Canine Rehabilitation Institute, which partners with Colorado State.

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In a Jan. 28 photo in Detroit, sliders are prepared at the Green Dot Stables, a bustling sliders joint in an industrial area not far from downtown. The restaurant may restore your faith in the city's future and will give you a whole new vision of the lowly slider.

Gourmet sliders in gritty Detroit

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

DETROIT — Enough with all the downtrodden-Detroit talk: Green Dot Stables, a bustling sliders joint in an industrial area not far from downtown, may restore your faith in the city's future. It also will give you a whole new vision of the lowly slider.

The friendly gastropub's menu has 20 varieties, mixing the adventurous and the familiar. And with all of them priced at \$2 or \$3, there's no reason not to experiment.

There's the BCT, with bacon, cucumber, roasted tomato sauce and mayo. The tempoh: marinated tempoh, wasabi mayo and wakame salad. The Korean: beef patty, peanut butter and kimchi. And, as Green Dot's website proudly announces: "The Fried Bologna Slider is back!!!"

There's also a weekly "mystery meat" offering. Recent examples posted on Green Dot's Facebook page: goat burger with English cucumber and mango-habanero sauce; antelope sausage with blue cheese and apple chutney; roasted brisket with chive sour cream, sauerkraut and crispy shoestring potatoes.

Green Dot, an unassuming brick building, has been around since the 1970s in one form or another. The bar closed in 2011, and was reopened

in March 2012 with a new vibe by new owners Jacques and Christine Driscoll, who moved back to hometown Detroit from San Diego to create something they'd never have been able to afford in California.

"It was more of a dive bar when we got our hands on it," said chef Les Molnar. "The only thing that was happening was cheap beers and sketchy times."

The sliders idea "just took off like a rocket," said Molnar, a Detroit native who studied at Chicago's Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts.

Stories differ on how the restaurant got its name, but one rumor has it that the original owner named it after his stable. At least that's what a server said on a recent visit. Molnar's version has the original owner naming it after a horse that won him some good money. Either way, the Driscolls stuck with the theme, and horse paraphernalia abounds: harness racing photos, jockey hats, a golden horse statue on the roof and more.

On a recent visit, the place was packed with a lunchtime crowd of office workers, families, hipsters, federal border agents (the Ambassador Bridge to Canada is a few blocks away) and Red Wings fans. The TVs, on mute, offered a mix of horse racing, tennis and hockey.

The restaurant's popularity is

in its seating policy: "We are a first come, first serve for complete parties kind of joint," the website warns. No reservations, no call-aheads. No fancy dishes either — everything comes in paper boats.

Don't get so carried away with the sliders that you forget to check out Molnar's impressive soups, salads, sides and desserts — all no more than \$3, with plenty of vegan and vegetarian fare.

There are five kinds of fries: truffle and herb, venison chili cheese, le poutine, Cajun and regular. There is kale salad (quinoa-lemon-shallot) and sweet potatoes (thyme-pumpkin seeds-Port wine cranberries-maple syrup and Coleman's mustard vinaigrette). For dessert, there's the Corktown s'more (cinnamon-Nutella-Fluff). A recent special of bread pudding was crusty and luscious.

Green Dot's drink menu also is ample and affordable — everything \$3 or less. The cocktails, fittingly, include mint juleps and horse's neck (brandy-ginger ale-bitters-lemon). In a nod to a nearby location, there's also Zug Island iced tea (scotch-triple sec-raspberry tea-lemonade-bay leaf.)

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Celery stored in water stays crisp

Dear Heloise: I live by myself and need to save as much food as possible. I clean a whole stalk of celery, then cut it in lengths to fit in a large jar. I put cold water over it, put the lid on and put it in the refrigerator. It keeps for a long time and stays crisp — L.H. in Mississippi

This is one way to store celery. I do something similar so I can just grab a stalk and munch away. However, you really need to put only about an inch or so of water in the jar, as the stalks will soak that up and stay crisp and crunchy — Heloise

SAFE FOOD

Dear Heloise: Recently, a friend made an expensive seafood gumbo with \$150 worth of fresh seafood. She called me when she opened the refrigerator and said that upon lifting the pot's lid, it was bubbling.

Restaurants cool down large quantities with large ice wands. My hint for at home is that you freeze a 1- to 2-liter soda bottle (plastic). You can place it in the pot when you pull it from the stove, and it will start to cool down — Miriam J., via email

Oh dear! What a waste of some yummy (not cheap to make, either) gumbo! This is a good lesson for all of us. After cooking large quantities of something, try putting it into smaller containers before placing in the refrigerator. However, cooling down soup using your hint certainly would help prevent the bubbling over that your friend experienced.

Another method for cooling soups in large pots is to submerge the pot in a sink or tub filled with ice water. Soups are a great meal to cook ahead and freeze for later, which is why I wrote my Heloise's Spectacular Soups pamphlet. To receive one, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Soups, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Freeze soup in smaller quantities (one serving, two servings or four servings) for unexpected guests or for a quick meal — Heloise

FROZEN POPS

Dear Heloise: I love your column in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and clip a lot of them.

Pudding snacks were on sale, so I bought a lot. I cut a slit in the foil, insert a wooden craft stick and freeze. I cover it with foil so the stick will stand up. Kids love them. — Barbara C. in Texas

TINY FUNNEL

Dear Heloise: Recently, I couldn't find my small funnel to refill my salt and pepper shakers. I grabbed a round icing tip from my cake decorating set and used it. It worked well, as there were no spills! — Lisa Z. in Texas

CRACK OPEN

Dear Heloise: I have difficulty opening packages, bottles and jars. I solved the problem of opening small, screw-top bottles by using a nutcracker that has been in the family for years. Works like a charm! — Virginia E. in California

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

A healthy, easy, no-knead bread anyone can make

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

There are bakers and there are cooks. It takes a chemist's love of precision to be a baker. Me? I'm a cook.

However, I do love to bake bread. In fact, I've been on a bread baking kick for several years, experimenting with everything from the old-fashioned knead-it-up method to neo-hippy, grow-your-own-wild-yeast-before-you-even-start-mixing-the-dough recipes. Recently, however, I learned a method so wonderful that my experimental wanderings may be over.

The breakthrough occurred when I took a class with the legendary Jim Lahey, founder of Sullivan Street Bakery in New York and the man behind a sensational recipe for no-knead, slow-rise, no-fuss bread. Maybe just reading about it left me skeptical. Could baking bread really be as easy as he suggested?

Yes, it can. I went home after the class and adjusted his basic formula to my liking, adding extra whole-wheat flour, toasted walnuts and rosemary. Otherwise, I followed his instructions, weighed the ingredients, mixed them together and turned out an attractive, delicious loaf of bread.

One of the ways to ensure your success here is by measuring your flour by weight, not volume. When you scoop and measure flour by volume — such as using a measuring cup — the amount of flour you get each time can vary widely, sometimes

by several ounces. The discrepancy is due to how tightly or loosely the flour is packed. A few ounces may not sound like much, but it can make a big difference in baked goods.

That's why I recommend investing in a good kitchen scale if you're going to bake bread. The one I own, which registers both ounces and grams, has turned out to be useful for any number of kitchen tasks.

And please remember: This is not your grandmother's bread, or at least it's not your grandmother's method of making bread. So don't be thrown off by the wetness of the dough (it's very wet), the temperature of the water added (it's cool, not warm), or the temperature at which the dough first rises (it's room temp, not warmer).

The only down side to this recipe is the need to plan ahead. Even though mixing the dough takes no time at all (30 seconds), you have to let it rise for at least 12, and preferably 18, hours. Then, after you've shaped it into a loaf (another 30 seconds), it needs to rise for yet another hour or two. Finally, it takes 45 to 60 minutes for the bread to bake, and it has to cool completely before you can eat it.

But if you can deal with the amount of time necessary for the dough to set up, you may find yourself eating really scrumptious, fresh and healthy artisanal bread several times a week. And every time you bake one of these loaves, your whole house smells wonderful.



Matthew Mead/AP

This Feb. 3, 2013 photo shows a loaf of no-knead walnut rosemary bread in Concord, NH

NO-KNEAD WALNUT-ROSEMARY BREAD

Start to finish: 14 hours (20 minutes active)
Makes 1 loaf (10 servings)

- 1/2 cup (50 grams) coarsely chopped walnuts
- 2 cups (266 grams) bread flour
- 1 cup (133 grams) whole-wheat flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons (8 grams) table salt
- 3/4 teaspoon (2 grams) instant or rapid-rise yeast
- 2 tablespoons (6 grams) chopped rosemary
- 1 1/3 cups (350 grams) cool water (55 F to 65 F)
- Additional flour, wheat bran or cornmeal, for dusting

Heat the oven to 350 F.

Place the walnuts in a shallow baking dish, then place in the oven on the middle shelf to toast 10 to 12 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Once the nuts are cooled, in a medium bowl stir them together with both flours, the salt, yeast and rosemary. Add the water and stir briefly with a wooden spoon or your hands, just until the dough is barely mixed, about 30 seconds. The dough should be quite wet and tacky. If it is not, add 1 to 2 tablespoons more water. Cover the bowl and let it rise at room temperature for 12 to 18 hours, or until it is more than double in bulk.

After the dough has risen, generously sprinkle a work surface with flour and gently, with the help of a plastic bench scraper, scoop out the dough onto the counter.

Working very quickly, with floured hands, fold the dough inward to the center on all sides to form a seam. Turn the dough over to form a round with the seam on the bottom. Generously sprinkle a clean kitchen towel with flour. Lay the towel flat on the counter and set the dough on top, seam down. Sprinkle the top of the dough lightly with flour and loosely fold the ends of towel over the dough.

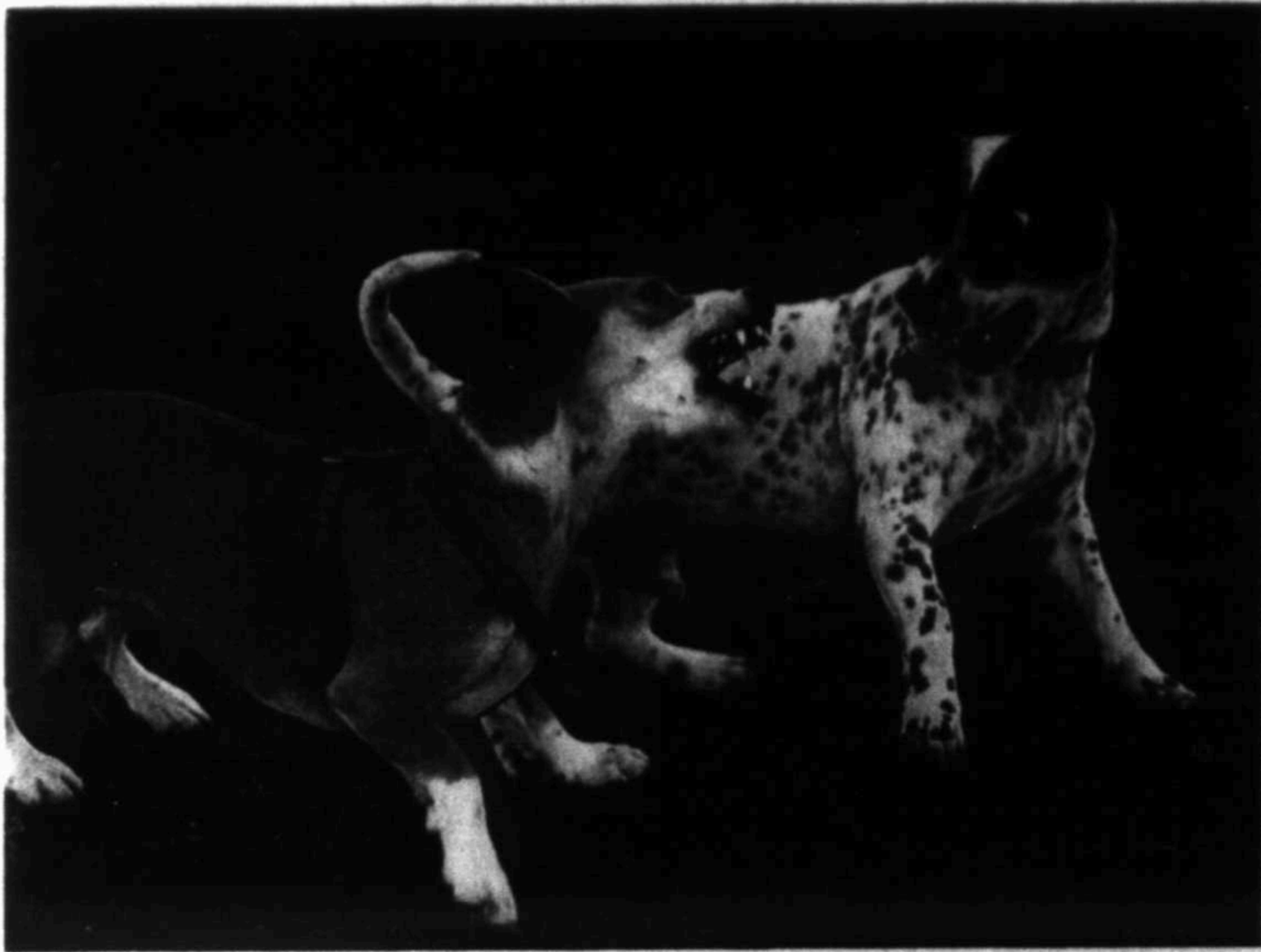
Let the dough rise in a warm place for 1 to 2 hours, or until almost doubled in bulk. You will know it is ready when you poke the dough and it holds your imprint. If the dough bounces back, it is not ready.

About 30 minutes before you think the dough is ready, heat the oven to 475 F. Put a rack in the lower third of the oven, and place a covered 4 1/2- to 5 1/2-quart casserole dish in the oven to heat.

When the dough has risen, carefully remove the casserole dish from the oven and remove the lid. With the aid of the tea towel, flip the dough gently, seam side up, into the casserole, put the lid on the casserole and return it to the oven. Bake for 30 minutes. Carefully remove the lid and bake until the bread has browned nicely, another 15 to 30 minutes.

Remove the casserole dish from the oven and use a spatula or dish towel to carefully transfer the bread to a rack to cool completely before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving: 180 calories; 40 calories from fat (22 percent of total calories); 5 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 30 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 6 g protein; 290 mg sodium.



RIGHT
A small dog in the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park is greeted by other dogs upon their arrival Jan. 31 to the park in the Encino section of Los Angeles. To keep dog play safe and fun, you need to recognize when to calm the situation, and this should start before you're even in the park. When dogs run up to the gate and your dog is bouncing with anticipation, don't enter till your dog settles down and the others lose interest and walk away.

ABOVE
Dogs play at the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park in the Encino section of Los Angeles in these 2009 file photos. Snarling and teeth bared usually indicates play is getting too rough, too intense. Problems tend to arise because not everyone recognizes that safe dog play requires human guidance.

Richard Vogel/AP



Dog play: When is the roughhousing too rough?

By Linda Lombardi
Associated Press

Going to the dog park has become something dog owners think they almost have to do.

"Our society has gone from thinking dog play is fun to thinking dog play is vital," said Robin Bennett, co-author of "Off-Leash Dog Play: A Complete Guide to Safety and Fun."

But not all dogs are suited to this kind of play, experts said — and even if yours seems to be having a good time, you need to watch closely and keep connected with your dog.

To humans, normal dog play can look rough, with wrestling and body slamming and face-biting. But that doesn't mean anything goes. Unfortunately, dogs do get injured and sometimes even killed in dog park fights.

Safe dog play requires human guidance. Trainer Sue Sternberg, who has spent the past few years videotaping and studying dog parks, said, "The subculture in most dog parks is, it's a dog village, this is their time to be a dog, you don't interrupt — and that's a dangerous subculture."

To keep dog play safe and fun, know when to calm the situation. That should start before you're even in the park. When dogs run up to the gate and your dog is bouncing with anticipation, don't enter till your dog settles down and the others lose interest and walk away.

"When your dogs are revved up like that, that arousal and aggression are linked," said Bennett. "It's possible for them to get really excited and it spills over into a fight."

That connection between arousal and aggression is why you should keep a close eye on play and not hesitate to step in. "What keeps a group of dogs safe is timely inter-

ruption," said Sternberg.

So you don't want to be drinking a latte and chatting, or looking at your phone — unless you're looking at Sternberg's dog park app, "Dog Park Assistant," which helps identify unsafe behaviors.

A few of the play interactions that she considers red flags:

- **Group chase.** Chase is great exercise, but Sternberg said it's really only safe when it's two dogs, not a group.

- **Wrestling between two dogs** can be good fun, but safe wrestling involves turn-taking — if one dog pins the other for five seconds or more, it's time to break it up.

- **A dog rolling all the way over** is usually a sign of over-aroused play, whether it's caused by impact from another dog or just running out of control.

"If owners see any of those things, that is a cue to go in there and interrupt — physically get close to the dog and touch and reconnect," Sternberg said.

Even when things are going well, it's a good idea to regularly check in and let your dog know you're still there.

"There's no harm in interrupting, as long as it's not punitive," Sternberg said. "Go in, get your dog and move away. No harm done, and what a great thing to reconnect to your dog."

Recognize signs of distress. If a dog yelps, don't assume it's an accident — it indicates your dog is in trouble, as does a tucked tail. "A dog that tucks its tail, even if it's momentary, feels vulnerable," said Sternberg.

Sometimes dogs are asking for help and owners don't realize it. "There's a kind of jumping up that's, 'Hello, can you not see I'm breaking out here?' Take me

home!" said Bennett. "Owners tend to ignore that, thinking the dog is being annoying, but the dog is asking for help."

And if your dog is hiding — getting between your legs, using you as a barrier, or getting under a bench or table — take the hint. "So often owners yank their dog out from under the picnic table and go, 'Really, it's fun! Go play,'" said Bennett. "That dog is hiding for a reason."

Your dog may be great with some dogs and not others. Dogs have different play styles — some like to body slam, some like to chase, some like to be chased — and while there's no intrinsically bad style, there are bad pairings. Sternberg's app has a cast of the characters you'll see over and over again, and indicates which combinations make for good play.

There are also dogs that are better off avoiding group play entirely, and there's nothing wrong with that.

"There are dogs who are the greatest dogs in the world, great canine citizens, great with people, and simply shouldn't be with other dogs," said Sternberg. "And that's far better than being the other way around: great with other dogs and you bite all people that you see."

Remember that the park is not the only way to meet your dog's needs — and it's not necessarily the best, said Sternberg: "The most important playmate for a dog is their owner, because play is so enriching, is such a bonding event, is so healthy for mind, body and spirit — and the most important creature your dog can play with is you."

Online:
Sternberg's dog park app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dog-park-assistant/id566034379?mt8>



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2. "First Love" by James Patterson and Emily Raymond (Little, Brown)
3. "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
4. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
5. "The First Phone Call from Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Harper)
6. "Command Authority" by Tom Clancy (Putnam Adult)
7. "Cross My Heart" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
8. "Fear Nothing" by Lisa Gardner (Dutton)
9. "Lost Lake" by Sarah Addison Allen (St. Martin's Press)
10. "Standup Guy" by Stuart Woods (Putnam Adult)
11. "The Days of Anna Madrigal" by Armistead Maupin (Harper)
12. "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan (Ballantine)
13. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
14. "The Gods of Guilt" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
15. "Hazardous Duty" by W.E.B. Griffin, William E. Butterworth IV (Putnam Adult)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Duty" by Robert M. Gates (Knopf)
2. "Super Shred" by Ian K. Smith (St. Martin's Press)
3. "Things That Matter" by Charles Krauthammer (Crown Forum)
4. "The Doctor's Diet" by Travis Stork (Bird Street Books)
5. "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt)
6. "The Body Book" by Cameron Diaz (Harper Wave)
7. "The Daniel Plan" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
8. "David and Goliath" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
9. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
10. "George Washington's Secret Six" by Brian Kilmeade (Sentinel)
11. "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (Little, Brown)
12. "The Pound a Day Diet" by Rocco DiSpirito (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "Jim Cramer's Get Rich Carefully" by James J. Cramer (Penguin/Sentinel)
14. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow)
15. "A Short Guide to a Long Life" by David B. Agus (Simon & Schuster)

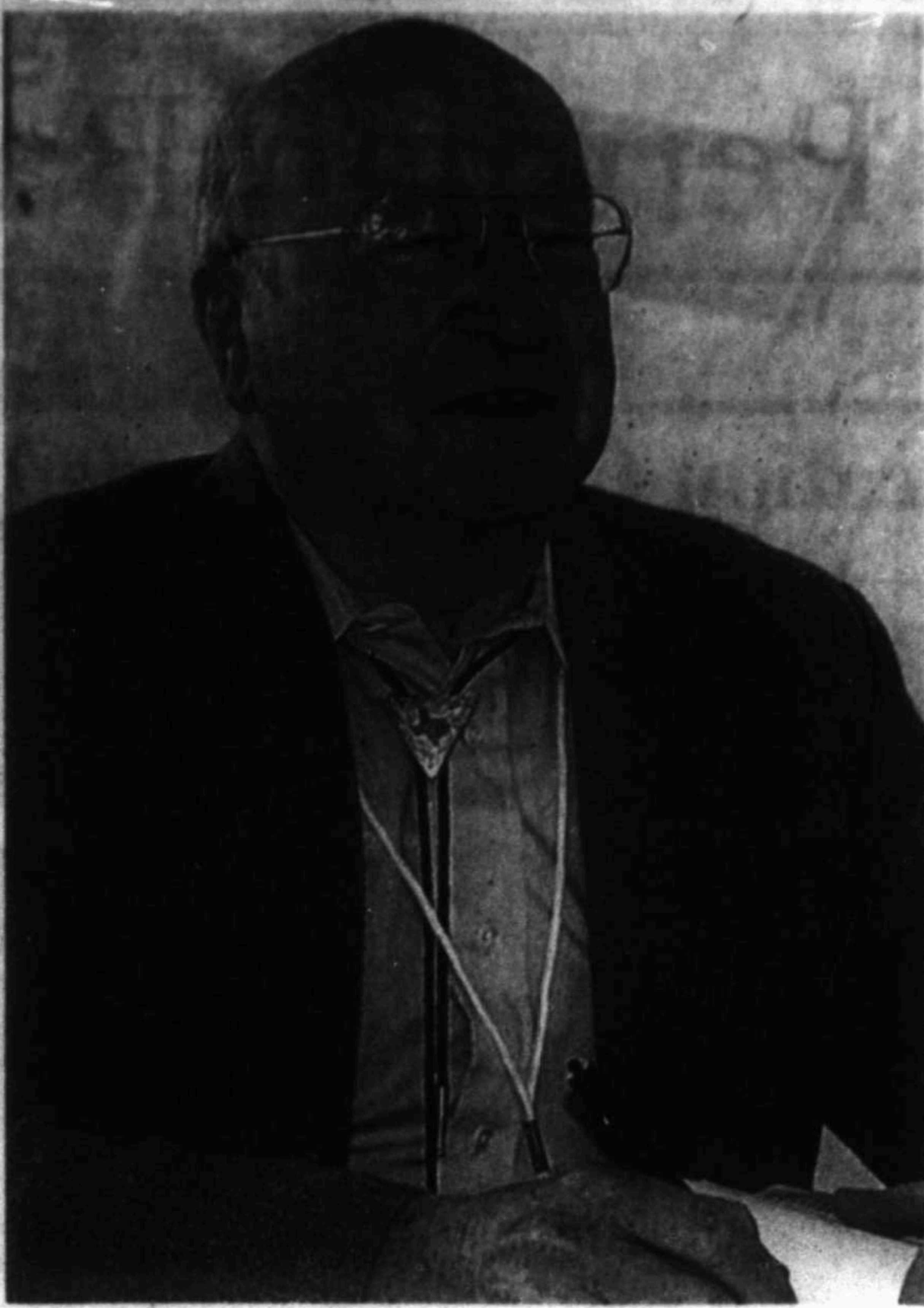
Mass market paperbacks

1. "Silencing Eve" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's press)
2. "NYPD Red" by James Patterson and Marshall Karp (Vision)
3. "Marriage Between Friends" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
4. "Guilt" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
5. "Big Sky Secrets" by Linda Lael Miller (Harlequin)
6. "The Night Before" by Lisa Jackson (Kensington/Zebra)
7. "Blindsided" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)
8. "Zoo" by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge (Vision)
9. "Seaview Inn" by Sheryl Woods (Mira)
10. "The King's Deception" by Steve Berry (Ballantine)
11. "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)
12. "Notorious Nineteen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
13. "The Unwelcomed Child" by V.C. Andrews (Pocket Books)
14. "Preacher's Blood Hunt" by William W. Johnstone (Pinnacle)
15. "The Racketeer" by John Grisham (Dell)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)
2. "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy (Anchor)
3. "12th of Never" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "The Monuments Men" by Robert M. Edsel (Back Bay Books)
5. "People Tools" by Alan C. Fox (Select Books)
6. "Four Blood Moons" by John Hagee (Worthy)
7. "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson (Back Bay Books)
8. "Eat It to Beat It" by David Zincenko (Ballantine)
9. "Blue Dahlia" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
10. "Dark Witch" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
11. "The Wolf of Wall Street" by Jordan Belfort (Bantam)
12. "Miss Kay's Duck Commander Kitchen" by Kay Robertson (Howard Books)
13. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow Paperbacks)
14. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)
15. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Vintage)

Republished Elmer Kelton novel tackles change, choice



The Western Writers of America voted the late Elmer Kelton, formerly of San Angelo, the greatest western writer of all time. Before his death in 2009, Kelton had received numerous awards for his novels. If you have never read a Kelton novel, you should try one. His writing style continually sets forth the thematic problem of change, the casualties caused by change but also the thematic possibility of choice.

In his republished book, "The Far Canyon," he masterfully unveils the finality of the buffalo's demise and the beginning of a time when cattle would replace the American bison on the southern plains, furthering the end to the Plains Indian culture. "The Far Canyon" reveals the history of the period, not in a grand swoop of the pen, but up close and personal.

In the first chapter, readers meet Comanche warrior Crow Feather, who is trying to save his wife and child from capture by the soldiers, as the soldiers round up the defeated Comanches and herd them to a reservation. Crow Feather reaches the far canyon for a brief period of safety, only to be captured. He leaves his wife and child there to somehow survive on their own. The incident exemplifies the last days of

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the Comanche, as Crow Feather's quest becomes escape and return to the canyon.

Protagonist Jeff Layne, the buffalo hide hunter tired of killing and death, is determined to earn his living with the newest resource on the plains, cattle. He will take his herd to the grassy pastures of the far canyon. Here, the cultures collide.

Kelton excels in portraying the heart-rending dilemma of change. Then, the choice. Are Layne and Crow Feather of a character that will allow them to escape a predetermined fate by reaching that far canyon or will they simply perish under the cultural dictate of their historical time?

"The Far Canyon" is published by the TCU Press and can be ordered online or by calling 1-800-826-8911. It can also be ordered at Amazon.com or in print at your local Hastings or Barnes & Noble book store.

BOOK BRIEFS

FROM WIRE & STAFF REPORTS

Author to appear at library, bookstore

Stacey Overton Morrison will sign copies of her book, "Comfort of Fences," at 5:30 p.m. March 20 as a collaboration of Barnes & Noble Booksellers and Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. For more information, go to stacyomorrison.com.

Abilene to host Texas Author Series

Abilene Public Library will host six Texas authors this spring. All programs will be at noon Mondays at the library. The first program is scheduled for March 3. Speakers include historian Dan Utley; novelist Leila Meacham; Margaret Hoogstra, executive director of the Texas Forts Trail; photographer and author Laurence Parent; poet Bob Fink and Abilene author Bill Wright.

Spring writers retreat planned in far West Texas

The Texas Mountain Trail Writers will hold its 23rd annual Writing Round-Up on April 11-13 in Alpine and Fort Davis. Instructors include non-fiction and memoir writer WC Jameson, Christian and mainstream romance author Lisa Wingate and Becca Oliver, executive director of the Writers League of Texas.

For more information, visit www.texasmountain-trailwriters.org.

Send local book-related news to Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.

'Drunken Botanist' author now writing fiction

NEW YORK — Best-selling "The Drunken Botanist" author Amy Stewart is now writing novels.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt announced Thursday that Stewart will write a series of fiction books based on the real life of Constance Koop, a female deputy sheriff in early 20th century New Jersey. The first novel, "Girl Waits With a Gun," is scheduled for 2015.

The publisher said Stewart learned of Koop while researching "The Drunken Botanist," a history of the natural sources of alcoholic drinks that came out last year.

Stewart's other books included "From the Ground Up," "Wicked Bugs" and "Flower Confidential."



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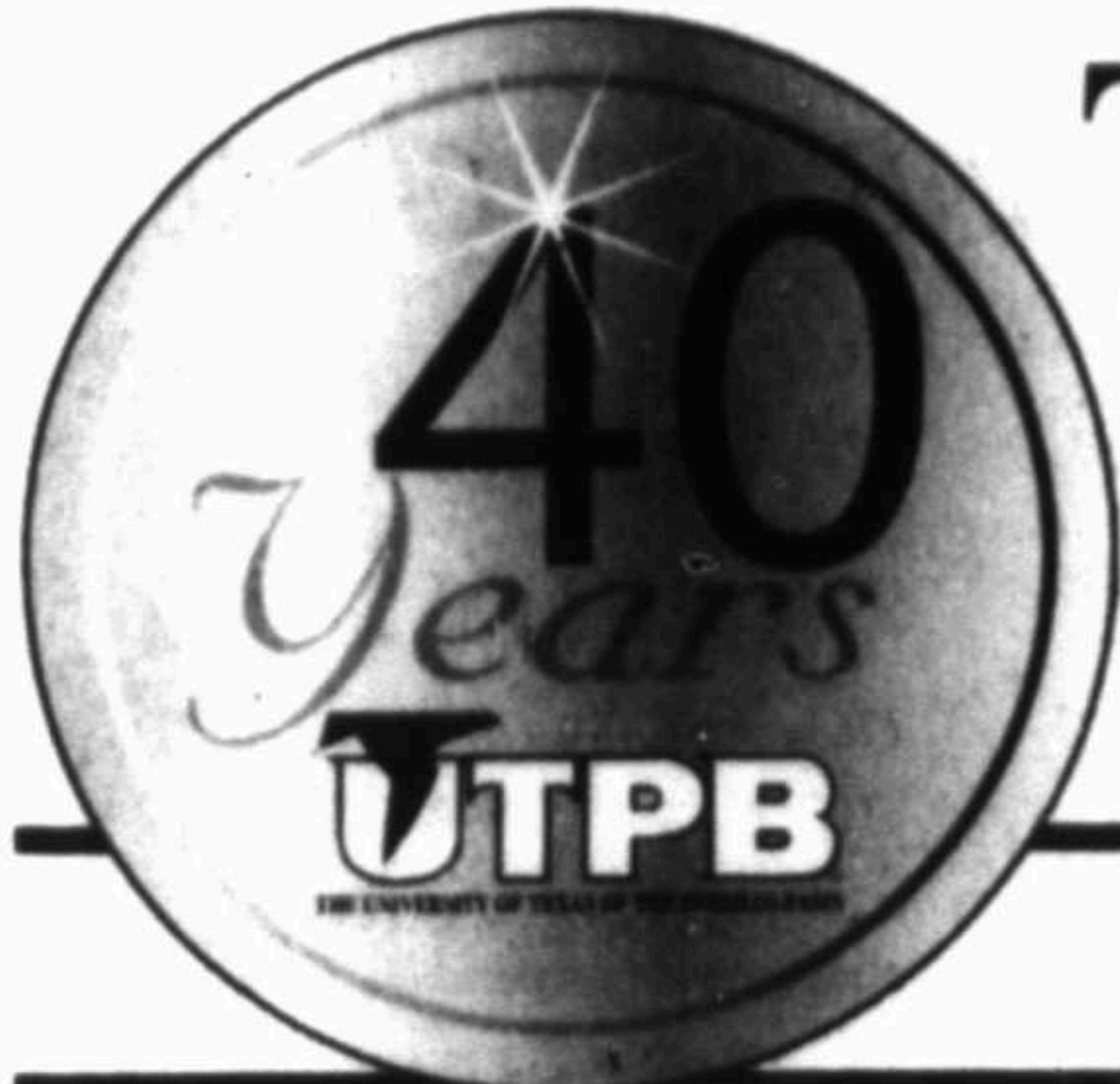
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\$500,000 Mathematics Education Grant Awarded to UTPB

Juli Ratheal
Assistant Vice President of Research
Dean of Graduate Studies

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) has been awarded \$500,000 to work with West Texas middle school mathematics teachers during the 2014-2015 school year. The project, entitled the West Texas Mathematics Consortium (WTMC), is a collaborative effort between UTPB, Abilene Christian University (ACU), and Angelo State University (ASU). The funds are part of a federal initiative under the Teacher Quality Grants Program made available to higher education institutions to promote improved mathematics and science instruction. Due to recent federal and state budget cuts, the grants are highly competitive with only 12 grants awarded across the state this year as compared to over 30 grants awarded in subsequent years.

Of the \$500,000, approximately \$300,000 will target ECISD, MISD, and other regional charter, public and private schools' middle school mathematics teachers within the UTPB immediate service area. ACU and ASU will each receive approximately \$100,000 to work with teachers within their areas. UTPB is the lead institution and will oversee all project activities. Dr. Juli D'Ann Ratheal, Assistant Vice President of Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of Mathematics Education, is the WTMC Project Director. Other members of the leadership team are as follows: UTPB: Drs. Christopher Hiatt, Warren Koepf, and Yolanda Salgado; ACU: Dr. Connie Yarema; and, ASU: Dr. Donna Gee.

The WTMC component at UTPB will provide 60 hours of professional development during a two-week summer workshop focusing on "Measurement" which is one of the lowest performance areas among middle school mathematics students across the state. Participating teachers will also complete 60 hours of pedagogical training during the academic year.



The academic year training will focus on improving instruction by implementing research-based "best practices" that promote critical thinking through the appropriate use of technology and other mathematics manipulatives, as well as, how to design an "active student" learning environment.

Participating teachers who successfully complete the 120 hours of professional development will receive \$2,000 in stipends, NSpire calculator, iPad, and other mathematics manipulatives that they can use in their classrooms. The UTPB leadership team will work

closely with ECISD, MISD and other regional schools to identify 32 participants for the UTPB component. The strategy is to recruit 12 ECISD, 12 MISD, and 8 other regional middle school teachers to participate in the UTPB component. There will be an online application that interested teachers will be required to complete which is currently under development. Charter, private and public schools within Region 18 that are interested in participating in the project should contact Dr. Juli D'Ann Ratheal at Ratheal.j@utpb.edu or 432-552-2533.

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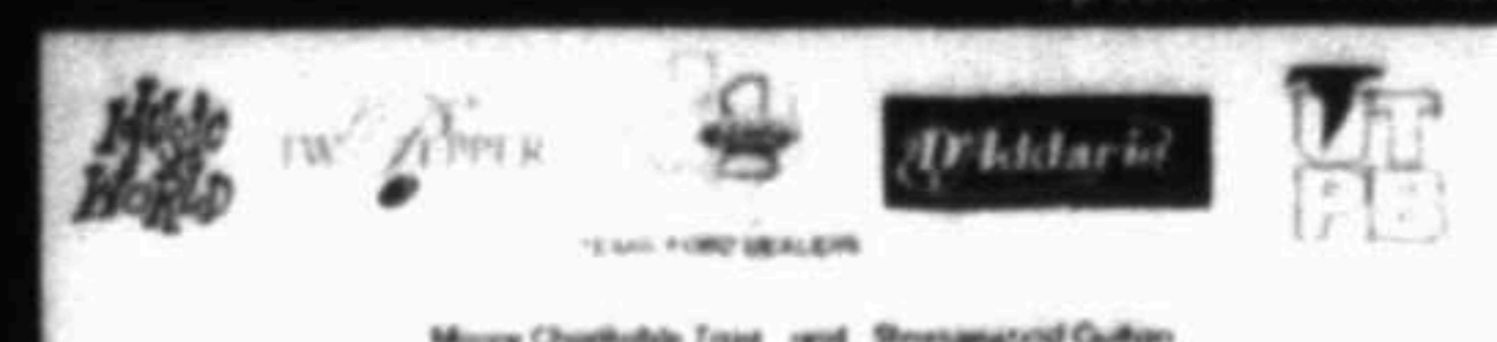


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WELCOME

to Midland

A smile is a smile in any language, and Laura Morales's smile is the first one to greet many corporate newcomers through her business STEPS (Steps to Empower Programs for Success).

Photo by Paul Wiseman

Skyline photo by James Durbin



NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Compressor Systems names engineering VP

Michael A. Smith has joined Compressor Systems Inc. as vice president of engineering. He is based at CSI's corporate and fabrication facility in Midland where he manages CSI's industry leading engineering and design team.

Smith brings more than 27 years experience in design, operation, management and trouble-shooting in high pressure gas pipeline facilities and all facets of the gas transmission industry.

Duoline names new engineer

GILMER — Chris Hearn has joined Duoline® Technologies as applications engineer. He most recently worked as an applications engineer in the Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Gulf Coast regions with customers such as Anadarko, Chesapeake, EOG and XTO. He also brings to Duoline® Technologies more than four years of experience in drilling and six years in manufacturing.

Workers' Comp session

The Midland Office of the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is hosting an educational session on Texas Workers' Compensation Paper Billing Form Changes on Wednesday, Feb. 26. The educational sessions are for all Texas workers' compensation participants, including health care providers, designated doctors, certified workers' compensation health care networks, insurance carriers and attorneys.

This free session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Midland Field Office, 4500 W. Illinois Ave., Suite 315. The session will assist workers' compensation system participants in complying with recent amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) section 133.10 regarding health care provider billing procedures that are effective for medical bills submitted on or after April 1. The rule amendments reflect the changes in the newly updated 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form Version 02/12 (CMS-1500). The recently adopted amendments also update the requirements for the UB-04, DWC Form-066, ADA 2006 Dental Claim Form, and CMS-1500 forms to align with 28 TAC sections 133.200, 134.803 and 134.804. The educational session will provide information regarding comparison of the old and new requirements for medical billing forms; deadline for using the new form and requirements; medical fee dispute resolution process; and available resources from the DWC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Due to limited space, registration is required. To register online, visit the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/alert/event/dwceducational.html>. For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Ida Baca at 432-699-1281 or Ida.Baca@tdi.texas.gov.

Laura Morales helps orient newcomers to the Tall City

By Paul Wiseman

Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Anyone who has ever moved to a new city understands the challenge of navigating to schools, stores, restaurants and work in an unfamiliar environment. For many newcomers to Midland, Laura Morales is the first face they see, and she is glad to help them.

From meeting them at the airport to giving a tour of the town's significant features, Morales provides newcomers with a friendly face and the answers to their questions. From schools and shopping areas to cultural events such as the jazz festival, the Mex Tex Family Fiesta and others, she lets newcomers know what Midland has to offer.

One of the first questions, especially from people arriving here from large cities, regards the safety of the area. Morales quickly answers that there are few areas of town in which she herself does not feel safe even at night — words that are a relief to many. "They really want to see things that are in their interest — for example, hobbies," she said. "We're fortunate. I think we have a good variety of interesting things for people to do."

Healthcare, including health clubs, housing and schools also top the list of questions. She noted that every city's public school arrangement is different regarding the age ranges in elementary school, middle school and high school, and Midland's freshman school concept is new to many newcomers, so she helps them sort that out.

Having worked for MISD for 10 years before starting her own business, Morales is uniquely qualified to answer education questions. She also worked for Midland College at one time.

Her business is called STEPS (Steps to Empower Programs for Success) and, in addition to being tour guide and a one-

woman welcoming committee, she teaches English as second language and Spanish as a second language, among other classes.

Many who move to Midland from other states, especially north and east of here, notice the strong Hispanic community and decided to learn some Spanish to help them communicate with the culture. Morales said. She does some translation work between the two languages.

Most think of Hispanics as the prime customers for ESL, and that would be true, but Morales has taught English to people from five continents, including the nations of India, Russia and others.

Morales opened STEPS in 2007 after leaving MISD because she was already getting a lot of phone calls from people who knew she had been in and familiar with the community for years and knew the answers to almost every community-related question. "They would call me, can you help with this, can you give me English classes, can you help with this training. They knew me from a lot of the

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Entrepreneurial sisters acquire The Boutique

Under new ownership and sporting a new name is The Boutique II, located in the Plaza Oaks shopping center at 2101 W. Wadley Ave.

Sisters Reagan Elliott and Rachel Ward have purchased The Boutique and renamed it The Boutique II.

The store will continue to offer trendy and unique apparel, jewelry, shoes, handbags and other accessories for shoppers of all ages.

Elliott said while the sisters plan to keep the store mostly as it has been, they will bring in some new lines.

"We've already brought in a new denim line and we'll be bringing in a few fresh items," she said.

Elliott and Ward bought the store after its previous owner retired. They said they

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felt it would be fun and a good business opportunity. Besides, they said, they apparently inherited their father's entrepreneurial genes — their father, Dennis Rose, owns Tr R Services.

With a laugh, Elliott said, "We've always been taught to be independent and take care of ourselves."

While the two see The Boutique II as a

good business opportunity, they are keeping their day jobs for now.

Elliott is an autism facilitator for the Midland Independent School District. Having earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, she is currently working toward her master's degree in special education at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ward, also a Tech graduate, is employed as an accounting consultant. Before heading to Tech, both sisters attended Midland College for two years on Abell-Hanger scholarships.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

More information is available by calling 683-1699 or online at www.theboutiquetx.com. The store also has a Facebook page.

Buying things that lose value is losing, not gaining wealth

DEAR DAVE: I've heard you say many times you shouldn't buy a brand-new car unless you have a net worth of \$1 million. What's so special about a million dollars? — Angela

DEAR ANGELA: In all honesty, there's nothing particularly special about \$1 million. A brand-new car will lose about 60 percent of its value in the first four years. So, if you're going to turn a \$30,000 investment into \$12,000, you've got to have a bunch of money. You've got to be in pretty great financial shape in order to absorb the blow.

If your entire net worth is \$100,000, and you put \$30,000 of it into a vehicle that will lose 60 percent of its value, you're just being financially and mathematically stupid. Your income is your largest and most powerful wealth-building tool. If you're buying things that go the wrong way in terms of value, you're not gaining wealth; you're losing wealth. There's really nothing special about

DAVE RAMSEY



\$1 million. I could have said \$2 million or \$900,000, but \$1 million is easy to remember. Plus, it's nothing to sneeze at in terms of an individual's net worth. When you lose a lot, and it's a small percentage of a lot, you don't have to worry so much. But when you lose a lot and you didn't have much to begin with, that's a recipe for financial disaster!

DEAR DAVE: My parents co-signed on government loans so I could go to college. Would my forbearance or non-payment affect their credit if I don't pay? — Tiffany

DEAR TIFFANY: Yes, it would. I'm not trying to lay a guilt trip on you, kiddo, but you'll be trashing your mom and dad's credit if you don't pay the bills on time. If they co-signed for you, they'll start getting phone calls, too, if you don't do the right thing and pay back these loans.

The truth is, your mom and dad shouldn't have co-signed for you in the first place. There's only one reason lenders want a co-signer, and that's because they're afraid the person taking out the loan won't be able to pay back what's owed.

My goal here isn't to beat you up, Tiffany. It's to give you information that you — and your parents — need in order to make different, smarter decisions in the future. We all do dumb things sometimes. In the past, I did some really dumb things with very large numbers attached. The goal is to grow, learn and try to use what we learn in order to do fewer dumb things in the future.

DEAR DAVE: I'm 26, and I just started a new job making \$50,000. I've also been offered a 401(k) with no match. Should I put money into the 401(k) or open a high-yield CD? — Crystal

DEAR CRYSTAL: I've got another idea. I'd open a Roth IRA with good growth stock mutual funds inside and fund it up to \$5,500 a year. Make sure these mutual funds have been open at least five years — preferably 10 years or more — and have performed well. Mathematically, this investment, growing tax-free, will be superior to a non-matching 401(k).

Then, if you want to invest more than \$5,500, you could put some additional money into the 401(k) offered by your company. Again, make sure you're invested in good growth stock mutual funds with long, successful track records. Congratulations, Crystal. And good luck!

THE ECONOMIST

Passing farm bill raises hope for cooperation in Washington

It looks like a new farm bill may finally be making its way through the Washington political maze after a contentious two-year sojourn. The nearly \$1 trillion piece of legislation would get us through the next five years without additional conflict. It consolidates some of the subsidy programs, expands support for crop insurance, and cuts \$8 billion from the food stamp program over 10 years. As a major agriculture-producing state, Texas clearly has a notable stake in the process.

It looks like the bill will save a total of about \$23 billion over the next 10 years (according to the DC definition of "save"). Media coverage is focusing on the cut to food stamp benefits (1 percent). It's somewhat surprising to many that the food stamp program falls under the farm bill, but it has since the early days of trying to match up people with insufficient food with surplus agriculture products. In fact, the food stamp program typically accounts for about 80 percent of farm bill spending.

The renamed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be streamlined to reduce waste. Requirements to encourage recipients to work are to be tested in 10 states, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been charged with eliminating problems such as people receiving benefits in more than one state and other abuses. Also, budget gaming by some states via a loophole in the program is ending, and the USDA

can no longer use funds to advertise to try to increase beneficiaries. These changes to the program comprise the bulk of the spending reduction. It does not involve any cuts to eligible recipients and is only a fraction of the amount in the original House bill. The savings depend on reducing fraud and abuse, which is always easier said than done.

As for the portion of the bill that's more directly related to agriculture, some of the big savings relative to past measures come from eliminating direct subsidies to farmers (which were paid whether they farmed or not) and transitioning more into supporting insurance programs. Direct subsidies had long come under fire, because landowners could be paid to do nothing. Now, farmers must first incur a loss (such as a crop failure) before they can get compensation (via government-subsidized insurance). Even farm-friendly states and legislators tend to agree that it was time for this change.

The bill is hailed as helping protect the millions of jobs in the agriculture sector. The Texas Department of Agriculture estimates that one in seven working Texans is employed in an agriculture-related job (although farms and ranches

directly employ less than 0.5 percent of the state's workforce). Agriculture cash receipts in the state total \$20 billion each year, and Texas exports billions of dollars in crops and livestock to world markets. At the same time, agriculture and the ability to produce (and control) the food supply for the nation has security implications. Protecting farming and ranching clearly makes sense from this perspective, though of course programs should be as cost effective and efficient as possible (and ideally should reflect market outcomes, including rational hedging for risk).

While there are counterexamples, the financial situation of farm families has been improving. Net farm income and farm wealth have recently been at record levels. Also, farm asset values are rising faster than debt, pushing the debt-to-asset ratio down to levels not seen since 1960. The Congressional Research Service reports that farm household incomes have surged ahead of average U.S. household income over the past decade. The latest available data (2011) indicates that average farm household income was almost \$87,300, well above the overall U.S. average of less than \$69,700.

A deeper dive into this

income data reveals that it is skewed by the huge number of family farms with gross sales of less than \$10,000; a full 59 percent of farms fall into this category. Another 30 percent are in the \$10,000 to less-than-\$250,000 category (with household income averaging \$79,800). At the large end are the 10 percent of farms selling more than \$250,000 per year, where average incomes exceed \$205,200 per year. Not bad.

The agriculture industry is an integral part of Texas history and remains important (though less so) today. Farms and ranches provide a crucial source of jobs in rural areas, and exports of crops and livestock improve the U.S. balance of payments. Supporting and protecting ag through a workable farm bill is important for these reasons and many more (though to the extent that waste, inefficiencies and inequities in the system can be eliminated, they certainly should). Enhancing the efficiency of programs providing food for hungry Americans is also desirable. Passage of a farm bill is clearly good news and hopefully a further sign that modest cooperation in Washington can indeed be sustained.

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BBB scam alert: 'One ring' cell phone scam rings up charges

Your cellphone could make you a victim of the "one ring" scam and it could cost you.

BBB serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is warning cell users to be cautious when returning calls from unknown numbers. Consumers in several states report receiving calls on their mobile phones in which an unknown caller hangs up after one ring. With this scam a computer program sends thousands of calls to random cellphone numbers, rings once, then disconnects. Scammers hope that you are curious about the call and will return it.

When the cell owner returns the call, they are billed \$19.95 for the international call fee. They may hear music, then advertising while they are unknowingly connected to a caller-paid toll service or chat line located outside the country. At \$9 per minute, these calls can add up quickly.

Consumers who have been duped by these calls report that they are coming from the Caribbean Islands including Grenada, Antigua, Jamaica and the British Virgin Islands. The best thing to do if you receive a call from an international number you don't recognize, is not answer and do not call back.

The practice of third parties placing unauthorized charges on wireless accounts is called "cramming." If you have fallen for this scam, be sure to alert your cell phone carrier immediately and keep an eye on your cell phone bill. You can also contact your cell phone service provider to see if you can restrict third-party billing on your account. Be sure to keep track of what services you pay for; that way you will be able to determine if any charges are unauthorized. The earlier you document the fraud, the better your chances of having some or all of the charges removed.

For more information about scams visit BBB Scam Stopper and BBB.org.

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.

NEWCOMERS

From IF

teacher training I did for MISD as an administrator when I had the dual language program, so I decided to go into business and do this full time," she said. "I love what I do — I absolutely love what I do." She sometimes works directly with employers who are bringing people here, either for a permanent job or for a period of time. On other occasions she works

with third-party relocation firms. In any case her goal is to help newcomers feel comfortable while in Midland and to enjoy their stay.

When their first taste of Midland is the smiling face of Laura Morales, that gets their stay off to a good start.

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MARKET WATCH

Idea is to 'leg in,' not 'jump in' to investing

Sure, every now and then you might hit it just right, but most of the time trying to pick the bottom or top in any market move is tricky at best. And, as with most market endeavors, you need at least a little luck on your side for everything to work out as planned. Thinking you can wait until the absolute bottom or top before taking action is usually, in the end, a loser's game. The stock market has a way of humbling even the most confident of investors every now and then.

We know that much of the investing public is baby boomers who are underinvested in stocks and sitting on a lot of cash. At the same time, these same investors are fearful of the equity market after its huge run higher over the course of the last five years. And many were burned, at least on paper, twice in the last 14 years as the technology and housing bubbles burst. In addition, a lot of those in this strategist's generation are worried there is a good chance they might outlive their money. After all, people are living longer thanks to healthier lifestyles and medical advancements. Plus, baby boomers are not known for their money-saving abilities. This strategist still firmly believes that one of the best ways to build wealth over time is by

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investing in the stock market. CDs yielding 5 percent may come back some day, but it is doubtful that day will come anytime soon. Income investors can find attractive returns in dividend-paying equities. Growth investors have many possibilities in today's market. But as we often said on the trading desk back in my foreign exchange days, "You have to be in it to win it." This means taking advantage of opportunities when they arise. You have to act.

The equity markets are in the midst of a minor pullback from recent record highs. The major indices could easily trade lower in coming weeks — or not. But we won't be able to pick the exact bottom and then jump in. Our outlook for the economy and stock market over the next 12 to 24 months is positive. In our opinion, investors need to be slowly putting money to work as the market trades lower.

The idea is to put side-lined funds to work in the market when prices are down, not when prices are high. The idea is to leg in, not jump in.

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Twitter stock sinks on user growth worries

NEW YORK — Twitter's stock is sinking on worries that the short online messaging service is not popular enough. Twitter Inc. had reported stronger-than-expected revenue and adjusted earnings in its fourth-quarter financial report Wednesday, its first as a publicly traded company.

But the concerns remained. Sterne Agee analyst Arvind Bhatia cut his rating on Twitter's stock to "Underperform" from "Neutral" because of the slowing growth. He also said its stock is expensive compared to similar companies. He set a target price of \$43 for Twitter's stock. This is still more expensive than Facebook and LinkedIn, based on expected revenue for the companies, the analyst wrote in a note to investors.

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unconventional FORECASTING

**Workshop to focus
on forecasting
production from
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By Mella McEwen
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National, even international, attention was paid when reports surfaced estimating the Permian Basin's Cline Shale to Midland's east could hold as much as 30 billion barrels of crude oil.

"Anything with unconventional these days gets a lot of attention, and there's a lot in the Permian Basin," said Hoxie Smith, director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center. The center, along with the Midland chapter, Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers, is hosting a two-day workshop on "Production Forecasting for Unconventional Resources" Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10-11 at the Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert

If you go
Where: Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert
When: February 10-11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$1,500 per person
Contact: PPDC at 683-2832 or www.midland.edu/ppdc

The workshop is targeted at those working with unconventional reservoirs trying to get a handle on production potential. Already more than 30 have signed up to attend the class and Smith said he hopes to have 50, though the ATC can hold 100. Attendees are urged to bring their laptops because there will be a lot of software and algorithms so they can manipulate spreadsheets and gain practical experience.

Such estimates, while causing quite a stir, can cause problems if they're not accurate, said Professor John Lee, a Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished University Chair at the University of Houston. He will be conducting the two-day workshop.

He explained that producers are expected to report accurate estimates of reserves to the government and to their shareholders if their companies are publicly traded. Inaccurate estimates could be seen as fraudulent.

Lee added that forecasting production is also important to help producers plan their budgets and development drilling projects.

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Permian Basin producers send production volumes soaring

■ Tracking Railroad Commission revisions upward, report says Permian Basin production rose 13 percent in 2013.

By Mella McEwen
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Despite a rig count that fell below 400 rigs and a flat to slightly lower number of drilling permits issued in 2013, oil and gas operators operating in the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin managed what is described as an astonishing increase in crude oil production.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, reported that for 2013, crude oil production volumes climbed 13.1 percent over 2012 levels while natural gas production volumes were 3 percent higher than the previous year.

He explained that he arrived at his estimate by taking production figures reported to the Railroad Commission monthly in 2012 and comparing both the preliminary figures and the actual figures.

"The Railroad Commission was reporting, on balance, about 12 percent higher figures than what was originally reported," he said. He went on to look at the monthly production reports for the later months of 2013 and devised his formula for what he believes will be the trend moving forward.

His goal, he said, was to get ahead of future upward revisions by the Railroad Commission and attempt to report more accurate figures. While he acknowledged that his estimate may be a little high, "I believe, by the time the Railroad Commission releases numbers going forward, they will be what I believe will end up being shown."

He noted that 2012 levels were 15 percent higher than 2011 levels, based on actual Railroad Commission figures without any adjustment on his part. He went on to add, "Estimated crude oil production in 2013 was up by a whopping 50 percent compared to the 2005 annual total, the trough year of crude production before the turnaround began in 2006."

And producers, he said, brought even more production online in 2013. "The relative importance of the Permian Basin, not just to the Texas economy but to the national economy is growing, not shrinking" as production rises, he said. "You see online people relating the Permian Basin to the largest oil fields in the world and could overtake those fields as the biggest out there as the magnitude of the potential resources are expanded and new resources tapped."

The value of all that production reached more than \$35.7 billion in 2013.

cash that Ingham noted stayed primarily in the region to fund drilling projects and other capital expenditures, paychecks for workers, royalty payments, taxes, construction projects, purchases of materials from pumping units to vehicles, even visits to restaurants.

Commodity prices strengthened in 2013, with crude prices averaging \$94.49 a barrel, up 4.2 percent over the 2012 average of \$90.69. Natural gas prices averaged \$3.57 per Mcf, up 31.6 percent over the \$2.71 averaged the previous year.

The rig count averaged 389 rigs in 2013, down 5.9 percent from 414 in 2012. The Railroad Commission issued 9,769 drilling permits in 2013, down 4.5 percent from 10,224 in 2012.

Operators reported 13,570 oil completions in 2013, up 111.1 percent from 6,429 in 2012. They reported 107 natural

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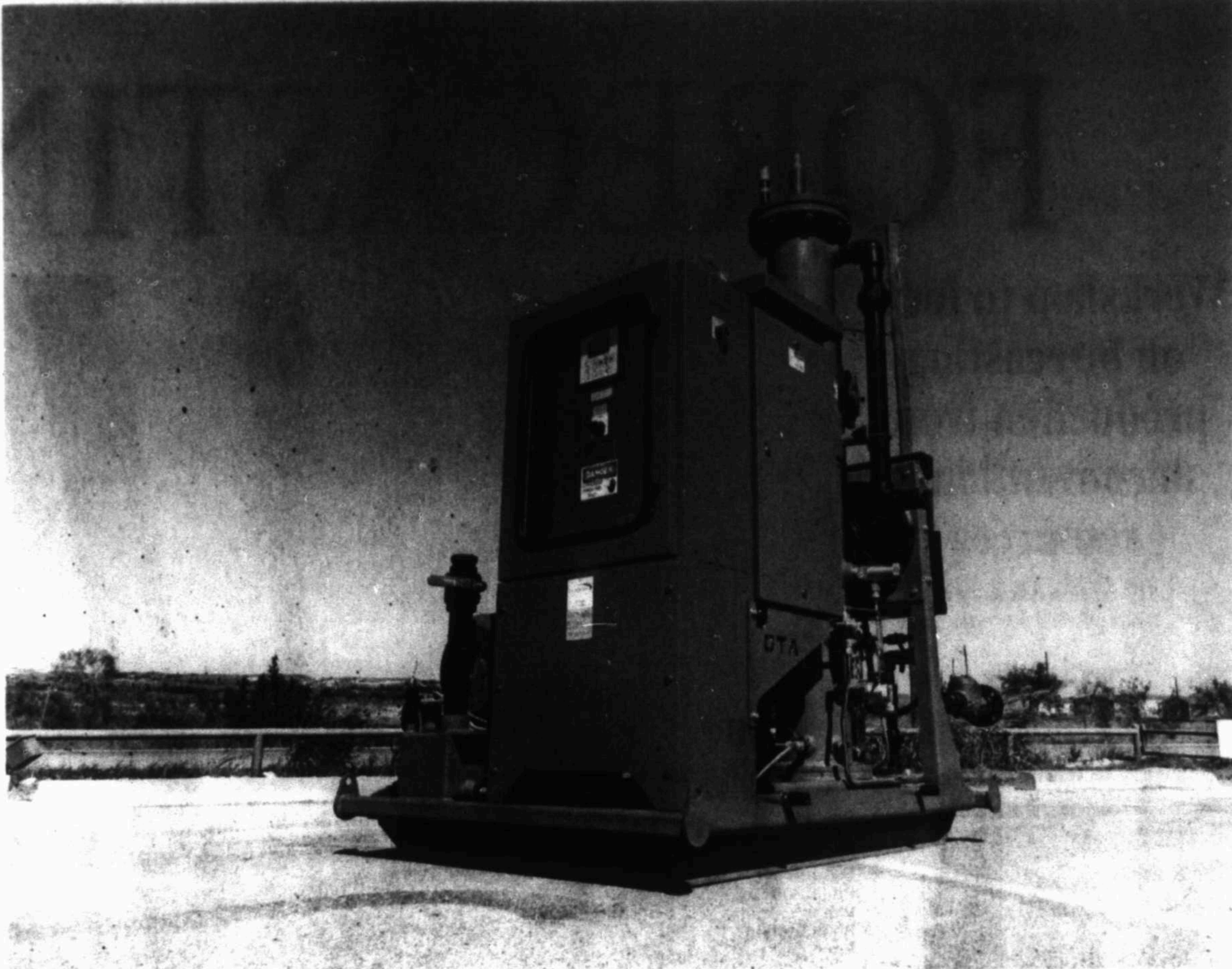
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While most regulations are seen as purely a cost, the EPA's Quad O emissions rules have at least some payback in the fact that captured VOCs can be sold into the pipeline. Even so, there are penalties for noncompliance with deadlines.

'Quad O' compliance dates contain consequences for noncompliant operators

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

For more than three years the Environmental Protection Agency has been making and tweaking rulings regarding the measurement and control of volatile emissions from storage tanks at well sites and elsewhere along the products' journey to market.

This ruling is formally known as 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOOO, or "Quad O." Beginning in April of 2013 and continuing through April 15 of 2015, various deadlines for gauging and controlling those emissions come due, and missing those deadlines can have some costly consequences.

Gabriel Kent, Lead-Environmental Services for OTA Compression, noted that two deadlines have already passed, with the next two set for April 15 of this year and for the same date in 2015.

To understand what is needed on those dates it is important to know that the EPA has divided regulatable storage vessels into two groups. Group 1 includes vessels for which construction, reconstruction or modification began after Aug. 23, 2011 and before April 12, 2013. Group 2 involves facilities in which those activities began after April 12, 2013. Any vessels put into use before the August 2011 date and not modified since then are not currently subject to Quad O regulations, under the theory that there are only so many vapor recovery units (VRUs) available so priority should be given to newer wells whose production is still strong.

One deadline, which was for owners of Group 1 facilities to document the emissions levels and to provide the EPA with GPS coordinates for each one, was Oct. 15, 2013. The second, Jan. 15, "was the date when you were supposed to notify the authorities in the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) of your emissions, your existence and the location according to GPS coordinates for the sites that are affected," Kent said.

Only facilities for which emissions are estimated to be 6tpy (tons per year) of VOCs are currently slated for regulation. However, Kent noted, even if a facility's emissions are measured at less than 6tpy, failure to meet the deadlines would cause it to be regulated and a VRU unit installed anyway. Of even more concern, under current rules, the EPA would require that facility to continue to be regulated under the agency's "once in, always in" stance.

The next date for Group 2 is April 15, by which time those facilities must actually have installed VRU equipment with the goal of reducing VOC emissions by 95 percent. Group 1 facilities have until a year later, April 15, 2015 to reach compliance.

The thinking behind these deadlines is similar to that which left tanks built before 2011 unregulated: The newer the facility, the higher the production rate, so the greater the need to recapture those emissions.

For facilities constructed after those deadlines, the operator has 30 days to determine emissions and, if over the 6tpy threshold, they have another 30 days to control those emissions with the installation of a VRU. For now they can wait until their group's April 15 date if that is later than the 60-day window.

Most producers today are assuming some controls will be needed, so a VRU is included in the cost of the well.

At the outset of the EPA's rulemaking the agency maintained that the process of monitoring and capturing VOCs and putting them into the pipeline would pay for itself through increased sales. This is generally true, according to Vickie Gage Tims, OTA's vice president, sales.

"You can have as little as 15mcf/day coming off a tank, in emissions volume, and it pays for itself relatively quickly. I think we're seeing payoffs anywhere from six months to just under a year." She stressed that this depends on the quantity of emissions and the size of control device installed. Fewer emissions require a smaller, lower horsepower, less costly VRU.

Regarding penalties for failure to comply with future deadlines, Kent noted that those often depend on several variables, including the egregiousness of the violation and the personality of the regulator. Sometimes there can be mercy and sometimes there can be fines of varying amounts, again depending on the degree of violation.

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IRS clarification of de minimis safe harbor affects oil and gas industry

For many years, taxpayers have struggled to properly categorize amounts paid to acquire, produce or improve tangible property due to lack of comprehensive guidance. Seemingly simple questions such as "should these costs be capitalized or expensed?" can be difficult to answer without the appropriate direction. This issue is of special importance to the oil and gas industry.

The IRS seeks to provide long-awaited clarification in this area with the release of the "Final Capitalization Regulations" (T.D. 9636), effective for tax years on or after Jan. 1, 2014.

These regulations cover a broad spectrum of topics. However, of particular interest is the introduction of a de minimis safe harbor for certain amounts paid for tangible property.

This provision allows taxpayers with accounting procedures in place to uniformly expense certain costs, in addition to many other broad implications for the oil and gas industry.

To provide a better understanding of this safe harbor, it is necessary to understand the definition of a Unit of Property (UOP) and the specific instructions for the de minimis safe harbor election.

The determination to capitalize or expense costs to acquire, produce or improve tangible property begins by determining the individual UOP. A UOP consists of all the components of property that are functionally interdependent. Components are considered to be functionally interdependent if placing one component in service is dependent on another component.

For upstream companies, the determi-

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nation of a UOP is an important decision that is complicated by the complexity of the industry. Would a well and its components be considered a single UOP, or would the components (e.g. lease and well equipment, compressors, tanks, etc.) be considered individual UOPs? Even basic determinations such as this have a significant impact on a company's utilization of the de minimis safe harbor.

The de minimis safe harbor election provides that amounts paid for a UOP can be expensed if (1) the taxpayer has written accounting procedures in place at the beginning of the year, (2) Applicable Financial Statements (AFS), and (3) the amount per invoice (or item as substantiated by the invoice) does not exceed \$5,000. This election is made annually by including a statement on the taxpayer's timely filed tax return for the year, and does not require an application for change in accounting method.

AFS's are required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as a certified audited financial statement (used for credit purposes, reporting to shareholders, partners or similar persons, or any other substantial non-tax purpose), or a financial statement required to be provided to the federal/state

government or agency. Taxpayers without an AFS are subject to a lower ceiling for the de minimis safe harbor of \$500.

To illustrate this concept, Company A meets the requirements for the de minimis safe harbor and purchases 20 trailers for a total cost of \$100,000 (\$5,000 each trailer). If Company A elects to apply the de minimis safe harbor, they can expense the entire cost of all 20 trailers.

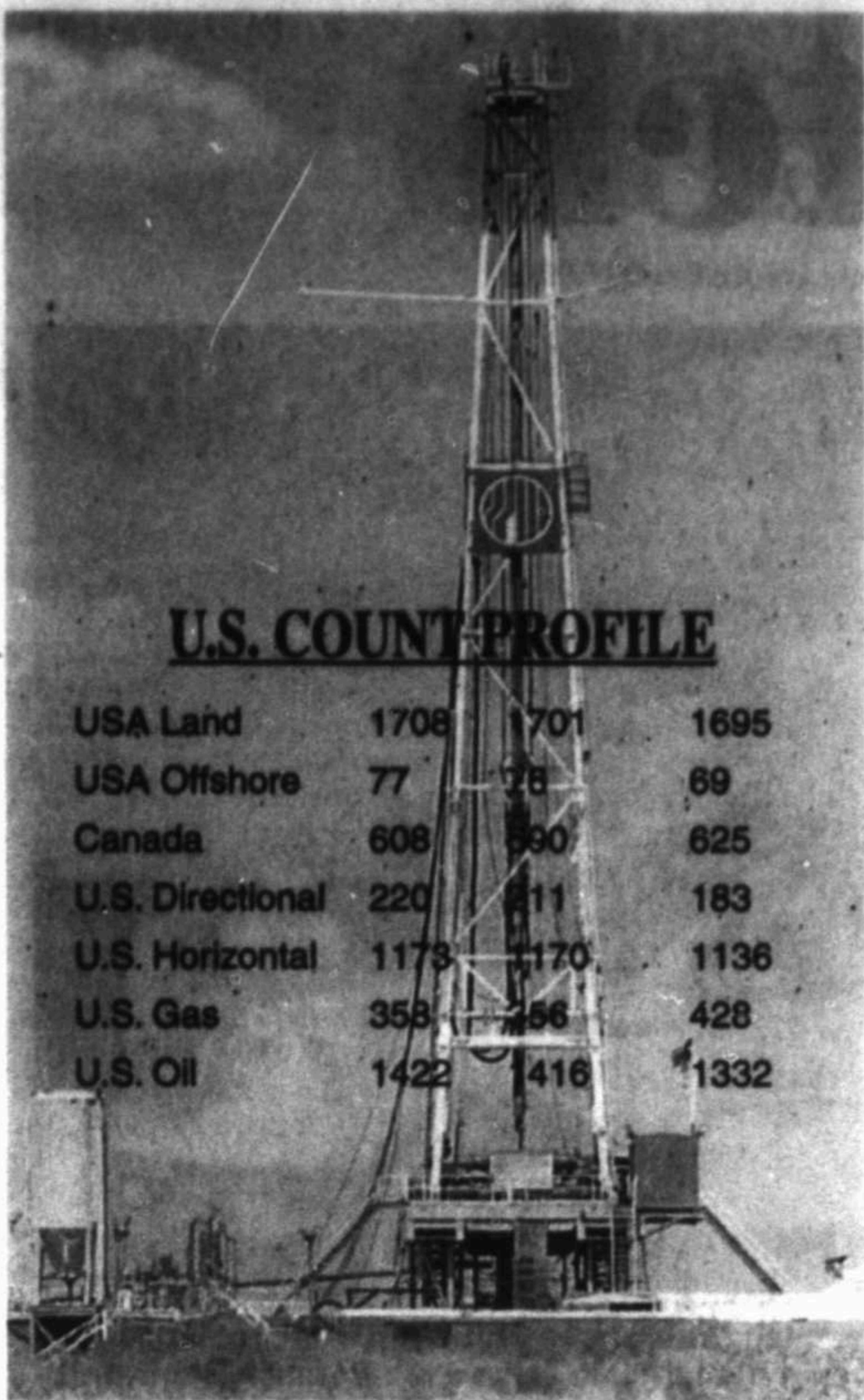
Additionally, Company A would not be allowed to capitalize any other amounts meeting the criteria for the de minimis safe harbor.

These taxpayers will also need to have accounting procedures in place at the beginning of the year. However, the regulations do not currently specify that these procedures are required to be in writing. The absence of this requirement is perceived by some to be an oversight in drafting the final regulations. Therefore, it would be advisable for non-AFS taxpayers to retain a written policy to substantiate their accounting procedures.

It is important to note that the de minimis safe harbor is not designed to prevent taxpayers from maintaining accounting policies that seek a deduction for amounts in excess of the safe harbor amount. What constitutes an appropriate ceiling should be determined based on the facts and circumstances of each individual taxpayer. However, any taxpayer seeking a deduction in excess of the safe harbor amount will need to have proof that such a policy is appropriate and clearly reflects income.

For upstream companies, it is also important to note that final regulations have

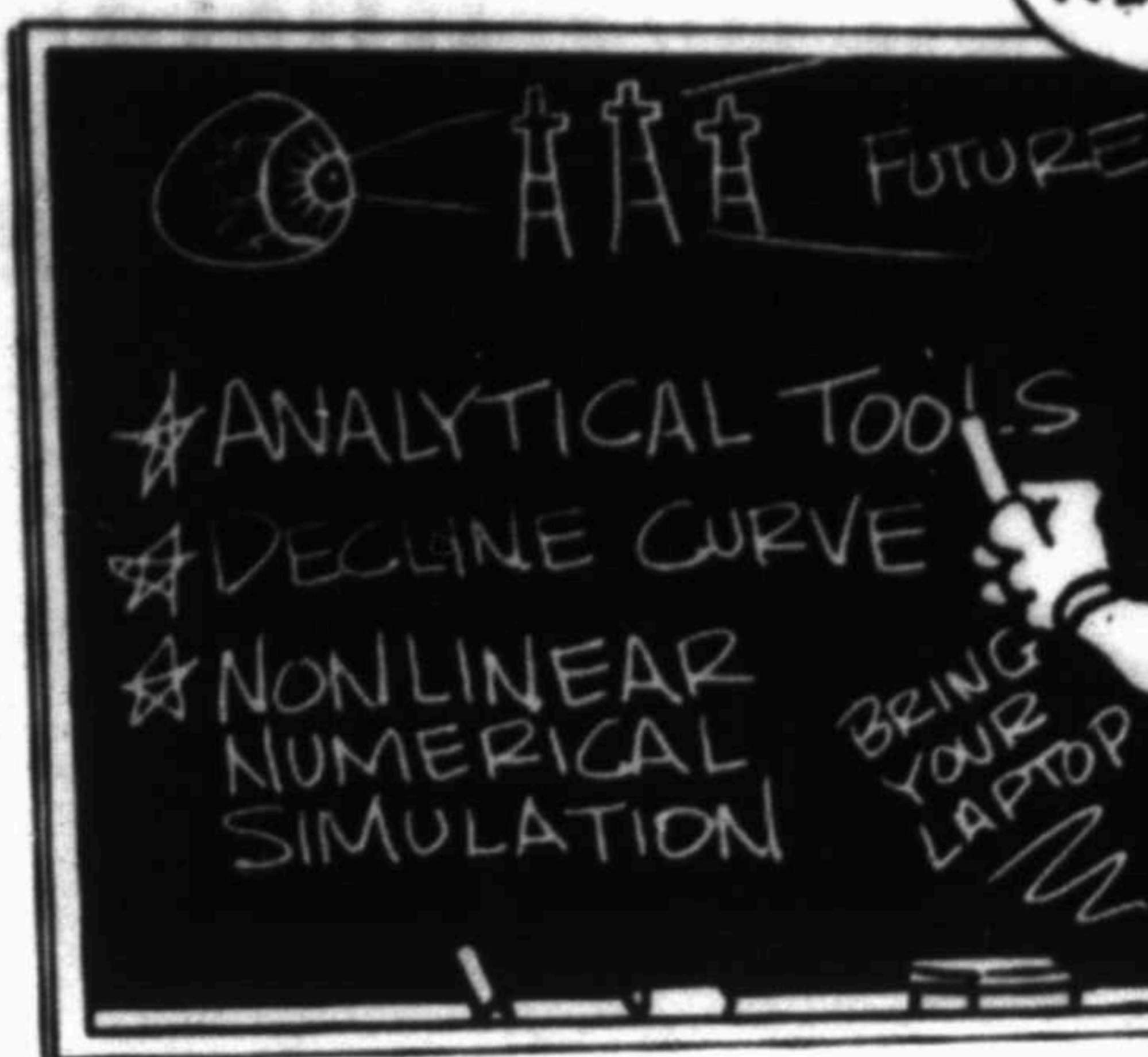
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WORKSHOP

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Producers, he pointed out, have decades of production from conventional resources to give them production history and help them revise their methodology for forecasting production.

"The oldest gas shale play we have is the Barnett and it was only in 2004 that we really began developing that shale," he said. "We're only 10 years into wells that could have 30 to 50 years of life. We don't know what the next 30 to 40 years will bring."

During his two days in Midland, he said he hopes to provide those in attendance with guidelines for methods to apply simple decline curve analysis to production forecasting. Topics will include regulatory and auditor requirements for reserve reporting, fluid flow fundamen-

als, including modeling techniques for transient and boundary-dominated flow in low permeability hydraulically fractured reserves, conventional Arps' production decline model, strengths and limitations, recent production decline methods designed to model transient flow in hydraulically fractured wells, a comparison of strengths and limitations of decline models and workflow for optimal application of decline models.

He recommends producers do what he calls "front-end" work on a limited number of wells using complex decline curve models "to get a good idea of the situation. Without that front-end work, there's significant risk of making forecasts that are way off the mark."

Lee and Smith both noted that wells produc-

ing from unconventional reservoirs can decline quickly.

"There's a lot of articles in journals talking about how the gas shales may not be as big as thought because they decline sharply and the wells peter out," Smith noted. "Environmentalists use this to oppose hydraulic fracturing."

That is one reason why, he said, forecasting production as accurately as possible is so important. Another reason is accurate forecasts can tell the producer how much is in the reservoir, how long the well is likely to produce and even whether the zones should be refractured. Lee will be teaching tried and true methods in the workshop, he added.

Lee is renowned on the subject, Smith said. "We're fortunate to get him."

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Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

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NYMEX future price	\$4.407	\$5.030	\$3.399
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Howard	25	Garza	1
Hudspeth	0	Hale	0
Jeff Davis	0	Hockley	2
Loving	17	Kent	1
Martin	40	King	1
Midland	31	Lamb	0
Mitchell	2	Lubbock	1
Pecos	6	Lynn	1
Presidio	0	Motley	0
Reeves	44	Scurry	6
Sterling	3	Terry	0
Ward	21	Ybakum	7
Winkler	4		
DIST. #8		TEXAS TOTAL	399
Bailey	0	New Mexico	
Borden	2	Chaves	0
Cochran	1	Eddy	37
Cottle	0	Lea	38
Crosby	1	Roosevelt	0
Dawson	6	N.M. TOTAL	75
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Looking to 2014, Ingham predicted another strong year, though few, including himself, expect higher crude prices for the year. No catastrophic declines are expected, he stressed, but expectations are that prices could decline \$5 to \$10 a barrel.

Those expectations are based on rather lackluster economic growth that isn't fueling rising demand for energy, he said.

"If you believe prices will be \$5 lower or even

\$10 lower, there will be a corresponding response in activity levels," he said. But, he said, even if activity flattens at current levels, those levels remain very high and "economically beneficial."

Texas and the nation are blessed to have the Permian Basin and its energy riches, he said, and Midland and Odessa are blessed to sit in the middle of the Permian Basin.

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retained the existing treatment of Geological and Geophysical (G&G) costs. The regulations specify that a taxpayer must capitalize amounts paid to facilitate the acquisition of real property. While the regulations view G&G costs as inherently facilitative to the acquisition of real estate, upstream companies are not required to include these costs in the basis of real property, but rather amortize these costs over 24 months under IRC Sec. 167(h).

The final capitalization regulations provide much needed clarification regarding the treatment of

costs paid to acquire, produce or improve tangible property.

Furthermore, the de minimis safe harbor election provides an avenue for taxpayers with accounting procedures in place to consistently expense amounts under the safe harbor amount. Taxpayers, especially those in the oil and gas industry seeking to utilize any of the provisions of these regulations, should consult with their tax advisor to assess individual facts and circumstances.

Oil and gas companies should understand the impact this issue has on their state tax returns, and to make sure they are claim-

ing the right property costs to be expensed.

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Duffy also has significant exposure to oil and gas taxation issues including state tax considerations, tax partnerships, deck/well revenue accounting.

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C	Well# 1 RECTIFIER DH-0 #1 CP, 1670 FWL 600 FSL SEC 25 BLK A52, PSL/RW COWDEN SUR, A-1892 540, 32 SW ANDREWS	Mewbourne Oil Co Glock 17 NC Federal #1 Wildcat, Sec 17 T20S R29E 150/S & 2150/W, 12 mi NE Carlsbad, Rot 12465 Bone Spring, API #30-015-41724
Terrell County		
Winkler County	PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C. WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WADDELL RANCH, 450 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 5 BLK B7, PSL/WADDELL BROS & CO SUR, A-1826 7200, 6 SW NOTREES	COG Operating LLC Old Boy State #2 Wildcat, Sec 36 T19S R35E 190/N & 1600/E, 8 mi SW Monument, Rot 12263 Delaware, API #30-025-41441
Upton County		
New Mexico		
Chaves County	Mack Energy Corp Mosquito State #1 Wildcat, Sec 8 T14S R29E, 2310/N & 2310/E, 16 mi E Hagerman, Rot 3500 San Andres, API #30-005-64167	Cimarex Energy Co Cotton Draw 9L Fed #3 Wildcat, Sec 9 T25S R32E, 330/S & 380/W, 14 mi SW Ochoa, Rot 10582 Bone Spring, API #30-025-41451
Texas RRCD 8		
Andrews County		
Eddy County		
Yates Petroleum Corp	Resolute BTO Fed Com #2 Wildcat, Sec 24 T25S R32E, 2590/N & 2200/E, 12 mi SW Ochoa, Rot 18258 Bone Spring, API #30-025-41452	

MEETINGS

WTGS hosts UTSA professor

The West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Lance L. Lambert, PhD., Professor in the Geosciences Department, University of Texas at San Antonio, will speak on "Insights into Permian Stratigraphy in the Delaware Basin From the Largely Ignored Patterson Hills Outcrops."

Cost is \$15, including lunch. Reservations are strongly encouraged and

can be made by calling 683-1573 or by email at wtgs@wtgs.org. Additional information may be found at www.wtgs.org under 'Upcoming Events.'

Winter gas demand topic for NGSPB

Members of the Natural Gas Society of the Permian Basin will discuss winter's impact on natural gas demand Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Petroleum Club. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Jim Duncan, chief analyst and commodity

market strategist at ConocoPhillips Gas and Power will discuss "Market Dynamics: The High-Demand Winter Impacts."

Cost is \$25 with a reservation, \$30 at the door. Reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 by calling 620-4049 or by email at ydelao@dcpmidstream.com.

PBGS hosting talk on seismic data processing

The Permian Basin Geo-

physical Society will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The technical presentation will be given by Steve Syme of Geotomo. His topic will be "Near-surface Solutions in Seismic Data Processing."

Cost is \$15, including lunch and the technical presentation. Reservations should be made by noon Monday, Feb. 10 and can be made through the PBGS website at <http://pbgs.org> (PayPal accepted) or by email to pbgs@pinnaclseismic.com or by calling 682-3685.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County
APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2114HB UNIVERSITY 45J, 2100 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 45, UNIV LAND SUR, 7800', 15 N OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412XH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2537 FSL 626 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-U391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412JH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FSL 237 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-U391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

MORE DEVELOPMENT WELLS ON 6G

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412LH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2533 FSL 277 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-U391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412PH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2528 FSL 2538 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-U391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412UH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2613 FSL 1751 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-U391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

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Advantage Control Solutions (ACS) and ACS Electric have joined with Pioneer Natural Resources in the recycling of waste water for use in the frac process. ACS has designed an automation system which allows the operators to control and mix recycled and waste water in multiple ponds remotely. The use of such systems will reduce the need for fresh water.

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Chemical flow-back tracer tracks frac stages, injection wells

Many producers want to know which zones in a multi-frac well are producing and which ones are not. They also want to track the flow of injection water through wells in a water-flood. Tracking either can be a challenge.

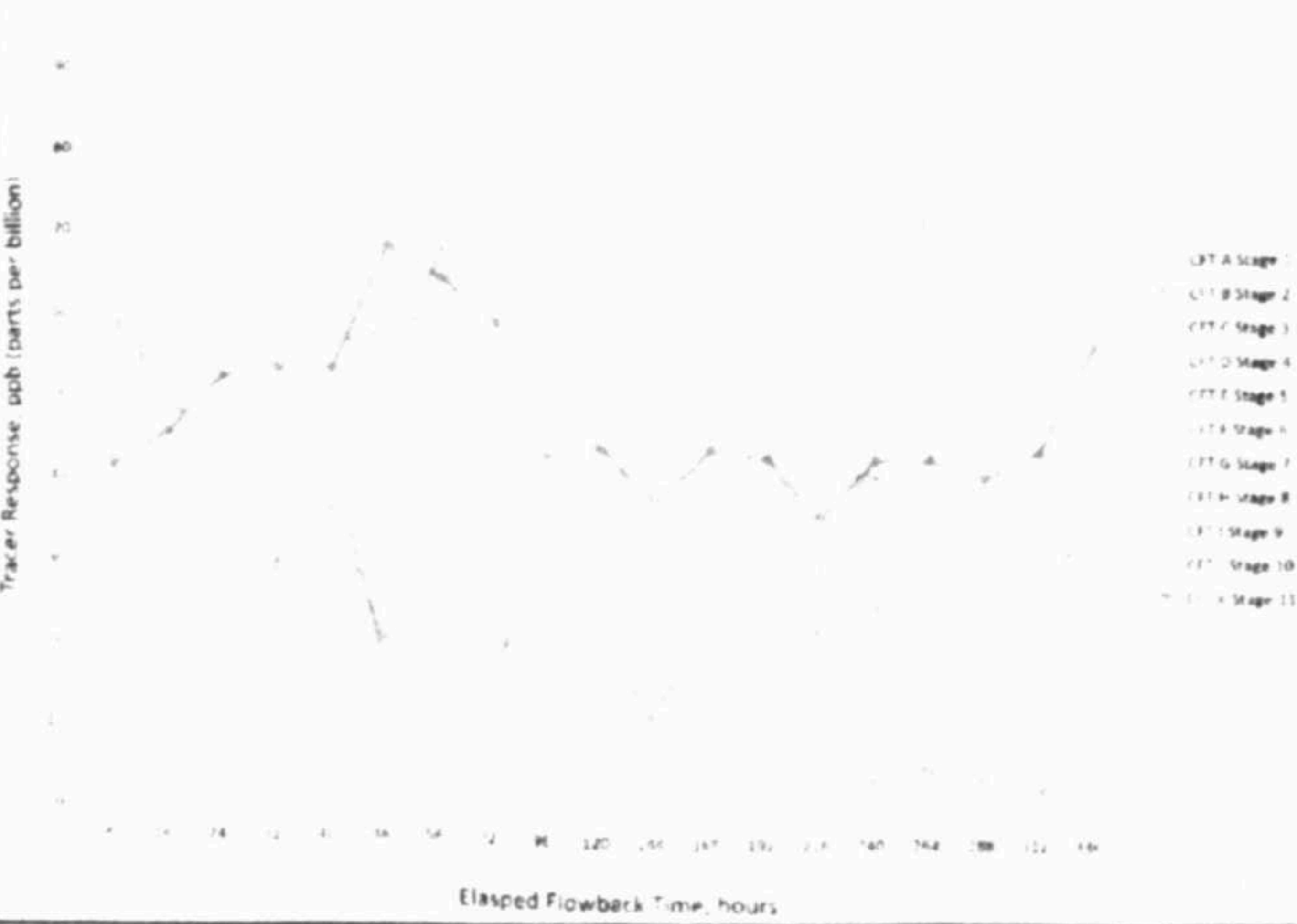
Cardinal Surveys notes that there is now a procedure that can produce the needed information in either scenario. Chemical flow-back tracers use small amounts of non-radioactive chemicals to determine flow rates.

For a horizontal well, during the pumping state a carefully controlled unique chemical tracer is injected at a constant concentration for each completion stage. When the well zones are reopened and flowed back, the flow-back fluids can be sampled and analyzed. By applying material balance principles the contribution from each flow-back zone can be determined.

The data is presented in both tabular and graphical form. For each zone, the initial injection fluid volume, flow-back volume and flow-back efficiency are calculated. The graphical presentation includes tracer concentration versus elapsed flow-back time, as well as the ultimate flow-back efficiency profile.

As previously stated, the same chemical tracers can be used in inter-well tracer studies, to help operators determine reservoir flow patterns and well-to-well interaction. Most inter-well tracer studies take much longer than flow-back studies due to the greater distances the chemicals must travel, but the sampling and analytical methods are the

Figure 1 Tracer Concentrations vs. Elapsed Flowback Time



same.

CFT tracers have several advantages over other tracking methods. The chemicals used are safe because they are at very low concentrations, and there are no radio-isotopes involved. If needed, radioactive tracers for the solid proppant materials can be used alongside the chemical tracers.

The chemical tracers are readily detectable in very low concentrations. Sampling is accomplished relatively easily along with

flow-back monitoring, and no down-hole instrumentation is required. Analysis results have proven to be beneficial in characterizing and understanding multi-stage treatments. Options are possible, such as tracing various phases of a single stage, or phases of multiple

stages. CFT is one more way in which technology is providing producers more actionable data than ever before.

Cardinal Surveys can be reached at (432) 580-8061. Their website is at www.cardinalsurveys.com.

Chemical flow-back tracers can track production from multiple stages of a horizontal well, as in this graph. Call Cardinal Surveys at 432-580-8061 to learn more about this new way to "see" down-hole.

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Victaulic HDPE pipe joining system beats heat fusing

When installing HDPE pipe, the top priorities are to do it in a timely manner and to get secure connections. The Victaulic plain end HDPE pipe joining system excels at both.

Victaulic saves tremendous amounts of time with its process, which entails only three steps, as opposed to the eight steps involved in traditional heat fusing methods. With Victaulic, you: order pipe; deliver pipe to the job site; and mechanically join the pipe—no pipe end preparation is needed.

Traditional heat fusing involves these seven steps: Order pipe; deliver to job site; procure equipment for heat fusion and pull-through; position pipe in fusing machine; prepare and heat the pipe; cool the pipe; pull pipe through the machine. Not only does Victaulic save you all those time-consuming steps, it eliminates the cost of buying or renting the heat fusion equipment.

Instead, the Victaulic system involves a series of mechanical couplings, flange adapters, HDPE-to-metal transition couplings, outlets and fittings. Products are designed to mechanically (and quickly) join HDPE pipe conforming to ASTM D-2447, D-3000, D-3035 or F-714 (at ambient temperatures) in thicknesses of SDR 32.5 to 7.3 (depending on size and pipe material). Victaulic HDPE couplings and fittings have integral rows of teeth that grip the HDPE pipe, eliminating the need for heat fusion or special adapters.

The Victaulic method has been used successfully for over 80 years, combining the advantages of fast installation, design integrity and reliable operation.

Disassembly is just as fast as assembly, facilitating rapid pipe rotation and redeployment time.

This system also permits more accurate estimates, and it assures on-time modification and future retrofit. Maintenance and operation are easier, and its unique mechanical features permit a wide variety of applications for most HDPE piping systems.

Certain Victaulic products are rated for FM approved KWH, Drisco Series 1000 and Plexco blue/red stripe HDPE pipe, SDR 11 and 9. Your Victaulic representative can give you more details.

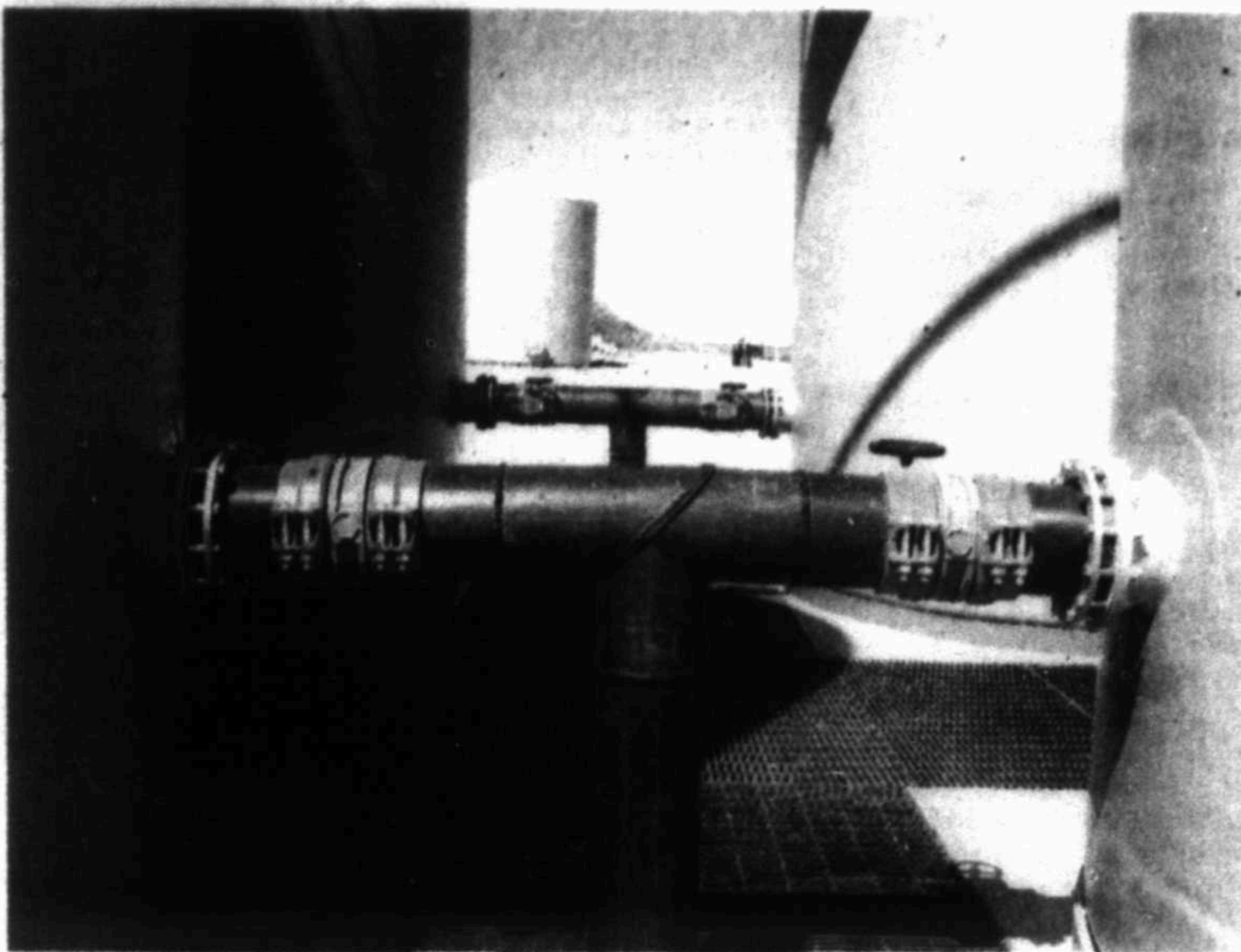
The process is so simple. First, you align the marked pipe ends, slide on the pressure-responsive gasket and place both sections of the coupling over the pipe ends.

Next, you simply match the tongue-and-recess mating system for proper alignment, then tighten the track bolts. There is no threading, grooving or fusing involved.

That's it! Sharp gripping teeth in each half of the housing hold the pipe securely so there's no slipping or leaking. Couples are laboratory and field tested to verify that their working pressure exceeds that of the pipe itself.

You can count on Victaulic couplings. They're solidly made with a durable ductile iron body, ready for the harshest service conditions, due also to the standard-feature dipped enamel finish. For particularly aggressive environments, special coatings are also available. Integral gripping teeth provide a direct connection to the pipe.

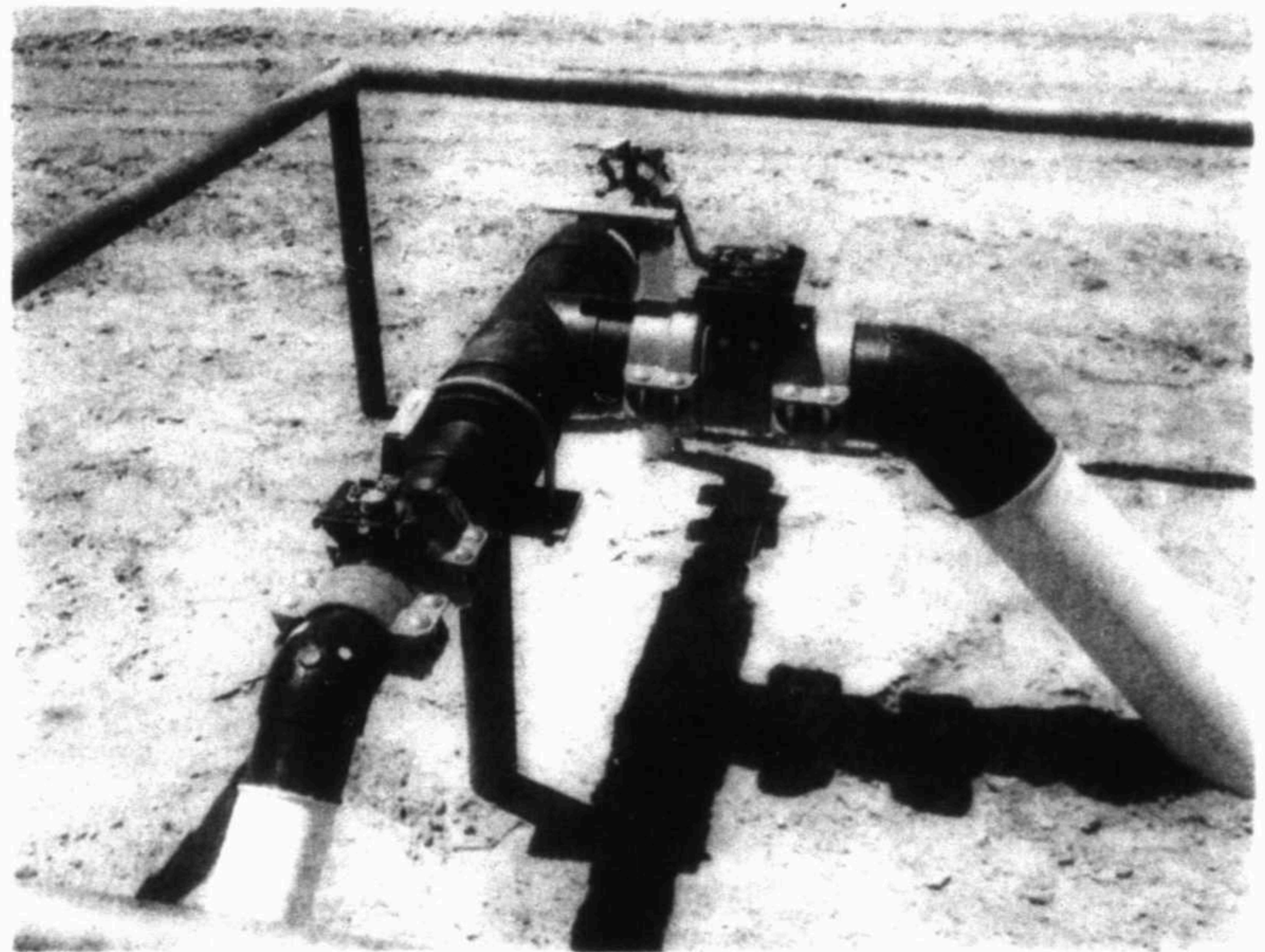
The elastomer gasket's



The Victaulic plain end HDPE joining system joins pipe quickly and securely.

triple-seal design provides a leak free seal for a wide variety of uses. The Grade "E" gasket is ideal for water services. A Grade "T" gasket suited for petroleum services or air with oil vapors is also available.

As vital as all these aspects are, it is just as important for the bolts and nuts to hold everything together through all conditions. To that end, Victaulic's bolts are zinc plated as a standard supply. Stainless steel nuts are available as an option, to protect against external corrosion in aggressive environments. The four-bolt assembly that is part of most Victaulic HDPE products speeds installation, as opposed to heat fusion butt welding or the multiple bolts required for flanged connections. These bolts have a minimum tensile strength of 110,000



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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412QH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2528 FSL 2558 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UL SUR., A-1391 7500', 20 NW OZONA

MLC OPER., LP BLUE-GRASS (WOLFCAMP) (RCMP) (DIRC) (INJ) Well# 2 SIMPSON CANYON 2027 UNIT, 2355 FNL 1118 FWL, SEC 27 BLK HH, GC&SF SUR., A-3304 6600', 5 NE IRAAN

Irion County

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# S122HU FARMAR B, 2170 FNL 1094 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-752 6500', 10 W MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RE-SOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3039E PECAN A, 1672 FNL 632 FWL, SEC 3039 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-211 10000', 25 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RE-SOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3039C PECAN A, 721 FNL 1937 FWL, SEC 3039 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-211 10000', 25 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RE-SOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3039B PECAN A, 1028 FNL 2295 FWL, SEC 3039 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-211 10000', 23 NW MERTZON

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11HM WEATHERBY 1232, 440 FSL 560 FWL, SEC 1231, GC&SF SUR., A-179 14000', 9 NE TEXON

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12HU WEATHERBY 1232, 440 FSL 560 FWL, SEC 1231 BLK O, GC&SF SUR., A-179 8400', 9 NE TEXON

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1805H UNIVERSITY 09, 1646 FEL 1881 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1814H UNIVERSITY 09, 1902 FNL 1255 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1815H UNIVERSITY 09, 1882 FNL 1681 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

REAGAN - ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC (303) 350-5114, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 1811H UNIVERSITY 09, 1972 FNL 1254 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 09, UL SUR 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1817H UNIVERSITY 09, 1931 FNL 355 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UL SUR 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 141HS TAYLOR A-BODINE A (ALLOC), 467 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 14 BLK O, TC/JW BROWNLEE SUR., A-736 9000', 28 N BIG LAKE

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3903 DEVON, 330 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-921 2000', 21 NW SAN ANGELO

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2A MCELROY RANCH 129, 1600 FSL 2137 FEL, SEC 129 BLK D CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-75 12000', 10 NE CRANE

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5405 KYNDALL, 1980 FNL 730 FEL, SEC 54 BLK Y, TC/WT TAYLOR SUR

A-1525 12000', 9 N RANKIN

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ER UNIT 58-3, 1000 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 58, UL SUR. 9000', 3 NE RANKIN

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP JACK HERBERT (PENN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 LONE STAR 73G, 467 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 73 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-47 11250', 17 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 7-24C, 500 FEL 2150 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 7, UL SUR., A-U205 13000', 19 NE ANDREWS

J CLEO THOMPSON MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2919A WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 2635 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A35, PSL/VE BUSTIN SUR., A-470 5000', 8 N ANDREWS

J CLEO THOMPSON MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 7010 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 220 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL/DW PINNELL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY INC FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5438 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 167 FSL 1006 FEL, SEC 23 BLK A26, PSL/ODESSA RANCH CO SUR., A-2021 7750', 19 NW ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H COWDEN B, 350 FSL 150 FEL, SEC 9 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-18 34000', 2 NW CRANE

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H LORD MURPHY 10 STATE, 210 FSL 550 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 60 T2S, T&P/WH NEELY SUR., A-3996 9950', 20 W ORLA

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5811 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1365 FSL 2070 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6125 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1300 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-385 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6005 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 200 FNL 1810 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-385 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6004 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 180 FNL 480 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-385 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5923 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 140 FSL 2015 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5921 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 2480 FSL 2030 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7304 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 2515 FSL 600 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-388 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5723D TXL SOUTH UNIT, 145 FNL 645 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 7 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7515 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1280 FNL 2000 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 45 T2S, T&P/M MORROW SUR., A-1324 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5810 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 140 FNL 1950 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7111 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1300 FNL 1910 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-388 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7008 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1400 FNL 1967 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-388 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CARTER, 1575 FSL 2000 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/JH SCHLITTLER SUR., A-646 11500', 5 S ODESSA

(DIREC) Well# 7804D TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1090 FNL 1870 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 45 T2S, T&P/M MORROW SUR., A-614 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5922 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1300 FSL 1930 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5810 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 140 FNL 1950 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1264 6800', 8 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7111 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1300 FNL 1910 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-388 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7008 TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1400 FNL 1967 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-388 6800', 9 SE NOTREES

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CARTER, 1575 FSL 2000 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/JH SCHLITTLER SUR., A-646 11500', 5 S ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 CARTER, 850 FSL 500 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/JH SCHLITTLER SUR., A-646 11100', 6 S ODESSA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SALLIE ANN (SPRAW-C) (O) DRILL Well# 13 RFD, 859 FSL 514 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 43 T3S, T&P SUR., A-243 11000', 11 SW ODESSA

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 25 CVX 1, 560 FEL 760 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-381 6100', 8 NW GOLDSMITH

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H GREATWHITE 44, 200 FNL 2145 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/JT PERSON SUR., A-1215 9600', 3 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 KESTREL 38, 1405 FSL 2180 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/W BUCHANAN SUR., A-873 10900', 6 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 HEIDI 37, 2640 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-259 10700', 6 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H HAM-MERHEAD 33, 200 FSL 2130 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-138 9600', 5 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GREATWHITE 44, 200 FNL

467 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/JT PERSON SUR., A-1215 9600', 3 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 HIS BLESSING 35, 1320 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-234 11000', 4 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 HESTER 39, 393 FNL 472 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-236 11000', 4 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 HEIDI 37, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-259 10700', 6 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 18 HIS BLESSING 35, 1320 FSL 1320 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-234 11000', 4 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 HEIDI 37, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-259 10800', 6 E GARDEN CITY

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 CALVERLEY, 1709 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-233 10400', 5 NW GARDEN CITY

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 6 HALFMANN 36, 1709 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/T LIVINGSTON SUR., A-1024 10200', 7 SW GLASSCOCK

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 M HILLGER 16B, 475 FNL 1915 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/LH HILLGER SUR., A-996 12000', 8 NW GARDEN CITY

J CLEO THOMPSON SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 NELSON, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T2S, WADE SUR., A-529 12000', 15 NW GARDEN CITY

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 21H FLANAGAN 14-LLOYD POOLED UNIT, 379 FNL 1960 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/WY HOUSTON SUR., A-1011 7950', 20 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 22H FLANAGAN 14-LLOYD POOLED UNIT, 379 FNL 1990 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/WY HOUSTON SUR., A-1011 8532', 20 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC SPRA (TREND STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ROUNDTREE 17, 1138 FSL 542 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-136 9700', 5 N BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WHEELER 28, 1088 FSL 2415 FEL, SEC 28-BLK 32 T1N, T&P/GO RICE SUR., A-1190 9500', 3 N BIG SPRING

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 BATH 1, 475 FNL 520 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 33 T2S, T&P SUR., A-382 12000', 4 SE ELBOW

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 LITTLE A 31, 1980 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-333 12000', 3 NW KNOTT

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WASH 48, 475 FWL 2165 FSL, SEC 48 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/CA BALLARD SUR., A-1374 12000', 3 SE ELBOW

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 QUIRK 41, 843 FWL 1093 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 32 T1S, T&P SUR., A-172 12000', 5 E ELBOW

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MCGREGOR 14A, 467 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/JP ROBERTSON JR SUR., A-1336 12000', 1 W KNOTT

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. VEALMOOR (O) DRILL Well# 5 CECIL MANSFIELD, 1272 FNL 1292 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 32 T3N, T&P SUR., A-291 8000', 20 N BIG SPRING

NABORS COMP & PROD SERV CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 BIG SPRING, 672 FWL 741 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-143 5000', 2 NW BIG SPRING

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3131 ADAMS, 660 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-349 11200', 5 N KNOTT

WICHITA WATER LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 LOMAX BRINE, 292 FEL 1833 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/J RAWLINGS SUR., A-1422 2000', 14 SW BIG SPRING

Martin County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (RECOMP) (SERVICE) Well# 1 PEACEMAKER SWD, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/TB BENNETT SUR., A-1124 8473', 2 SE ACKERLY

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 538 KIMBERLY, 1320 FWL 1320 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 39 T1S, T&P SUR., A-448 12500', 23 NW STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 534 KIMBERLY, 1320 FWL 1224 FNL, SEC 5 BLK 39 T1S, T&P SUR., A-448 12500', 23 NW STANTON

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 111 ROMAN, 467 FEL 2184 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-70 12000', 22 NW BIG SPRING

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11K ROMAN, 2181 FSL 1963 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-70 12000', 22 NW BIG SPRING

Midland County

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 WINDHAM 38, 2173 FSL 1036 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/J WILLIAMS SUR., A-1359 11200', 18 S MIDLAND

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 TXL S 33-2, 1980 FNL 1963 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 39 T4S, T&P SUR., A-234 11600', 22 S MIDLAND

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 23 RV POWELL ET AL, 2640 FNL 2605 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 37 T3S, T&P SUR., A-479 10600', 9 SE GREENWOOD

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DICKENSON 19 A, 1880 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 37, T&P SUR., A-184 12000', 9 NE MIDLAND

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 DICKENSON 19 A, 1980 FSL 2130 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 37, T&P SUR., A-184 12000', 9 NE MIDLAND

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC HI-LONESOME (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 BEULAH PHILLIPS, 2207 FEL 2031 FSL, SEC 2, W GLENDENING SUR., A-1071 13000', 11 E MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 COWDEN F, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/YOUNGBLOOD SUR., A-1415 11850', 20 SE MIDLAND

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2418H PEARL JAM, 176 FSL 1995 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1452 11000', 7 SE GARDENDALE

Pecos County

OLSEN ENERGY, INC. WENTZ (CLEAR FORK) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 29 LH MILLAR ETAL 39, 1984 FSL 2007 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 11, H&GN SUR., A-547 3900', 5 S GIRVIN

COG OPERATING, LLC HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7601H BIG CHIEF, 224 FEL 1082 FNL, SEC 176 BLK 1, H&TC/EF ROSENBAUM SUR., A-4919 12000', 25 N PECOS

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC WOLFBOONE (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2 HIGHROLLER REEVES SWD, 2971 FSL 309 FNL, SEC 7 BLK 5, H&GN

Reeves County

COG OPERATING, LLC HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7601H BIG CHIEF, 224 FEL 1082 FNL, SEC 176 BLK 1, H&TC/EF ROSENBAUM SUR., A-4919 12000', 25 N PECOS

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC WOLFBOONE (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2 HIGHROLLER REEVES SWD, 2971 FSL 309 FNL, SEC 7 BLK 5, H&GN

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Ward County
STRAND ENERGY, LC S GARDEN CITY (WLFMCP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 MCENTIRE 6, 960 FEL 680 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 14, SP/WR MCENTIRE SUR., A-901 9000', 8 NW STERLING CITY

Ward County
ANADARKO E&P ON-SHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFPCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H MONROE 34-210, 350 FSWL 1809 FNWL, SEC 211 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-279 14000', 17 SE MENTONE

Ward County
ANADARKO E&P ON-SHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFPCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H MONROE 34-210, 350 FSWL 1714 FSEL, SEC 211 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-279 14000', 17 SE MENTONE

Ward County
PA PROSPECT LLC NW MONAHANS (HOLT) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 MONAHANS BRINE, 1594 FSL 2154 FEL, SEC 80 BLK A, G&MMB&A SUR., A-89 2200', 1/2 NW THORNTONVILLE

Ward County
SEABOARD OPER. CO. SCOTT (CHERRY CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 JAGUAR, 660 FNL 1980 FNWL, SEC 173 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-264 6700', 1 NE BARSTOW

Ward County
SUNDOWN ENERGY LP WAGON WHEELER (PENN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3046 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1666 FNL 1985 FEL, SEC 6 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-124 11000', 1 SE WICKETT

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Cochran County

CHOLLA PETR., INC. LANDON (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LONDON DEEP, 1471 FNL 548 FSL, SEC 13 BLK L, PSL/TM WRIGHT SUR., A-393 10999', 20 N PLAINS

Dawson County

MIDLAND ENERGY, INC. SPRABERRY (O) DRILL Well# 2 BOLES 3, 467 FNL 667 FEL, LOVING CSL/LEAGUE 272/LABOR 3 SUR., A-412 12000', 16 SW LAMESA

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TRENZ) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 J BROWN 8, 660 FNL 660 FEL, MOORE CSL/LEAGUE 267/LABOR 8 SUR., A-407 11500', 13 SW LAMESA

Gaines County

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XTO ENERGY INC. N ROBERTSON (CLFRFK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 252 ROBERTSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 160 FNL 2640 FWL, SEC 4 BLK AX, PSL/MRS IM WESCOTT SUR., A-1162 7600', 8 SW SEMINOLE

Garza County

APACHE CORPORATION FORBES (GLORIETA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 604 FORBES UNIT, 467 FSL 1440 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 1, K AYCOCK SUR., A-800 4100', 8 NE SOUTHLAND

CHOLLA PETR., INC. H&L (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 GILES, 347 FEL 1197 FSL, SEC 95 BLK 5, GH&H SUR., A-50 3999', 9 E POST

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP SWNSN-BARRON(ELLEN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 916R BIG RED ONE, 661 FSL 661 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 7, H&GN SUR., A-175 7772', 18 NE POST

Hockley County

BC OPERATING, INC. NE LEVILLAND (WLFMCP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MALVELLA 11, 120 FNL 35, FWL, A TAYLOR LABOR 11 LEAGUE 735 SUR., A-223 8800', 2 NE OPDYKE WEST

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP SMYER (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 201H SMYER NE UNIT, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 23 BLK A, RM THOMSON SUR., A-60 5846', 5 NE SMYER

Kent County

MOKAN CAPITAL, LLC NE WALLACE RANCH (O) DRILL (NOODLE CRK) Well# 1 MOKAN CAPITAL SALT CREEK, 2078 FWL 1949 FSL, SEC 66 BLK 98, H&TC/JC GOODRUM SUR., A-1361 4200', 8 E CLAIREMONT

OXY USA WTP LP SALT CREEK (O) DRILL Well# H 58A SALT CREEK FIELD UNIT, 2476 FSL 1485 FWL, SEC 165 BLK G, W&NW SUR., A-416 7200', 9 NW CLAIREMONT

King County

BULLET DEVELOPMENT, LLC STESCOTT (CANYON) (O) DRILL Well# 9 RATLIFF B, 375 FSL 1441 FWL, SEC 4, D&W/D BLANKENSHIP SUR., A-665 4650', 14 NE GUTHRIE

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC. BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 32 FORKS GGG, 523 FEL 415 FSL, MEP&P SUR., A-252 4000', 10 SW GUTHRIE

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC. BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 106 PITCHFORK BALT WATERFLOOD UNIT, 512 FNL 6536 FEL, SEC 1, SOMERVALL CSL SUR., A-284 3900', 10 SW GUTHRIE

MEDDERS OIL CO., INC. BALT (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 106 PITCHFORK BALT WATERFLOOD UNIT, 512 FNL 6536 FEL, SEC 1, SOMERVALL CSL SUR., A-284 3900', 10 SW GUTHRIE

Lubbock County
TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP W BROADVIEW(CLRFRK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 4 ANNIE JOHNSON, 1320 FSL 1540 FWL, SEC 31 BLK D5, EL&RR SUR., A-349 5800', 4 SW SHALLOWATER

Scurry County
KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O)

DRILL Well# 56-29 SACROC UNIT, 2083 FNL 148 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 1, JP SMITH SUR., A-481 7250', 6 N SNYDER

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 19-13 SACROC UNIT, 1267 FNL 2645 FWL, SEC 439 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2089 7250', 4 E DERMOTT

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# D10 LION DIAMOND M UNIT, 660 FNL 1989 FWL, SEC 178 BLK 97, H&TC SUR. 7500', 12 SW SNYDER

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# E 10 LION DIAMOND M UNIT, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 183 BLK 97, H&TC/RW SCOTT SUR., A-2178 7500', 10 SW SNYDER

Terry County
CHOLLA PETR., INC. COROCO (WOLFPCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1R HERTEL, 1600 FNL 1550 FEL, SEC 76 BLK D11, C&M/H HUDSON SUR., A-803 11999', 13 NW BROWNFIELD

RAW O&G, INC. E MOUND

LAKE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 DOG BONE, 2186 FSL 1964 FEL, SEC 90 BLK 4X, D&E/SC WALKER SUR., A-739 11300', 10 NE BROWNFIELD

Yoakum County

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SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Ernesteen #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1504 fsl, 322 fcl, Sec 20, Blk A-41, Abst. 1654, PSL, 15 sw Andrews, TD 4819 TVD, 4830 MD, Comp 1/5/2014; producing from 4441-4622, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 34 BO, 21 MCF, 128 BW, 32 Oil Gravity, API #42-003-45664

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Ernesteen #21
Fuhrman-Mascho; 349 fwl, 825 fml, Sec 20, Blk A-41, Abst. 1654, PSL, 15 sw Andrews, TD 4794; Comp 1/5/2014; producing from 4456-4650, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 35 BO, 13 MCF, 138 BW, 32 Oil Gravity, API #42-003-45766

Crane County

Henry Resources LLC
Univtaylor #1915
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 660 fwl, 660 fsl, Sec 19, Blk 31, Abst. 67U, ULS, 10.6 nw Crane, TD 10120, Comp 1/16/2014; producing from 8238-8950, fracture stimulated; pump 50 BO, 80 MCF, 188 BW, 42.5 Oil Gravity, API #42-103-36255

Henry Resources LLC
Univhope #1814
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 660 fwl, 1980 fml, Sec 18, Blk 31, ULS, 10.8 nw Crane, TD 10350; Comp 1/17/2014; producing from 7675-10255, fracture stimulated; pump 11 BO, 238 BW, 42.2 Oil Gravity, API #42-103-36251

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BK" #1607
Spraberry (Trend Area); 3080 fsl, 880 fcl, Sec 16, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 6, G&MMB&A, 3 ne Gardendale; TD 11235; Comp 1/16/2014; producing from 8298-11116, fracture stimulated; pump 308 BO, 290 MCF, 220 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity, API #42-135-42642

Martin County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Curtis Ranch #2209
Spraberry (Trend Area); 5322 fml, 2676 fwi, Sec 22, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 10 n Midland; TD 10900; Comp 1/5/2014; producing from 8626-10776, treated with acid; pump 181 BO, 42.5 Oil Gravity, API #42-317-38966

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Curtis Ranch #2301
Spraberry (Trend Area); 3936 fcl, 5769 fml, Sec 23, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 308, T&P RR, 10.1 n Midland; TD 11050; Comp 1/9/2014; producing from 8368-9792, treated with acid; pump 6 BO, 14 MCF, 191 BW, 42.5 Oil Gravity, API #42-317-38973

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Margaret "247H" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 662 fml, 665 fcl, League 247, Abst. 599, Hartley CSL; 7.3 nw Tarzan, TD 11621; Comp 1/20/2014; producing from 9182-11556; pump 25 BO, 135 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity, API #42-317-38924

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
McSpadden "22" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 394 fml, 890 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 499, T&P RR, 1.5 w Stanton; TD 10628; Comp 1/13/2014; producing from 7935-10565, fracture stimulated; pump 16 BO, 39.6 Oil Gravity, API #42-317-38724

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1716
Ward-Estes, North; 4084 fml, 2137 fwl, Sec 6, Blk O, Abst. 124, G&MMB&A, 6 se Monahans; TD 3455; Comp 1/20/2014; producing from 2945-3220, treated with acid and fracture

stimulated; flow 2 BO, 1 MCF, 450 BW on open choke, FTP 180 psi, 37 Oil Gravity, API #42-475-36134

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Gaines County

Capstone Natural Resources LLC
H.R. Cope #10
Nolley (Wolfcamp); 467 fwl, 4349 fsl, Sec 314, Abst. 1061, Gaines CSL, 16 ne Andrews; TD 9491; Comp 1/9/2014; producing from 9031-9326, treated with acid; pump 249.5 BO, 76 MCF, 1672 BW, 32 Oil Gravity, API #42-165-37872

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #610
Burch Keely; Sec 23 T17S R29E; 1160/S & 1364/E; EL 3586 GL, TD 4643, PBTD 4564; Spud 6-3-13, Comp 7-3-13; production is through perfs; 4111-4428, IP: 7-7-13 Pump 24 hrs 63 BO, 190 BW, 80 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 310 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 908 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4633 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4514; API #30-015-40703

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #850
Burch Keely; Sec 24 T17S R29E; 2547/S & 805/W; EL 3596 GL, TD 4144, PBTD 4090; Spud 5-13-13, Comp 6-12-13; production is through treated perfs; 2814-3012, 3262-3521, 3626-3932. Treat: Acdz w/6500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/249,269 gals gel, 274,075# 16/30 brown sd, 57,993# 16/30 siberprop, IP: 6-22-13 Pump 24 hrs 55 BO, 222 BW, 54 MCF, GOR 982, Gly 38.7, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 270 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 978 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4141 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3990; API #30-015-40375

COG Operating LLC
Twelve Pack Federal Com #4
Loco Hills; Sec 6 T17S R30E; 2310/N & 330/W, BHL: 2247/N & 341/E, EL 3684 GL, TD 9770 MD, 5382 TVD, PBTD 9722 MD, 5334 TVD; Spud 2-7-12, Comp 4-19-13; production is through treated perfs; 5733-9675. Treat: Acdz w/46,649 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/21,052 gals trt wrt, 169,480 gals WF, 1,469,758 gals gel, 48,757# 100 mesh, 1,811,728# 16/30 brady sd, 279,287# 16/30 CRC, IP: 5-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 83 BO, 780 BW, 100 MCF, GOR 1204, Gly 35.5, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 415 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1180 w/550 sx, 7 @ 4803 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4805-9724 w/1000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4851; API #30-015-40966

COG Operating LLC
Randall Federal #2
Loco Hills; Sec 7 T17S R30E;

400/S & 185/E, BHL: 379/S & 375/E; EL 3665 GL, TD 4975 MD, 4955 TVD, PBTD 4915; Spud 4-17-13, Comp 5-23-13; production is through treated perfs; 4300-4550, 4650-4818. Treat: Acdz w/6000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/207,901 gals gel, 207,579# 16/30 white sd, 48,116# 16/30 siberprop, IP: 5-26-13 Pump 24 hrs 47 BO, 282 BW, 123 MCF, GOR 2617, Gly 39.3, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 404 w/450 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1312 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4963 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4758; API #30-015-40101

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Merak 7 Federal #4
Loco Hills; Sec 7 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 990/E; EL 3665 GL, TD 5019, PBTD 4958; Spud 5-21-13, Comp 6-22-13; production is through treated perfs; 4307-4949 Treat: 2,466,957 gals total fluid, 944,375# sd, IP: 7-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 192 BO, 602 BW, 178 MCF, GOR 927, Gly 38.5, Csg: 9 5/8 @ 337 w/310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5016 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4252; API #30-015-40610

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Merak 7 Federal #5
Loco Hills; Sec 7 T17S R30E; 990/S & 1650/W; EL 3655 GL, TD 5011, PBTD 4957; Spud 5-30-13, Comp 6-26-13; pro-

duction is through treated perfs; 4320-4922. Treat: 2,310,239 gals total fluid, 951,448# sd, IP: 7-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 9 BO, 963 BW, 64 MCF, GOR 7111, Gly 38.5, Csg: 9 5/8 @ 335 w/310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5008 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4239; API #30-015-40611

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Giesler A #45
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 330/S & 1650/W; EL 3682 GL, TD 6088, PBTD 6045; Spud 6-14-13, Comp 7-28-13; production is through treated perfs; 5608-5972. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% NEFE & 72 BS, Frac w/1,369,320 gals slickwater, 30,058# 100 mesh, 411,327# 40/70, IP: 8-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 41 BO, 270 BW, 79 MCF, Gly 38.3, Csg: 10 1/2 @ 435 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6087 w/1850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5497; API #30-015-41366

COG Operating LLC
McIntyre DK Federal #18
Loco Hills; Sec 17 T17S R30E; 990/S & 1650/E; EL 3655 GL, TD 4780, PBTD 4723; Spud 4-2-13, Comp 5-5-13; production is through treated perfs; 4250-4490. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/104,764 gals gel, 120,251# 16/30 white sd, 15,000# siberprop, IP: 5-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 36 BO, 194 BW, 185 MCF, GOR 2543, Gly 39, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 314 w/400

sx, 8 5/8 @ 1100 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4767 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4653; API #30-015-40897

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Dorado 34 DA Fed Com #1
South Lea; Sec 34 T18S R30E; 405/N & 321/W, BHL: 977/N & 331/E; EL 3457 GL, TD 12930 MD, PBTD 12782; Spud 7-2-13, Comp 8-23-13; production is through perfs; 6590-12782 MD, 8357-8461 TVD, IP: 8-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 239 BO, 1439 BW, 227 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3629 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12910 w/2600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8021; API #30-015-41394

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #2
Wildcat; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 150/S & 1700/W, BHL: 361/N & 1593/W, EL 3373 GL, TD 7673, PBTD 7628; Spud 4-8-13, Comp 6-14-13; production is through treated perfs; 3414-7600. Treat: Acdz w/30,000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1270466 gals gel, 139,150 gals trt wrt, 181,736# gals WF, 1,739,975# 20/40 brown sd, 35,071# 100 mesh, 270,089# 16/30 CRC, IP: 6-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 198 BO, 940 BW, 100 MCF, GOR 505, Gly 39.3, Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1230 w/1250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7673 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2618; API #30-015-39811

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BEATLES HOMAGES IN MUSIC AND VIDEOS

OUTKAST'S "HEY YAI"
The popular rap duo's smash single "Hey Yai" imitated The Beatles' debut performance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964. The video included screaming, fainting fans and plenty of Polaroid picture shaking.

FOO FIGHTER'S PERFORMANCE ON "DAVID LETTERMAN"
This set of rockers decided to don some well-tailored suits and perform their single, "Rope," on David Letterman's talk show. The performance was shot in black and white, and the drummer's bass drum skin even mimicked The Beatles' logo branding.

NIRVANA'S "IN BLOOM"
The grunge rock band parodied performances on "The Ed Sullivan Show," as a means to show the band had a sense of humor. The band eventually destroys their instruments and set during the video.

"ALMOST FAMOUS"
In Cameron Crowe's Oscar-winning film, one of the groupies is named Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) after the hit Beatles song.

"ACROSS THE UNIVERSE"
Director Julie Taymor brought The Beatles' music to the big screen with a colorful musical featuring many of the Fab Four's songs. Many of the movie's main characters were named after people mentioned in some of the songs, including Jude, Lucy, Prudence and Mr. Kite.

"FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF"
During a parade downtown, Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) hopped onto a float and lip synced to "Twist and Shout," while the crowd joined in on the song.

"GLEE" SINGS THE BEATLES
During season five of the popular Fox television show, the cast paid tribute to The Beatles' music over episodes.

SIGOURNEY SINGS "BACK IN THE USSR"
Sigourney Weaver plays a con artist in the comedy, "Heartbreakers." At one point in the film, she gets onstage at a Russian restaurant and sings "Back in the USSR" with an accent.

THE WANTED'S "I FOUND YOU"
Like several acts in the past, The Wanted used The Beatles' performance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" as inspiration for a music video.

"I WANNA HOLD YOUR HAND"
This 1978 film offers a fictional account of the day of The Beatles' debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show," examining "Beatlemania" and the band's impact on society.

"NOWHERE BOY"
This 2009 biopic focuses on John Lennon's early life, including the creation of his first band, The Quarrymen. Aaron Taylor-Johnson plays Lennon, while Thomas Sangster plays Paul McCartney.

"THE BEATLES: ROCK BAND"
The "Rock Band" franchise brought most of The Beatles' songs to their hit video game, allowing gamers to play and sing their favorite records from the band.

THREE DOG NIGHT'S "NEVER BEEN TO SPAIN"
The rock band's single, "Never Been to Spain," has the following lyric: "Well I've never been to England, but I kinda like The Beatles."

"I AM SAM"
Sean Penn plays a mentally disabled adult, Sam, with a young daughter named Lucy. Sam uses The Beatles' discography to help explain things to his daughter and the band's music had a strong pull on his life decisions.

"BACKBEAT"
This film explores the early years of The Beatles when Lennon worked alongside original bassist, Stuart Sutcliffe.

MARGE SIMPSON LOVES RINGO
In the 1991 episode, "Brush with Greatness," it is revealed that Marge Simpson had a huge crush on Beatles drummer Ringo Starr. Homer Simpson finds several of Marge's old paintings of Starr at their home and Starr finally responds to her fan mail. Starr voiced himself in the classic episode.

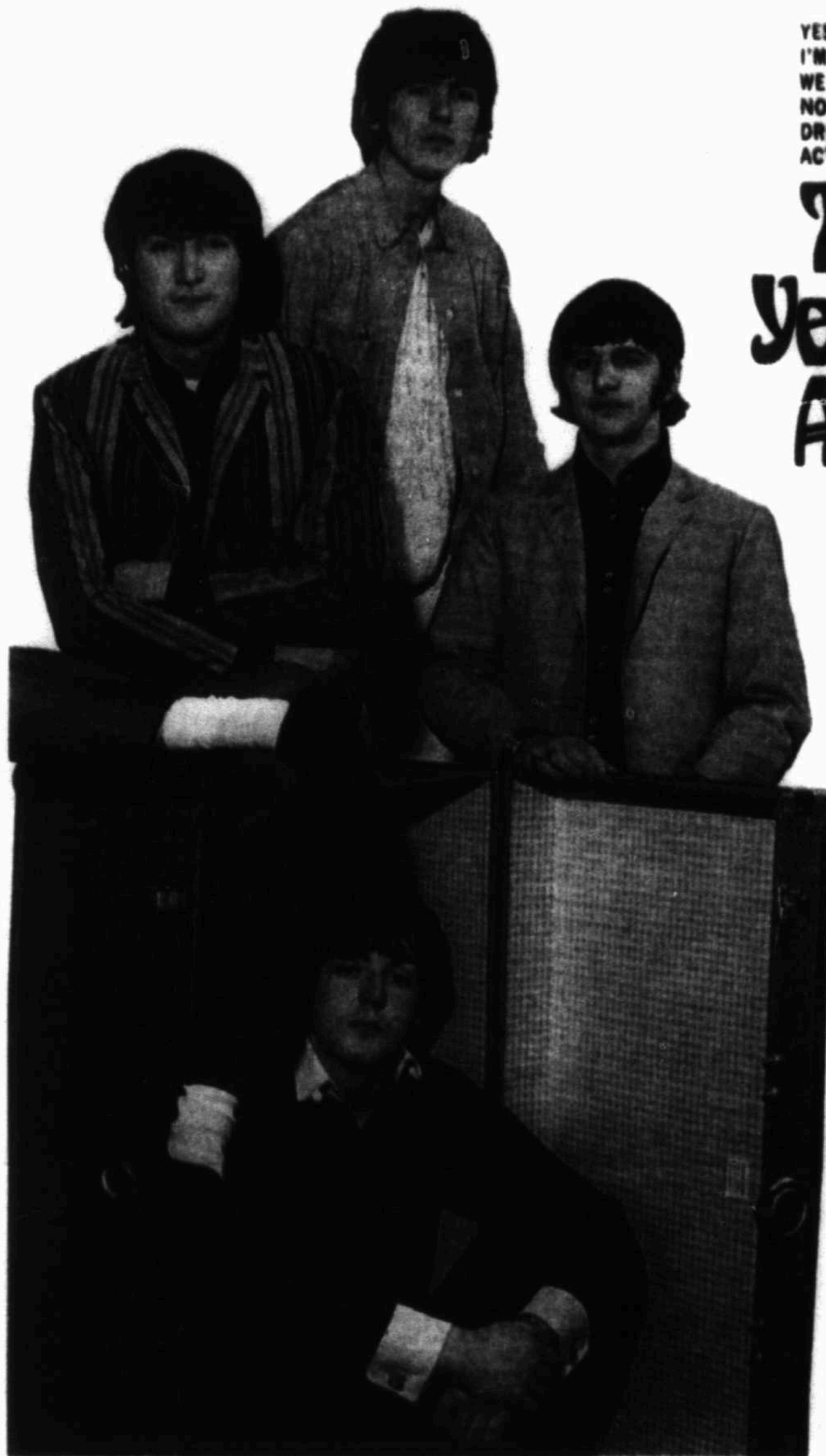
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The Beatles Yesterday And Today

Radio DJs, officials look back on The Beatles' impact on music

By Tyler White
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Spencer Bennett's first Beatles record was not actually a Beatles record.

His parents bought him "Chet Atkins Picks on The Beatles," which included instrumental country versions of several of the band's hit songs, including "I Feel Fine," "Yesterday" and "A Hard Day's Night."

Bennett, a brand manager for 97.9 Lite KODM, said people either loved or hated The Beatles when the band invaded the U.S.

He would sit by the record player for hours listening to his favorite tracks, as did millions of other people.

This fascination with the Fab Four translated over to radio, as well, with the band's music flooding the airwaves for years, Bennett said.

John Moesch, vice president and general manager for the West Texas Radio Group, started working in radio in 1982, and The Beatles were still getting quite a bit of radio time.

John Lennon was on many people's minds at the time following his murder in 1980, which Moesch said spurred continued interest in The Beatles' catalog.

Moesch worked at an adult contemporary station in the mid-1980s and songs such as "I Wanna Hold Your Hand," "Love Me Do," "Hey Jude" and "Let It Be" were staples during oldies shows and general airplay.

Moesch said oldies stations today still play The Beatles, even as decades of music fall off of those stations.

Jamey Karr associated The Beatles' music with some of the

Favorites

MOESCH'S FAVORITE BEATLES SONGS:
"Let It Be"
"Love Me Do"
"Yesterday"

JAMEY KARR'S FAVORITE BEATLES SONGS:
"Rubber Soul" and "Revolver" should have been a double album.

SPENCER BENNETT'S FAVORITE BEATLES SONGS:
"Norwegian Wood"
"Michelle"
"Yesterday"

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best times of his life.

The general manager of 100.9 The Eagle KXGL in Amarillo was 7 years old when he saw The Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show." He described their music as an awakening, with both a social and musical change within 24 hours.

"It was the complete imprint on my psyche at that age," Karr said. Karr would start working at a radio station in 1972 so he could play Beatles' songs on the air. He called the songs "three-minute miracles."

Even after the band broke up, Karr recalled hearing 12-hour Beatles specials by the BBC on the weekends in the 1970s. Other radio stations would hold "A to Z" weekends of The Beatles' catalog.

People consumed music differently than they do now. Beatles fans would get in line to purchase "The White Album" and rush home to get a first listen of the record. Now, music is easily accessible because of the Internet, iTunes and other technological advancements, Karr said.

Karr said the band's impact on

music's future sound was monumental. Bands and artists including Panic! at the Disco, Frank Ocean and Foster the People have either been compared to The Beatles or credited the band as inspiration for some of their work.

Bennett said The Beatles were the first example of a band evolving their sound and lyrics, as well as creating concept albums and their own writing style.

"They really did change the game," Bennett said. "They changed everyone's idea of what everyone could be."

Moesch said no group or artist has equaled The Beatles' impact on music and culture. Many music critics and fans will counter that belief with Elvis Presley as the king of rock 'n' roll. But Moesch said the difference is that Presley's "aura" and image lived on more than his actual music. He said this is not the case with the Fab Four.

"They were geniuses," Moesch said. "Those kind of people don't come along very often."

Moesch did point to several artists with similar rises to fame. Michael Jackson was to the '80s what Presley was to the '50s. George Strait and Garth Brooks had a strong influence on country music's direction and popularity. Meanwhile, Nirvana's grunge rock brought a new sound to rock music in the '90s, Moesch said.

The Beatles will always be the blueprint for a successful band, Karr said.

"They're still the measuring stick (for) self-contained artists writing their own stuff," he said.

Bennett suggested that anyone who has not listened to The Beatles before should go get an album in order to hear the origins of today's music.

"It's a great history study," he said. "It's a great reflection of what society was going through at the time."

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Save the date: ACM's 31st annual Celebration of the Arts is April 4-5.

SUNDAY

THE ELLEN NOËL ART MUSEUM: Geranium pre-sale through March 3. Set of six 6-inch pots for \$45. All orders must be picked up by 5 p.m. April 11.

Exhibits: "Inner Vision": Blind artist and Vietnam Veteran, Michael Naranjo through March 2. "Color of Oil: Paintings by Margarete Bagshaw" through March 2. The Ellen Noël Art Museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information visit www.noelartmuseum.org or call 550-9696.

GEORGE BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME: Historic home: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission charged.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: "Print It! The Art of Making Multiples" through March 23. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.



MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST: Exhibit: "Barnaby Fitzgerald's Moments, Still Lives and Figures" through March 23. First featured artist of the Contemporary Series 2014 in the Here and Now Gallery. "Estamos Aqui (We are Here)" through March 16. Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. Art Museum, Children's Museum and Planetarium all located on the campus at 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. General admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM, LIBRARY AND HALL OF FAME: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

MONDAY

HALEY LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER: 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free.

MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION: Artist display: Brad Allen King will display his work in the Community National Bank Lobby at 401 W. Texas Ave. during the month of February. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY BAND: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: 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. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Historic home: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medalion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CENTER LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: Enhancing Board Diversity 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday. Atmos Energy Community Room. Cost: \$25 for center partners; \$35 all others, call 570-7971 to register.

ODESSA COLLEGE: 201 W. University Blvd. Call 335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

SCARBOROUGH-LINE-BERRY HOUSE: Historic home: 802 S. Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER/BASIN PBS FILM SERIES: "American Buffalo" noon. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org

TALL CITY CLOGGERS: Dances every Monday at M-Square. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers. 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD: Meeting 7 p.m. Becky Holley will present Basics on Paper/Foundation Piecing: Better Accuracy for Complex Blocks. At Alamo Heights Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

PALETTE CLUB: Monthly meeting with demo by Jennifer Johnson. Painting time at 9 a.m.-noon Tuesdays. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Diane K. Browne at 664-3197. Palette Club members offering art class are Ken Rowland, kenrowland6@gmail.com; Judy Tartt, jtartt@suddenlink.net; Fritz Heron, heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net; and Ginger Witte, artpourvous1@gmail.com.

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB: Live country-western band every Tuesday, 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. 520-3434 or 218-8215.

WEDNESDAY

ARTQUEST STUDIOS: Reserved Studio Time. Artists can reserve space to work alongside other artists. Because no instruction is being given, work done can be entered in competitions. Space limited to eight artists at a time. \$35 per month. Space is reserved on a monthly basis. 700 Andrews Highway. For more information, email heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, call 553-0420 or go to www.artquesttx.com.

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD: Meeting at 1 p.m. Becky Holley will present Basics on Paper/Foundation Piecing: Better Accuracy for Complex Blocks. At Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

THURSDAY

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: Improv at the

Yucca's Thirty Thursday at the Historic Yucca Theatre. 208 N Colorado St. 7 p.m. Recommended for mature audiences.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Camera Club meeting at 6 p.m. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Midland Archaeology Society meeting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Richard Galle at richard@sibleynaturecenter.org or call 684-6807.

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB OF ODESSA: Now dancing at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. Live country-western music 7:30-10 p.m. Members \$5, non-members and guests \$6. Alcohol and smoke free environment. Call 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125 for additional information.

FRIDAY

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: "Mary Poppins the Musical" in Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. 7:30 p.m. Recommended for the entire family. Co-produced by Lissa Noel Wagner and Francis & Jack Brown.

SATURDAY

BASIN PBS: Survey the full sweep of African-American history with Henry Louis Gates Jr. 9-11 p.m. Saturday.

BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

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SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Texas Master Naturalist Training, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For enrolled students only. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org

SAVE THE DATE

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME will be holding a free reading event for children of all ages Feb. 20 in the Visitor Center. Children will be read books including "I Like the Music" and each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. Call 685-1112 to reserve a space for your child.

THE SIBLEY NATURE CENTER'S spring plant sale is scheduled for March 28-29. The members-only sale takes place March 28. Members will receive a 10 percent discount with membership card.

PALETTE CLUB: "Arts of the Heart" sixth annual art sale Feb. 28-March 1. 907 W. Wadley Ave. Free. Raffle tickets are \$5 to enter drawing for two donated paintings. For more information contact Dee Kemp at 599-0566 or Mary Tucci at 699-3209.

SPRING BREAK FINE ARTS CAMP: Seuss on the Loose: Join MCT's Pickwick Players and education directors, Bill Williams and Judith Giebler, for a week of fun and excitement combining drama, art, music and more to create a Seuss-tacular spring. Classes begin March 10. Classes are for students kindergarten through sixth grade. Class dates are March 10-15. Classes are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Judith at 682-2544 ext 121.

ARTS COUNCIL OF MIDLAND'S 31st annual Celebration of the Arts is April 4-5.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 432-687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email info@acmidland.org. To submit events see use form from website www.acmidland.org

Correction

In a Weekender story about Midland Community Theatre's production of "Mary Poppins," director Tim Jensen's name was misspelled. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"UNIVERSAL TRUTH" BY PAWEL FLUDZINSKI

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Rules or guidelines?

"Rules" that we are given to follow when we learn bridge are not really rules — they are guidelines. Common sense replaces these "rules" whenever there is a conflict. The defense started with three rounds of clubs, South ruffing the last. A spade shift by East would have been better, but he was hoping that a third club would cash. South remembered the rule, "Eight ever, nine never," and cashed the king and ace of trumps. The queen didn't fall, but he was still in good shape if the jack of diamonds dropped. Declarer cashed the three top diamonds, but there was no sign of the jack. He was still good if the spade finesse worked. When that failed as well, South felt abandoned by the gods. South was extremely unlucky that his line of play failed, but can you see an improvement — one supported by bridge logic, not by a peek at the opponents' hands? After cashing the king of trumps, South should have finessed for the queen on the next round, defying the rule. Why? Had West been able to win the queen of trumps, he would have been embarrassed by his next play — a spade into the ace-queen, a diamond lead picking off his partner's jack, or yielding a ruff-sluff. South would be assured of his contract whether the trump finesse won or lost. Common sense should have prevailed.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014: This year you could go from being intellectual and innovative to emotional and unstructured. This seawe effect could take a toll on your immediate circle. CANCER is moody yet changeable. ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You won't be able to change someone's mood, even as determined as you are. Some of you might start a mock fight, just to get this person going. Tonight: Head home. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Stay alert with regard to spending. You might want to funnel some frustration into whatever you are doing. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You could be more in tune with a situation than you realize. Your drive to help someone loosen up might cause him or her to close down. Tonight: Out of control. CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You might want to hear more of what is going on later in the day. You'll need downtime. Take an extra nap. Tonight: Join others. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might want to discuss a personal matter with a loved one. You could be more off-kilter than you realize. Tonight: Not to be found. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Check in on a loved one. This person depends on your attention more than you realize. Take your time with this person. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday? LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Understand that someone might not see eye to eye with you. Take a drive to a favorite spot, and you will relax. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might be pleasantly surprised by a loved one's offer. Don't ask any questions; just go with the flow. Tonight: Let the party go on. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You seem to drop in on a fun happening wherever you go. Realize that people naturally relax around you. Join a friend or loved one. Tonight: Where the gang is. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Get involved with a project. A friend might be disappointed that you are not up for getting together right away. Tonight: Accept an invitation. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Plans change. Look at these adjustments as an opportunity to incorporate more fun into your life. You could be delighted with life's challenges right now. Tonight: Go to bed early if you can. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might want to encourage a family member or roommate to hang out, order in food and watch movies with you. Tonight: Till the wee hours. BORN TODAY
Actress Mia Farrow (1945), actress Zhang Ziyi (1979), poet Amy Lowell (1874)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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OPERA INFO

Kerriann Otano and Ian McEuen, from the Fort Worth Opera, perform and talk about opera during an informative session Monday at Memorial Christian Church.

Photos by
Tim Fischer

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Matt Mueller, from the Fort Worth Opera, performs and talks about opera during the session at Memorial Christian Church.

RIGHT CENTER
Clara Nieman performs during the session Monday.

FAR RIGHT
Otano performs.



Museum of Broken Relationships explores human emotions

Ever since the famous British chocolatier Richard Cadbury created the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates in 1868, Feb. 14 has become a commercial behemoth spurring jewelry, flower and greeting card sales, running into an estimated \$15 billion business worldwide. With a zillion hearts aflutter sensing the approaching St. Valentine's Day, the hopes and heartaches of many assume meanings that occupy the very core of all human emotions — love. It is the magical muse that has launched a thousand ships, a million dreams and left scorching ruins of scars etched in history triggered by love spurned, left smoldering through time, unrequited ... immortalized in songs and sonnets of yearning across cultures.

While love brings passion, hope and joy to the lucky few, it often leaves a trail of broken relationships in its wake for those who were left wanting. Or, those who were plain unlucky! People have dealt with it in myriad ways through history. Battles have been pitched, duels fought. But, when film producer Olinka Vi'tica and artist Dra' en Grubi'i of Croatia decided to break up amicably, they decided to do it creatively. They conceived the creation of a unique Museum of Broken Relationships. Winning the prestigious Kenneth Hudson European Museum of the Year Award in 2011 for innovative thought, the Museum of Broken Relationships echoes the fragility of human relationships in their social, political and personal context encouraging acknowledgment, reflection and discussion through experiential journeys of others. The miasma of emotions embodied in objects on display swing from anger, fury, sadness, longing, depression to hope, joy, comfort and inspiration.

These objects are often of little, if any, intrinsic worth, but they hold value because of the person who gave them. Whether these objects are kept, binned or burned or are worn as talisma, they always mean something special. Drawing on the French philosopher Roland Barthes for its inspiration, the museum affirms that every passion, ultimately, has its spectator and that there is no amorous offering without a final theater. The permanent exhibition is themed along the lines of Allure of Distance — Intimations of Proximity, Whims of Desire, Rage and Fury, Rites of Passage, Tides of Time, Paradox of Home, Resonance of Grief and Sealed by History. An old,



worn-out Nokia mobile phone is exhibited with a note from an anonymous donor that reads: "It lasted 300 days too long. He gave me his mobile phone so I couldn't call him anymore." Following the war in the Balkans in the 1990s a Croatian man sent a note along with a prosthetic leg. "In a Zagreb hospital I met a beautiful, young and ambitious social worker from the Ministry of Defence, who taught me how to use the prosthetic limb. Sadly, the leg endured more than the love. It was made of sturdier material ..." he wrote. Whatever the motivation for donating personal belongings — be it sheer exhibitionism, therapeutic relief, emotional catharsis or simple curiosity — people embraced the idea of exhibiting their love legacy as a sort of a ritual, a solemn ceremony. According to the founders of the museum, "Our societies oblige us with our marriages, funerals and even graduation farewells, but deny us any formal recognition of the demise of a relationship, despite its strong emotional effect."

Oblivious to the beheading of St. Valentine who was martyred on Feb. 14 some 1,700 years ago, at the behest of the Roman Emperor Claudius II, who prevented men from getting married fearing low enrollment in his army, his legend lives on eternally for secretly aiding cupid in the universal language of love across generations.

Love is also serious business. With Hershey Kisses sales jumping over \$1.8 billion on Valentine's Day alone, and online florists having an ever-increasing field day, technology has certainly influenced love. Millions of e-valentines flew across the internet last year in the United States and this year it might quadruple. With millions of users and members on match-making sites, access and availability, love-based connectivity has jumped to unimaginable proportions.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum is hosting a HeART Affair Valentine's Day Dinner and Live Music on Feb. 14 as a tribute to its patron saint and patrons.

Minn gears up his football documentary

By Rich Lopez
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Documentarian Charlie Minn came to Midland in January to talk up his newest film "The Midland Mystique." The historical film gives focus to area high school football and the legacy of the 10 football titles won over the years in the Permian Basin — most notably the famed Midland Lee Rebels championship run as the 1998-2000 Texas State Champions. For Minn, Midland is overdue. "I hope it inspires current football players," he said in a press conference at

Cinergy Cinemas. "Twelve years without a title? Enough is enough. Let's go get a title."

For the documentary, Minn interviewed former Chicago Bears running back and free agent Cedric Benson who he described as a good guy who's extremely misunderstood and Eric Winston, offensive tackle for the Arizona Cardinals. And he gives attention to former Midland Lee High School head coach John Parchman whom Minn called the greatest high school football coach. Minn created the film in

part to tell the story of Midland's and the rest of the Permian Basin's fandom of high school football, but also as a way to give back to the area where his last three documentaries have screened well.

"These are some of the greatest fans in high school football history," he said. "This area has been good to me, so I wanted a great way to give back and I respect every Midland-Odessa player that broke through."

Set for a Feb. 28 premiere at Cinergy Cinemas, tickets are available for pre-sale at cinergycinemas.com.



Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

ARTIZEN REOPENS

ArtiZen Outlet held a reopening celebration Feb. 1 at its new location, 436 Andrews Highway. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Midland College goes green with Irish Music concert

By Rich Lopez
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The Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College will be one of four exclusive stops for the traveling music festival "An Irish Lullaby: The Historic, the Romantic & Magical Music of Ireland." Featuring Irish trio Affiniti, violinist and Dublin Symphony Orchestra leader Aven McEntee and Howard Crosby with Terence Browne as accompanist, the tour stops in Midland on Tuesday. The tour finishes here after previous stops at Boston's Steinert Hall, Harry McKillop's historic home in McKinney and the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas earlier this month.

Crosby and Browne established the Irish American Art and Music Foundation with ties to Midlander Dolores McCall. She is the foundation patron of the organization and was instrumental in having the city as

a stop on the small tour.

Fans of Irish music may be familiar with Howard Crosby's performances of the Irish-American Songbook by his uncle, Oscar-winning actor Bing Crosby. "As I like to tell people, if your uncle is Bing Crosby, you need to find another line of work, which I did," Crosby said in a press release. "I started singing in a church choir when I was in my mid-20s, and the next thing you know they had made a soloist out of me, and pretty soon after that I was singing and performing more and more. I will say

that it is true that anywhere I sing some of his songs, it is in the same key as Uncle Bing."

His uncle's legacy with Irish music has been perpetuated by the foundation that established a career retrospective of Bing Crosby featuring the Irish influences present throughout his work.

"Irish Lullaby" is a free concert, but tickets are required. They will be available at the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

WAYNE MARSHALL
"Tru Colors"

Some 10 years after the release of "Marshall Law," Jamaican reggae artist Wayne Marshall has released "Tru Colors," a diverse 13-track collection under

the supervision of Damian Marley on the Ghetto Youths International label.

Written mostly by Marshall, the long-awaited record covers a broad range of topics and showcases collaborations with veteran dancehall artists Assassin, Bounty Killer, Tarrus Riley and Capleton.

The standout track is the catchy anthem "Stupid Money," featuring Assassin. With a delivery that rides smoothly alongside Marshall's vocal, a hip-hop beat and children singing the hook, it's reminiscent of Jay Z's "Hard Knock Life."

Album producer Marley makes an appearance on previously released club anthem "Go Hard," which also features Assassin, Aidonia, I-Octane, Bounty Killer and Vybz Kartel. More flavor is added by the likes of Baby Cham, Ace Hood and Waka Flocka as they join the party on the remix "Go Harder." The resulting mash-up is piled high with energy, and everybody shines.

"Tru Colors" is well put together and delivers a refreshing curve to the dancehall game, outshining Marshall's previous releases.

Biana Roach/AP

BROKEN BELLS

"After the Disco"

The debut from Broken Bells — the high-profile duo of James Mercer from indie-rock darlings The Shins, and in-demand producer Danger Mouse, currently nominated for an Oscar for his work with U2 — was an interesting combination of their disparate musical styles.

On their follow-up, "After the Disco," however, Broken Bells has built an identity all its own that combines Mercer's knack for melody and Danger Mouse's love of strong beats and clever production.

The single "Holding on for Life" seems to capture this new vibe best, with the jangling guitars and Mercer's falsetto that is reminiscent of Barry Gibb balancing against layers of synthesizer riffs and, of course, a deep groove.

While most of the album is designed to be the chillout that people put on to relax after a night of dancing, with pretty, acoustic-driven numbers like the haunting "Leave It Alone" and the charming, guitar-driven "Control," they still include some potent floor-fillers. The "After the Disco" title track is a thrilling slice of electro-pop paired with a bass groove dripping with Roxy Music cool and stacks of sampled vocals that add to the fun.

Danger Mouse talks about how Broken Bells has become his priority, how his production work and his other projects like Gnarlis Barkley have become secondary. That attention shows on "After the Disco," and it's sure to make Broken Bells a major success.

Glen Gamboa/Newsday



Paul McCartney lets Ed Sullivan hold his bass guitar as Ringo Starr, from right, John Lennon and The Beatles manager, Brian Epstein, talk during rehearsal for the band's Feb. 9, 1964, appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in New York City.

AP file photo

Top 10 reasons The Beatles are the best rock band ever

By Nancy Adamson
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COMMENTARY

The Beatles had broken up several years before I discovered them. My love of music always sent me down a road of discovery and I always yearned to listen to the music that influenced my favorite bands. For instance, I discovered Robert Johnson when I heard Led Zeppelin's version of "Traveling Riverside Blues."

But time and again, almost all roads led to The Beatles. They still do. Not only for me but for millions across the globe. I have interviewed dozens of artists from Don Henley, of the Eagles, to Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen and Heart's Nancy Wilson who cite The Beatles as the singular reason they wanted to become musicians.

But all the glory has earned haters. A reality show star recently called them irrelevant, a 1960s version of a boy band.

Say what you will, haters, because the vitriol can't dispel the facts: The Beatles were the best rock band ever, and here's 10 reasons why.

1. They wrote their own songs and played their own instruments. Were they great musicians? Probably not the best but here's where innovation trumps skill.
2. They evolved. From a local skiffle group in Liverpool to rock 'n' roll to pop to psychedelia, their styles changed with the times and dominated every genre.
3. They held the top 5 positions on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles chart on April 4, 1964.

The chart had 12 Beatles songs overall but these held the top five spots: "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me."

4. They had 27 No. 1 singles, more than any other group. They had 37 total songs crack the top 10.

5. The most recorded song of all time — recorded more than 1,600 times by acts as diverse as Frank Sinatra and Boyz II Men — is "Yesterday."

6. They all had — and have — successful solo careers. They all had No. 1 singles and albums.

7. George Martin. Pairing the producer who had a classical music background and history of producing comedy and novelty acts such as Spike Mulligan and Peter Sellers with a pop quartet looked disastrous on paper. But the collaboration mined gold — and platinum — again and again, especially when the band wanted to experiment and Martin's musical skills were required on the oboe and harpsichord.

8. Brian Epstein. The man whose life was changed when, according to a legend that has since been questioned, a young man wandered into the record shop of the department store owned by Epstein's parents and asked for a record called "My Bonnie" by Tony Sheridan and The Beatles. Epstein was a tireless supporter of the band in its early days, and coordinated their onstage demeanor, as well as the matching suits they wore. His 1967 death by a drug overdose was the beginning of the end for the band.

Did you know?

Things you might not know about The Beatles.

■ The other performers on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on Feb. 9, 1964, included Georgia Brown & Oliver Kidds, Frank Gorshin and Tassie O'Shea. Gorshin, a popular standup comic at the time, went on to play the Riddler in the "Batman" TV series.

■ The band performed on three consecutive Fridays in February 1964.

■ An estimated 73 million viewers saw the first show.

■ After the show, radio DJ Murray The K took John, Paul and Ringo to the Playboy Club. George was nursing a sore throat and couldn't go. They later went to the Peppermint Lounge, where they danced the twist until 4 a.m.

■ The critically acclaimed 1978 film, "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" followed a group of New Jersey Beatles fans who want to see the Sullivan show. Its director, helming his first feature film, was Robert Zemeckis.

■ Among The Beatles-related songs released to capitalize on their first U.S. visit was a single called "Ringo, I Love You." It was the first single by a 16-year-old singer using the name Bonnie Jo Mason. It wasn't a hit but the singer went on to a long-lasting career as Cher.

9. Their influence outside of music was powerful. From their famous hairstyles to the collarless jackets, their fashion influence was immense. At least two Midland businesses — Sgt. Pepper's and Strawberry Fields Cafe — have Beatles-inspired names.

10. It's been 50 years since they first stormed U.S. shores and 35 since they broke up and their music and culture still influence millions.

Coming Tuesday

Eric Church
'The Outsiders'

Sun Kil Moon
'Benji'

Neil Finn
'Dizzy Heights'

BAND OF HORSES
'Acoustic at the Ryman'

The Glitch Mob
'Love Death Immortality'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

FEBRUARY

- 9 Trout Fishing in America @ Yucca Theatre
- 9 Guns on Mars, Hugo Hernandez @ Pine Box
- 9 Justin Langston @ Lone Star Bar
- 9 The Tiques, Z.E.D., William Bransob, Tucker Binkley, Samiel Zachary, Walton Lyte @ Music City Mall
- 10 Gordon Lightfoot @ Wagner Noel
- 11 Red Steagall @ MCM Fun Dome
- 13 Cory Morrow @ Rockin Rodeo
- 14 Kenneth Knotts, Andean Fusion @ Music City Mall
- 14 Tori Martin @ Redneck's
- 14 Christopher Cross, Stephen Bishop @ Wagner Noel
- 14 Folk Family Revival @ Lone Star Bar
- 14 Eddie Austin & 20 After Four @ Ellen Noel Art Museum
- 14 Pesado @ Far West Event Center
- 14 Unsweet T's @ Detour
- 14 Justin Langston @ Saltgrass
- 14-15 Noel Olivas @ The Bar
- 15 All Stars, Tech Jazz, Andean Fusion, Mary Mitchell, Marisa Rechman @ Music City Mall
- 15 Southern Sky @ Redneck's

- 15 Sally Anderson as Dolly Parton @ Ector Theatre
- 15 The Blind Pets, Guatch, Snakefist. Minus the Richards @ Blue Max
- 15 Nick Verzosa & the Noble Union @ Lone Star Bar
- 16 Permian Basin String Quartet "Something Borrowed, Somethin' Blue" Chamber Concert @ Wagner Noel
- 16 Goodtimers, Arison Strings, Andean Fusion, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall
- 19 St. Christopher Webster, The Gold Hope Duo @ Blue Max
- 19 Bones Thugs-N-Harmony, Kinfolk, Quater Bird, LG Mack @ La Hacienda
- 18 Next 2 the Tracks @ Riley's
- 20 Matt Woods, 800 Mile Medley, The Dead Side, Daniel Payne @ Blue Max
- 20 Kyle Park @ Rockin Rodeo
- 20 Icarus the Owl @ Pine Box
- 21 Watery Graves @ The Detour
- 21 Ryan Shupe & The Rubberband, Chris Brazeal Band @ Wagner Noel
- 21 Shane Rogers Band @ Lone Star Bar
- 21 Dusty Smirl Band @ Redneck's
- 21 Green River Ordinance, Grady Spencer & The Work @ Graham Central Station
- 21 Kenneth Knotts, Dene Redmon, Benito Ramos, Eddie Garrett @ Music City Mall

- 21-22 Darren Welch Group @ The Bar
- 22 Creed Fisher @ Corky's
- 22 Sansietch @ Cigar Frog's
- 22 John Edward Baumann, The Tejas Brothers @ Lone Star Bar
- 22 Tech Jazz, Dusty Mcnew, Mateo Rivas, Mary Mitchell, Martha Elliott, Marisa Rechman @ Music City Mall
- 23 Tomy-Jean-Jerry, Z.E.D., Eddie Garrett, Tucker Binkley, Walton Lyte @ Music City Mall
- 25 The Fossil Youth @ Pine Box
- 27 Odessa College Choir presents Mozart's "The Magic Flute" @ Globe Theatre
- 27 Kyle Bennett Band @ Rockin Rodeo
- 28 Southbound 35 @ The Detour
- 28 Freeride @ The Bar
- 28 Rodney Parker & 50 Peso Reward, The O's @ Lone Star Bar
- 28 Granger Smith, Earl Dibbs Jr. @ Graham Central Station
- 28 Dene Redmon, Eddie Garrett @ Music City Mall

MARCH

- 1 Blacktop Gypsy @ Lone Star Bar
- 1 Aaron Sandoval Band @ Redneck's
- 1 Riders in the Sky @ Wagner Noel
- 1 Warbeast, Nightmare Canvas, Redeemed

LUBBOCK

FEBRUARY

- 9 Skillet, Third Day, Andy Mineo, Jamie Grace, Royal Tailor, We Are Human, The Neverclaim, Vertical Church Band, Souffire Revolution @ United Spirit Arena
- 12 Led Zeppelin 2 @ Jake's
- 14 Uni Garrett @ Harral Memorial Auditorium (Plainview)

MARCH

- 1 Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone @ Overton Hotel & Conference Center

NEW MEXICO

FEBRUARY

- 10 Clint Black @ Flickinger Center For Performing Arts (Alamogordo)

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

FEBRUARY

- 9 Sting, Paul Simon @ American Airlines Center

Feb. 10 Gordon Lightfoot @ Wagner Noel

Feb. 15 The Blind Pets @ Blue Max

Feb. 19 Bones Thugs-N-Harmony @ La Hacienda

Feb. 20 Red Steagall @ Rockin Rodeo

Feb. 25 The Fossil Youth @ Pine Box