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Lee defeats MHS
2-1 in a battle
for first place in
District 2-6A.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Most of the nation springs forward on Sunday, moving clocks up one hour to observe daylight saving time. If Sunshine State legislators get their way, Floridians won't be falling back.

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Midland has state's lowest jobless rate Tall City reports 2.4 percent unemployment in January

By Mella McEwen
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Powered by a thriving oil and gas industry, Midland reclaimed its crown as the metropolitan statistical area with the state's lowest unemployment rate.

January figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission showed Midland had an unemployment rate of 2.4 percent, up slightly from 2.3 percent in December and below the 4 percent reported in January 2017. Amarillo came in second with a 2.8 percent unemployment rate.

Odessa also saw an increase in its unemployment rate, to 3.3 percent from 3

percent in December but its January 2018 rate is well below the 5.8 percent recorded for January 2017.

Midland lost 500 jobs from December to January as the 400-job gain in the mining, logging and construction sector was more than offset by the loss of 400 jobs in the trade, transportation and utilities sector, the loss of 200 jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector and the loss of 100 jobs each in the information, the financial activities and the government sectors.

But from January 2017 to January 2018, Midland added 9,100 jobs for a growth rate of 10.3 percent.

That upward revision exceeded

expectations, Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham said. He said the new figures indicated Midland added approximately 8,000 jobs more than had originally been reported.

"The outcome was exactly what was expected: a sharp upward revision in the number of jobs. All along we knew there were more jobs being added than the Texas Workforce Commission was estimating, and to a significant degree," he said.

Original estimates had Midland job growth around 2 percent last year, rising to 3 percent in the second half of the year. But to reach 10.3 percent growth rate is extraordinary, he said. Even in the boom

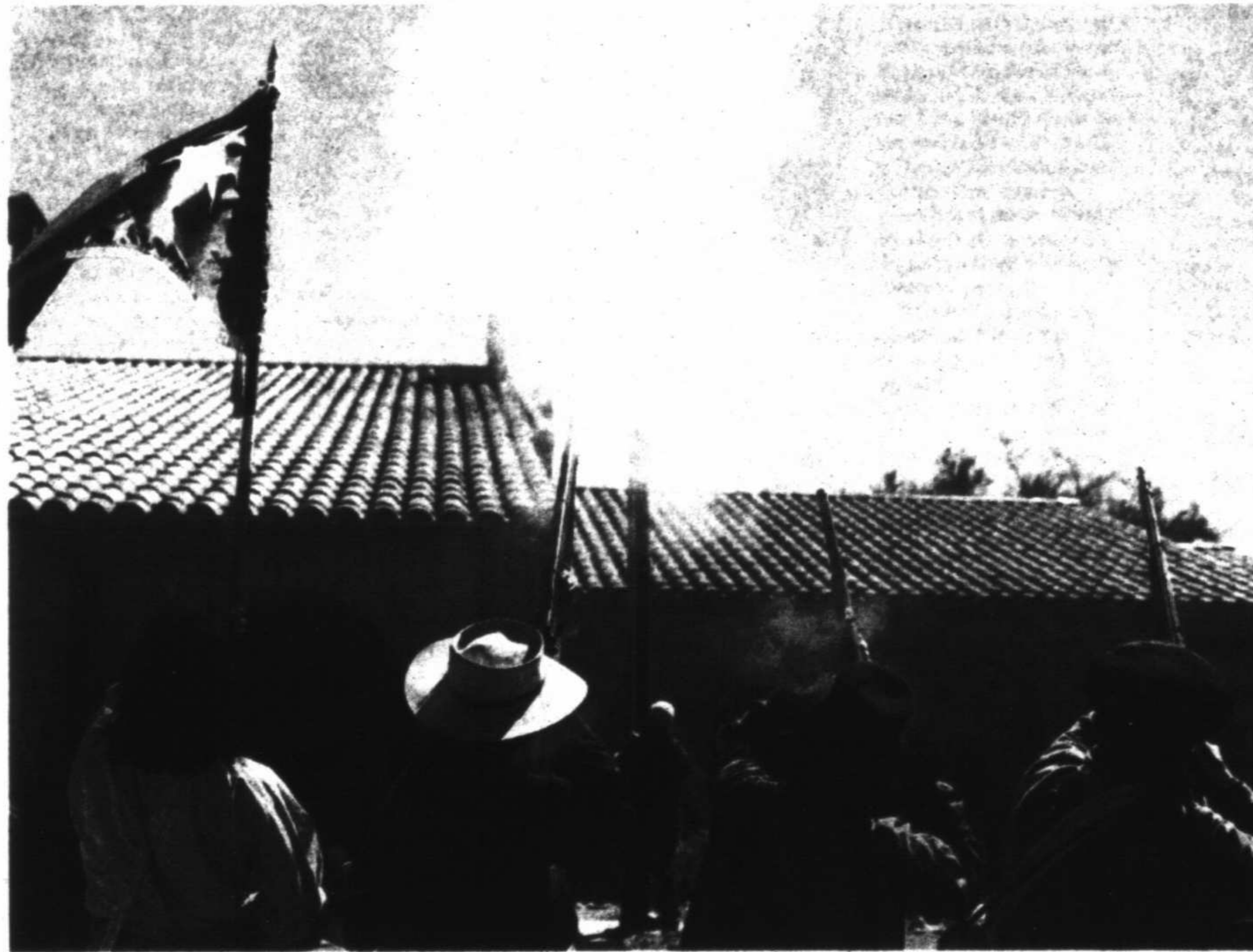
leading up to mid-2014 before oil prices collapsed, he said Midland's job growth rate was about 9 percent. The only other month in which Midland reported year-over-year growth in excess of 10 percent was July 2011.

Midland and Odessa now lead the state in terms of job growth and low unemployment, a replay of the years from 2010 to 2014 when oil prices were in excess of \$100, Ingham said.

The mining, logging and construction sector dominated with 5,900 new jobs, followed by trade, transportation and

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Volleyed and thundered



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Living history re-enactors from the Dunn/Holt/Midkiff Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans fire a volley with replica muzzleloaders during the Texas Independence Day Celebration March 2 at the Haley Memorial Library. The annual event featured raising a ceremonial Texas flag and a "Toast to Texas" using Texas spring water.

DPS to track troopers' weight, waistlines

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Texas Department of Public Safety will begin recording the height, weight and waistlines of its more than 4,000 troopers during their routine physical readiness tests.

The measurement recording starting this month is part of the department's new obesity data collection program, the Dallas Morning News reported.

"Obesity is a significant health issue in the United States and in the law enforcement profession. In addition to the personal health risks, obesity

significantly detracts from an officer's command presence and negatively impacts their overall effectiveness," department official Skyler Hearn wrote to officers. "As such, the department will take proactive steps to address this health and officer safety risk."

Texas requires law enforcement officers to pass a physical test, but individual agencies can set their own standards.

The Public Safety Department has slowly increased its fitness standards since 2010 with the goal of "ensuring a physically fit and well-trained force that is ready to safety

respond to any situation," according to its policy.

Some officers are concerned the data collection is an attempt to push out older troopers by adding fitness requirements.

"I guess maybe they're trying to make it tougher, to force these guys to leave," said Jack Crier, executive director of the Texas State Troopers Association. "That's just an opinion."

Department spokesman Tom Vinger has denied that notion, saying that the measurements don't change the fitness requirements, which are tiered based on gender and age. Vinger said officers ultimately

will be categorized as obese based on the measurements will be required to participate in nutrition and fitness programs.

"The significant health risk associated with obesity and its impact on the protective services industry was already documented in our policy manual," Vinger said. "We are simply moving from talking about the health risk to identifying it — and providing support to those impacted by it."

Permian's rig count increases 2 to 436

Midland County gains a rig for total of 49; Reeves remains unchanged at 66

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin's rig count inched two higher for a nation-leading 436, according to data from Baker Hughes.

Reeves County, which is in the heart of the Delaware Basin, was unchanged at 66. Midland County, in the core of the Permian Basin, added a rig for a total of 49.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Lea, New Mexico, (47); Eddy, New Mexico (38); Loving (29); Howard (27); Glasscock (24); Martin (24);

Culberson (19); Ward (18); Reagan (17); Andrews (14); Pecos (14); Pecos (13); and Upton (12).

Counties with renewed activity were Mitchell and Nolan. Counties that ceased all activity were Fisher and Cochran.

Railroad Commission District 8, which encompasses most of the Permian's active counties, rose by two this week to 303. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B was unchanged at one, District 7C rose by four to 34, District 8A fell by four to 12 and New Mexico held at 86.

The Permian had 309 rigs a year ago.

Texas & New Mexico

Texas' rig count rose by seven this week to 409. Of that tally, 350 were in the Permian.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas was unchanged at 70. The Barnett in North Texas held at two.

Nineteen of the Haynesville's 51 rigs were in East Texas. Seven of the Granite Wash's 12 rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas had one offshore rig. New Mexico's rig count fell by one to 87. Its lone non-Permian rig was operating in San Juan County, in the northwestern part of the state.

At this time last year, there were 392 rigs in Texas and 56 in New Mexico.

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The big number

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years in prison
That's what Martin Sklaroff was sentenced to on Friday, Page 4A

Word of the Day:

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Gun safety win on the horizon for GOP-controlled Senate

By Andrea Drusch
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A gun safety bill with support from both parties should reach the crucial 60-vote hurdle it needs to advance, according to Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn.

The proposal, crafted by Cornyn, brings together unusual allies: The National Rifle Association, the pro-gun safety group Everytown for Gun Safety and President Donald Trump.

It would still need approval from the GOP-controlled House before going to the president's desk. The House already passed a version of the bill, attached to a proposal that would allow people with concealed carry permits to take their guns across state lines.

Cornyn's bill penalizes federal agencies that don't accurately share criminal records with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. That system

is used to screen people seeking to purchase guns for criminal histories.

Cornyn says his "Fix NICS" bill could have prevented a shooting that left 26 dead in Sutherland Springs, Texas, in November. In that incident, felony records were missing from the shooter's file, allowing him to pass a background check.

"We will save lives in the future by simply making sure the current law is enforced," Cornyn told Texas reporters this week.

Cornyn, the No. 2 Senate Republican and the party's chief vote counter, said his proposal is the only one with enough support to pass a Senate that has long been divided on gun legislation.

"We should start with what's achievable," Cornyn said. "This bill could easily pass the Senate. It's already passed the House. And the president would sign it, as he told me when he called me last Thursday night."

As of Thursday morning, 54 senators had signed

on to the bill. The sponsor parties are almost evenly divided — 26 Republicans, 26 Democrats and two independents who caucus with Democrats.

Sixty votes are required to cut off debate on most major legislation in the Senate. Republicans currently control 51 seats; Democrats control 49.

"Right now, we're getting close to the magic 60 number in terms of our co-sponsors. ... Hopefully, we'll have some more news about that later (this week)," Cornyn said.

Dozens of senators added their names to the bill after a shooter killed 17 people at a Parkland, Fla., high school last month.

After that mass shooting, the White House invited lawmakers from both parties to a meeting to discuss gun safety, during which Trump pitched much broader proposals, including ones that many Republicans dislike.

Cornyn said Trump called him after that meeting, reaffirming his support for Fix

NICS. Trump also met with the NRA, which supports Cornyn's bill, that same evening.

Cornyn's plan is one of a handful introduced by lawmakers this week.

Gun safety advocates want Congress to do much more to curb gun violence than Cornyn's bill. But they support it as a first step.

"The Fix NICS Act is a no-brainer — it should have 100 co-sponsors," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety. "However, this modest piece of legislation does not meet the moment, and if it's all that Congress does, it would be an inexcusable failure of leadership."

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who is not a sponsor on Cornyn's bill, reintroduced his own gun safety proposal Tuesday. In addition to the addressing lapses in the NICS system, Cruz's plan would criminalize "straw purchasing" of firearms for other people, expand gun rights for members of the armed forces, and target a controversial Obama-era program aimed at tracking firearms in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

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Obituaries



Mrs. Gissela Heana Atkins

December 13, 1929 - March 3, 2018

San Antonio, Texas

Gissela Heana Atkins went to be with our Lord on March 3, 2018 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Gissela was 88 years old when she passed and her children were at her bedside with her.

Gissela was born in Chihuahua, Mexico to Joseph and Margarita Stevens and later moved to Tucson, Arizona with her parents and numerous brothers and sisters. Gissela was a long-time resident of Odessa, Texas and Midland, Texas for almost 60 years before moving to San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur Atkins; and by numerous brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Richard Atkins; her daughter, Renee Claire; her grandson, Kristopher Keesec; and by several great-grandchildren.

Gissela was a strong woman who loved life and touched many other lives; she will be missed by many but is now at peace with our Lord.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

A Celebration of Life was held on March 6, 2018 at Discovery Church in Cibolo, Texas. While Gissela's family welcomes any expression of sympathy, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's disease Research organization in memory of Gissela.

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



James Elton Rasco Jr.

James Elton Rasco Jr. passed from this earth on Thursday March 1, 2018 after a short but valiant fight with cancer of the pancreas. He was born in Big Spring, Texas on August 17, 1959 to James Elton Rasco Sr. and Carol Lewis Rasco. His parents moved to Midland in 1968. Jimmy attended Midland schools and graduated from Midland High School in 1978.

After high school he went to work for Southwest Golf, building golf courses, primarily in Indonesia and the Far East. Here he met the love of his life, Hanna Argolan of Bali. They were married there and later returned to the United States where he worked for several heavy equipment companies, ending his career with Warren Caterpillar in Odessa, Texas. Jimmy is survived by his loving wife, Hanna, his daughter Melinda Ann Rasco Walker and his son in law Ben Walker all of Midland.

He is also survived by his mother, Carol Rasco, his sister Pam Rasco Franceschi and her husband Jeff, his sister Jamie Lyn Rasco Turney and her husband, Kenny and his brother, Billy Rasco and his wife Leigh. His father, James Elton Rasco, Sr. preceded him in death. He also leaves behind his and Hanna's close friends Sid and Tangle Hutchinson who have never left his side during this struggle. He also leaves behind his dear friends and loved ones; Linda Nagy, Naghmel Fly, Beau and Barbara Estes and Ginny Estes.

They would like to thank Dr. Mangat and the staff at Allison Cancer Center and the personnel of Home Hospice for their support during Jimmy's illness.

UNEMPLOYMENT

From 1A

utilities with 1,000 jobs, leisure and

hospitality with 800 new jobs, the professional and business services sector with 500 new jobs, the manufacturing sector and financial activities sector with 300 new jobs each and the education and health services sector and other services sector with 200 new jobs each. Government was the only sector to lose jobs — 100 — in those 12 months.

Midland's 2.4 percent "is scary — it's beyond full employment," said Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin. "Skilled workers, unskilled workers, they all can go to work."

Unemployment claims in the Workforce Solutions offices he oversees are about half what they were a year ago, Taylor said.

Employers around the basin are complaining about their inability to find enough workers, Taylor said, noting there is only so much that can be done about the labor shortage.

"Job seekers say they would love to come here to work but they can't find a place to stay," he said. He said he's been told apartment rents in Midland and Odessa are expected to rise 20 to 30 percent.

Such low employment will put upward pressure on wages, he said. "It's a job seekers market and

Midland Unemployment

January 2018	2.4 percent
January 2017	4 percent
Preliminary numbers for January with December numbers in parentheses:	
Midland	2.4 (2.3)
Amarillo	2.8 (2.5)
Austin-Round Rock	3.0 (2.7)
College Station-Bryan	3.1 (2.7)
Lubbock	3.1 (2.7)
Odessa	3.3 (3.0)
San Angelo	3.4 (2.9)
San Antonio-New Braunfels	3.4 (3.0)
Sherman-Denison	3.4 (3.0)
Arlene	3.6 (3.1)
Dallas-Plano-Irving	3.6 (3.1)
Fort Worth-Arlington	3.6 (3.2)
Wichita Falls	3.6 (3.1)
Tyler	3.8 (3.5)
Waco	3.8 (3.3)
Lubbock	3.9 (3.4)
Killeen-Temple	4.1 (3.6)
Victoria	4.4 (3.9)
El Paso	4.6 (4.1)
Longview	4.6 (4.1)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	4.8 (4.3)
Texasarkana	4.8 (4.0)
Corpus Christi	5.9 (5.3)
Brownsville-Harlingen	6.8 (5.9)
Beaumont-Port Arthur	7.3 (6.6)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.6 (6.6)

they know it."

Companies can bring in workers, but that's a challenge because wages in Midland and Odessa may be higher, but so is the cost of living. Also challenging recruitment efforts is the fact that, unlike the aftermath of the Great Recession when unemployment was high outside Midland-Odessa, employment is now healthy across the nation, giving less incentive for potential workers to relocate.

That's why it's important to grow the workforce locally by working with the schools, community col-

leges and area universities, Taylor said.

"Midland College, Odessa College are at capacity in their training courses, and that's good. We know people will be coming out of those courses into the workforce — diesel mechanics, truck drivers. The truck-driving schools in Midland and Odessa — there's no way they can keep pace with demand."

He said. While the low employment puts upward pressure on wages and a strain on infrastructure such as housing, roads and water, Ingham said he believes

such issues were dealt with during the downturn caused by the low oil prices.

"I'm sure a lot of headway was made in those areas," he said. There will still be issues "but I'm sure a lot of heavy lifting was done during the downturn."

Total nonfarm employment jumped to 97,300 from 88,200 in January 2017, while the civilian labor force rose to 95,600 from 94,700 in December and is above the 88,300 reported in January 2017. Nonfarm employment can count workers who come from outside the MSA to work, while the civilian labor force counts those who are residents of the MSA.

Taylor speculated that the nonfarm employment could reach 100,000 by summer, something Ingham agreed was in the realm of possibility.

Statewide, the unemployment rate inched up to 4 percent from 3.9 percent in December. The state has added 2,400,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the year, including 16,000 jobs in January. Annual employment growth for Texas was 2 percent in January, marking 93 consecutive months of annual growth, according to the Workforce Commission.

While Midland reported the lowest unemployment, McAllen-Edinburg-Mission posted the highest rate at 7.6 percent.

Teen daughter catches married dad texting with other women

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter caught her father, my husband, emailing and texting other women. He has been doing it for months.

He says he went on dating sites because he was unhappy in our marriage and needed attention and to feel desirable. He claims he only emailed and texted these women discussing relationship troubles, no sex talk.

I'm furious he was so careless that our daughter found the emails (in one he stated his sex drive was very high and asked how her sex drive was). I am devastated that he would do this to our family. He says he didn't think it was cheating because it was only online and sex wasn't discussed. Please advise. — FURIOUS IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FURIOUS: Your husband isn't being honest. At the very least there WAS "sex talk" as soon as he used that three-letter word in his emails/texts to the women on the dating sites. You two are overdue for a visit to a marriage and family therapist to determine if the damage your husband has done to his relationship with you and his daughter can be repaired. Please do not wait to schedule an appointment.

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I were together for five years (married for two). While she was with me I supported her financially and put her through college. She left me a year ago. I was the one who filed for divorce.

After she left, I gave her half the money in my savings account to help her while she was trying to land on her feet. She has found a job now, but struggles to pay bills.

Recently, she called and asked me to "lend" her money to help with her power bill. I refused. While I understand that she's no longer my financial responsibility, I still feel compelled to help her. What can I do to prevent her from putting me in an awkward situation (I have since moved on to a new relationship) without having to be a complete jerk? — NICE GUY IN TEXAS

DEAR NICE GUY: As

you accurately put it, your ex-wife is no longer your responsibility. After she walked out on you, you did the right thing in filing for divorce. You are acting like you feel guilty for doing so. By paying for her education and enabling her to support herself, you were more than generous. The surest way to prevent yourself from being hit on for money would be to renege with a firm and final NO.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 9-year-old girl and my mom doesn't spend a lot of quality time with me. What should I tell her to get her to spend time with me? — NEEDS TIME IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS TIME: What a sad letter. Not knowing why your mother isn't giving you enough quality time, I can only suggest that you tell her you need more of her and hope she hears how important your message is.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

- Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
- you hold: ♠ K 10 6 3 ♥ K J ♦ A 8 7 6 2 ♣ K 3
- ♠ K ♥ A K 9 8 3 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ A J 6 2 Partner opens three hearts and right-
- Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make? hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
- Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
- Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
- ♠ A Q 9 3 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K Q ♠ A Q 7 ♥ A 10 7 5 ♦ A 6 4 2 ♣ K 10
- As dealer, what call would you make? Right-hand opponent opens one club.
- Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, What call would you make?

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY

ineffable [in-ef-ah-ble] adjective 1 a : incapable of being expressed in words : indescribable ineffable joy b : unspeakable ineffable disgust 2 : not to be uttered : taboo the ineffable name of Jehovah

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Things to do

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Judge Elizabeth Leonard, left, of the 238th District Court, talks with Robin Donnelly, county commissioner for Precinct 2 as they await election results Tuesday night. Leonard won the Republican primary and doesn't have an opponent in the November general election. In the background is Sean Guerrero, who was seeking the 441st District Court nomination in the GOP primary.

Lane, \$10-\$15. maverickplayers.com. 'A Rock Tribute' by San Antonio Lights, 8 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80, Free.

Open today Midland County Public Library - Centennial branch only, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. U.S. post office, Graves Station, 3304 W. Wadley Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Saturday, March 10, the 69th day of 2018. There are 296 days left in the year. Daylight saving time will begin Sunday at 2 a.m. local time. Today's highlight: On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: 'Mr. Watson - come here - I want to see you' from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

Today in Midland On March 10, 1828, the Midland Reporter-Telegram came into being, when the Midland Reporter merged with The Midland Daily Telegram. The former was owned by a group headed by T. Paul Barron; the latter was owned by C.C. Watson and was the city's first daily.

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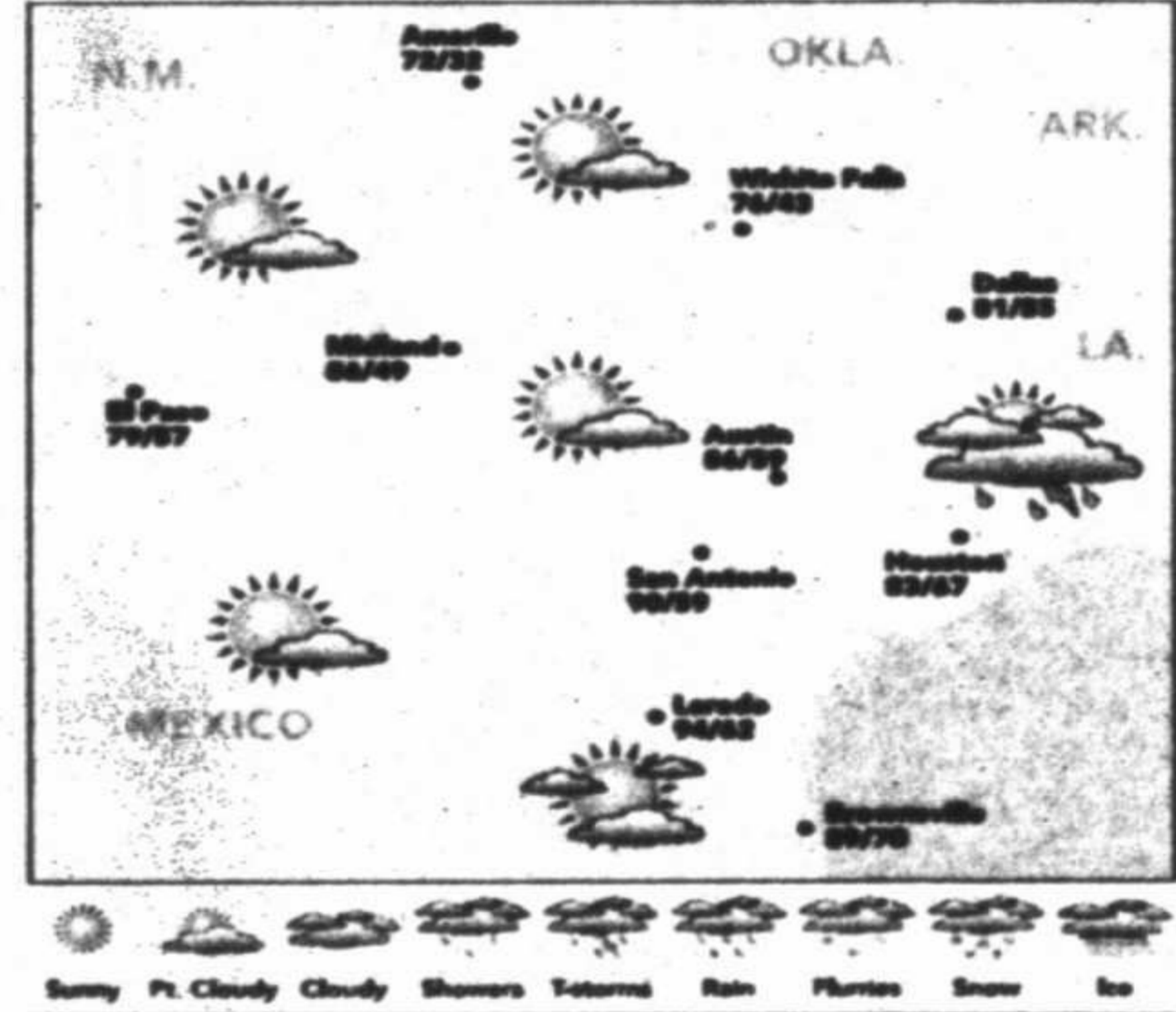
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Weather

Friday's temperatures High: 83 Low: 47 Normal high: 68 Normal low: 40 March 9's records Record high: 85, set in 1954 and equaled in 1955 Record low: 17, set in 1931 and equaled in 1996

Forecast for Saturday, March 10, 2018



Today's forecast High: 80 Low: 45 Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts up to 30 mph) during the day and night

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 4:52 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 10, 2018: This year you smile from ear to ear when you follow your instincts. You will need some self-discipline in certain areas that are key to your well-being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be in a difficult position when dealing with someone at a distance. Know that you might have too much on your mind to really socialize or have a careful discussion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to resist being the authority figure right now, and tap into the mentality of being the host or hostess of the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Defer to others, and be willing to listen to their logic and how they got there. If you keep your mind open, you will be fascinated by what you hear.

CANCER (June 21-July 23) You could be on top of what needs to happen, but you might not be aware of someone who needs some attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How you deal with certain people could vary. You tend to give friends more of your time, but not if you judge that your efforts are futile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are likely to see a change occur. A loved one could be expressing a new attitude, which seems to be tied to an inner transformation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take charge of a domestic matter, and do not allow the situation to become overwhelming. You are content and willing to deal with any problems, yet others know you want to enjoy the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make plans to get together with friends or loved ones at a favorite neighborhood haunt. You also could decide to entertain from home.

entertain from home. It would be cozy, and possibly even more fun. Make sure to return all calls ASAP. You might receive a surprise. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Use caution with a tendency to let go and become overindulgent. You can't seem to pull yourself back after a certain point. Make sure that, for your sake, you don't have any reason for regret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'd be wise to drop the more-serious facade and adopt a more playful one. Or, perhaps you simply want to become more light-hearted on the inside while maintaining a serious exterior attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Consider taking some much-needed downtime. How you handle a personal matter might be judged from various different viewpoints. Only you can decide what works best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You might decide to host the mother of all parties. In any case, plan on being around friends and loved ones. Add a touch of the unexpected, if possible.

BORN TODAY Singer/songwriter Carrie Underwood (1983), actor Chuck Norris (1940), actress Olivia Wilde (1984)

12 MONTHS A YEAR CONTACT THE PROFESSIONALS AT TO PRUNE TREES

Florida seeks all-year daylight saving time

By Terry Spencer
and Gary Fineout
Associated Press

PLANTATION, Fla. — Most of the nation springs forward on Sunday, moving clocks up one hour to observe daylight saving time. If Sunshine State legislators get their way, Floridians won't be falling back.

By overwhelming, bipartisan majorities, the normally fractious Senate and House agreed this week to make Florida the first in the nation to adopt year-round daylight saving time statewide. It would mean later sunrises and sunsets from November to March, peak tourist season for many beach cities.

For almost half the school year, it would also mean thousands more children would go to school in the dark. The Florida PTA said Friday that the change would endanger students, and is asking Gov. Rick Scott to veto the bill.

If Scott does sign it, the change would still need congressional approval, which means it likely wouldn't happen until 2019 at the earliest, if ever.

Sen. Greg Steube, the lead sponsor, said Floridians are tired of going "back and forth" and changing their clocks, internal and external, twice a year. The Sarasota Republican also says the "Sunshine Protection Act" could boost the economy as winter sunsets would be about 6:30 p.m., not 5:30. That might create more post-work shopping and tourists might stay later at theme parks and beaches.

"It just seems silly to



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A fisherman prepares to cast a line as the sun rises behind him as he fishes off a jetty into the Atlantic Ocean in 2016 in Bal Harbour, Fla. Florida will join most of the nation on Sunday in springing ahead, moving clocks up one hour to observe daylight saving time. If Sunshine State legislators get their way, there soon will be no falling back.

me that as a country we are bumping back and forth because the reason is completely irrelevant," said Steube, who recently announced he will run for Congress. He promised to sponsor federal legislation carrying out the change if elected. Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio said Friday he would introduce a bill next week allowing the change.

But adopting year-round daylight time would mean some downsides for Florida too.

From early November until early March, when it's noon in Eastern cities

like Atlanta, Washington, New York, Boston and Moose River, Maine, it would be 1 p.m. in most of Florida, possibly causing confusion. The Panhandle is on central time, so during the winter Pensacola and its neighbors would be on Eastern time.

Also, from December into February, the sun wouldn't rise until about 8 a.m. in Miami, 8:20 in Tampa and Jacksonville and 8:30 in Tallahassee and only a bit earlier in late November and early March. And if that forces schools to start later, more parents would have to rush

to reach work on time.

Andrea Messina, executive director of the Florida School Boards Association, said the group hasn't taken an official position but is concerned about the bill's effect on students and expects it would lead to districts reconsidering start times.

Insurance broker Jack Auran called the proposed change "sweet."

"I play basketball after work. More light means we can play and I don't have to leave the office early," Auran said.

Barry University student Kameron Milan said he

lived in Arizona, which has year-round standard time, which he liked, but "it doesn't make that much of a difference, it's so minor."

"It is kinda nice when you get that extra hour of sleep when the time falls back, but you pay for it in the spring," Milan said.

Nationwide daylight saving time began 100 years ago during World War I. During the long days of summer, the sun rose in some Northern regions between 4 and 5 a.m., when most non-farmers were asleep. Sunset happened before 8 p.m. and people turned on lights. By

moving the clocks ahead an hour, backers believed the country could divert a bit of coal-fired electricity to the military instead of using it for an hour of home power. It was again adopted in World War II.

After each war, Congress rescinded the national laws but many people liked the extra hour of sunshine at the end of summer days, so some states and even cities observed daylight time while others kept standard time year-round. That meant driving relatively short distances could result in a time change or three.

By 1966, airlines and other clock-watching businesses tired of such quirks and pushed Congress to pass the Uniform Time Act. It codified daylight saving time, although it has been periodically modified, particularly the start and end dates. The only states not observing daylight time are Hawaii and Arizona except for the latter's Navajo reservations, which do.

Florida is not the first state to consider quitting the time-change game — but sometimes the search for money and God intervenes.

Lawmakers in the New England states last year considered jointly adopting year-round daylight time but critics said putting Boston and New York City in different time zones would play havoc with financial markets. That got the idea shelved until the unlikely event New York hops onboard.

Texas came close to adopting year-round standard time, but some lawmakers realized Dallas Cowboys road games against their New York,

Despite arrest, police beating shows technology shortcomings

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A white police officer shown on video beating a black pedestrian has been charged with felony assault in a North Carolina case that sparked outrage over use of excessive force.

The case against former Asheville police officer Christopher Hickman stems from an August 2017 encounter but became public only last week after a leaked body camera video showed Hickman subduing and punching the pedestrian, who was accused of jaywalking.

The violent encounter happened shortly after Asheville implemented rules against excessive force, demonstrating how even a well-meaning policy can be limited by the officers carrying it out. The delay in making the footage public also shows that body camera technology being adopted across the country can't always guarantee the level of transparency many have hoped for.

"We need to be very cognizant of how difficult police supervision actually is. It's difficult enough that we can't just throw a piece of technology at it and expect to substantially change police supervision," said Seth Stoughton, who teaches law at the University of South Carolina.

Hickman, 31, was arrested late Thursday on a felony charge of assault by strangulation, as well as misdemeanor counts of assault and communicating threats, according to the prosecutor. A phone listing for Hickman, who resigned in January, had a full inbox that wouldn't take messages.

The Aug. 25 encounter came months after the city implemented the use-of-force policy that included training on de-escalating tense situations. The policy was drafted in the aftermath of a white officer killing an armed black man after a high speed chase.

Despite the policy, Hickman was shown on video published last week by The Citizen-Times subduing Johnnie Jermaine Rush, then punching and shocking him with a stun gun. Rush was stopped on a dark street because officers accused him of crossing outside

a crosswalk near a minor league ballpark and cluster of breweries popular with tourists.

An arrest warrant for Hickman said Rush, 33, suffered head abrasions and swelling and that he lost consciousness when Hickman pressed his arm on his throat.

James Lee, a black minister and member of the Racial Justice Coalition, said the episode erodes trust in a community that hoped the use-of-force policy would bring change.

"What this has done is raise that level of trust," Lee said.

Still, Lee said Hickman is being held accountable, and he believes Police Chief Tammy Hooper should stay in her job.

"Hopefully she'll continue to learn from this," he said. On Wednesday, Hooper was interrupted by an angry audience as she spoke about the case at a citizen's police advisory board meeting. Hooper said she put Hickman on administrative duty immediately after the altercation, and started an administrative review.

But people attending the meeting demanded to know why a criminal investigation wasn't sought for months.

Obstacles to resolving the case began after Hickman's supervisor arrived on scene. The supervisor didn't immediately review footage of the scene and did not give interview notes to superiors in a timely manner, according to city documents.

Weeks later, after reviewing nearly 60 hours of Hickman's body camera footage from numerous encounters, the department identified four other instances of rude behavior toward members of the public. Hickman resigned in January.

Asheville's body camera policy requires department technology officers only to review a sampling of body camera footage from officers around the department each month. Susanna Birdsong, an ACLU lawyer who studies body camera policy, said even when departments require footage review, the rules aren't always followed. She said the debate needs to go beyond technology to efforts to "stop racially biased policing before it starts."

The department's administrative review ended in December, and without

ties didn't seek an outside criminal investigation until January. The State Bureau of Investigation declined to lead it, citing the time lapse. An Asheville investigator then began probing whether criminal charges were warranted. The FBI is also conducting a criminal investigation of Hickman.

Complicating transparency efforts, state law generally requires a judge to sign off on public release of body camera video. City officials are petitioning a judge to make more footage public.

Asheville's City Council released a statement saying that members were "furious" that they weren't told about the case until the video surfaced. The panel now wants a third-party audit for racial bias among the police serving a city of nearly 90,000 with a population that's about 82 percent white and 12 percent black.

At Wednesday's meeting, activist DeLores Venable questioned the city's image as welcoming, progressive and a tourist haven.

'Pharma Bro' gets 7 years in prison in securities fraud case

By Colleen Long and Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The smirk wiped off his face, a crying Martin Shkreli was sentenced to seven years in prison for securities fraud Friday in a hard fall for the pharmaceutical industry bad boy vilified for jacking up the price of a lifesaving drug.

Shkreli, the boyish-looking, 34-year-old entrepreneur dubbed the "Pharma Bro" for his loud behavior, was handed his punishment after a hearing in which he and his attorney struggled with limited success to make him a sympathetic figure. His own lawyer confessed to wanting to punch him in the face sometimes.

The defendant hung his head and choked up as he admitted to many mistakes and apologized to the investors he was convicted of defrauding. At one point, a clerk handed him a box of tissues.

"I'm not the same person I was," Shkreli said. "I know right from wrong. I know what it means to tell the truth and what it means to lie." He also said: "The only person to blame for me being here today is me. There is no conspiracy to take down Martin Shkreli. I took down Martin Shkreli."

In the end, U.S. District Judge Kyo Matsumoto gave him a sentence that fell well

short of the 15 years prosecutors wanted but was a lot longer than the 18 months his lawyer asked for. He was also fined \$75,000.

Shkreli was found guilty in August of lying to investors in two failed hedge funds and cheating them out of millions. The case was unrelated to the 2015 furor in which he was accused of price-gouging, but his arrest was seen as rough justice by the many enemies he made with his smug and abrasive behavior online and off.

The judge insisted that the punishment was not about Shkreli's online antics or his raising the cost of the drug. "This case is not about Mr. Shkreli's self-cultivated public persona ... nor his controversial statements about politics or culture," Matsumoto said.

But she did say his conduct after the verdict made her doubt the sincerity of his remorse. She cited his bragging after the verdict that he would be sentenced to time served. And she quoted one piece of correspondence in which he wrote: "F--- the feds." The judge ruled earlier that Shkreli would have to forfeit more than \$7.3 million in a brokerage account and personal assets, including a one-of-a-kind Wu-Tang Clan album that he boasted of buying for \$2 million. Defense attorney Benjamin Brufman described Shkreli as a misunderstood eccentric who used unconventional means to make his defrauded investors even wealthier. He told the court that he sometimes wants to lynch Shkreli and sometimes wants to punch him, but that his outspokenness shouldn't be held against him.



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Florida governor signs gun restrictions 3 weeks after attack

By Curt Anderson, Brendan Farrington and Gary Fineout
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed a far-reaching school-safety bill Friday that places new restrictions on guns, cementing his state's break with the National Rifle Association and decades of Republican thinking on gun control in the aftermath of the Parkland high school attack.

Surrounded by family members of the 17 people killed in the shooting just over three weeks ago, the GOP governor said the bill balances "our individual rights with need for public safety."

"It's an example to the entire country that government can and has moved fast," said Scott, whose state has been ruled for 20 years by gun-friendly Republican lawmakers.

Tony Montalto, whose daughter Gina was killed in the shooting, read a statement from victims' families: "When it comes to preventing future acts of horrific school violence, this is the beginning of the journey. We have paid a terrible price for this progress."

The bill fell short of achieving the ban on assault-style weapons sought by survivors. The gunman who opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School used such a weapon, an AR-15 rifle.

Nevertheless, the bill raises the minimum age to buy rifles from 18 to 21, extends a three-day waiting period for handgun purchases to include long guns and bans bump stocks, which allow guns to mimic fully automatic fire. It also creates a so-called guardian program enabling some teachers and other school employees to carry guns.

The NRA insisted that the measure "punishes law-abiding gun owners for the criminal acts of a deranged individual." The group promptly filed a lawsuit



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Florida Gov. Rick Scott signs the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act in the governor's office at the Florida State Capitol on Friday in Tallahassee, Fla. Scott is flanked by the victims' parents Jennifer Montalto, left, Ryan Petty, second from left, Andrew Pollack, right, and his son Hunter Pollack, second from right.

to block the provision that raises the age to buy guns, arguing that it violates the Second Amendment.

The Parkland gunman "gave repeated warning signs that were ignored by federal and state officials.

If we want to prevent future atrocities, we must look for solutions that keep guns out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others, while protecting the rights of law-abiding Americans," Chris W. Cox,

executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, said in a statement.

The signing marked a major victory for the teens who lived through the attack and swiftly became the public faces of a renewed gun-control movement. Just days after the shooting, they began holding rallies, lobbying lawmakers and harnessing the power of social media in support of reform.

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Oil increases 3.19 percent this week

WTI closes at \$62.04

By Trevor Hawes
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The price of oil bounced back Friday after falling to a week low of \$60.12 on Thursday.

West Texas Intermediate contracts for April delivery closed the week at \$62.04 per barrel, up \$1.92 (3.19 percent) on the day and up 79 cents (1.29 percent) for the week. The week high was \$62.60 on Tuesday.

Domestic crude oil production continued to be more than 10 million barrels per day (bbl/d), according to the Energy Information Administration's weekly supplies report. Production rose by 86,000 bbl/d to 10,369 million bbl/d in the March 2 reporting week. Imports rose by 721,000 bbl/d to 8,003 million bbl/d, and exports were up by 53,000 bbl/d to 1,498 million bbl/d.

Commercial crude inventories rose by 2.4 million bbl to 425.9 million bbl. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve added 200,000 bbl to a total of 665.5 million bbl.

Total motor gasoline stocks fell by 800,000 bbl to 251 million bbl. Kerosene-type jet fuel supplies were at 42.7 million bbl, down 400,000 bbl. Distillates were down by 600,000 bbl to

137.4 million bbl.

The average price for a barrel of WTI this year is \$62.75 per barrel. After 47 trading days, the price is up by \$1.67 (2.77 percent). The year high is \$66.14, and the low is \$59.19. WTI has only recorded prices in the \$50s three times.

Plains Marketing posted prices also were up this week. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour. Both rose by 75 cents. On Friday, WTI posted fetched \$58.50 per barrel, up \$2 (3.54 percent) on the day. Sour was priced at \$54.85, up \$2 (3.78 percent).

The spread between WTI posted and sour has been \$3.65 for the past six trading days. The spread between WTI futures and posted was \$3.54 on Friday.

Sour has been priced at an average of \$56.76 per barrel this year. On the year, it's down 15 cents (0.27 percent). WTI posted is up \$1.50 (2.63 percent), and its average price is \$59.21 per barrel.

WTI posted has a year high of \$62.75 and a low of \$55.50. Sour's high is \$60.40, and its low is \$52.85.

In other futures trading Friday, May contracts were up by \$1.86 to \$61.92, June rose by \$1.78 to \$61.69 and July was up by \$1.69 to \$61.33.

Justice signs law intended to boost natural gas drilling

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice has signed a new law to allow drilling for natural gas beneath West Virginia property where 75 percent of owners of its royalty interests agree. It takes effect July 1.

Under current law, a single co-owner can block drilling, though a developer can sue to partition the property and proceed.

Supporters say the change enables a supermajority of a property's owners to make money from the state's large underground gas reserves and will increase tax revenues while providing an economic boost.

Critics argued that it strips property rights from minority owners.

Under the law, they would be guaranteed a share of the highest royalty or a share in the producer's revenues and costs as an investor.

RIG COUNT

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The U.S. rig count was comprised of 796 oil rigs and 188 natural gas rigs. Oil rigs fell by four, but natural gas rigs rose by seven. All 13 offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico. There were four rigs in inland waters.

By drilling trajectory, there were 848 horizontal rigs, up one; 61 vertical rigs, up two; and 75 directional rigs, unchanged.

The U.S. had 768 rigs a year ago.

Most active

Basins with the highest rig counts were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Cana

Woodford (62), the Marcellus (57), the Haynesville and the Williston (51). States with the most activity were Texas, Oklahoma (120), New Mexico, Louisiana (58) and North Dakota (50).

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Canada's rig count fell by 29 this week to 273. Oil rigs tallied 196, down 15; natural gas rigs fell by 14 to 77. Canada had 315 rigs a year ago.

The total number of rigs in the North America region was 1,257, down 26. At this time last year, there were 1,083 rigs in North America.

Rig count — county by county

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending March 9.

DISTRICT 7B	
Fisher	0 (-1)
Nolan	1 (+1)
Total	1
DISTRICT 7C	
Crockett	2 (-1)
Harrison	3 (+1)
Reagan	17 (+1)
Upton	12 (+1)
Total	34 (+2)
DISTRICT 8	
Andrews	44 (+2)
Comanche	16
Culberson	2 (-1)
DeWitt	24 (+2)
Haskell	27
Jeff Davis	1
Loving	20 (-1)
Martin	24 (-2)
Mitchell	40 (+1)
Pecos	14 (-1)
Reeves	26
Ward	19 (+2)
Wheeler	13 (-1)
Total	209 (+2)
DISTRICT 9A	
Borden	0 (-1)
Cooper	2 (-1)
Garza	1
Hart	1
Levell	1
Parmer	1
Terrell	1
Total	8 (-1)
NEW MEXICO	
Chaves	1
Curry	30 (+1)
Lincoln	47 (-1)
San Juan	68



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Work continues on a new development in Fair Lawn, N.J., on Feb. 26. The Labor Department reported on Friday that U.S. employers added 313,000 jobs in February, the most in any month since July 2016, drawing hundreds of thousands of people into the job market.

US hiring surge last month pulls in flood of new workers

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers went on a hiring binge in February, adding 313,000 jobs, amid rising business confidence lifted by the Trump administration's tax cuts and a resilient global economy. The surprisingly robust hiring, reported by the Labor Department on Friday, was the strongest in 1½ years.

It was accompanied by the biggest surge in 15 years in the number of people either working or looking for work. That kept the nation's unemployment rate unchanged for a fifth straight month at 4.1 percent.

At the same time, average wage growth slowed to 2.6 percent in February from a year earlier. That was down from January's revised pace of 2.8 percent, which had spooked investors because it raised fears of inflation.

The hiring boom caught many economists off guard, because they expected a smaller — though still healthy — increase. Job gains typically slow as the unemployment rate falls, because companies run out of workers to hire.

The economy has expanded for 104 straight months, or nearly nine years, the third-largest expansion on record, and hiring often declines as recessions fade further into the past.

Yet job growth has accelerated in recent months. Companies have added an average of 242,000 jobs a month over the past three months, above 2017's pace of 182,000.

"The February employment report was unambiguously strong, confirming that the U.S. labor market is on fire," said Michelle Girard, chief U.S. economist at NatWest Markets. "The pace of job growth is gaining momentum — a very impressive development at this stage of the economic cycle."

The Trump administration's tax cuts appear to have lifted optimism among consumers and businesses. U.S. employers have also benefited from a strengthened global economy. And consumers are more confident than they have been since 2000.

Investors celebrated the news, sending the Dow Jones industrial average up 390 points in early afternoon trading. The bul

market reached its ninth anniversary Friday, with market indexes nearly quadrupling since March 2009.

The muted wage growth is a relief to Wall Street, because faster raises could spur higher inflation and additional interest rate increases from the Federal Reserve.

The picture drawn by Friday's jobs report is a mixed one for the Fed, which seeks to raise short-term interest rates at just the right pace: enough to forestall inflation but not so fast as to slow economic growth.

The Fed is considered certain to raise rates when it next meets in two weeks. The question is whether it will do so a total of three times this year — or, in light of the job market's strength and the prospect of a pickup in inflation, four times.

The economy has now gained jobs for 89 straight months, the longest streak on record. That has helped address many of the nation's long-term problems dating to the Great Recession.

For example, more Americans are coming off the sidelines and looking for work, reversing a trend from the first few years after the downturn when many of the unemployed gave up on the job hunt and stopped looking.

The proportion of adults working or looking for work jumped to 63 percent from 62.7 percent, still far below its pre-recession levels in 2007. But it has stabilized in the past three years, even as millions of baby boomers have retired. That suggests that enough younger people are stepping in to offset those retirements.

In fact, the proportion of adults in their prime working years — defined as ages 25 to 54 — with jobs rose sharply to 79.3 percent, just a few tenths of a point below its pre-recession level.

Economists have found that figure is closely related to wage growth.

The higher it rises, the more employers have to offer higher pay to find the workers they need. That suggests that wage growth may accelerate soon.

Higher-paying, blue-collar industries reported some of the biggest increases. Construction firms added 61,000 jobs, a figure that may have been inflated by relatively warm weather last month. Still, that is the biggest gain for construction since 2007.

Manufacturing companies added a solid 31,000 jobs. Retailers added 50,000, the most in two years, though that figure was probably inflated by the fact that stores laid off fewer temporary workers after the holidays because they hired fewer than in previous years. Financial services gained 28,000, the biggest increase since 2005.

In the meantime, economists are calculating how the Trump administration's decision Friday to impose a 25 percent tariff on steel imports and a 10 percent


tariff on aluminum might affect the job market.

The Trade Partnership, a consulting firm, estimates that the tariffs could eliminate 145,000 jobs. Still, the administration has opened the door to so many possible exemptions from the tariffs that an accurate estimate is all but impossible.

Gene Peters, chief executive of Rosnet, a restaurant software company, has had to offer higher pay to attract new workers. He is now offering software developers 20 percent more in salary than he did just two years ago.

The company is also paying 75 percent of employees' health care costs, up from 50 percent. The company, based in Parkville, Missouri, just outside Kansas City, makes data analysis software that helps restaurants track costs and work schedules.

"It's getting more competitive in this market," Peters said. "There are more IT jobs and not as many people."



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Money's not the problem as lawmakers tackle spending bill

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Money's not really the holdup in talks on a huge \$1.3 trillion spending bill that's making its way through Capitol Hill.

It's battles over abortion and President Donald Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall that are roiling negotiations on the massive measure, not to mention that Trump has threatened to veto the entire bill over an expensive railway project sought by Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

The must-do measure is almost six months behind schedule and lawmakers are scrambling to forge an agreement to meet a March 23 deadline to avoid another government shutdown. At its core, the bill would flesh out last month's bipartisan budget deal and give both the Pentagon and domestic Cabinet departments 10 percent increases over current levels, boosts long sought by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The agreement on increases opened up \$118 billion in spending over current levels, including war costs. That has shifted the focus away from spending to myriad side issues hitched to the massive measure, including campaign finance regulations, internet sales taxes, and a variety of off-litigated GOP provisions on the environment, Wall Street, so-called Obamacare and other issues.

Many of the GOP policy measures are again destined

for the garbage since Democrats — whose votes are needed to pass the budget-busting measure — are so strongly opposed.

"We always manage to have a successful outcome at the end if people really want to work together and get a deal," said Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, the powerful top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Trump has thrown a potential wrench into negotiations by threatening to veto the whole package if a \$900 million payment is made on the Hudson River Gateway Project, a \$30 billion plan to build a new tunnel and make other critical improvements to ease rail and transit congestion in the region.

The president's threat is seen as a slap at Schumer, Trump's powerful Democratic rival for whom the project is a top priority. Schumer suspects, as do many lawmakers in the Capitol, that Trump's opposition to the project is aimed at winning leverage to fund the border wall, but the brinkmanship is adding uncertainty to the negotiations.

Other nettlesome issues involve abortion and Planned Parenthood, specifically a Senate provision that would guarantee the organization is eligible for much of almost \$300 million allotted for family planning grants. Planned Parenthood is loathed by anti-abortion lawmakers dominating House GOP ranks.

The language, negotiated by Sens. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.,

and Patty Murray, D-Wash., is vehemently opposed by House conservatives, who already face the prospect of seeing their efforts to move in the opposite direction and strip away all federal funding for Planned Parenthood again going for naught.

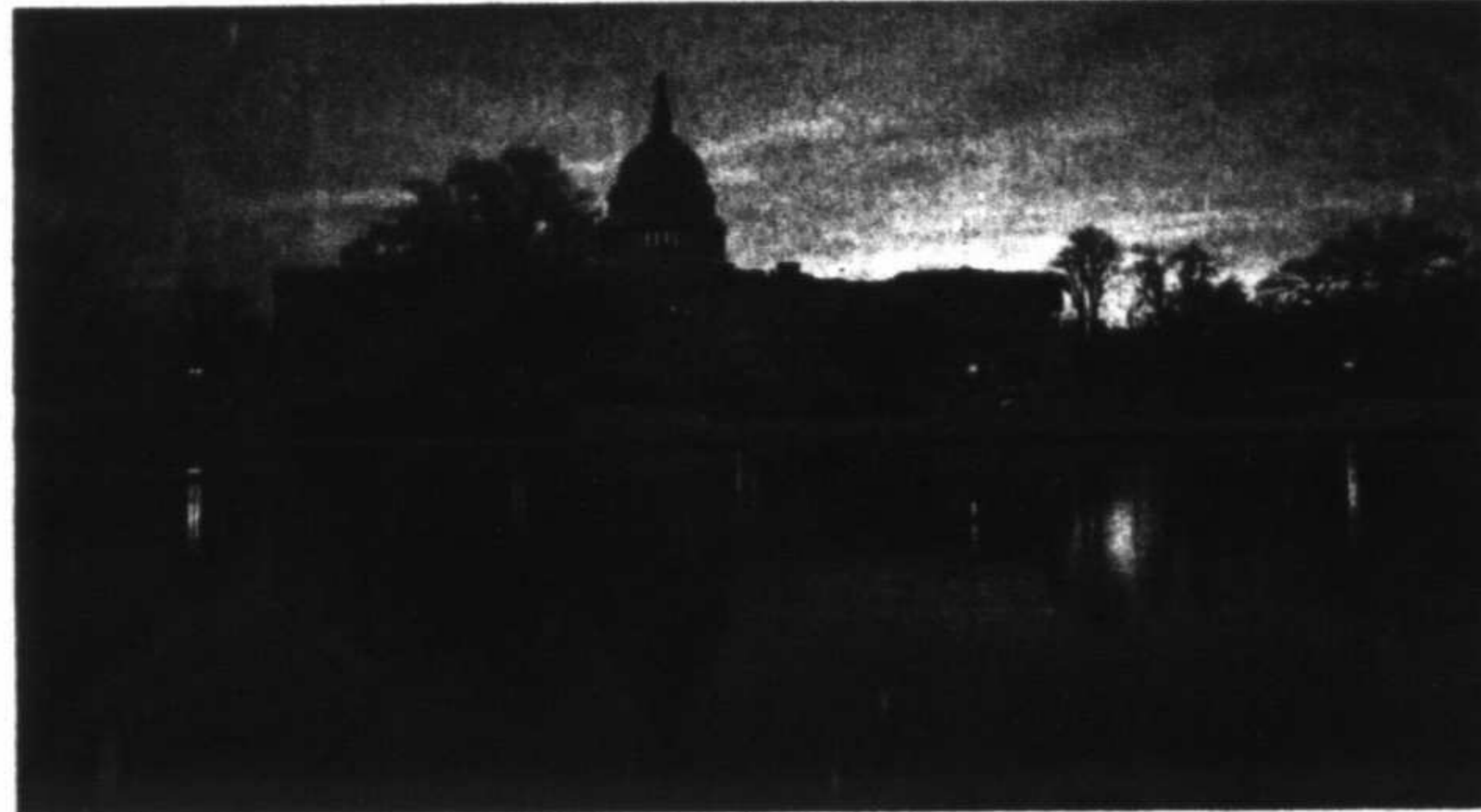
"There's no way this (GOP) conference can vote to fund Planned Parenthood," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla.

For their part, top Democrats like Schumer don't appear to be standing as firmly against Trump's \$1.6 billion first installment on his \$18 billion or so border wall. Democrats blocked the request last spring, but have softened their position by voting for the wall as part of a failed effort last month to offer protection to young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Lowey said wall funding was "subject to negotiation." But she said Democrats would stand firm against an "unacceptable" provision backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., that would strengthen "conscience protection" for health care providers that refuse to provide abortion.

The Ryan-backed provision was one of the final items dumped overboard last spring and could be consigned to the same fate this time around.

"I've consistently made clear that expanding restrictions on women's access to the full range of reproductive health care — including at trusted providers like Planned Parenthood — is a



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Dawn breaks over the Capitol on Feb. 6 in Washington. Money's not really the holdup in talks on a huge \$1.3 trillion catchall spending bill that's making its way through Capitol Hill.

complete nonstarter in our negotiations in Congress," said Murray.

Meanwhile, powerful Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wants to revive federal subsidies to help the poor cover out-of-pocket costs under the Obamacare health law in keeping with a promise he made last year to Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, as a condition of winning her vote for Trump's tax bill. But that

measure could also get hung up over abortion.

McConnell is again pushing a tweak to campaign finance laws to give party committees like the National Republican Senate Committee the freedom to work more closely with their candidates and ease limits to permit them to funnel more money to the most competitive races.

Democrats have blocked the provision before.

In the House, Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D., is waging a fierce but uphill battle to attach legislation to permit states to require out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes, while House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden of Oregon is pressing to attach telecommunications bills including a measure to free up airwaves for wireless users in anticipation of new 5G technology.

Summit plan may be too easy on North Korea, US rejects criticism

By Matthew Pennington
and Foster Klug
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House tried to swat away criticism Friday that the U.S. is getting nothing in exchange for agreeing to a historic face-to-face summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said North Korea has made promises to denuclearize, stop its nuclear and missile testing and allow joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises. But questions remained over exactly what North Korea means by "denuclearize" and what the U.S. might be risking with a highly publicized summit that will build up Kim's stature among world leaders.

"Let's not forget that the North Koreans did promise something," Sanders said, responding to a reporter's question about why Trump agreed to a meeting — unprecedented between leaders of the two nations — without preconditions. She added: "We are not going to have this meeting take place until we see concrete actions that match the words and the rhetoric of North Korea."

Still, the White House indicated that planning for the meeting was fully on track. "The deal with North Korea is very much in the making and will be, if completed, a very good one for the World. Time and place to be determined," Trump tweeted late Friday.

The previous night's announcement of the summit marked a dramatic turnaround after a year of escalating tensions and rude insults between the two leaders. A personal meeting would have been all but unthinkable when Trump was being dismissed as a "senile dotard" and the Korean "rocket man" was snapping off weapons tests in his quest for a nuclear arsenal that could threaten the U.S. mainland.

North Korea's capabilities are indeed close to posing a direct atomic threat to the U.S. And the wider world has grown fearful of a resumption of the Korean War that ended in 1953 without a peace treaty.

The prospect of the first

U.S.-North Korea summit has allayed those fears somewhat. The European Union, Russia and China — whose leader spoke by phone with Trump on Friday — have all welcomed the move.

North Korea's government has yet to formally comment on its invitation to Trump. South Korea said the president agreed to meet Kim by May, but Sanders said Friday that no time and place had been set.

The "promises" on denuclearization and desisting from weapons tests were relayed to Trump by South Korean officials who had met with Kim Monday and brought his summit invitation to the White House. Trump discussed the offer with top aides on Thursday. Some expressed their reservations but ultimately supported the president's decision to accept it, according to U.S. officials who were briefed on the talks and requested anonymity to discuss them.

Still, some lawmakers and foreign policy experts voiced skepticism about the wisdom of agreeing to a summit without preparations by lower-level officials, particularly given the lack of trust between the two sides. North Korea is also holding three American citizens for what Washington views as political reasons.

"A presidential visit is really the highest coin in the realm of diplomacy circles," said Bruce Klingner, a Korea expert at the conservative-leaning Heritage Foundation, adding that Trump "seemed to spend it without getting anything in return, not even the release of the three U.S. captives."

Some say Trump could be setting himself up for failure amid doubts over whether Kim has any intention to relinquish a formidable atomic arsenal that he has made central to his personal stature and North Korea's standing in the world. Kim would also boost his own standing by becoming the first of the three hereditary leaders of North Korea to sit down with an American president.

Even Revere, a former senior State Department official experienced in negotiating with North Korea, warned there is a disconnect between how the North and the U.S. describe "denuclearization" of the divided Korean

Peninsula. For the U.S. it refers to North Korea giving up its nukes; for North Korea it also means removing the threat of American forces in South Korea and the nuclear deterrent with which the U.S. protects its allies in the region.

"The fundamental definition of denuclearization is quite different between Washington and Pyongyang," Revere said, noting that as recently as Jan. 1, Kim had vigorously reaffirmed the importance of nukes for North Korea's security. He said that misunderstandings at a summit could lead to "recrimination and anger" and even military action if Trump were embarrassed by failure.

"There is good reason to talk, but only if we are talking about something that is worth doing and that could be reasonably verified," said former Defense Secretary William Perry, who dealt with North Korea during President Bill Clinton's administration. "Otherwise we are setting ourselves up for a major diplomatic failure."

The White House maintains that Kim has been compelled to reach out for presidential-level talks because of Trump's policy of "maximum pressure." "North Korea's desire to meet to discuss denuclearization — while suspending all ballistic missile and nuclear testing — is evidence that President Trump's strategy to isolate the Kim regime is working," Vice President Mike Pence, who has visited the region, said Friday in a written statement.

However, other presidents have lodged economic sanctions against North Korea, as Trump has. And the North has made a habit of reaching out after raising fears during previous crises, with offers of dialogue meant to win aid and concessions. Some speculate that the North is trying to peel Washington away from its ally Seoul, weaken crippling sanctions and buy time for nuclear development. It has also, from the U.S. point of view, repeatedly cheated on past nuclear deals.

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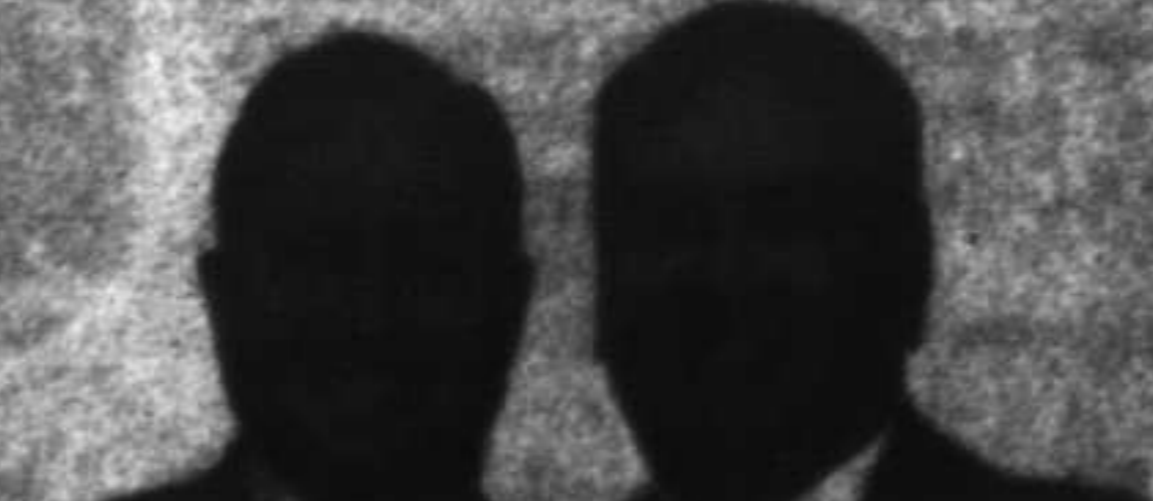
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Chaps stay poised, ride bats to DH sweep of Hawks

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College baseball team has been hitting so well lately that the Chaparrals don't seem to flinch when faced with a big early deficit. That's the situation MC found itself in on Friday as the Chaps fell behind 7-0 early to Howard College in the second game of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season-opening doubleheader at Christensen Stadium on Friday afternoon. But thanks to reliever Noel Solis coming in and stabilizing the game in the third inning, that gave the Chaps the opportunity to storm back and outlast the Hawks for a 14-12 victory. "We went down early but we just stuck to the plan, stuck to our approach

at the plate," said MC sophomore second baseman Riley King, who was 3-for-4 with a triple, home run and five RBI in the come-from-behind win. "We had clutch pitches, clutch outings, saw the ball well and just grinded out a win. A great win.

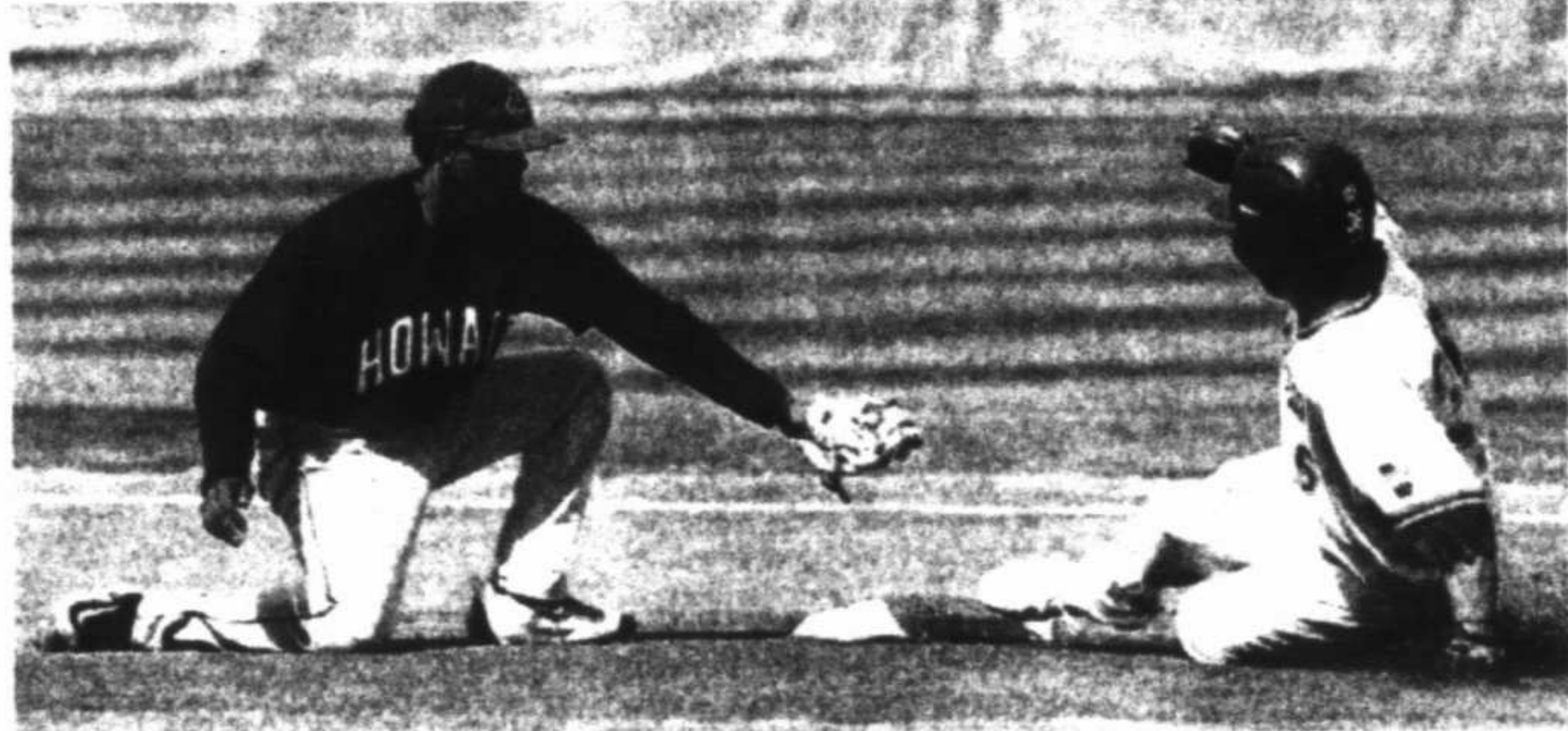
"It's a great feeling to be able to come back like that from a deficit like that. We have a great ballclub and great group of guys."

With the win, MC swept the doubleheader after holding off Howard, 13-9, in the first game.

The Chaps (9-8 overall) continued their recent hot hitting as they had 13 hits in the first game and then 15 games in the nightcap.

"I'm proud of our guys," MC coach Hector Rodriguez said. "In game one,

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Braden Scrivner safely steals second as Howard College's Jason Williams reaches for a tag Friday in the first game of a double header at Christensen Stadium.

Rebels edge Dawgs



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Dillon Crabtree battles for the ball with Midland High's Fernando Quintero on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rivas scores twice, MHS blanks Lee

By Will Korn
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Junior Reagan Rivas and the Midland High girls soccer team knew their archrival had been struggling over the past month.

Facing Lee, which had been shutout in five consecutive matches since Feb. 13, the Lady Bulldogs didn't play lightly. MHS created pressure from the start and scored early to cruise to a 4-0 regulation win over the Lady Rebels, Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rivas led the way with a pair of goals, while freshman teammate Sally Simmons collected two assists for the Lady Bulldogs.

With the victory, second place MHS (12-3-3 overall, 5-0-2-0, 15 points in District 2-6A), picked up three key points and kept pace with district leader Wolf-forth Frenship.

Lee, in last place in the district standings, continued its recent slide and fell to 8-9-1 overall, 1-0-6-1, 2 points in district play with three matches remaining.

MHS head coach Cooper Barham, whose team has now posted back-to-back shutouts, said his players didn't expect things to come easy against Lee. They knew they would have to play with grit and intensity to take control and pulling ahead early was critical.

"One of the things when you have a crosstown rivalry match, is it's always going to be the best match," Barham said. "I explained to the girls 'Hey, we've got to be prepared on our side and make sure we take care of our business.' The biggest thing for us was jumping on them quick. I was really proud of how the girls did that and I think it set the tone for us for the rest of the match."

Added Rivas: "Once we play possession, it all just comes together. Once we're working as a team, that's the best we'll be."

MHS seized a 1-0 lead in the 14th minute on a goal by junior forward Raquel Houston, who collected a pass from Simmons, pivoted free of a Lee defender and fired the ball past Lady Rebel goalkeeper Jenna McEnaney from 15 yards out.

Less than 30 seconds later, the Lady Bulldogs nearly doubled their lead on a rebound goal. But in the 17th minute, it was Rivas who made it 2-0 MHS on a well-placed shot from about 25 yards, assisted by Houston.

MHS was in control 2-0 at halftime but wouldn't settle, as Alexis Ramos scored in the 56th minute and Rivas tallied for a second time in the 59th.

Lee head coach Mark Hinshaw said his team competed hard and there were some positives to take away from the

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Alexa Boring battles for the ball with Lee's Abby Gonzalez on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee wins against MHS, moves into 1st

By Will Korn
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Nursing a 2-1 lead, the Lee defense faced a heavy Midland High bombardment in the final 20 minutes of Friday's crosstown rivalry match at Grande Communications Stadium.

But the Rebels stood tall and held on for a 2-1 regulation triumph in a tense and physical affair that could very well find its place within the schools' historic rivalry.

With the win, Lee (13-6-1 overall, 5-0-1-1, 16 points in District 2-6A) claimed not only the coveted prize of bragging rights over its archrival, but also sole possession of first place with three district matches left to play.

MHS dropped to 9-6-2 overall, 3-2-1-0, 14 points in 2-6A and slipped to

third place behind Wolfworth Frenship (18-2, 5-0-2-0, 15 points), which topped Odessa Permian, 4-1 Friday.

MHS head coach J.D. Bales credited the Rebels for fighting back from an early 1-0 deficit and hanging on to secure the precious points. He said the effort from both teams was inspiring to see.

"You can't fault the effort. We battled," Bales said. "We had our chances and we didn't capitalize on them - they did. Give them all the credit. They showed up to play (Friday) and they're a great team."

The Bulldogs struck first in the 19th minute when Anthony Marroquin-Brito fed a long pass to Brian Natviquid, who beat a Lee defender one-on-one and ripped the ball into the back of the net.

Nearly eight minutes later, Lee found the equalizer on goal by Esau Soto - the

hero of Lee's 1-0 regulation victory over MHS last March - and an assist by Devin Ortiz.

Then, after a back-and-forth next 11 minutes that produced dramatic moments on both ends of the field, it was sophomore forward Daniel Santos Barron who put Lee ahead for good.

Lee captain Luis Aranda fired a long shot that bounced off the side post of the goal. Barron promptly swooped in to hammer it home and hand the Rebels their 2-1 lead in the 38th minute.

"Daniel is something else. I don't put him in a lot, but he just has a knack of cleaning up the trash and he finds the ball and he did it again and that was huge," said Lee head coach Scott Hicks. "That was the difference in the game." But desperate for the full three points

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OC eliminates rival Lady Chaps in Region V semifinal

From staff reports

WOLFFORTH — For the second straight day at the NJCAA Region V Tournament, the Midland College women's basketball team faced a sizeable early deficit.

But unlike the day before against Hill College, the Lady Chaparrals couldn't find enough of an offensive rhythm to come all the way back against rival Odessa College in a 58-33 loss in a Region V semifinal game at The Tiger Pit at Frenship High School on Friday night.

The loss will likely end Midland College's season at 18-11 as a national tournament at-large bid seems unlikely.

"We're holding out hope for an at-large bid but we had some losses that we shouldn't have had," MC coach Ron Jones said.

Odessa College (21-10) moves on to today's 4:30 p.m. championship game against



Washington

New Mexico Junior College, an 81-78 winner over Weatherford College.

MC got in a deep hole early as the Lady Chaps were just 1-for-15 shooting in the first quarter. Fortunately for the Lady Chaps, the Lady Wranglers (21-10) only had an 11-3 lead after shooting 27.8 percent in the opening quarter.

MC finished only shooting 26.6 percent from the floor and 23.8 percent from 3-point range.

"I doubt if we scored two possessions

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Anaheim Ducks goaltender Ryan Miller (30) defends as Dallas Stars right wing Brett Ritchie (25) chases the puck Friday in the first period of an NHL game in Dallas.

Shore, Benn score on power play, Stars beat Ducks 2-1

Associated Press

DALLAS — Devin Shore and Jamie Benn scored power-play goals in the third period and the Dallas Stars beat the Anaheim Ducks 2-1 on Friday night.

With the game tied at 1, Benn tipped John Klingberg's shot from the top of the slot past Anaheim's Ryan Miller for the go-ahead goal with 5:37 remaining.

Ryan Getzlaf scored Anaheim's goal in the first period.

Both teams entered with 80 points, but Dallas increased its lead for the first wild card from the Western Conference to three points over Los Angeles. Anaheim remained one point ahead of the Kings for third place in the Pacific Division.

Miller made 35 saves 16 days after shutting out the Stars with 41 saves in Anaheim. Kari Lehtonen stopped 26 shots for Dallas.

The third-period power plays were the only ones for the Stars in the game. The Kings had killed all 25 of their opponents' man advantages in the previous nine games. Dallas had been successful on only four of 36 power plays (11 percent) over 13 games.

Getzlaf scored at 17:16 of the first period. Rickard Rakell started the play by passing out to Corey Perry at the Ducks' blue line. Going 2-on-1 against Dallas defenseman Greg Pateryn, Perry dropped the puck to Getzlaf entering the Stars' zone. Pateryn went to the ice to block a shot, but Getzlaf lifted a wrist shot over

Pateryn and Lehtonen's right shoulder into the upper-left corner of the net.

Anaheim outshot Dallas 10-9 in the first period, but the Stars came out firing in the second. They peppered Miller with 17 shots on goal to just five for the Ducks. Miller stopped all of them.

The Stars finally scored on their first power play of the game. Just 2 seconds were left on a penalty to Perry when Tyler Seguin passed into the slot and Shore deflected the puck into the upper-right corner.

Notes: The Stars had no healthy scratches. The players sidelined were D Martin Hanzal (lower-body injury), G Ben Bishop (knee) and C Mattias Janmark (illness). Bishop will make Dallas' longest trip of the season and may be able to play before the team returns home on March 23. Dallas C Martin Hanzal will undergo season-ending spinal fusion. ... Getzlaf has two goals and 10 assists in his last five games. ... Rakell played in his 300th NHL game. He celebrated with an assist on Getzlaf's goal, giving him eight goals and 11 assists in a six-game point streak. ... Dallas' penalty killers were 19 for 20 in the previous five games, and 3 for 3 on Friday. ... Seguin assisted on both goals.

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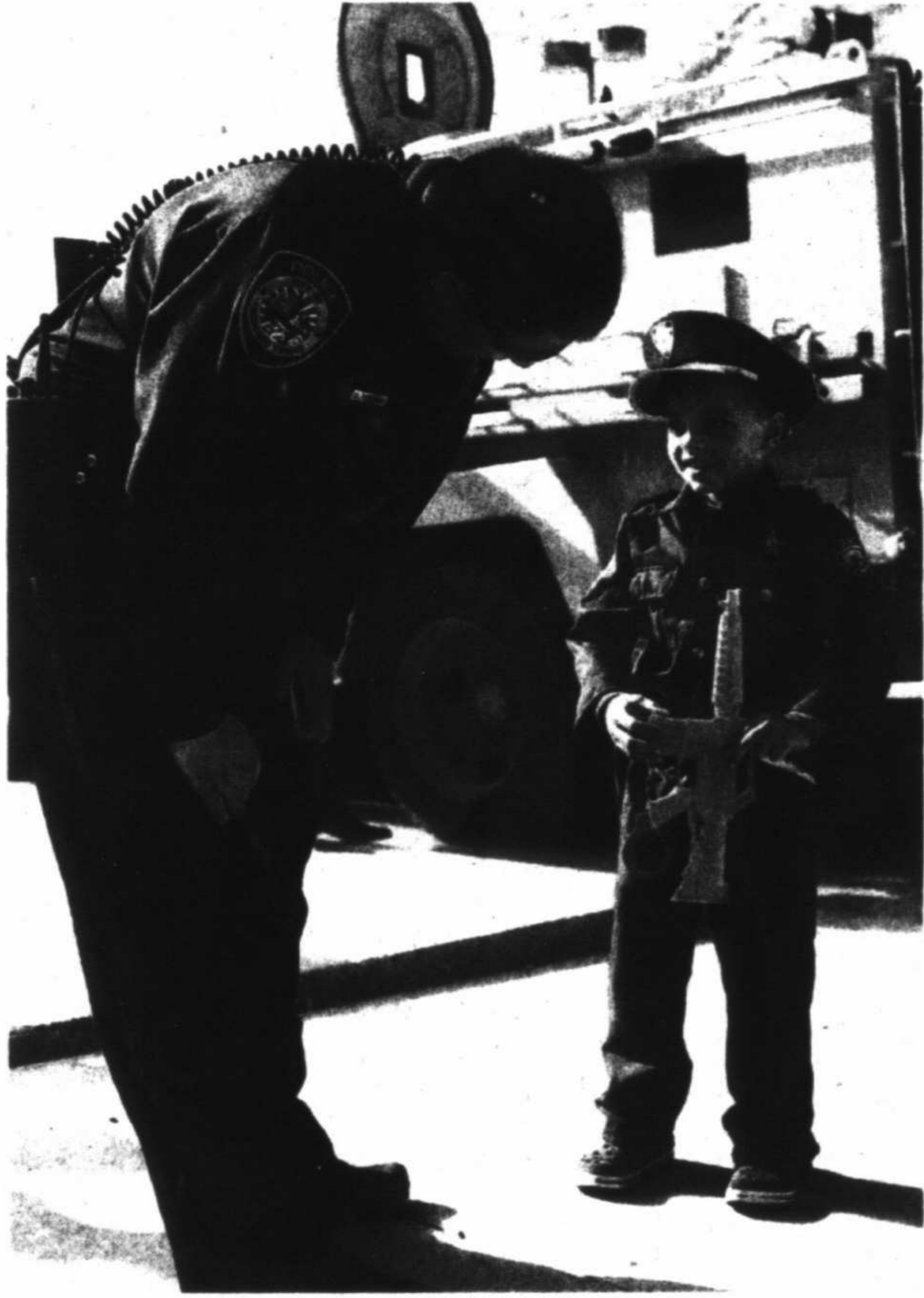
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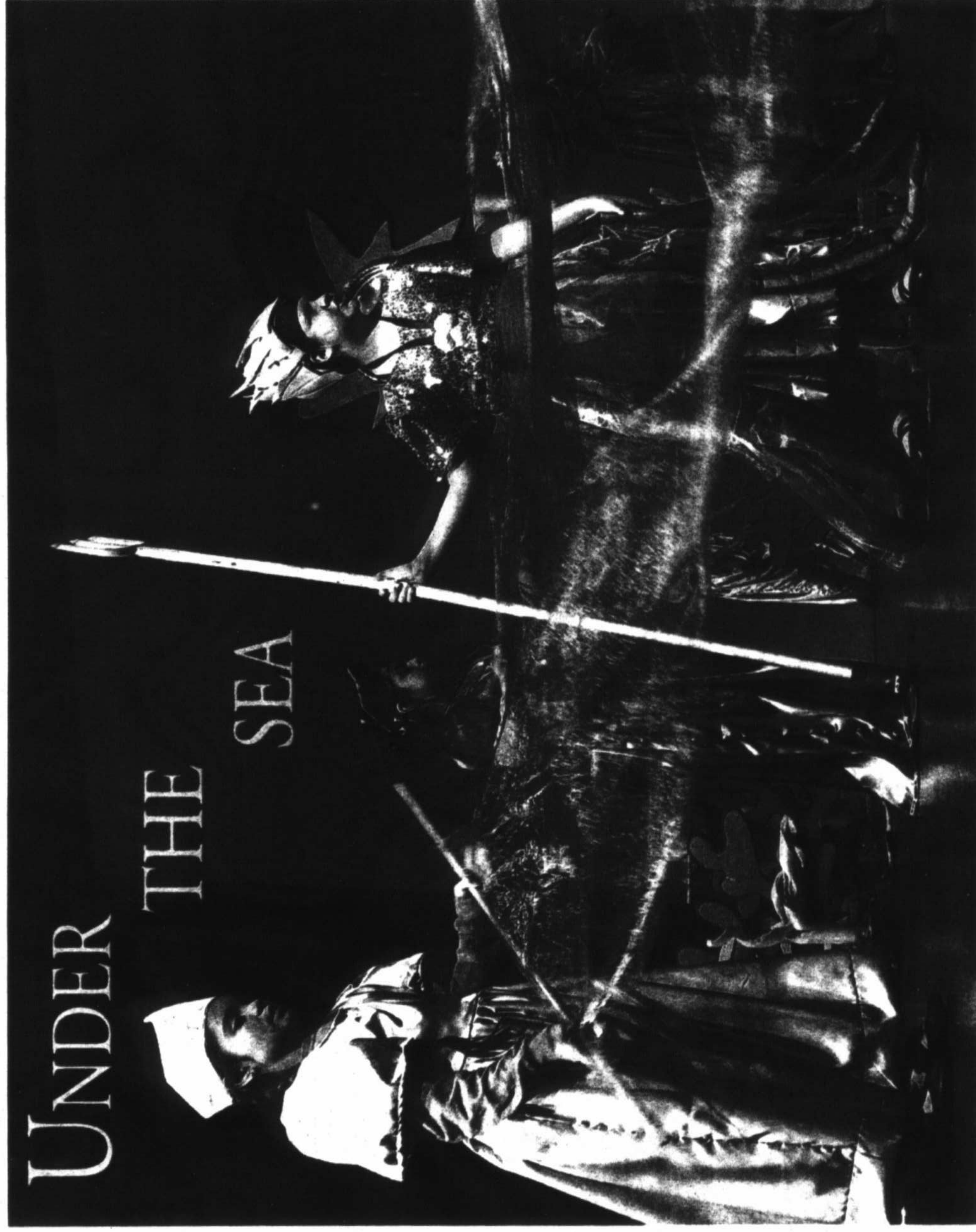
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The Midland Police Department hosts Cookies with a Cop Wednesday at Midland Community Theatre. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Officer Aaron Trevino talks with Harrison Allen, 5. MPD Chief Steve Henry chats with children. Midland Police Chief Steve Henry, from left, talks with City Councilman J. Ross Lacy and James Beauchamp, president of Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance. Camila Barajas, 6, checks out the inside of the SWAT team's Bearcat armored vehicle. Officer Joe Mendez talks with young Midlanders inside a Bearcat armored vehicle. Residents wait to see the inside of MPD's Bearcat armored vehicle.





Courtesy Photos
 Bowie Fine Arts Academy students presented "The Little Mermaid" Thursday at the school. **TOP:** Hazel Cardona, fourth-grader, from left; Kati Ceballos and Natalia Madrid, both sixth-graders. **SECOND ROW:** Alyssa Reinberg, from left, Erin Cawthon, Sophia Carroll, Zoey Cadena and Ethan Avila, all fifth-graders. **THIRD ROW LEFT:** Kimberly Brice, sixth-grader, from left; Beilen Toccano, fifth-grader; Alex Gonzalez, Erin Cawthon, Ella Flud, Faith Siruta and Aubrey Paredes, all sixth-graders. **THIRD ROW RIGHT:** Gabbie Christensen, left, and Hendrix Sullivan, both fourth-graders. **BOTTOM:** Sienna Cardona, sixth-grader, from left; Claire Garrett, sixth-grader; Faith Siruta, fifth-grader; Mallory Ortiz, fifth-grader; Sophia Carroll, fifth-grader; Ella Flud, sixth-grader; Aldo Sanchez, fifth-grader; and Kati Ceballos, sixth-grader.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level:
1 2
3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

2	6	4	8	3	1	5	9	7
3	8	9	7	5	6	1	2	4
7	1	5	4	9	2	6	8	3
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4	2	8	6	1	5	3	7	9
1	4	2	3	6	9	7	5	8
6	5	7	1	8	4	9	3	2
8	9	3	5	2	7	4	6	1

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Oceanic ecosystem
 12 Common intruders
 15 Mexican sugar substitute
 16 Home Depot purchase
 17 Black-necked flier
 18 Knoxville energy agcy.
 19 Sportscaster Andrews
 20 Bradlee in "The Post"
 21 2013 Culinary Hall of Fame inductee
 23 Key used in shortcuts
 24 Word of warning
 25 Downer at a party?
 29 Waterside accommodations
 30 Not dense, in a way
 31 Lindy relative
 34 Deuterium discoverer Harold
 35 They usually have spines
 36 Ornate metalware
 37 Spots for sports stands
 39 Forks over, formally
 40 Collaborate
 41 "Even so ..."
 42 "Thunderball" setting
 44 Try hard (for)
 45 Had taken, as a portrait
 46 Tagged, perhaps
 47 Territorial marking
 51 It may build up gradually
 52 Street participant
 55 Styling creations
 56 Italian cooking staple
 57 Tolkien creature
 58 Mail attraction

DOWN

1 Medieval weapon
 2 Seaweed product
 3 Indian palace resident
 4 One of the Karamazovs

5 "Deliverance" co-star of Jon, Burt and Ronny
 6 Allow
 7 Cause
 8 Small program opener
 9 Plains tribe
 10 Classy wheels
 11 Religious recluse
 12 Vehicle for some spiritual experiences
 13 Boat-lifting device
 14 Depressed area
 22 Turned inside out
 23 Not feel well
 24 Mrs. __, head of the kitchen in "Beauty and the Beast"
 25 Numb, in a way
 26 Marcellus money
 27 Erratic driver's comeuppance, perhaps
 28 Pungent spice
 29 __ tendinitis: arm muscle ailment
 31 Two-faced deity
 32 1997 film character getting a lot of buzz?
 33 Heroic adventure

35 1931 Oscar-winning Western based on an Edna Ferber novel
 36 "Fighting Bull" boxer
 39 "Wolf" channel
 41 Mailer, for one
 42 Something in back of a hit?
 43 Packer quarterback Rodgers
 44 Feature of Sousa's music
 46 Deep-water fish
 47 Sulk
 48 Catchall survey option
 49 Carnival draw
 50 Street adornment
 53 "Preacher" network
 54 Black __

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	P	I	L	T	I	C	H	A	T	G	S	T	
A	L	G	A	E	O	H	A	R	A	R	I	O	
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt



3-10-18

CLUE: Nuclear

DOUBLE BONUS
The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Manufacturer

ACROSS

1. Garden tool
 5. Performed
 6. Clean out
 7. Aft

DOWN

1. Move, visit
 2. Type of mollusk
 3. Support
 4. Rule, control

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

I would love to hear from you... You can e-mail me at: DLHoyt@aol.com

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ANSWERS: 1-Trowel 2-Shell 3-Prop 4-Regulation 5-Acted 6-Plung 7-Plunge 8-Plunged 9-Plunged 10-Plunged 11-Plunged 12-Plunged 13-Plunged 14-Plunged 15-Plunged 16-Plunged 17-Plunged 18-Plunged 19-Plunged 20-Plunged 21-Plunged 22-Plunged 23-Plunged 24-Plunged 25-Plunged 26-Plunged 27-Plunged 28-Plunged 29-Plunged 30-Plunged 31-Plunged 32-Plunged 33-Plunged 34-Plunged 35-Plunged 36-Plunged 37-Plunged 38-Plunged 39-Plunged 40-Plunged 41-Plunged 42-Plunged 43-Plunged 44-Plunged 45-Plunged 46-Plunged 47-Plunged 48-Plunged 49-Plunged 50-Plunged 51-Plunged 52-Plunged 53-Plunged 54-Plunged 55-Plunged 56-Plunged 57-Plunged 58-Plunged

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PADIL

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SILVUA

Print your answer here:

(Answers Monday)



This harvest is wonderful. These are heavenly!

THE WINERY'S GRAPES WERE FINALLY READY TO PICK. THEY DESCRIBED THE TASTE AS _____

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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WORD PUZZLES BY **WOOD TOM**

1.

2.

**ABCDEFGHIJ
 KLMN
 OPQRS U
 VWXYZ**

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answer: **2. Absentee**

1. Don't take it lying down

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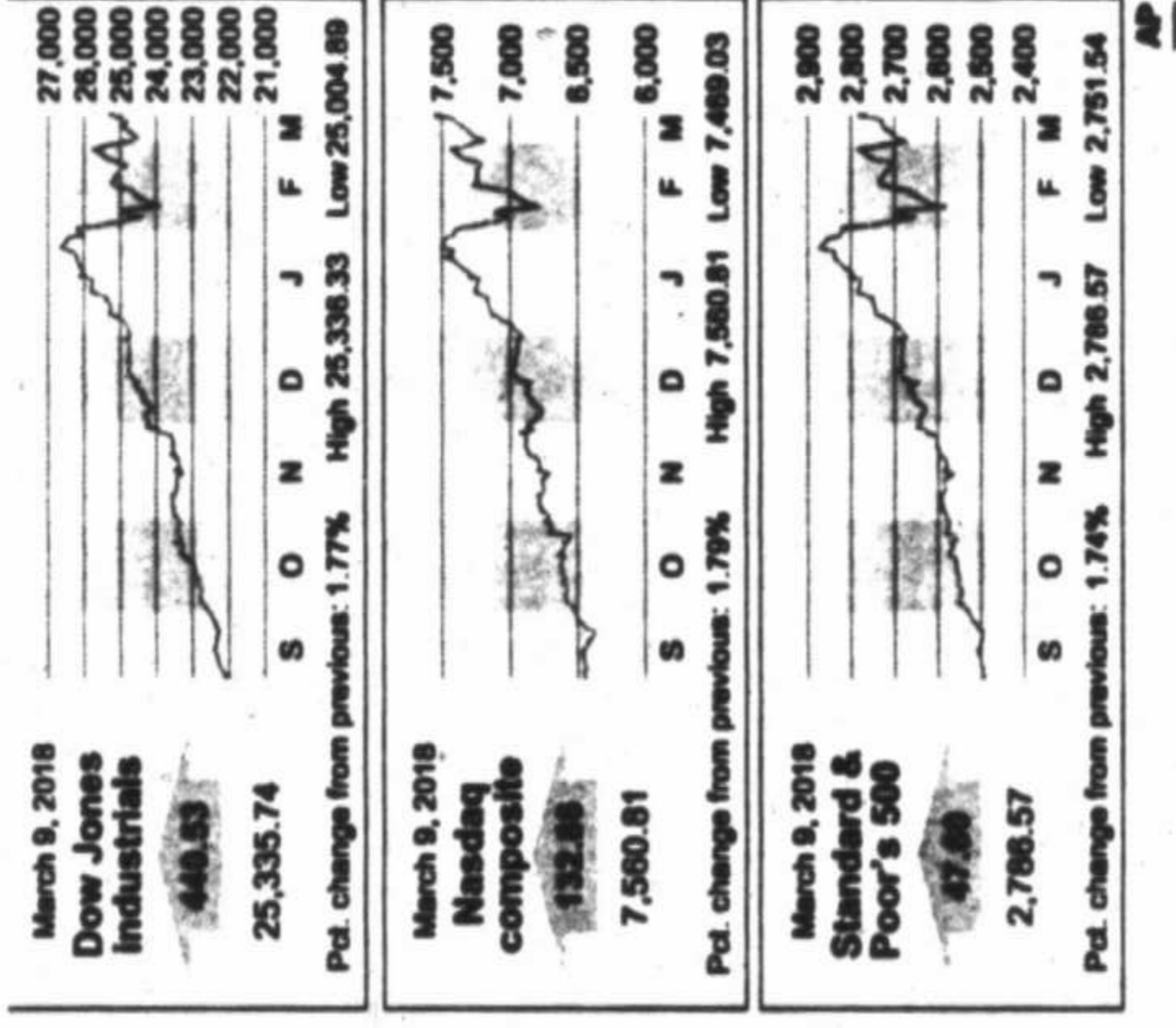
Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market activity including columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE' with various stock symbols and prices.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



Summary tables for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including 'Most Active' and 'Gainers/Losers' lists with columns for Name, Last, Chg, Vol, and %Chg.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market activity with columns for Name, Last, Chg, Vol, and %Chg.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds activity with columns for Name, Last, Chg, Vol, and %Chg.

INDEXES

Table of various market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and others.

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

Table of Permian Basin Stocks with columns for Name, Last, Chg, Vol, and %Chg.

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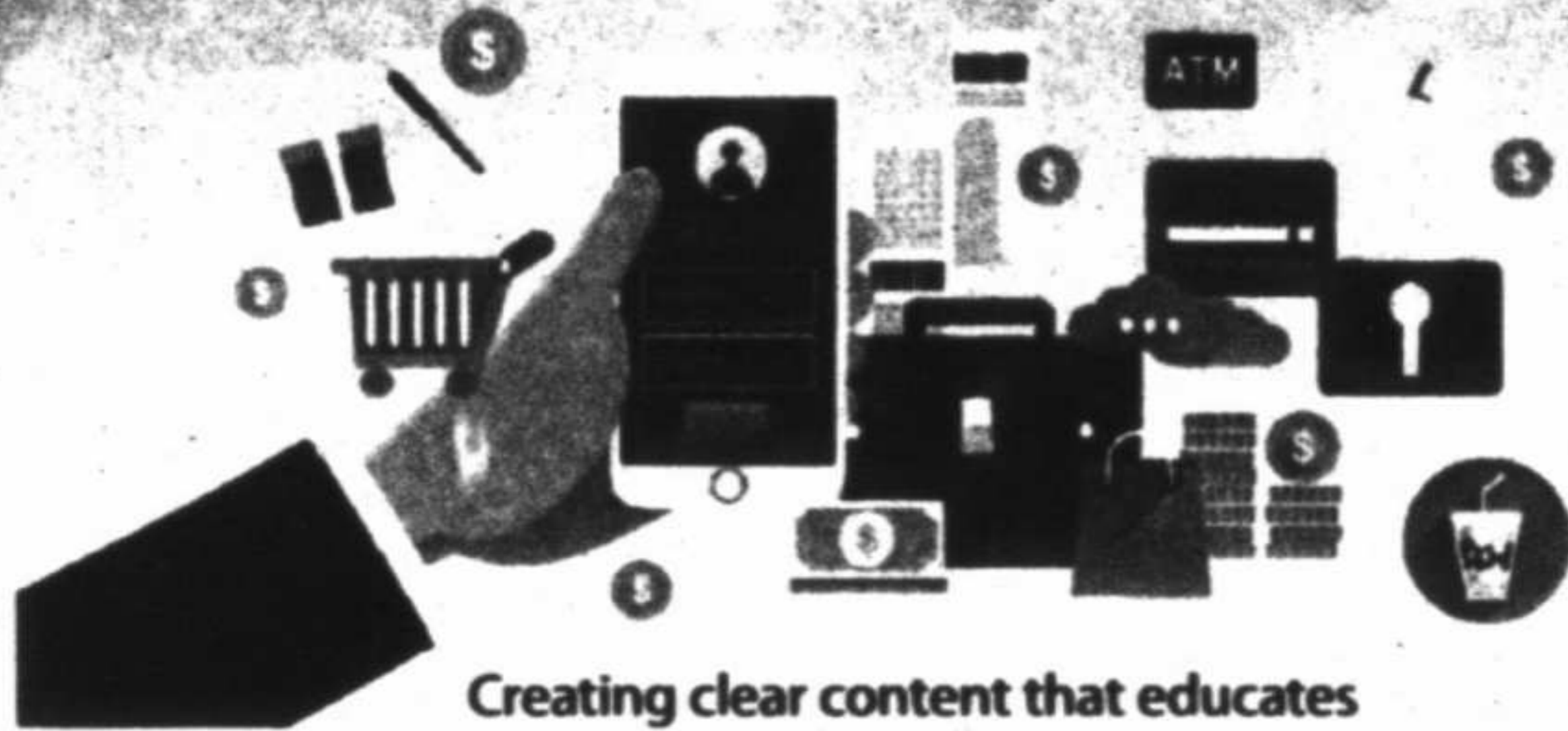




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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
 Must be able to court at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
\$11.00 per hour

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

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
 Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.
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Endeavor Energy Resources
DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing

Essential Functions:

- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
 No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
 Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
 Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
 This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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Endeavor Energy Resources
Now hiring for a Field Technician.

The Field Technician will provide advanced refining services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safety using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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Physical Demands:
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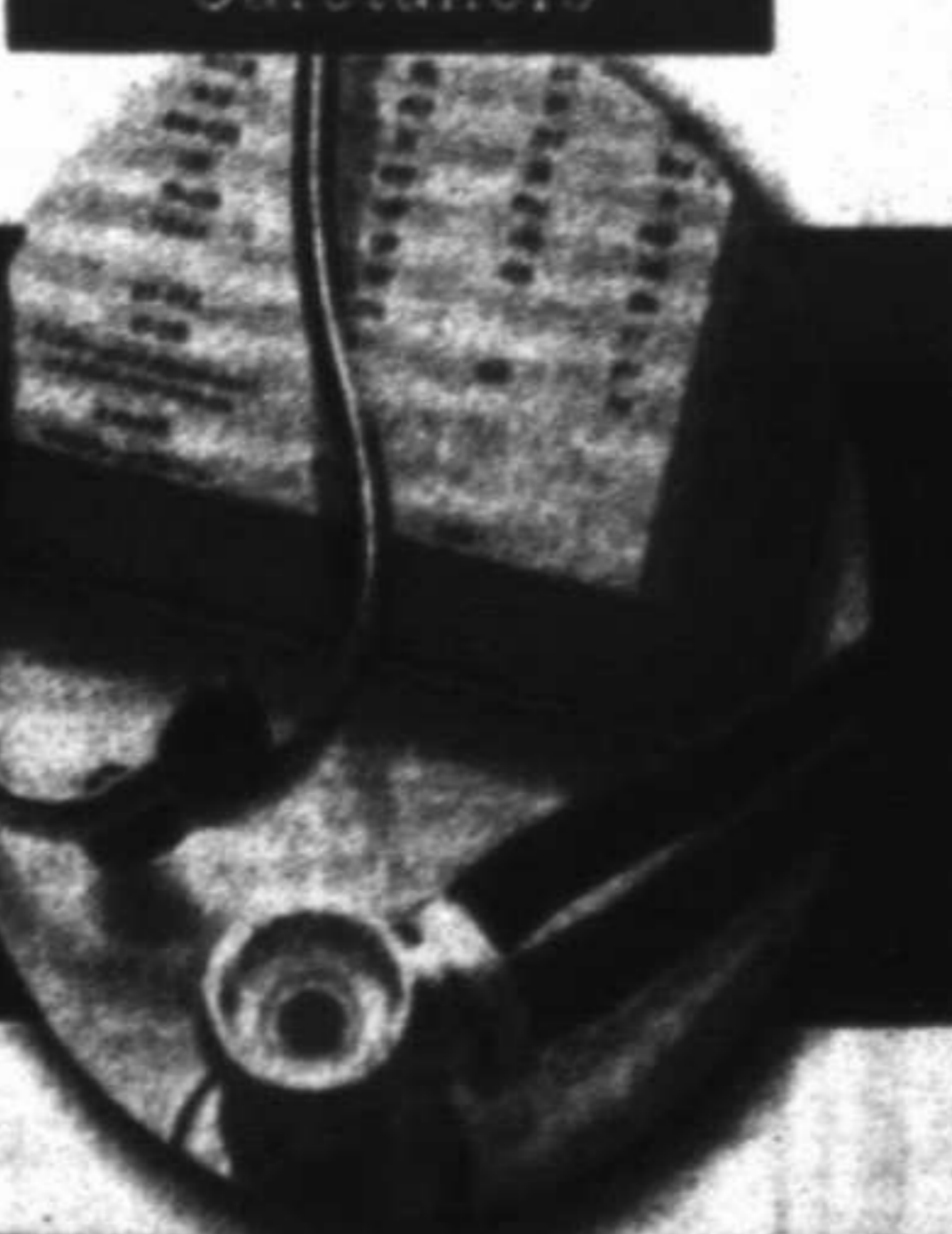
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Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
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- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TADPS
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- Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
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The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking Multi-Media Sales Executives just like you to take our business to the next level in advertising into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meets/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the clients' advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-conference
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

- You're self-motivated and results oriented
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
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Required Skills & Experience:

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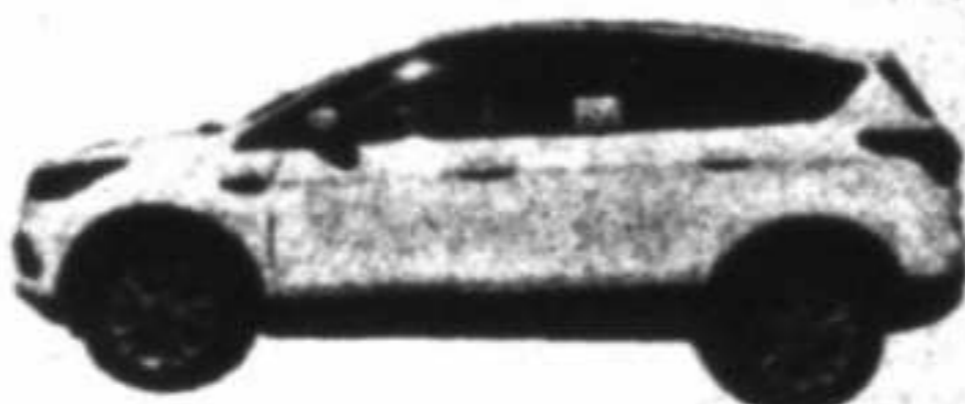
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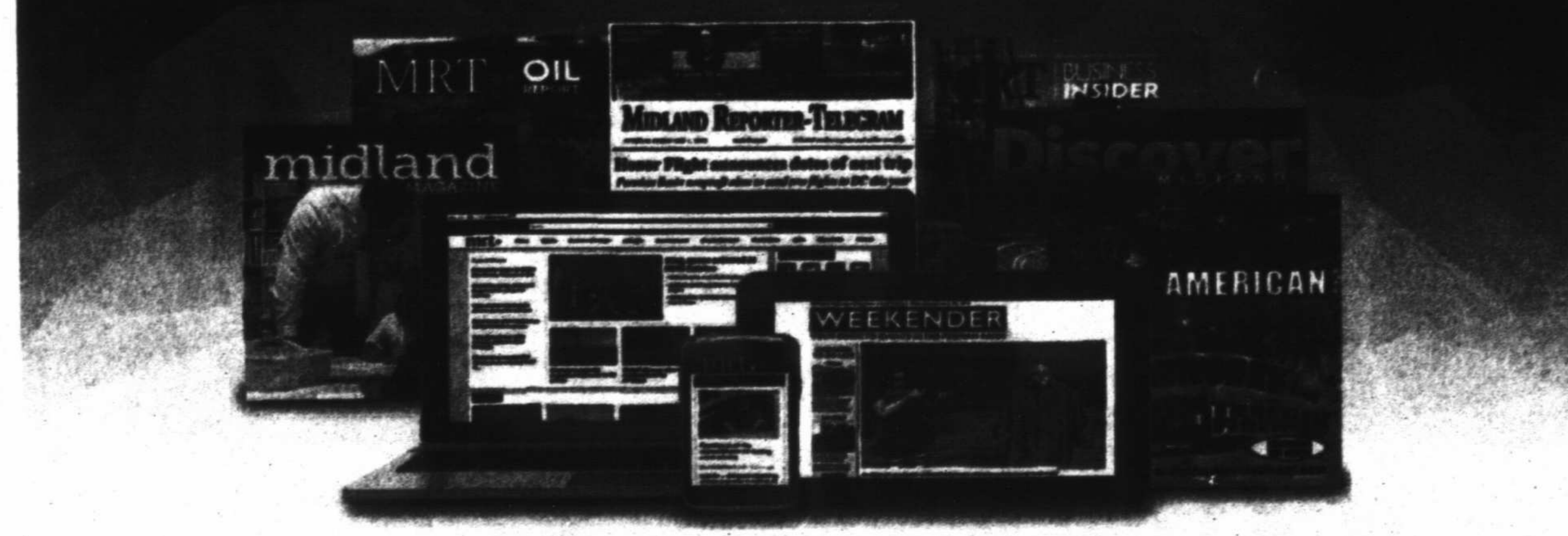
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 Cathedral ceilings make living area open & spacious. Gourmet kitchen w/ 5 burner gas cooktop, tops of the line appliances, large bar seating, & gorgeous island! Extraordinary ceilings features throughout! Master suite boasts a luxurious shower, huge closet, & large full! Game room & theater! Elegant cabinets, Arched doorways & curved corner! Tons of storage! Sparkling pool! Outdoor kitchen!

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 Beautiful 2-story on the corner on Green Tree! Tons of space and convenience of potential in this great 3 large bedrooms each with a private built-in closet! Great entry with great entrance & tile, woodwork in backyard! Family room boasts oak fireplace & soaring ceiling! Formal dining with built-in kitchen is located with cathedral! Casual dining area with corner windows! Large master suite with 3 closets & large built-in 2.5 Car garage! Listed by Mark Penhiser 432-682-6500. Listed by Debra Gammage.

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 Wonderful Open with 3 bed 2 bath home in Parkside 1st! Great location to bring your kids to school! Great walkways throughout! Living area has beautiful hardwood flooring that opens to open air kitchen with dining area! Plantation shutters! Shiny master suite offers double closets in walk-in wardrobe! Great has all the things you want! Great bedroom size & great space! Listed by Mark Penhiser 432-682-6500. Listed by Debra Gammage.

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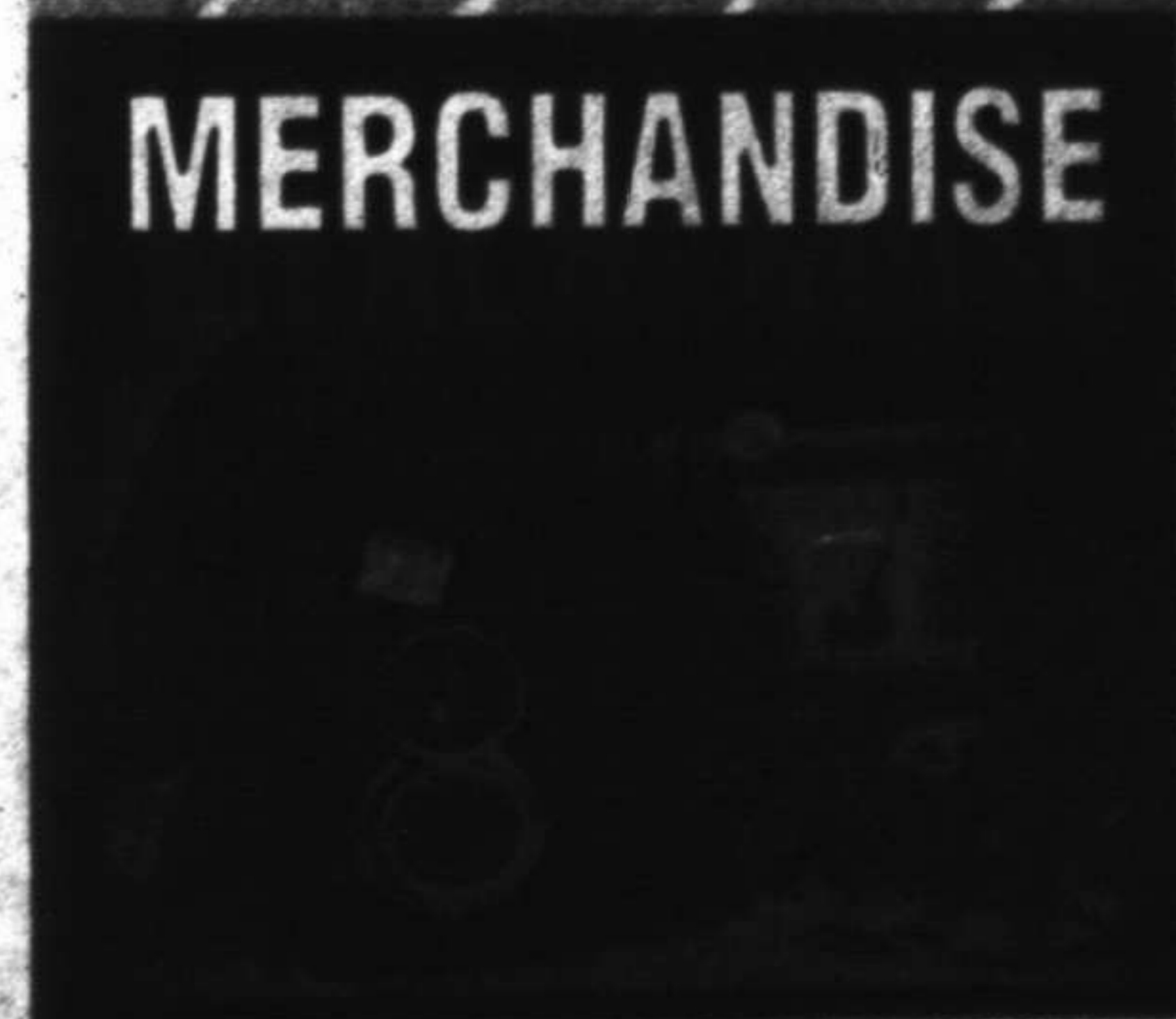
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