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City of Midland terminates MPD chief

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland Police Department Chief Steve Henry has been terminated.

The city announced that they had informed Henry of the decision Friday after learning of the results of an investigation by Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson.

City spokeswoman Elana Ladd told the Reporter-Telegram the investigation found Henry violated personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment.

Henry was put on administrative leave on March 20. At the time, city officials said they expected the investigation to last at least 30 days. Interim Chief Seth Herman will continue his temporary position. Ladd said there isn't any information on when a new search for a permanent police chief will take place.



Henry

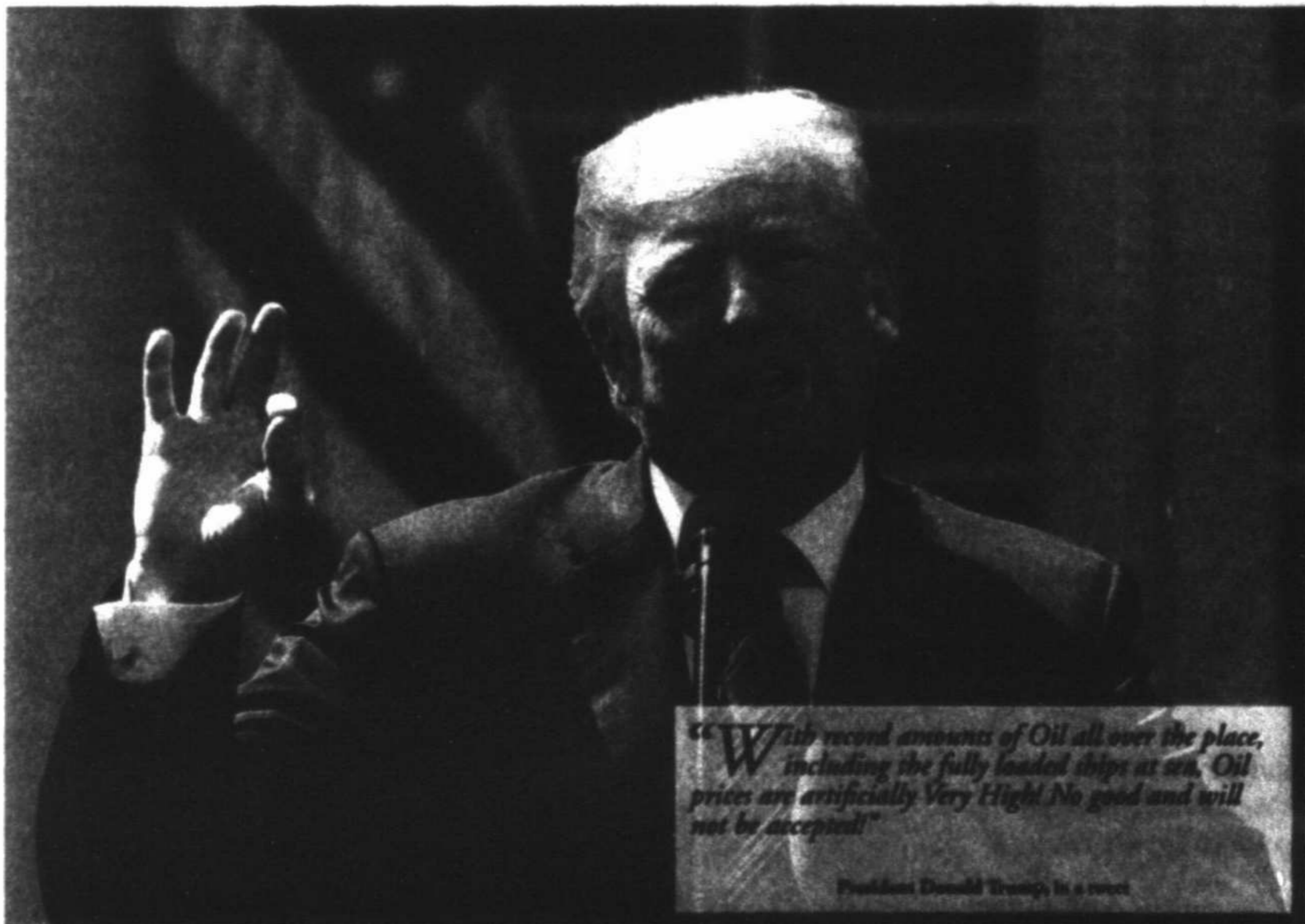
Ladd said that as part of the hiring

process that brought Henry to the community, the city did a thorough investigation of the former Arizona lawman and that the investigation didn't bring up any incidents like those that resulted in Henry's termination. A Reporter-Telegram article in late March indicated Henry allegedly violated two policies or standards of city of Midland Personnel Policies and that he was accused of violating policies or standards at "multiple" locations, at "multiple" times and on "multiple" dates from about early January through early March. During his period on administrative

leave, Henry could not act in any official capacity as a city employee without first obtaining specific authorization from the City Manager's Office or the Administrative Services Department.

Ladd confirmed that Henry will be paid six months salary, per his contract, which states that in the event of involuntary separation, he shall be entitled to receive a lump sum equal to six months of his \$145,000 base salary. According to Henry's employee agreement, he also is entitled to receive payment for any accrued but unused vacation and sick leave.

TRUMP DISLIKES PRICES



President Donald Trump speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House on April 12 in Washington, D.C.

President calls OPEC efforts to boost oil prices 'not good'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says oil-producing cartel OPEC "is at it again," and that efforts to maintain high prices "will not be accepted!" Trump's Friday morning tweet comes as representatives from OPEC nations and allied oil ministers are meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to discuss their agreement to maintain cuts to production to keep prices up. OPEC nations such as

Saudi Arabia, and allied producers in the pact such as Russia, are depending on higher prices to boost their finances.

Trump says: "With record amounts of Oil all over the place, including the fully loaded ships at sea, Oil prices are artificially Very High! No good and will not be accepted!"

Trump does not explain how he wants to counteract the efforts to maintain higher prices.

Local reaction

The answer to Mr. Trump's tweet is: Oil prices have gone from, in 2014 \$105 a barrel, which is too high, to \$27 a barrel in February 2016, which was incredibly too low. If this country wants security and to be self-sufficient in oil production, the oil and gas industry needs oil above \$60 a barrel. Oil prices need to be above that level so the industry can drill at a profit and produce oil. No one wants to drill for practice. We have to make a return on their investment. The current price or better is what the industry needs for the next few years.

Kirk Edwards
President, Luligo Petroleum

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Oil prices recover from Trump tweet.

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Glenncock (22); Culberson (20); Reagan (19); Pecos (14); Winkler (14); and Andrews (13).
Chaves County, New Mexico, saw renewed activity after five weeks without a rig.
Railroad Commission District 8.

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Permian Basin rig count rises for third straight week, tops 450

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin rig count rose for the third straight week to 453 rigs, an increase of eight, according to Baker Hughes data.

Reeves County, in the heart of the Delaware Basin, jumped three higher to 67. Midland County, in the core of the Midland Basin, inched up by one rig to 53.

Other counties with double-digit counts were Lea, New Mexico (47); Eddy, New Mexico (40); Loving (31); Howard (26); Martin (24); Ward (23);

Midland unemployment dips to 2.4 percent in March

■ Tall City added 1,100 jobs from February to March

By Mella McEwen
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Signs reading "Now Hiring" or "Always Hiring" are proliferating around the Tall City, a testament to the strength of Midland's labor market.

The Midland metropolitan statistical area posted an unemployment rate of 2.4 percent in March, down from 2.5 percent in February and 3.5 percent last March, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Midland continues to report the state's lowest unemployment, ahead of Amarillo and Bryan College Station, each with 3 percent.

Odessa saw its unemployment rate dip to 3.1 percent from 3.2 percent and is well below the 4.9 percent Odessa recorded in March 2017.

Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of the commission's Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, predicted that the tight labor market will result in continued upward pressure on wages "as long as we have a shortage of skilled workers."

He noted that skilled workers are needed in all sectors of the Midland economy, and not just in Midland but Texas and across the country as well.

With Texas and national unemployment hovering at 4 percent, Taylor said Midland's thriving economy is no longer a magnet for residents of other areas that were once suffering economically.

"When you're in Human Resources and you're recruiting, that's an issue," he said. "It will be a challenge to bring in guest workers."

Those challenges are why there's a widespread consensus that this area needs to grow its own workforce through efforts to retain the graduates of local high schools, community colleges and universities. "We also need skilled workers immediately," he said.

Area officials also need to address issues like the cost of living, housing, roads, and availability of childcare, he said.

Taylor estimates the Permian Basin region he oversees has a population of over 400,000, approximately 240,000 of whom make up the civilian labor force. He figures that makes the Permian Basin the state's 10th largest of its 27 MSAs.

Midland's civilian labor force grew by 1,000 from February to March, as did the number of employed Midlanders, and the labor force is about 8,000 higher than March 2017.

Midland and Odessa lead the state in job growth, and Midland posted sharp growth in March. Midland added 1,100

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Did you know?

North Korea says it has suspended nuclear and long-range missile testing. Page 7A

Price of oil

\$68.38 ▲ \$0.09

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452 square miles have burned in Oklahoma as a result of the March fire. Page 6A

Word of the Day

amplifying
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Free fishing at CJ Kelly Park



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Parks and Texas Parks invited Midlanders for a day of free fishing, no license required, April 14 at CJ Kelly Park.

WORD OF THE DAY

aspiring [aspair-ing] adjective desiring and working to achieve a particular goal: having aspirations to attain a specified profession, position, etc.

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Things to do

- Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. The market will include live music by the Dirt Storm Drivers and food trucks on-site, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Sensory-friendly Screening: "Sgt. Stubby - An American Hero," 9:30 a.m., Energy Midland, 1917 Liberty Drive.
Earth Day Festival Hosted by Keep Midland Beautiful and West Texas Food Bank, the event will feature informational booths by area organizations, yoga session, gardening lessons and more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westciff Drive, Free.
Traveling Comic Book Store by Kenny's Comics, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. St.
Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$3. Permiabridgeclub.com.
Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8505.
Astronomy Day: Celebrating Women in Science. Col. Elson Collins will speak about her experiences as the first female American spacecraft pilot and first female shuttle flight commander, 11 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The day will also feature the SpaceX/Awards and family activities. Collins speaks at 4 p.m. museum.org.
Acrylic painting event: "Abstract Euphoria," noon, Art Smart Studio, 2517 Newby Ave. \$35.
Native American Heritage Day with Donald Yates and the Great Promise for American-Indians Group, 3-5 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. The event will feature information on Native American genealogy, book signing and a pow-wow dance and song.
The 35th annual Round Up - A Castle Baron's Ball: "Deep in the Heart of Texas... Two Steppin' Towards a Cure," 6 p.m. The event by the American Cancer Society will feature games, auctions, dinner with music by Jerry Dugan and West Wind and a concert by Lee Ann Womack.
Streak Night, 8 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.
Yugch tournaments, 6-10 p.m., Entertainment, 3111 W. Culbert Ave. \$5.
"A Comedy of Terrors," produced in cooperation with Midland College, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.
Parker McCollum, 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golden Ave., Odessa. Dosamigos.com.
Kody West, Styler Hamilton, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernoobs Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

This date in Texas On April 21, 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence. Source: Associated Press
Today in History Today's Highlight in History: On April 21, 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the "Red Baron" who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was

himself shot down and killed while in action over France. On this date: In 1896, England's King Henry VI died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII. In 1848, the Maryland Toleration Act, providing for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly. In 1780, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States. In 1877, the musical play "Jenny" based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway, be-

Lottery Pick 3 morning: 6-2-8 Pick 3 day: 4-3-0 Pick 3 evening: 3-5-5 Pick 3 night: 8-8-3 Daily 4 morning: 2-1-4-7 Daily 4 day: 6-5-1-8 Daily 4 evening: 3-5-1-8 Daily 4 night: 5-1-7-8 Cash Pick: 14-22-23-27-38 Triple Chance: 8-10-19-30-36-37-44-46-48 Mega Millions: 1-15-18-32-45 DR: 4 Megaplier: 2 All or Nothing morning: 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-24 All or Nothing day: 3-5-7-8-11-14-15-17-18-20-22-24 All or Nothing evening: 1-6-7-8-9-10-15-16-17-18-21-24 All or Nothing night: 1-2-6-8-12-15-17-18-20-21-22-23

Weather Friday's temperatures High: 75 Low: 55 Normal high: 81 Normal low: 51 April 20's records Record high: 93, set in 1964 and equaled in 1997 and 1999 Low: 27, set in 1933 Precipitation Thursday: 0.00 in. Friday: 0.00 in. Month total: 0.00 in. Year total: 0.16 in. Normal total (year to date): 2.29 in. Winds Average speed: 24 mph Highest speed: 40 mph Highest gust speed: 51 mph

Forecast for Saturday, April 21, 2018 Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers Tornado Rain Storms Snow Ice up to 30) during the day/15 mph at night Chance of rain: None Sunrise: 7:13 a.m. Sunset: 8:22 p.m. Source: National Weather Service

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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 Aries and a Moon in Cancer.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 21, 2018: This year you often are easily discouraged or feel a need to close down. Know that this type of feeling will be fleeting. Keep communicating, and you will find a path to agreement with others. If you are single, you often choose someone who conflicts with your personality. You want to be free, yet you also want companionship. Juggling these needs has to do with you, not the other person. If you are attached, curb a need to distance yourself. Open up and share more of how you feel. CANCER knows how to draw out your feelings.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might not feel up to snuff in the morning. Take a break from your routine; others will understand. If you don't stop to take care of yourself, you could find yourself in a major squabble. A loved one comes through for you. Tonight: Happily stay close to home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You express your thoughts clearly, but you might misunderstand a loved one's words. This situation forces you to consider your options. Opportunities seem to appear from out of the blue. You are likely to create a better sense of well-being. Tonight: Be positive.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are so upbeat that you simply can't deal with anyone else's insecurities or issues. A close friend or loved one might try to trigger you out of jealousy. Opt to let her move, and consider your other options. Tonight: Treat a co-worker to dinner.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though you sense some distance between you and a friend, you can ease the tension by being upfront. Create more fun moments, and encourage others to express their feelings, both good and bad. Know when to put a stop to criticism. Tonight: Get to a favorite place.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be aware of everything that is happening around you. Even if you are tired, you will might want to get involved in a fun project or game. Having fun with a roommate or family member will re-energize you. You'll have to make a tough decision later in the day. Tonight: Pace yourself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Where your friends are is where you want to be. Hide the crest of a problem involving a child or loved one. Be gracious, and move right past the issue. You know what you want from the situation, and you won't allow other people to interfere. Tonight: Time to party!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Tension builds quickly and demands a change of pace. An invitation from a family member or an older friend could prove to be somewhat more exciting than you had thought. Stay in control by making your own choices. Don't let anyone push his or her agenda on you. Tonight: Out late.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to consider the pros and cons of a personal matter before leaping into action. You could have a disagreement if you are not careful. Emphasize what is happening in your day-to-day life. Try to get a fresh perspective. Tonight: Head to where there is good music.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll find that one-on-one relating stars this weekend. Listen to news from a close associate or loved one. Curb a need to act out, get angry or overindulge in some way. You will see that, given some time, everything will work out perfectly. Tonight: Visit with a friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Emphasize your significant other or a close friend. You will want to make this person a higher priority. You often become so preoccupied with work that you often don't have time for this person, so he or she will appreciate your time tonight. Tonight: Be flexible and upbeat.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Pace yourself. You have a lot of errands to complete. By all means, let a family member or older friend pitch in and help; you will get done far more quickly. A special opportunity comes toward you, and you will want to be free to enjoy it. Tonight: Do what feels right to you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your imagination provides an escape from a stressful situation. You could be discouraged when trying to make plans with a loved one. Don't worry - you will be able to reach an agreement and find a solution that pleases both of you. Tonight: Add more playfulness to the moment.
BORN TODAY Author Charlotte Bronte (1816), singer/songwriter Iggy Pop (1947), actress Andie MacDowell (1958)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES: Victory Rock Texas, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Issuance of Permits 150841L004, 150843L004, and 150844L004. This application would authorize construction of one of possibly three rock crushing plants located at 11000 Texas Highway 348, Midland, Upton County, Texas 79755. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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President George HW Bush greets mourners honoring his wife

By Juan A. Lozano and Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — His daughter standing behind him, former President George H.W. Bush sat at the front of the cavernous sanctuary of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. He gazed up at the rose-draped casket holding his wife of 73 years.

After a few moments, an aide came forward to help Bush with his wheelchair, turning it so he faced the rest of the sanctuary. A string of mourners began to approach: adults and children, many of the women wearing his wife's favorite color, blue, and trademark pearls. He offered his hand and smiled as people shook it.

Thousands of people came Friday to pay respect to Barbara Bush, wife of the nation's 41st president and mother of the nation's 43rd. Among them was Houston social worker Varney Johnson, who like other mourners said he wanted to honor her work supporting literacy. "This woman dedicated her life to educating children," he said.

Barbara and George Bush were married longer than any other presidential couple when she died Tuesday at their home in Houston. One of just two first ladies to have a child elected president, Barbara Bush was widely admired for her plainspoken style and her advocacy for causes including literacy and AIDS awareness.

A hearse containing the former first lady's casket arrived before daybreak at St. Martin's, which is the nation's largest Episcopal church. Her body was to be in repose from noon until midnight. A spray of dozens of roses covered the closed light-colored metallic casket.



Mark Burns/Office of George H.W. Bush/Pool via AP

Former President George H.W. Bush greets the mourners with his daughter Dorothy "Doro" Bush Koch during the visitation for former first lady Barbara Bush at St. Martin's Episcopal Church on Friday in Houston. Barbara Bush died Tuesday at the age of 92.

The 93-year-old former president arrived at the church shortly after the viewing opened, accompanied by daughter Dorothy Bush Koch. He hadn't been scheduled to visit, but he decided to go after watching video from the church, said family spokesman Jim McGrath. Bush shook dozens of hands and stayed for about 15 minutes.

"I think he was very touched by all of the people who were taking the time out of their lives," McGrath said. "It was just a natural inclination for him."

Lucy Orlando was one of the more than 100 people in line well before bus service began from a separate location to the church. Originally from Haiti, the 74-year-old Orlando had traveled from Weston, Florida, and said she has admired Barbara Bush for years, including for her work promoting

literacy. "She was a very sweet lady and she loves people," said Orlando, who was carrying a gray suitcase containing framed photos of the couple and members of their family, including former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura.

Jessica Queener, who works in special education and wears a cochlear implant to help with hearing loss, said Barbara Bush's work in education and helping people with disabilities "really resonates with me on a personal level but also professionally." Queener was in Houston from Washington, D.C., with her husband for work, and they decided to attend events honoring the former first lady, who Queener credits for being a positive influence on her husband when he signed the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

Barbara Bush's funeral will be held today behind her husband's presidential library at Texas A&M University, about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

The burial site is in a gated plot surrounded by trees and near a creek where the couple's 3-year-old daughter, Robin, who died of leukemia in 1953, is buried.

In a statement released Friday, the family said Barbara Bush had selected son Jeb to deliver a eulogy along with her longtime friend Susan Baker, wife of former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, and historian Jon Meacham, who wrote a 2015 biography of her husband.

Some 1,500 guests were expected to attend, including first lady Melania Trump, former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, and former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle.

Barbara Bush believed literacy could cure other ills

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — On a hot summer day in 1978, as her husband mullied his first presidential run, Barbara Bush headed to Houston's leafy Memorial Park for a jog while she thought about what issues she'd like to focus on should she become first lady.

Bush was concerned about stubborn societal problems like crime, the homeless, drugs and hunger. But as she ran, the then-53-year-old came to the realization that teaching more people to read could help decrease the other major problems, which can grow out of lack of literacy and educational opportunity.

"After much thought, I realized about would be better if more people could read, write and comprehend," Bush wrote in her 1994 autobiography, "Barbara Bush: A Memoir."

It would be another decade before Bush became first lady, but, in the interval, she was active in literacy programs. In March 1989, mere weeks into her husband's presidency, she founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. "We love that story," said Lauren Sproull, the foundation's spokeswoman. "It really shows that, from the very beginning, the moment she even thought that she might become first lady one day, she immediately turned her thoughts to, 'How can I do the most good?' 'How can I help the most people?'"

The foundation has since raised more than \$110 million to create or support literacy programs for men, women and children in all 50 states. Its programs include classes to help teenage mothers who left high school earn GED diplomas in Georgia, and teaching

non-English speakers in Alabama the language and how to transfer what they learn to their pre-kindergarten-age children before they start school.

One in four American adults can't read above a fifth-grade level, the foundation says. A 2003 study by the National Center for Education Statistics found that nearly 15 percent of Americans lacked basic reading and comprehension skills. It took more than a decade to compile, though, and hasn't been repeated.

For years, the foundation offered grants to fund new literacy programs or bolster existing ones, but since 2012 has focused on creating direct models that use technology to reach adults and children, many of whom weren't always able to attend traditional, classroom-style programs.

The foundation says it has helped "easily hundreds of thousands" of people across the country over the years, but doesn't have a full count of everyone enrolled in programs it supported.

Bush died Tuesday at her Houston home at the age of 92. To mark her 90th birthday in June 2015, the foundation launched the \$7 million adult literacy XPRIZE, a competition in which teams are tasked with creating mobile apps that can improve adult literacy within 12 months. The foundation has announced eight semifinalists whose apps are being field-tested among about 11,000 people in Dallas, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

Bush remained active with the foundation until as recently as two months ago, participating in video chat at one of its reading events. Her daughter, Doro Bush Koch, is now the foundation's honorary chairwoman, and it is based in Tallahassee, where her son, Jeb, lived as Florida governor from 1999 until 2007.

Family judges pretty woman's boyfriend on his looks alone

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old woman with two young children (11 and 9). "Andrew" and I have been dating for almost a year, still learning about each other and building a foundation for our relationship.

My family recently told some other family members that I am "too pretty" to be dating Andrew and I "can do much better." My younger sister even said Andrew isn't good-looking enough and I need to find someone who matches my beauty as well as my heart. Shocked, I told her Andrew has been wonderful to me and my kids, and his looks don't bother me.

My last boyfriend was very good-looking but turned out to be a horrible person. He assaulted me, dumped me on the side of a highway and stole my car.

DEAR ABBY



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Fortunately, a passerby stopped and helped me. After getting a restraining order and going to court, I decided my next boyfriend would be a good-hearted man with character regardless of his looks. Should I confront my family about their comments? — GENUINELY HAPPY

DEAR GENUINELY HAPPY: Mark Twain once said, "It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt

you to the heart: the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you." I think it applies here. Do not "confront" your family. Just tell them you feel that their comments are shallow and hurtful, and reflect more on them than on your boyfriend.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl. My friend "Bailey" and I both like the same boy but didn't want him to come between us.

We made a pact that we wouldn't ask him out. Bailey can be selfish, and I know she'd say yes if he asked her. When I told her my friendship with her meant more to me than the boy, she laughed and said that meant she'd get him. I'm not sure what to do. I have liked him longer than she has, and I think he likes me back. He knows me much better at least.

If he asks me, should I say yes and risk my friend getting hurt, even though I know she'd say yes in my place? — A READER IN MISSOURI

DEAR READER: When you told Bailey your friendship with her meant more than the boy, her response showed that your friendship is less important to her than he is, and the pact means nothing to her. If the boy likes

you, he will probably ask you out to do something. If he does — and your parents agree — you should accept. I say this because I don't think Bailey is a true friend at all.

DEAR ABBY: If someone organizes a trip for a nonprofit organization and charges a fee, and later finds out that, due to certain circumstances, the trip didn't cost as much, should the money be refunded to the people who took the trip or be given to the organization? — JUST ASKING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR JUST: Because the trip was under the auspices of the organization, return the money to the organization and let them decide whether it should be refunded to the individuals.

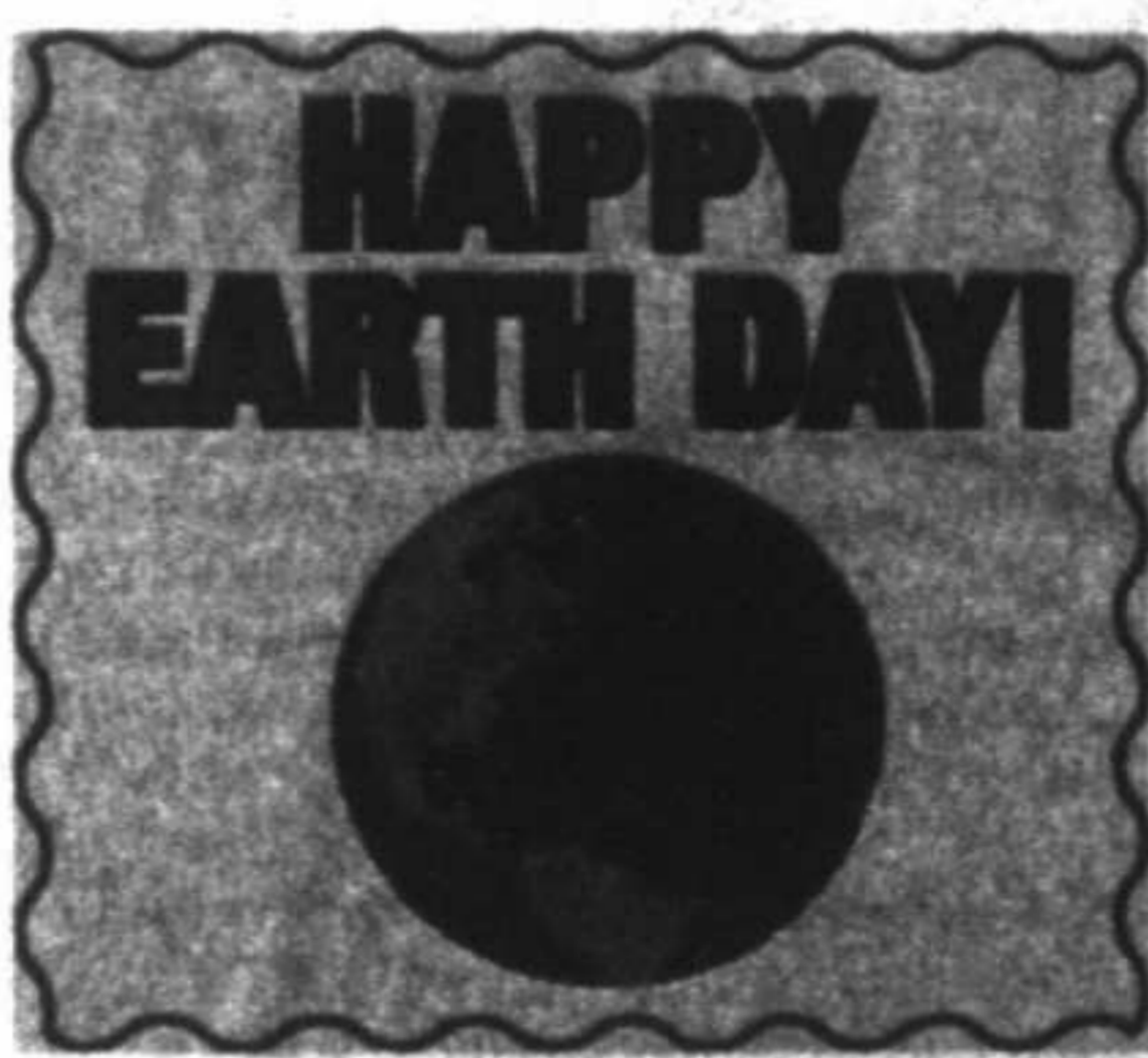
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| ♠ 10 9 4 ♣ A 8 6 3 2 ♠ A 8 3 | ♠ A K J 10 ♣ A 10 ♠ 10 9 8 ♠ J 10 |
| NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST | ♠ 3 |
| 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass | Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. |
| 3♠ Pass ? | What call would you make? |
| What call would you make? | Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you bid: |
| Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you bid: | ♠ 9 7 6 ♣ A 7 5 ♠ A 7 5 2 ♠ 10 7 4 |
| ♠ A 10 9 ♣ K ♠ 8 6 3 ♠ K 10 5 4 2 | Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent jumps to two spades, pass. |
| WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH | What call would you make? |
| 1♥ 1♠ Pass ? | What call would you make? |

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Pruitt reassigned lawmen as drivers, bodyguards

By Ellen Knickmeyer
and Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — As Oklahoma's attorney general, Scott Pruitt assigned investigations agents from his office to be his driver and bodyguard, at times taking them on his frequent trips out of state to speak to conservative political organizations, state records show.

The newly obtained documents raise similar questions to those that have triggered investigations into Pruitt's security and travel since becoming administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Pruitt was Oklahoma's top prosecutor from 2011 to 2016, at a time in which he was raising his profile nationally as a conservative in favor of rolling back regulation and federal authority.

Pruitt traveled extensively as attorney general, taking at least 24 out-of-state trips in 2015 and 2016, including 11 to Washington, D.C., according to the records. Although some travel expenses were reimbursed by conservative think tanks where Pruitt spoke, records show no sign of reimbursement for several trips involving appearances before them.

The trips included a handful in which the only scheduled events were appearances at political gatherings and media interviews, such as a 2016 trip on April 4 and 5 to speak to a Columbia Law School branch of the Federalist Society, an influential legal group in conservative political circles. One of the state's reassigned investigations agents traveled with him, as "all-day agent," according to his official daily calendars, which the Associated Press obtained through open-records requests.

For a few out-of-state trips on his official daily calendar, the reasons, destinations, appointments and all other details were blacked out completely, with only the changing time zones and trip home from the airport signifying the travel.

Pruitt began using a full-time driver soon after becoming attorney general. He was chauffeured in a large, black SUV from his home in Tulsa to the office in Oklahoma City, about 90 miles away.

Pruitt's daily calendars show the driver — variously shown on the records as "driver" or "all-day agent" — was often an office investigator, a licensed law enforcement officer who typically investigates crimes for the agency.

"It appears he created his own security detail," said Gary Jones, Oklahoma's state auditor and a fellow Republican.

As EPA administrator, Pruitt has been under intense scrutiny since it was first revealed last month that he had stayed last year in a bargain-priced Capitol Hill condo tied to a fossil-fuels lobbyist. Multiple investigations have been launched by government watchdogs and congressional committees looking into luxury travel expenses, outsized security spending and massive raises awarded to political appointees.

Lincoln Ferguson, a former spokesman for the attorney general who now serves as a senior adviser to him at the EPA, said if Pruitt's out-of-state travel was strictly for political purposes, it would have been paid for by campaign funds. But travel records show the trips were arranged through a state-contracted travel agency, and few show any reimbursement was made.

In Oklahoma, Pruitt routinely made the three-hour commute from his home

in Tulsa to the state Capitol in Oklahoma City during the working day, according to the calendars.

The entry for Dec. 7, 2015, for example, shows the entry: "8:15 to 9:45, depart Tulsa for OKC" and "3:30-5, depart OKC for Tulsa."

That was despite Pruitt expanding his office's Tulsa branch during his time. The AP reported in December 2016 that the move to bigger, pricier offices in Tulsa were part of a 40 percent increase in his office's expenses as attorney general. Pruitt also added nearly 60 employees to the attorney general's office.

By contrast, Pruitt's predecessor, Democrat Drew Edmondson, who held the attorney general post for 16 years, said he typically used a four-door sedan and drove himself to events.

Ferguson, the senior adviser to Pruitt, said "there was no wasted time" on Pruitt's commutes between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

"He was working, reviewing documents, on the phone," Ferguson said.

Overall spending on travel by Pruitt's office averaged about \$270,000 a year in his last four years as Oklahoma's attorney general, up 26 percent from his predecessor's final year in office. The figures do not include a total for Pruitt's trips alone. The attorney general's office spent \$201,000 on travel during his predecessor's last year in the office.

He frequently traveled to Washington to speak to groups including the Federalist Society; the Club for Growth, a free-enterprise advocacy group; and an anti-abortion rally. He also made similar appearances elsewhere, such as one before the small-government FreedomWorks group in Cleveland on "Battling the Regulatory State."

"If it's not state-related, then the state should not be responsible for" the cost, said Jones, the state auditor. "You can't use any public assets for personal or political reasons."

Records show many of the trips occurred during the workweek, when Pruitt was drawing a state salary of \$132,000. Oklahoma broadly bans first-class tickets for state employees. The travel records show only one first-class flight for Pruitt, with a scrawled note on it showing Pruitt's campaign paid for it.

Edmondson, who is now running for governor, said his travel expenses as attorney general typically covered national and regional conventions of attorneys general.

"I think you'll find that his out-of-state travel would far exceed any other attorney general" in Oklahoma, said former Gov. David Walters, a Democrat, who recalled Pruitt speaking before local clubs on topics such as the Obama administration, rather than crime or consumer fraud in Oklahoma.

Conservative groups hosting Pruitt appeared to reimburse most of Pruitt's flights and some other direct state travel expenses after 2015, and some beforehand.

But on one trip in January 2016, Pruitt billed taxpayers more than \$1,000 for a trip to Washington in which he held separate meetings with executives of three conservative think tanks: the APP Foundation, The Federalist Society and Club for Growth. There was no record of reimbursement for that trip. Three weeks later, Pruitt spent the weekend in California for a dinner and a speech to The Federalist Society, which reimbursed the state for his travel.



AP file photo

Then-Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt gestures June 13, 2013, as he answers a question during a news conference in Oklahoma City. Newly obtained records show Pruitt's penchant for travel and concerns about security were notable even before he became head of the Environmental Protection Agency. The records show that as Oklahoma's attorney general, Pruitt frequently traveled out-of-state for appearances before conservative groups and used an office investigator as a driver.

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Sheriff: Possible arson investigated in wildfire

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

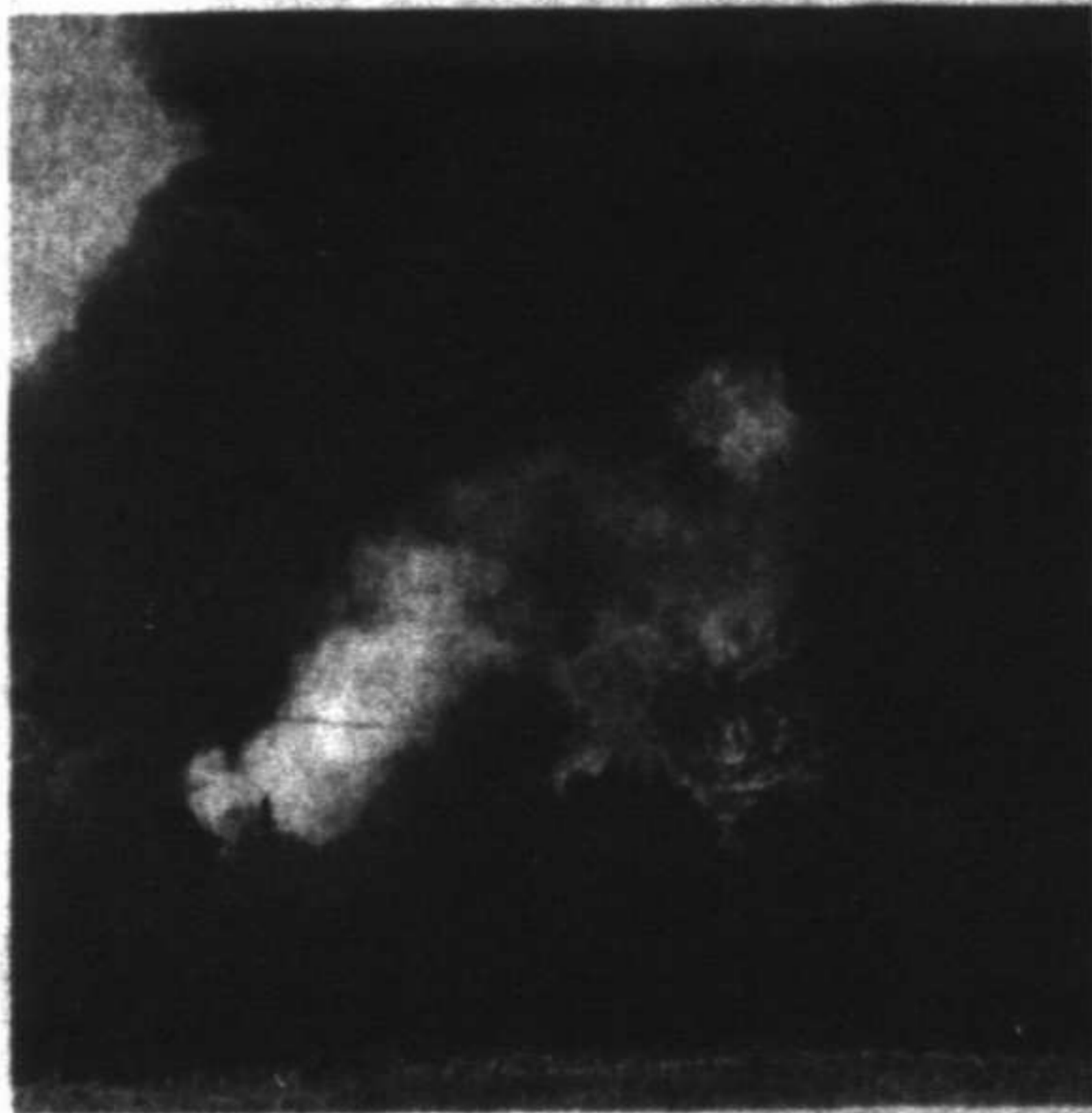
OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma sheriff said Friday that authorities are investigating the possibility of arson in connection with one of two large wildfires burning in Oklahoma, a blaze that resulted in the death of one person.

Authorities believe the fire began April 12 near Vici, about 110 miles northwest of Oklahoma City, and later merged with a fire that began the same day about 20 miles away near Leedey. The combined blaze is known as the Rhea Fire and has burned about 452 square miles.

Dewey County Sheriff Clay Sander said it is possible the fire near Vici was actually just an offshoot of the other blaze, but arson also can't be ruled out. He has called in investigators from the Arkansas Department of Food, Forestry and Agriculture to determine whether the blaze was intentionally set.

"There is an individual suspect and that person has been interviewed," but no arrest has been made, Sander said.

Shawna Hartman, a spokeswoman with the state agency, confirmed that the fire is under investigation. "Any time that a fatality happens in a fire, it is investigated to see if it was intentionally set," she



An Rhea/The Oklahoman via AP

Heavy smoke billows Tuesday from burning trees after a wildfire broke out in a farm field along US Highway 103, about 10 miles south of Sallis, Okla.

Sander has said the fire is blamed for the death of a woman found inside her burned vehicle. Arson is a felony in Oklahoma, and the death of a person as a result of arson could lead to a murder charge under state law.

Firefighters continued battling the Rhea Fire on Friday and had it 25 percent contained.

A big blaze known as the 34 Complex fire also began April 12 near Woodward and has burned 97 square miles, a slightly smaller area than

previously estimated because of a mapping error, according to Hartman. The 34 Complex fire is 60 percent contained.

Firefighters have made progress in containing the fires as temperatures and winds have dropped and the humidity has risen, and the current National Weather Service forecast calls for up to a half-inch of rain in the area by Sunday.

"The improved weather conditions (are) really going to help out the fire-fighting efforts," Hartman said.

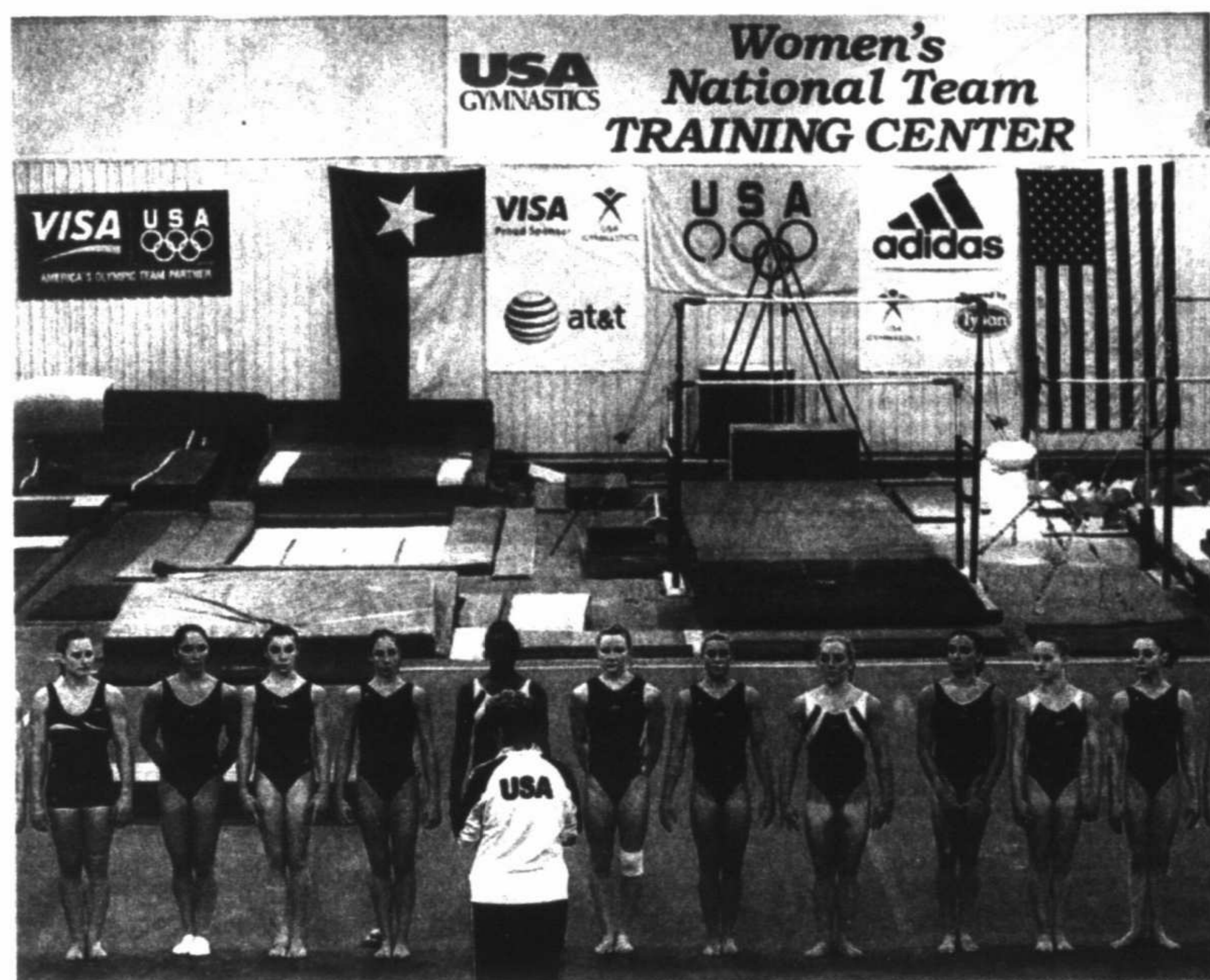


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Gymnasts line up in May of 2008 for Martha Karolyi during USA Gymnastics National Team training at the Karolyi Ranch, in Huntsville. Former USA Gymnastics women's national team coordinator Martha Karolyi and her husband Bela tell NBC they were unaware of the abusive behavior by a former national team doctor now serving decades in prison. Martha Karolyi led the national team for 15 years before retiring after the 2016 Rio Olympics. She tells Savannah Guthrie in "no way" did she suspect Larry Nassar was sexually abusing athletes.

Karolyis to NBC: 'No way' they knew about doctor's behavior

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former USA Gymnastics women's national team coordinator Martha Karolyi and husband Bela tell NBC they were unaware of the abusive behavior by a former national team doctor now serving decades in prison.

Martha Karolyi led the national team for 15 years before retiring after the 2016 Rio Olympics. She tells Savannah Guthrie in "no way" did she suspect Larry Nassar was sexually abusing athletes under the guise of treatment.

"The whole gymnastics community couldn't recognize this," Martha Karolyi said in an excerpt provided to The Associated Press on Friday by NBC. "Everybody said, 'Larry Nassar is a good doctor. Larry Nassar is a good guy.'"

The Karolyis spoke as part of a Dateline NBC special entitled "Silent No More" scheduled to air Sunday. The one-hour special, the first prime-time event hosted by Guthrie, takes a look at the fallout from revelations about years of abuse by Nassar involving hundreds of former athletes, including several members of the U.S. Olympic team.

"The whole thing is just like an explosion, a bomb exploding," Bela Karolyi said. "Boom."

The Karolyis have been named as co-defendants in several civil lawsuits filed against Nassar and USA Gymnastics, including one by former national team member Mattie Larson.

Larson told The Associated Press she watched a portion of the Karolyis' interview excerpted on Friday and

shrugged. The Karolyis made similar statements in a deposition in Larson's lawsuit.

"Who knows if they knew or not? I'm not in their heads," Larson told the AP. "I feel like if they really didn't know, it's because they set up the system to show they don't care what's going on."

Larson, a member of the 2010 World Championship team, pointed out the Karolyis allowed Nassar to treat them in his hotel room without supervision and that it wasn't unusual for Nassar to treat athletes not on a training table, but his hotel bed.

"Honestly, I just believe they did not care about us when we were not in the gym," Larson said.

Several victims, including two-time Olympic medalist McKayla Maroney, say they were abused at the Karolyis' Ranch near Houston. The ranch served as the training home for USA Gymnastics during most of Martha Karolyi's highly successful tenure running the national team.

Several gymnasts and coaches previously interviewed by The Associated Press said the Karolyis institutionalized a win-at-all-costs culture that forced girls to train while injured. The toxic environment allowed Nassar to flourish in part because the athletes were afraid to challenge authority, according to witness statements in Nassar's criminal case and one of the lawsuits.

Guthrie spent hours with the Karolyis at the ranch after the couple agreed to speak publicly for the first time since Martha Karolyi's retirement following the 2016 Olympics.

"I think they felt like it was time

for them to tell their side of the story," Guthrie said. "I think they've watched and seen as their reputation has really taken a hit and people have asked a lot of questions about what they knew and just as importantly what they should have known."

Guthrie said she was "surprised" the Karolyis came forward despite the potential legal fallout.

"They answered every question," Guthrie said. "At no time did their lawyer jump in and say 'You can't answer that.'"

Nassar spent nearly three decades at USA Gymnastics before being fired in 2015 after complaints about his behavior.

He continued to work at Michigan State University through the fall of 2016 before being hit with federal charges. Nassar is now serving decades in prison for molesting women and girls and for possessing child pornography.

Nassar was already established in the program when Martha Karolyi took over. He would visit the ranch during national team training sessions and also accompany the team to events around the world. Maroney said she was abused "hundreds" of times by Nassar.

Martha Karolyi denied having any knowledge about Nassar's pattern of abuse.

"I heard during the testimonies (at Nassar's sentencing) that some of the parents were in the therapy room with their own child and Larry Nassar was performing this," Martha Karolyi told Guthrie.

"And the parent couldn't see. How I could see?"

North Korea says it has suspended nuclear, missile testing

By Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Saturday it has suspended nuclear and long-range missile tests and plans to close its nuclear test site.

The announcement came ahead of a new round of nuclear negotiations between Pyongyang, Seoul and Washington, but there was no clear indication in the North's announcement if it would be willing to deal away its arsenal.

The North rather expressed confidence about its nuclear force, which leader Kim Jong Un declared as complete in November after a slew of weapons tests that included the underground detonation of a purported thermonuclear warhead and flight tests of three intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Some analysts believe Kim is entering the negotiations from a position of strength and is unlikely to accept a significant cut of his arsenal. South Korean and U.S. officials have said Kim is likely trying to save his broken economy from heavy sanctions.

After the announcement Saturday about testing, U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted, "This is very good news for North Korea and the World" and "big progress!"

He also said he's looking forward to his upcoming summit with Kim.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the country is making the move to shift its national focus and improve its economy.

The North also vowed to actively engage with regional neighbors and the international community to secure peace in the Korean Peninsula and create an "optimal international environment" to build its economy.

The announcements came days before Kim is

set to meet South Korean President Moon Jae-in in a border truce village for a rare summit aimed at resolving the nuclear standoff with Pyongyang.

A separate meeting between Kim and Trump is anticipated in May or June.

The North's decisions were made in a meeting of the ruling party's full Central Committee which had convened to discuss a "new stage" of policies.

The Korean Workers' Party's Central Committee declared it a "great victory" in the country's official "byungjin" policy line of simultaneously pursuing economic and nuclear development.

The committee unanimously adopted a resolution that called for concentration national efforts to achieve a strong socialist economy and "ground-breaking improvements in people's lives."

"To secure transparency on the suspension of nuclear tests, we will close the republic's northern nuclear test site," the party's resolution said.

The agency quoted Kim as saying during the meeting: "Nuclear development has proceeded scientifically and in due order and the development of the delivery strike means also proceeded scientifically and verified the completion of nuclear weapons."

"We no longer need any nuclear test or test launches of intermediate and intercontinental range ballistic missiles and because of this the northern nuclear test site has finished its mission."

Seoul says Kim has expressed genuine interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons. But North Korea for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its troops from the peninsula.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends a meeting April 9 of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, in Pyongyang, North Korea. North Korea said Saturday it has suspended nuclear and long-range missile tests and plans to close its nuclear test site. The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the country is making the move to shift its national focus and improve its economy.

Southwest sends apology, \$5K, to passengers on damaged jet

By Alexandra Villarreal
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Southwest has sent a letter of apology, a \$5,000 check and a \$1,000 travel voucher to passengers who were on a flight that made an emergency landing in Philadelphia after an engine exploded.

"Please accept our deepest apologies," Chairman Gary Kelly wrote in a letter dated April 18, a day after the accident.

An engine on a Southwest jet exploded Tuesday while the plane was flying from New York to Dallas, and debris hit it, causing extensive damage. Banking executive Jennifer Riordan, 43, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was fatally injured when she was sucked partway through a shattered window, sending passengers scrambling to help her as the aircraft shook violently and went into a rapid descent.

"We value you as our customer and hope you will allow us another opportunity to restore your confidence in Southwest as the airline you can count on for your travel needs," Kelly wrote in his

letter. "In this spirit, we are sending you a check in the amount of \$5,000 to cover any of your immediate financial needs."

"As a tangible gesture of our heartfelt sincerity, we are also sending you a \$1,000 travel voucher," he wrote.

Passenger Murty Martinez of Dallas said he has no immediate plan to cash the check. He wants to talk to a lawyer.

"I didn't feel any sort of sincerity in the email whatsoever, and the \$6,000 total that they gave to each passenger I don't think comes even remotely close to the price that many of us will have to pay for a lifetime," he said Friday as he prepared to board a Southwest flight from New York.

Eric Zilbert of Davis,

California, said he did not have a problem with the letter. He said he appreciated he would not have to file claim forms.

After checking with his

attorney, he decided he would cash his check.

"I just wanted to make sure I didn't preclude anything by taking the voucher or the check," he said.

The plane was carrying 144 passengers. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the cause of the engine explosion.

A public memorial service for Riordan is set for Sunday in Albuquerque.

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Dietz to step down as Coahoma head coach/AD

By Oscar LeRoy
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Fred Dietz said it was one of the toughest decisions he's ever had to make. Dietz confirmed to the Reporter-Telegram on Friday afternoon that he will be stepping down as Coahoma's athletic director and head football coach at the end of the school year to accept a position at another school district. Dietz, while serving his



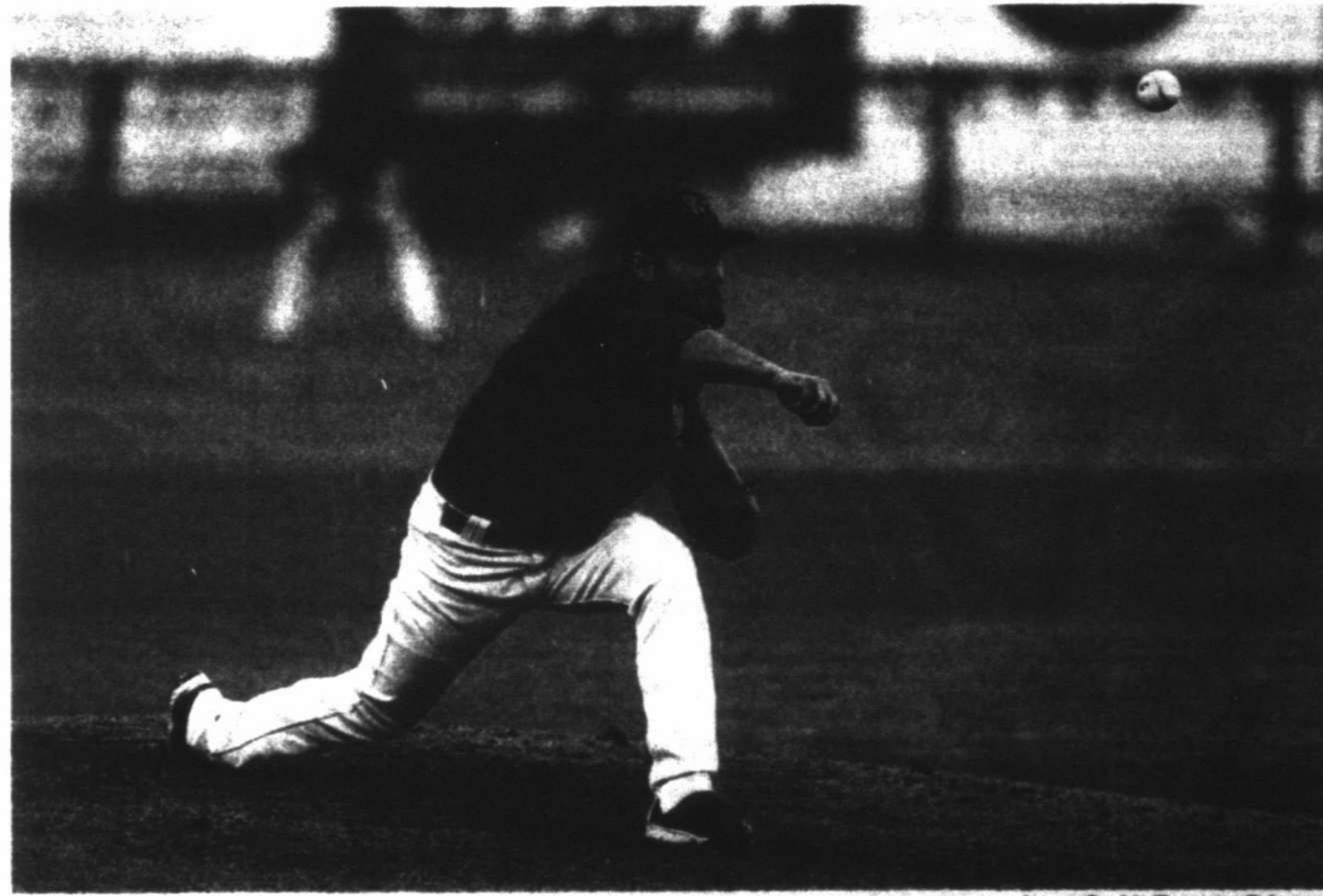
administrative duties at a Bulldog baseball game in Clyde, said that he will still be Coahoma's AD until the end of school year and has not yet turned in his resignation letter. Dietz said because his future position has not been made public, he couldn't disclose where he will be going but added that the position won't be as a head coach. He added that the move is about family. "There's nothing crazy or exciting going on, I'm just making a decision for my family," he said. "The administration at Coahoma has been awesome, the people have been awesome and the kids have been awesome. I've poured my heart and soul at Coahoma for three years. It was a

great experience but the time was right." Dietz said there were certain areas of the state that he and his family were looking at and when the position became available, they decided to jump at the opportunity. Dietz spent three years at Coahoma after serving as an assistant coach at Andrews under Ralph Mason. During his time with the Bulldogs, Dietz led the Bulldogs to a 13-18 record, including a 7-4 overall mark with a Class 3A Division II bi-district playoff appearance this past season. He added that for his first head coaching experience, he loved every minute of the time he's spent at Coahoma.

"There was just so much that came out of being at Coahoma as far as me growing professionally," Dietz said. "Hopefully I was able to make some difference in the kids' lives." In a released statement, Coahoma superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs said: "Coach Dietz has served as a tremendous leader and role model for the students and student athletes of Coahoma ISD, and will be greatly missed." She added in a statement that Coahoma ISD will conduct a search for a new athletic director with hopes of having the new AD in place by June.

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Goodbye San Antonio



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds' Norge Ruiz pitches against the San Antonio Missions on Friday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Enjoy the RockHounds-Missions rivalry while it lasts

By Will Korn
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Minor League Baseball fans in San Antonio and the Tall City might want to get their fill of the Texas League's famed Missions-RockHounds rivalry while it lasts. Beginning in the 2019 season, the Missions, the longest tenured TL franchise dating back to the league's inception in 1888, will be leaving San Antonio after 130 years. The Missions' ownership group in San Antonio also controls the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, the Milwaukee Brewers' Triple-A affiliate, and is moving that Pacific Coast League franchise to the Alamo City. Amarillo will be joining the TL for the first time since 1972 and it's possible that the Missions could soon be calling the penhandle home. Some of San Antonio's players may, in fact, be remaining in the circuit by relocating to Amarillo. But one thing that is certain: The long-standing rivalry between San Antonio and Midland is coming to an end. Having spent part of my childhood in San Antonio, I can remember my dad taking me out to Nelson W. Wolff Memorial Stadium to watch the Missions on warm

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summer nights. I'm sure that on at least a couple of occasions, the RockHounds were in the visitors' dugout. The two foes opened their 2018 TL South Division schedule Thursday night at Security Bank Ballpark, with the Missions prevailing, 10-5 in the first of 32 meetings this year. And after 47 years of battles on the diamond, the Missions and the Midland franchise (Cubs, Angels and RockHounds) are about to make history. Barring any inclement weather, their four-game series finale at 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank Ballpark will mark the 1,416th all-time meeting between the two franchises, which will set a new TL record. San Antonio has been a division rival of the RockHounds since the Midland franchise's first year of existence in 1972. The rivalry came to a head last season during a thrilling TL South Championship series that saw Midland prevail in five games. That victory that paved the way for the RockHounds' fourth consecutive TL title. This is my fourth season covering RockHounds baseball at the Reporter-Telegram and it seems as though ev-

ery time these two teams get together, something wild is bound to happen. In that time, they have also been about as evenly-matched as possible. Over 94 meetings between the 2015 and 2017 regular seasons, Midland and San Antonio each won 47 games. Since the start of 2005, the RockHounds are 208-194 against the Missions, which includes postseason victories against San Antonio last season and in 2005, another of Midland's championship years. Missions manager Phillip Wellman said playing the RockHounds in Midland over the years has been a pleasure. He said it has brought about some of the best games and moments of his managerial career, which dates back to 1992. "I've been in this league for six or seven years and it's always a treat to come (to Midland), because you know they're going to be competitive, they're going to be good," said Wellman, a San Antonio native, who also spent plenty of time at Missions games as a boy when the team played at V.J. Kratz Memorial Stadium. "It's a good barometer for your club. I've seen some of the weirdest games ever in the minor leagues played here. One night we got beat 20-5 and the next night we win 18-1. You just never know, and it

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Football and academics: tough balancing act for athletes at some schools

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Football is complicated. Life is more so. The charge for universities is to prepare students for whatever comes after they graduate. At least that is the mission statement. At places such as Northwestern and Stanford, it certainly rings true. When those students are football players, the challenges are exacerbated. Balancing classroom obligations with the demands of big-time sports is difficult. Doing so, though, provides substantial benefits, as those players have learned as part of the NFL's draft crop. "That I could get into Stanford helps with football," says Harrison Phillips, a defensive tackle projected to go in the second round next week. "Anything worth doing in life is worth overdoing. The intellectual side of football has always been interesting to me." Teammate and linebacker Peter Kalambayi, like Phillips, is among the 39 players on the draft boards who recently made the 2018 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society for having carried a grade-point average of 3.2 or better throughout college. "It is definitely a lot, especially midterm and finals week. It's about understanding when you get home from practice and you are really tired and you don't want to do anything, having that discipline to do what you need. It's learning how to say no to going to social events. People hit you up and you have to tell them, 'It's not right, right now.'" Right now, Phillips, Kalambayi and the other recognized scholar-athletes — including Cardinal teammates tackle David Bright, and Dalton

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Stanford linebacker Peter Kalambayi runs a drill during the NFL scouting combine on March 6 in Indianapolis. Kalambayi is among 39 players on the draft boards who recently made the 2018 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society for having carried a 3.2 GPA or better throughout college.

Jimmie Johnson maps out bucket list for potential sponsors

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson's alarm clock beeps at 4:30 a.m. His wife and two daughters are still sleeping. So are his fellow NASCAR drivers. Johnson quietly slips out for a workout, the first of two on a typical day. Two hours later, he's in his kitchen, whipping up breakfast that will be ready when his girls get up for school. "No chance my competition is getting up this early to put the work in," Johnson said in a text message to The Associated Press that showed the alarm set on his phone. "I will have 35 (cycling) miles in and my kids fed before the first one wakes up." Johnson likes it that way, too. Despite a bland reputation he

acquired from a workmanlike approach to winning five straight NASCAR titles — and perhaps his affinity for vanilla ice cream — Johnson's commitment to excellence in everything he does makes him not just one of the greatest drivers ever but also one of the most well-rounded and interesting athletes in the world. Now, the man who paid Snoop Dogg to play at the Las Vegas victory party for his record-tying seventh title has a chance to show the world what is important to him — beyond, of course, winning. Lowe's is leaving the sport after 18 years as the only Cup Series sponsor Johnson has ever had, and his rights are for sale for the first time. Eighty-three victories in that Lowe's-branded No. 48 Chevrolet.

All those titles. A unique sportsman for Hendrick Motorsports to sell. And Johnson believes he is more than just a driver looking for a new paint scheme that can be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Three weeks after the AP asked for a deeper look into Johnson's sponsorship search, the working father, exercise fiend and leader of Hendrick Motorsports found a spot on his busy schedule. He settled on meeting at SOCO Gallery, his wife's high-end contemporary art space and bookshop located in the trendy Myers Park section of Charlotte. Arriving just after dropping his youngest daughter off at



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Spotted Cup Series driver Jimmie Johnson (48) runs to his car before the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in 2016 in Charlotte. Johnson's alarm clock beeps at 4:30 a.m. His wife and two daughters are still sleeping. So are his fellow NASCAR drivers. Johnson quietly slips out for a workout, the first of two on a typical day.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing: Adrian Broner vs. Jessie Vargas, 8 p.m., SHO
Bull Riding: PBR: Stanley Performance in Action Invitational, 9 p.m., CBSN
College Baseball: Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW, FCSG
College Football: Nebraska Spring Game, 11 a.m., BTN
Notre Dame Blue & Gold Game, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN
Baylor Spring Game, Noon, FSSW, FCSG
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Tennessee Spring Game, 1 p.m., SEC
Penn State Spring Game, 2 p.m., BTN
Georgia Spring Game, 3 p.m., ESPN
Mississippi State Spring Game, 3 p.m., SEC
Northern Arizona Spring Game, 3 p.m., FCSW
LSU Spring Game, 5 p.m., SEC
Texas Spring Game, 6:30 p.m., LHN

Association: East Quarterfinal, Game 4: Philadelphia at Miami, 1:30 p.m., TNT
West Quarterfinal, Game 4: Portland at New Orleans, 4 p.m., TNT
West Quarterfinal, Game 3: Houston at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
West Quarterfinal, Game 3: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m., ESPN
National Hockey League East Quarterfinal, Game 5: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m., NBCSN
East Quarterfinal, Game 5: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m., NB
Radio: Major League Baseball Houston at Chicago White Sox, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/990 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK
HS Baseball: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 10 a.m.
Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 3:30 p.m.
Fort Worth Cahary at MCA, 4:30 p.m.
HS Softball: Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 11 a.m.
Grapevine Faith at Midland Christian, 10 a.m.
JC Baseball: Clarendon College at Midland College (DH), noon
JC Softball: Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m.

MISD POSTPONEMENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER LEADS TO RESCHEDULING OF MISD BASEBALL SOFTBALL GAMES
High winds and the threat of thunderstorms led to the postponement and rescheduling of Midland MISD baseball and softball games Friday.

TRANSACTIONS
MISD: American League: BOSTON RED SOX - Released LHP Tim Lincecum (6L) to Oakland A's
CLEVELAND INDIANS - Released RHP Jason Kipnis (6L) to Tampa Bay
CHICAGO CUBS - Released RHP Ryan Rowland-Smith (6L) to Toronto
DETROIT TIGERS - Released RHP Justin Verlander (6L) to Detroit
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WASHINGTON NATIONALS - Released RHP Ryan Zimmerman (6L) to Washington
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SAN ANTONIO HEATS - Released RHP Jenni Foye (6L) to San Antonio
ST. LOUIS BRUINS - Released RHP Jenni Foye (6L) to St. Louis

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12: Texas Tech at Oklahoma State, 4:30 p.m.
SEC: Kentucky at Tennessee, 4:30 p.m.
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AREA SIGNINGS

FORSAN'S JONES SIGNS WITH LCU
JILLIAN JONES
Signing school: Lubbock Christian University, NCAA Division II
High school: Foran Sports: Women's golf
Jones on why she chose LCU: "LCU was not my top option at first, but when I went on my visit, it had an amazing atmosphere, and when I met the coach and the players, I felt right at home. The student-to-teacher ratio there was also amazing and I thought it fit my needs as a student-athlete. They just do a great job of welcoming you. It's like a big family."
Notable: Jones has been one of the top female golfers in her four years on the Foran varsity. She has led her team to four regional appearances. As a sophomore, she helped

Signing school: Holy Cross College, South Bend, Ind., WAA
High school: Grady
Sport: Men's tennis
Gibson on why he chose Holy Cross College: "It's right across the street from Notre Dame University in South Bend. It provides access to facilities that we might not find elsewhere, as Holy Cross gets to use the Notre Dame tennis facilities. Holy Cross is a great fit for me academically as a small school. It's a perfect spot for me to grow and learn even more."



Gibson

UIL Class 1A state championship in boys singles in both 2010 and 2011. Gibson is also a four-time Region II-A champion in boys singles. Gibson mentioned his rapport with Holy Cross College tennis coach Steve Bender as a major factor in his decision making. Gibson also considered Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio) and Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Gibson plans to major in business and minor in sports management. The Grady senior said the Single-A South Bend Hawks offer internships through the sports management program at Holy Cross, which was a draw. Gibson said he will be both a singles and doubles player for Holy Cross.

HS TRACK ROUNDUP

MISD SENDING 16 TO REGIONAL MEET
EL PASO - Eighteen Midland ISD athletes punched their tickets to regionals with their top four performances Friday at the District 1-6A/2-6A Area Track Meet at Franklin Stadium.
Midland High senior Sameris Smith led the way, as she won both the girls long jump with a mark of 16 feet, and the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.51 seconds.
Smith also placed third in the 300 hurdles (48.68) to qualify in three events for the Region 1-6A Track and Field Championships, April 27-28 at Maverick Stadium in Arlington.
Lee sophomore Paige Low won the girls shot put with a school record of 44-3, breaking her personal best by 4 feet, 2 inches. Low advanced to the regional meet for the second straight year after qualifying in the discus in 2010.
Midland High senior Darius Manning-Holman captured the boys 400 meter title with a personal record of 49.37 seconds.
Lee sophomore Rory Maguire claimed gold in the boys pole vault by clearing a height of 14-0.
MISD senior Lauryn Truesdale was the only MISD athlete to earn a silver medal with her second-place finish in girls 100 hurdles (15.09).
MISD bronze medalists were Lee senior Ireland Atwood in the girls triple jump, Lee sophomore Anya Woods in the girls discus, Lee sophomore Lois Fononji in the boys 200, Lee senior Bryce Jones in the 110 hurdles, MISD senior Joris Mitchell in the girls 1,000, MISD senior Sean Pedersen in the boys triple jump and Lee senior Matt Stansell in the boys discus.
The Permian girls won the meet with 96.50 points, while the Tascosa boys claimed the team title with 130 points.

HS TRACK ROUNDUP

Boys 100 - 1. Ryan Maguire, Lee, 14:02; 2. Dawson Hayes, OHS, 15:04; 3. Leonard Cornejo, 15:04; 4. Brandon Saldaña, Central, 15:04; 5. David Ramirez, Tascosa, 15:42; 6. Amador Villa, Amarillo, 11:49
Long jump - 1. Christian Frazier, Amarillo, 21-0 1/2; 2. Forrest Alford, Permian, 21-0 1/2; 3. Patrick Frazier, 21-0 1/2; 4. Cameron Saffell, 20-0 1/2; 5. Mark Galt, Franklin, 21-0; 6. Don Owen, 20-0
Triple jump - 1. Tashaun Henderson, Amarillo, 45-11; 2. Cristian El Dorado, 45-0; 3. Sam Palmer, MISD, 45-0; 4. Justin Hovland, 45-0; 5. Daniel Taylor, Tascosa, 45-0; 6. Clayton Ramirez, Lee, 42-0
Shot put - 1. Brandon Robinson, Franklin, 39-0; 2. Michael O'Leary, 35-0; 3. Ben Hoopengard, Central, 31-0; 4. James King, Tascosa, 49-0; 5. Peter O'Brien, Permian, 47-0; 6. Alex Sanchez, Amarillo, 47-0
Discus - 1. Jordan Lee, Tascosa, 150-0; 2. David Smith, Permian, 140-0; 3. Matt Stansell, Lee, 140-0; 4. Robinson Frazier, 147-0; 5. Gilbert Medina, Permian, 140-0; 6. Johnny Conner, Franklin, 140-0
Weight - 1. Paolo Casanova, Franklin, 22-0
Shot put - 1. Paolo Casanova, Franklin, 1:27.39
Shot put - 1. Christian Frazier, 45-0; 2. Matthew Frazier, 44-3; 3. Amador Villa, 44-3; 4. San Antonio Central, 41-0; 5. El Paso Franklin, 40-0; 6. El Paso Franklin, 39-0; 7. El Paso Franklin, 38-0; 8. El Paso Franklin, 37-0; 9. El Paso Franklin, 36-0; 10. El Paso Franklin, 35-0; 11. El Paso Franklin, 34-0; 12. El Paso Franklin, 33-0; 13. El Paso Franklin, 32-0; 14. El Paso Franklin, 31-0; 15. El Paso Franklin, 30-0; 16. El Paso Franklin, 29-0; 17. El Paso Franklin, 28-0; 18. El Paso Franklin, 27-0; 19. El Paso Franklin, 26-0; 20. El Paso Franklin, 25-0; 21. El Paso Franklin, 24-0; 22. El Paso Franklin, 23-0; 23. El Paso Franklin, 22-0; 24. El Paso Franklin, 21-0; 25. El Paso Franklin, 20-0; 26. El Paso Franklin, 19-0; 27. El Paso Franklin, 18-0; 28. El Paso Franklin, 17-0; 29. El Paso Franklin, 16-0; 30. El Paso Franklin, 15-0; 31. El Paso Franklin, 14-0; 32. El Paso Franklin, 13-0; 33. El Paso Franklin, 12-0; 34. El Paso Franklin, 11-0; 35. El Paso Franklin, 10-0; 36. El Paso Franklin, 9-0; 37. El Paso Franklin, 8-0; 38. El Paso Franklin, 7-0; 39. El Paso Franklin, 6-0; 40. El Paso Franklin, 5-0; 41. El Paso Franklin, 4-0; 42. El Paso Franklin, 3-0; 43. El Paso Franklin, 2-0; 44. El Paso Franklin, 1-0; 45. El Paso Franklin, 0-0

NAHL: Brahmas top Jacks 4-1 to complete sweep

From staff reports
ODESSA - The Lone Star Brahmas completed the three-game NAHL first round playoff sweep of the Odessa Jackalopes on Friday with a 4-1 victory at Ector County Coliseum.
The Jackalopes actually out-shot the Brahmas, 28-27, but Lone Star goalkeeper Mitchell Gibson was credited with 27 saves.
The Brahmas scored two goals in the first period and added another in the second before Odessa answered with a power play goal by Blake

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Bride at the 16:06 mark.
The Brahmas added an empty net goal just a little more than two minutes later. Brett Epp was in goal for the Jacks and saved 23 of 26 shots. Odessa was making only its third playoff appearance since moving to junior hockey in 2011.

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Winnipeg Jets' Mark Scheifele (55), Paul Stastny (25) and Blake Wheeler (26) celebrate Scheifele's goal against the Minnesota Wild during the third period on Friday in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

JETS 5 WILD 0
WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Jacob Trouba, Bryan Little, Brandon Tanev and Joel Armia scored in the first 11:59 to chase Minnesota goalie Dowan Dubynk and the Winnipeg Jets beat the Wild 5-0 on Friday night to win a playoff series for the first time in franchise history. Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves for his second shutout of the series, and Mark Scheifele added a goal in the third to help the Jets finish off the Wild in five games. Winnipeg will face the winner of the Nashville-Colombus series in the second round. The white-clad crowd of 15,321 at Bell MTS Place stood and began cheering and waving white towels with just over two minutes remaining. A similar-size crowd was outside watching on giant screens at a "whiteout" street party. Winnipeg's previous postseason appearance was a sweep by Anaheim in 2015. The franchise moved from Atlanta in 2011. The Thrashers started in 1999-2000, with their only playoff series ending in four straight losses to the New York Rangers in 2007. The series came 31 years after the original Jets lost won a series before the team moved to Arizona. The Jets attacked the Wild quickly, scoring four goals on their first 10 shots. Trouba scored 31 seconds in, and Little, Tanev and Armia followed quickly.

Associated Press NHL playoff games FIRST ROUND (Starts 7:30 p.m. eastern time)
 Thursday's April 19
 Boston 3, Toronto 1, Washington 4, Columbus 1, Friday's games
 Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2, Pittsburgh leads series 3-2
 Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 0, Winnipeg wins series 4-1
 Colorado at Nashville, late
 Today's games
 St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay leads series 3-1
 Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m. Series

Alex Stalock stopped 15 of the 16 shots in relief of Dubynk. Scheifele scored his fourth goal of the series 32 seconds into the third with a one-sher on the power play. The Wild were making their sixth straight appearance in the postseason. They only got as far as the second round in 2014 and '15, when Chicago knocked them out both years.

FLYERS 2 PENGUINS 2
PITTSBURGH — Sean Couturier's long shot from the point got past Matt Murray with 1:17 left and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 on Friday night to force sixth game in the first-round series. The Flyers out the Penguins' series lead to 3-2 going into Game 6 on Sunday in Philadelphia. After missing Game 4 with a lower-body injury, Couturier extended his season at least two more days by picking up his second goal of the series.

Red 2-0
 Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m. Boston leads series 3-1
 Sunday, April 22
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBA
 Nashville at Columbus, TBA
 Monday, April 23
 Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
 Boston at Toronto, TBA
 Washington at Columbus, TBA
 Tuesday, April 24
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
 Colorado at Nashville, TBA
 Wednesday, April 25
 St. Louis at Tampa Bay, TBA
 Toronto at Boston, TBA
 Columbus at Washington, TBA

Claude Giroux, Valteri Filppula and Matt Read also scored for the Flyers. Michael Neuvirth stopped 30 shots, including a diving stop on the doorstep to deny Penguins star Sidney Crosby shortly after Couturier's trussler put Philadelphia in front. Jake Guentzel and Bryan Rust scored for the Penguins. Matt Murray made 21 saves but had no chance on Couturier's winner as the puck found its way through a sea of players and into the net.

A series that figured to be a tight contest started with four straight blowouts, most of them ending with the Flyers skating off the ice wondering what they needed to do to keep pace with cross-Atlantic rivals. The Flyers also Couturier back to center the third line just three days removed from a scary practice collision with teammate Radko Judas that left Couturier with a lower-body injury that forced him to watch Pittsburgh's critical 5-0 Game 4 romp from the press box.



Nick Wass/Associated Press

Washington Wizards guard John Wall (2) gestures during the second half on Friday in Washington.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

WIZARDS 122 RAPTORS 103
WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal headed his coach's plea to "do his job" by scoring 21 of his 29 points in the first half, his All-Star backcourt running mate John Wall delivered 28 points and 14 assists, and the Washington Wizards beat the Toronto Raptors 122-103 Friday night in an occasionally heated game to cut their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series deficit to 2-1.

After letting the Raptors grab the first 2-0 series lead in franchise history, the Wizards came home and checked off every box coach Scott Brooks presented. They got Beal more involved after he made only three shots in Game 2; they actually led after the first quarter, 30-25; they played with enough defensive focus to get produce 19 turnovers by Toronto, leading to 28 points for Washington.

Add it all up, and it was a rare recent victory for Washington, which had lost seven of eight games dating to the regular season. DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 23 points on 10-for-22 shooting one game after scoring 37, and Kyle Lowry had 19 points and eight assists. The start initially had the look of "Here we go again," as Toronto moved ahead 27-18. The Raptors, after all, outscored Washington by an average of 11 points in the

Associated Press NBA Daily Playoff Games By The Associated Press ALL TIMES EDT (Starts 7:30 p.m. eastern time)
 Wednesday, April 18
 Cleveland 103, Indiana 97, Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95, Houston 102, Minnesota 92, Thursday, April 19
 Philadelphia 108, Miami 100, New Orleans 119, Portland 102, Golden State 116, San Antonio 97, Friday's games
 Indiana 92, Cleveland 91, Indiana leads series 2-1
 Washington 122, Toronto 103 Toronto leads series 2-1
 Boston at Milwaukee, late Eastern time series 2-0
 Today
 Philadelphia at Miami, 1:30 p.m. Philadelphia leads 2-1

first period over Games 1 and 2. But this time, Washington responded with a 12-point run capped by Beal's 3 with under a minute left.

PACERS 92 CAVALS 80
INDIANAPOLIS — Bojan Bogdanovic scored 30 points, leading the Indiana Pacers back from a 17-point halftime deficit for a 92-80 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night for a 2-1 lead in their first-round series.

Cleveland was 39-0 during the regular season when leading after three quarters and kept that perfect mark intact with a Game 2 win. The incredible second-half charge came exactly one year after Indiana blew a 25-point halftime lead in a historic playoff collapse against the Cavs.

Portland at New Orleans, 4 p.m. New Orleans leads 3-0
 Houston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Houston leads series 2-0
 Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m. series tied 1-1
 Sunday, April 22
 Boston at Milwaukee, noon
 Golden State at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
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 Minnesota at Houston, TBA
 Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

The biggest reason for the collapse: Bogdanovic. After charging back with striking distance, he completed a four-point play to finally give the Pacers an 81-77 lead with 6:10 left. Bogdanovic followed that with another to make it as seven-point game.

Then James answered with the next seven to tie it. Bogdanovic came right back with a layup and another 3 before Thaddeus Young scored to give the Pacers a 91-84 cushion with 53 seconds left. James knocked down a 3 to cut the deficit to four, and the Cavs got another 3 from Kevin Love with 7 seconds left to make it 91-90. Darren Collan made 1 of 2 free throws with 5 seconds left, giving Cleveland one more chance. But J.R. Smith's long desperation heave came up short.

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Earle Bruce, Ohio State coach who followed Hayes, dies at 87

By Mitch Stacy and Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Earle Bruce stepped into his dream job, football coach at Ohio State, under most challenging circumstances, replacing the program's revered longtime leader after a fall from grace.

Bruce embraced the task of following Woody Hayes, and went on to have his own Hall of Fame career. He never did quite match Hayes' record or status at Ohio State, but Bruce earned a special place of his own in Buckeyes football history as adored patriarch and sage and the mentor to the program's current coaching star.

Bruce died in Columbus at 87, according to a statement released by his daughters through Ohio State on Friday. He'd been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

He had a record of 81-26-1 as Ohio State's coach from 1979-87. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003.

Bruce was hired after the revered Hayes was fired for punching a Clemson player in the 1978 Gator Bowl. Even after being fired by Ohio State and moving on to other jobs, he never lost his passion for Ohio State football. "He was just so genuine," said former Ohio State All-American Chris Spielman, who played for Bruce from 1984-87. "I think the one thing that stood out to me, and I heard other people describe him this way. There was nothing phony about him. What you saw was what it was. I loved him smiling when he told football stories."

Ohio State coach Urban



AP file photo

Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce poses during spring practice before the annual Red-White game in 1979 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio. Bruce died in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 87, according to a statement released by his daughters through Ohio State on Friday. He'd been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Meyer began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Bruce in 1986, and later worked for him at Colorado State.

"I've made it clear many times that, other than my father, Coach Bruce was the most influential man in my life," Meyer said in a statement. "Every significant decision I've made growing up in this profession was with him involved in it. His wife (Jean) and he were the role models for Shelley and me. They did everything with class. He was not afraid to show how much he loved his family and cared for his family." Born in Pittsburgh and raised in Cumberland, Maryland, Bruce had come to Ohio State in the fall of 1949 to play football. He sustained a knee injury that in effect ended his playing days and got him to think about coaching.

He was a high school assistant in Mansfield and became a head coach in 1956 at Salem where his

teams went 28-9. He moved on to Sandusky High School in 1960 and in four years had a record of 34-3-3 and then took over at mighty Massillon, one of the most renowned prep jobs in the country. In two seasons, Bruce went 20-0.

Hayes beckoned and Bruce joined him as an assistant at Ohio State in 1966. Bruce was in charge of a bruising offensive line that paved the way for the Buckeyes to win three Big Ten titles, two Rose Bowls, go 43-14 and win the 1968 national championship. Bruce was on the 1968 staff that also Lou Holtz, Bill Mallory, Lou McCullough and George Chaump. Earlier, Bruce had worked on an Ohio State staff that included Bo Schembechler, who would become the head coach at Michigan and serve as a nemesis for both Hayes and Bruce.

After six years on Hayes' staff, Bruce became a head coach. He spent a year at

the University of Tampa and went 10-2 with a colorful cast that included NFL star John Matuszak and George Orendorf, who would go on to become a professional wrestling mainstay.

After a stint at Iowa State, Bruce was hired in January 1979 to replace his mentor and friend. He went at the job with characteristic energy and organization, despite some criticism from fans who constantly compared him to the sainted Hayes, the Buckeyes' coach for 28 seasons.

"You don't want to lose in Columbus, Ohio," Bruce once told The Associated Press. "A football loss? That's terrible. You want to win all your home games. You're only as good as your last game here."

Bruce took over a 7-4-1 team that had lost its last two games and finished fourth in the Big Ten in 1978. He promptly took the Buckeyes to within a whisker of a national title.

With quarterback Art Schlichter working out of an updated, modernized offense and the Buckeyes employing the same old in-your-face defense, Ohio State went unbeaten through the 1979 regular season before losing the national title to Southern California, beaten 17-16 in the Rose Bowl. After winning or sharing four Big Ten titles, he was fired in 1987 after falling into disfavor with Ohio State President Ed Jennings.

Spielman said news of Bruce's death brought back memories of the Ohio State band showing up at Bruce's home on the day the coach had been fired as a show of support and playing the alma mater for him.

Colts' confidence in Luck's recovery prompted trade

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard keeps responding to the same old questions about Andrew Luck with the same old answers.

No, he's not concerned. Yes, Luck's recovery remains on track. And, of course, Ballard expects to see his star quarterback taking snaps this season.

Now Ballard is doing more than just talking. He's actually building his draft strategy around Luck's expected return from a partially torn labrum in his throwing shoulder.

"We traded the third pick of the draft to move back to six," Ballard said Friday. "I thought that said we were pretty confident with where he's at."

Last month, Indy swapped first-round picks with the New York Jets

and added two second-round picks this year and another in 2018.

There are plenty of reasons for doubts about Luck's status, though.

He still hasn't started throwing full-size footballs and there's no indication he will participate in any of the Colts' offseason work. The last time Luck threw a regulation ball was in October — until lingering soreness forced him to be shut down and seek additional medical opinions before moving his rehab to Europe.

The problem then, Luck has said, was he tried to expedite the recovery. Instead, it cost him the rest of the season.

If he starts Sept. 9 against Cincinnati, as hoped, it would mark the first time he's played in 21 months — and the first time since Ballard accepted Indy's job in January 2017 that he's actually seen Luck in uniform.

Again, Ballard declined to provide

a projected timetable for Luck's expected progression.

To critics, all this sounds familiar. It's the essentially the same commentary Ballard provided 12 months ago. This time could be different.

"A lot of the exercises he's doing are conducive to the same thing (throwing)," Ballard said. "I think it (a setback) would have shown up with the work he's doing from a strength standpoint, absolutely."

So far, the prognosis is promising. This month, Luck said he felt better, was in a better place mentally and was confident he will be better when he comes back.

Teammates like Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton and longtime left tackle Anthony Castonzo say they also have detected changes.

"I think he realizes that all he's got to worry about is getting back," Castonzo said Tuesday.

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school, he pulled books off the shelves and pointed to photos he likes, then turned his attention to the art on display. Chandra Johnson booked it well before the artist's popularity soared, and the exhibit was sold out before a single piece was hung at SOCO.

Jimmie Johnson is well-versed in both the artist, a painter named Shara Hughes, and who bought the pieces.

"Only two went to Charlotte collections," he lamented.

Behind the gallery, there is a cross-fit studio with an outdoor exercise space that includes about a half-dozen massive tires hanging from a rope.

"Chandra's aesthetic nightmare," Johnson said with a laugh. "She's worked so hard to create this amazing unique space to Charlotte. And now she has to look at that in the backyard."

That Johnson notices such things is part of his evolution from blue-collar kid racing dirt bikes on family outings in his native California to future Hall of Famer. Chandra's influence over their nearly two decades together is also obvious. A former model who was raised in Oklahoma, she was living in New York when they met and they've been together just about his entire time in the top racing circuit in the nation.

At 42, Johnson is still a top driver and adamant that

retirement is nowhere on his radar. Yet the statistics and history of NASCAR are clear: The twilight of his career has arrived.

Johnson bought a coffee from the independent kiosk at the front of the gallery and settled at a small bistro table he'd arranged to be marked as "Reserved."

He pondered the question: What are you selling? "I think for this seller's market, clearly someone has a golden opportunity to close out with me," Johnson said.

But who?

Johnson doesn't have answers as much as a grand plan that could include everything from driving Le Mans and the Rolex 24 at Daytona to triathlons and competitive mountain biking — anything that allows the son of two working parents to chase his desire to win and avoid retirement.

"I know I can't turn off the competition," he said. "I don't think I've ever been more motivated; I don't think I've ever wanted anything more. I want to race and I want to do that for a very long time. Me being selfish about what I want to do, the next sponsor transitions with me."

Johnson has matured from the rookie who once led a stair-diving competition at Tony Stewart's birthday party into the most accomplished driver of his generation, matching Hall of Famer Richard

Petty and Dale Earnhardt with seven titles. But he runs triathlons, takes team members mountain biking in the woods and will do anything to get a workout in — especially if it's outside.

He is also mired in the longest losing streak of his Cup career: 31 races stretching back almost a year. He turns 43 in September and has two years remaining on his Hendrick contract; there might be another short NASCAR contract after that.

"I've got a handful of years in Cup," he said, leaving himself wiggle room regarding just how many. "If we can find the right sponsor to transition from full-time NASCAR ..."

"I mean, I can't stop racing. I'm always going to be racing something," he said. "I'm going to step down from the NASCAR merry-go-round at some point, but I've got a bucket list."

Johnson got to thinking after a chance encounter in January with two-time Formula One champion Fernando Alonso, who is on a quest to race in the top events around the world. Alonso entered the Indianapolis 500 last year, led laps, but failed to finish after his engine blew.

Would Johnson consider running Indy, the race he most admires as a child? He noted Formula One, which recently added plastic helmets over the open cockpits in an effort to protect drivers from potentially deadly debris,

as an incentive should Indy adopt them.

"I like those helmets in Formula One," he said. "Those could get me a little closer to that race."

Johnson has in fact been barred from racing in the Indy 500 by his wife, who thinks the open-wheel racing is too dangerous.

His eldest daughter, 7-year-old Evie, has shown an interest in racing, and Johnson talked to fellow driver Kyle Larson about what she should try. (Johnson wants her in something with a roll cage.) Four-year-old Lydia, with her pink and purple flower-pocked helmet for motorcycles, is a still a wild card.

"Daddy, can you let Danica win today?" she asked him in front of Patrick White on the starting grid of the Daytona 500, which he has won twice.

"I laughed and said to her, 'Daddy wants to win this race, too,'" Johnson said.

The Johnsons' circle of friends includes world-class athletes, artists and celebrities. They ski in Aspen; he even got Dale Earnhardt Jr. to try it. They spend weekends in New York City or Nantucket, where Johnson found himself at Roger Penske's summer home watching the billionaire throw his grandchildren in a pool.

He and Chandra have a dream list of European vacations. They appreciate fashion and photography and craft cocktails. They

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Schultz — all are listed as potentially going in the three-day draft. Among the traits they would bring to the pros are exceptional study habits, discipline, strong retention skills and organization.

Of course, they need to have the athletic ability, and no health or off-field issues. And just because they excel in the classroom isn't an overriding reason to draft them.

"With some players there definitely was a carry-over, with others definitely not," notes former NFL general manager Phil Savage, who now procures talent for the Senior Bowl and is a SiriusXM Radio football analyst.

"We've seen prospects come out of academically inclined schools where the classwork is especially challenging and they had no edge over prospects who came out of other type schools that were not so highly rated academically."

"You have to be careful to tie it completely together. But guys who check off the boxes in the classroom who you know have worked hard and gotten good marks, it makes you feel good about their prospects. I do think it can be a positive as a prospect. Remember what is the core philosophy for the Patriots: Be in condition, know what to do and play hard."

College Football Hall of Fame member Pat Fitzgerald was an All-America linebacker at Northwestern and has been head coach there since 2006. He fit the category of star player and student, and he now gets to work with similar youngsters, the vast majority of whom won't be heading to the pros.

Fitzgerald believes the habits these players create in high school construct a foundation for their college careers as athletes and students. And then the environment they experience at Northwestern solidifies that foundation for their futures — whether they become NFL participants or doctors, lawyers, businessmen, whatever.

"It begins with the expectations and standards of our program and university," Fitzgerald says. "That is our identification, who we are, and we take great pride in that. We are recruiting a young man who is an institutional fit. We place high value in a 40- to 50-year decision. It's not just playing football, it's using the university to help you be successful in life. He wants to be successful in all he does."

"Typically, the goals are very high of the young

man we get to coach, and we are able to drive them and push them to newer heights. It makes for a great group collectively."

Kalambayi and Phillips stress exactly that. Performing in the classroom is as essential as doing the job on a football field — and it forms a bond with fellow athletes.

"We're fundamentally the same — we were the smartest football player at our high school," says Kalambayi, who majored in communications and minored in French; his family is from Congo.

"Coming in from different socio-economic backgrounds and we have a general understanding of each other. We're one of the closer teams because of that."

"Our humor is different than other teams; our conversations range from politics to football to policy. The locker room is a phenomenal place — to be around those guys and learn so much from your teammates."

Phillips had two majors: sociology, and the science of technology and society. He minored in education and graduated in December.

He reasons that his acumen for dissecting game plans and individual plays comes not only from his love for football but from his classroom skills. Phillips keeps a notebook with him and constantly writes down things he picks up at film sessions or meetings.

"I don't know how much carry-over there is, but from the football meeting rooms there's a lot of carry-over to the field," he says. "There definitely are similarities of study habits that might be the same."

When these players do move on to the NFL, they tend to remain in contact with the coaches who helped them get there. That feeds back into the college programs, Fitzgerald believes.

"The No. 1 thing guys (from Northwestern who make the NFL) tell me — midway through their first year I will text and ask them did we prepare you? — and to a man the answer is the same: 'I was over-prepared.'" He said. "The active learning environment and expectations academically, our guys take the path less traveled. We hope they achieve the goal of playing on Sunday for a long time, but that is Plan B. Plan A is life."

"Hopefully, we put them in some structured opportunities here so they can figure out what they want to do after they leave our program."

the organization.

All of this has given Johnson a chance to take on a bigger role. Always considered to be the protégé of four-time champion Gordon, the team finally belongs solely to Johnson.

"I am enjoying the leadership role I have inside the team," he said. "That's one thing I worked really hard on over the offseason."

Of course, it's easy to lead when he is winning. It's a different story when crew chief Chad Knaus is breathing down his neck and the last checked flag has been in the rearview mirror for almost a year.

Johnson sought help from former NFL player Lewis and Whaler, who is now a performance coach.

"I'm one that cleans up and gets quiet when things get tough, and Chad can make things tough," Johnson said. "I found that the team doesn't need me to be quiet and the team suffers from it, so I've made some huge strides in growth in that department."

A swimmer, diver and water polo player in high school, Johnson realized he did best in a locker-room environment, which doesn't exist in racing. He's learned to recognize what triggers Knaus and come to understand how to confront each issue.

At the end of last season, he said, he was so shut down that he and Knaus were not discussing problems. Crew members began whispering about fiction and "it was just toxic," Johnson said.

Zach Johnson rolling, shares Texas Open lead with Ryan Moore

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SAN ANTONIO — Zach Johnson was going nowhere in the Valero Texas Open when it all changed with one putt. He made an 8-foot par putt on the 13th hole of the opening round to stay at 2 under. He followed with a big drive, a hybrid into 12 feet and an eagle. Johnson was on his way, and he kept right on going Friday to a 7-under 65 and a share of the early 36-hole lead with Ryan Moore.

"You just never know. That's the beauty of this game," Johnson said. "I felt like I was hitting some solid shots and wasn't getting rewarded, and you've just got to stay in it. You've got to persevere, grind it out, fight for pars. You just never know."

Moore had three birdies over his last five holes for a 67 and joined Johnson at 9-under 135.

Johnson, a two-time winner of the Texas Open, appeared to be headed to a short week until the key par save on the 13th hole, followed by his eagle, par and three straight birdies. He began the second round Friday with five birdies in a six-hole stretch on the back nine, a sixth birdie on the par-4 first hole, and then an eagle on the short par-4 fifth when he



John Davenport/The San Antonio Express-News via AP

Zach Johnson eyes a putt Friday during the second day of the Valero Texas Open golf tournament at TPC San Antonio in San Antonio.

holed out from a greenside bunker.

The only sour taste to his second round was a three-putt bogey from about 30 feet on his final hole. Even so, the view was much better than it was Thursday afternoon.

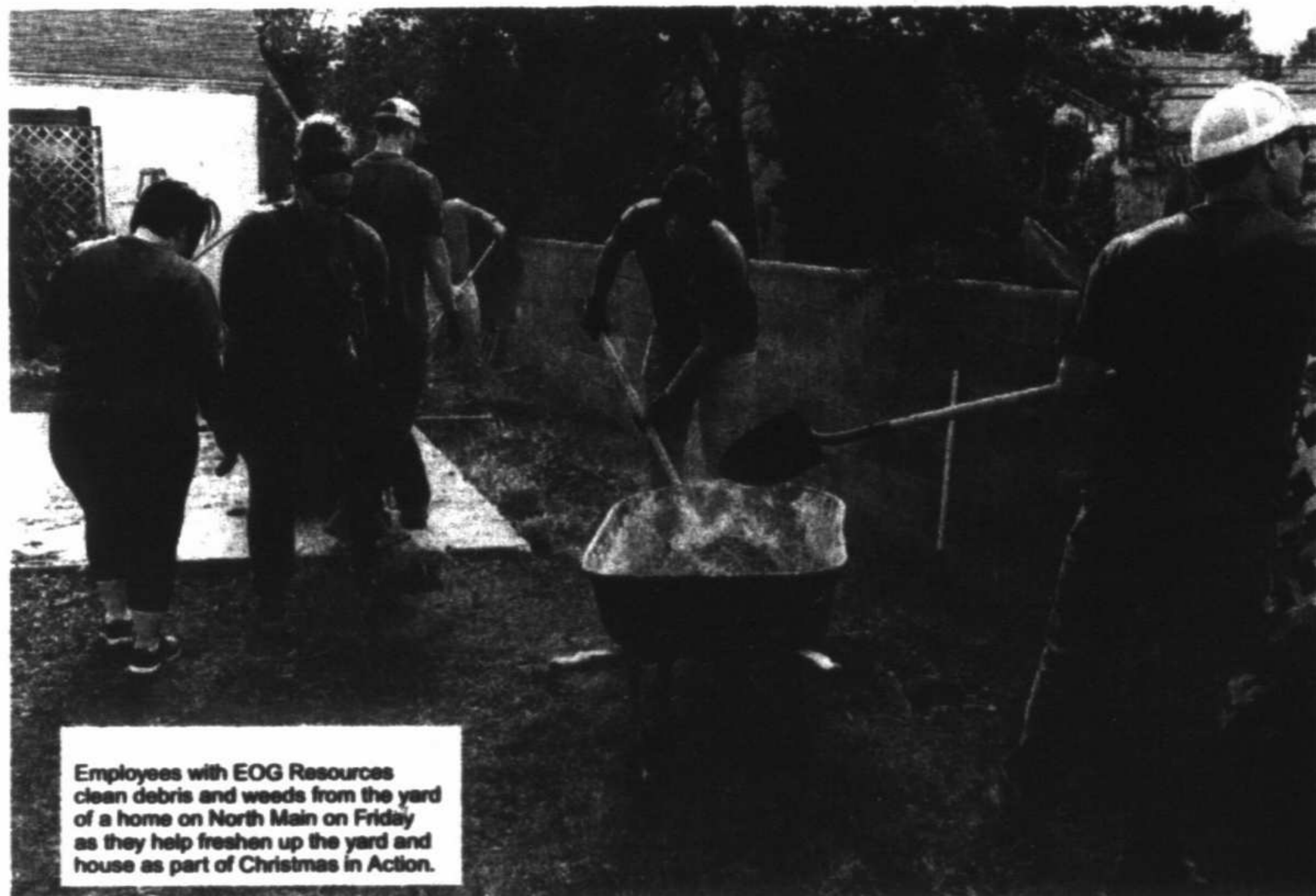
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Ryan Moore	69-67=136	Oliver Shum	71-69=140
Andrew Laney	69-67=136	Hunter English	69-72=141
Gregory Murray	67-69=136	Steve Marino	70-69=141
Ben Cass	72-64=136	Matt Atkins	68-73=141
Martin Laird	70-66=136	J.T. Poston	70-69=141
David Hearn	70-66=136	Jeffrey Crisp	68-73=141
Chris Kim	70-66=136	Michael Lindheim	70-67=141
Billy Horschel	68-71=139	Andrew Putnam	70-69=141
Ryan Bradley	69-71=140	Richie Masten	70-70=142
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Highlands, Fla.			
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First round: Dallas Wings-Springs Course, Par 71, 18 holes, 6:00			
Second round			
1-Top of the Rock, Par 74, 18 holes, 8:00			
in-Big Cedar Lodge, Roundabout Top, Par 70, 18 holes, 9:00			
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CHRISTMAS IN ACTION

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Employees with EOG Resources clean debris and weeds from the yard of a home on North Main on Friday as they help freshen up the yard and house as part of Christmas in Action.

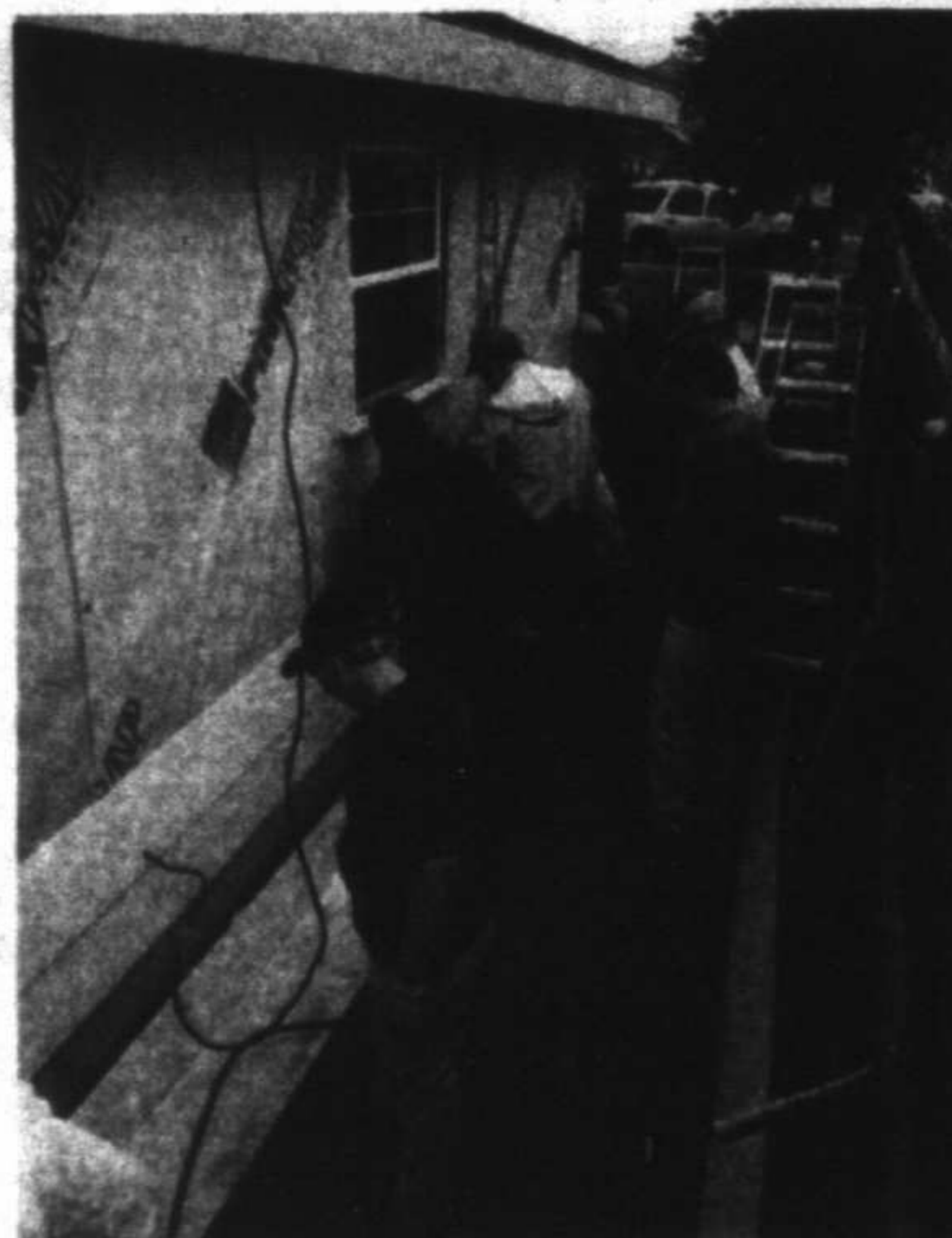
Since its inception in 1972, Christmas in Action has worked on 10,000 projects, according to the organization's website. Thousands of volunteers have "given unselfishly so that others may live in safety, warmth and independence." This weekend, those working on projects across Midland include Chevron, EOG, RSP Permian and Golf Course Church of Christ.

Web: <http://christmasinaction.org/>

photos by Tim Fischer



Brian Hill, with EOG Resources, works on painting the roof edging on Friday on a house on East Pecan as he and others with EOG Resources work to freshen up the house as part of Christmas in Action.



Employees with RSP Permian install new siding as they make repairs on a house on East Jax on Friday as part of Christmas in Action.



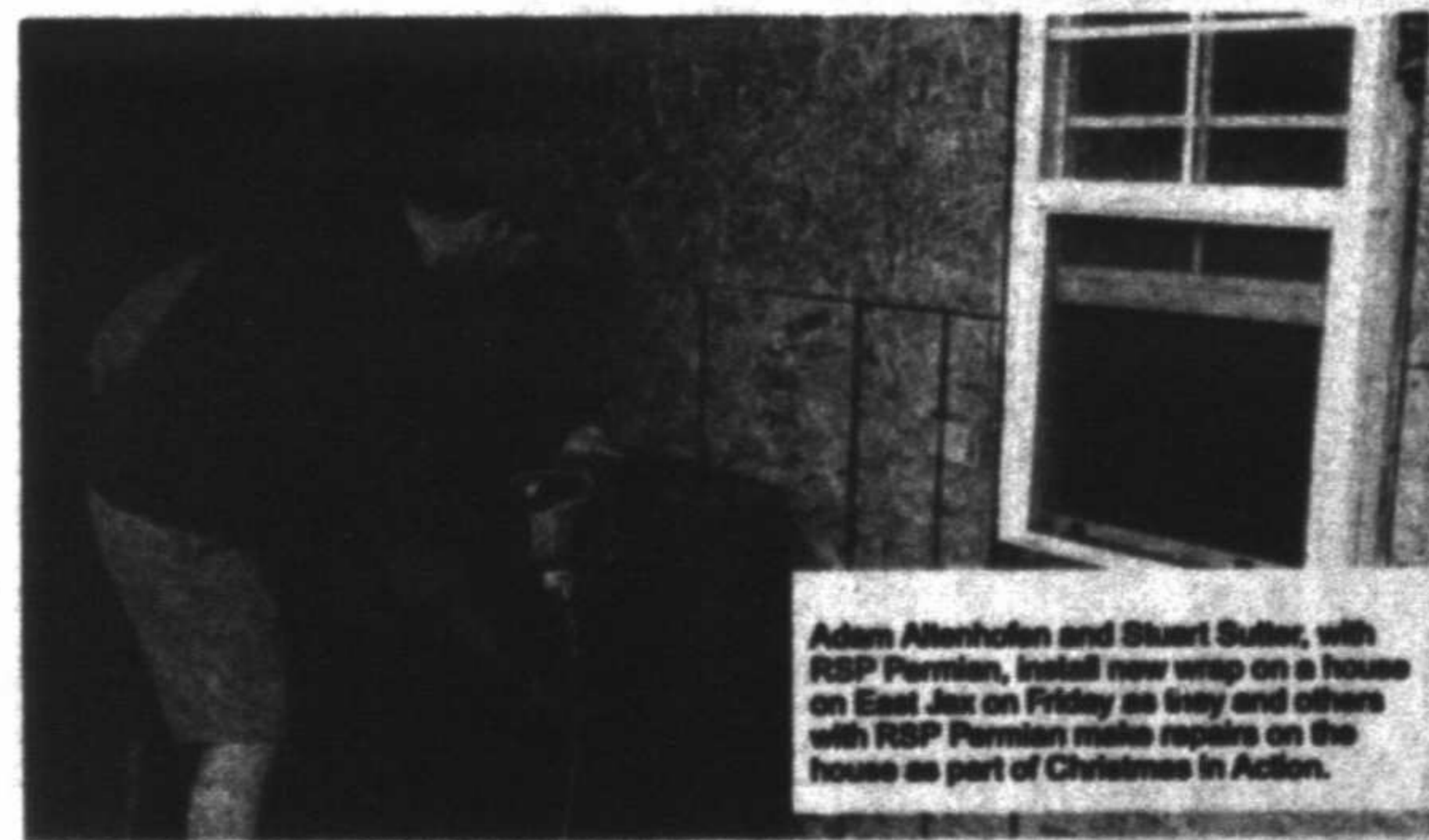
Jenna Heesert, with EOG Resources, scrapes off old paint as she and others with EOG Resources prepare the house on North Main on Friday for new paint and trim as part of Christmas in Action.



Doug Lowrie, with EOG Resources, works on painting the roof eaves on Friday on a house on East Pecan as he and others with EOG Resources work to freshen up the house as part of Christmas in Action.



Anna Letyshova, with Chevron, paints the roof eaves Friday to a home on East California as she and others with Chevron work to repair the house as part of Christmas in Action.



Adam Altenhofen and Stuart Suter, with RSP Permian, install new wrap on a house on East Jax on Friday as they and others with RSP Permian make repairs on the house as part of Christmas in Action.



Angela Peltus, and others with EOG Resources, works on painting the roof edging Friday on a house on East Pecan as she and others with EOG Resources work to freshen up the house as part of Christmas in Action.



Justin Pepp with Chevron laughs as he applies caulk Friday to a home on East California as he and others with Chevron work to repair the house as part of Christmas in Action.



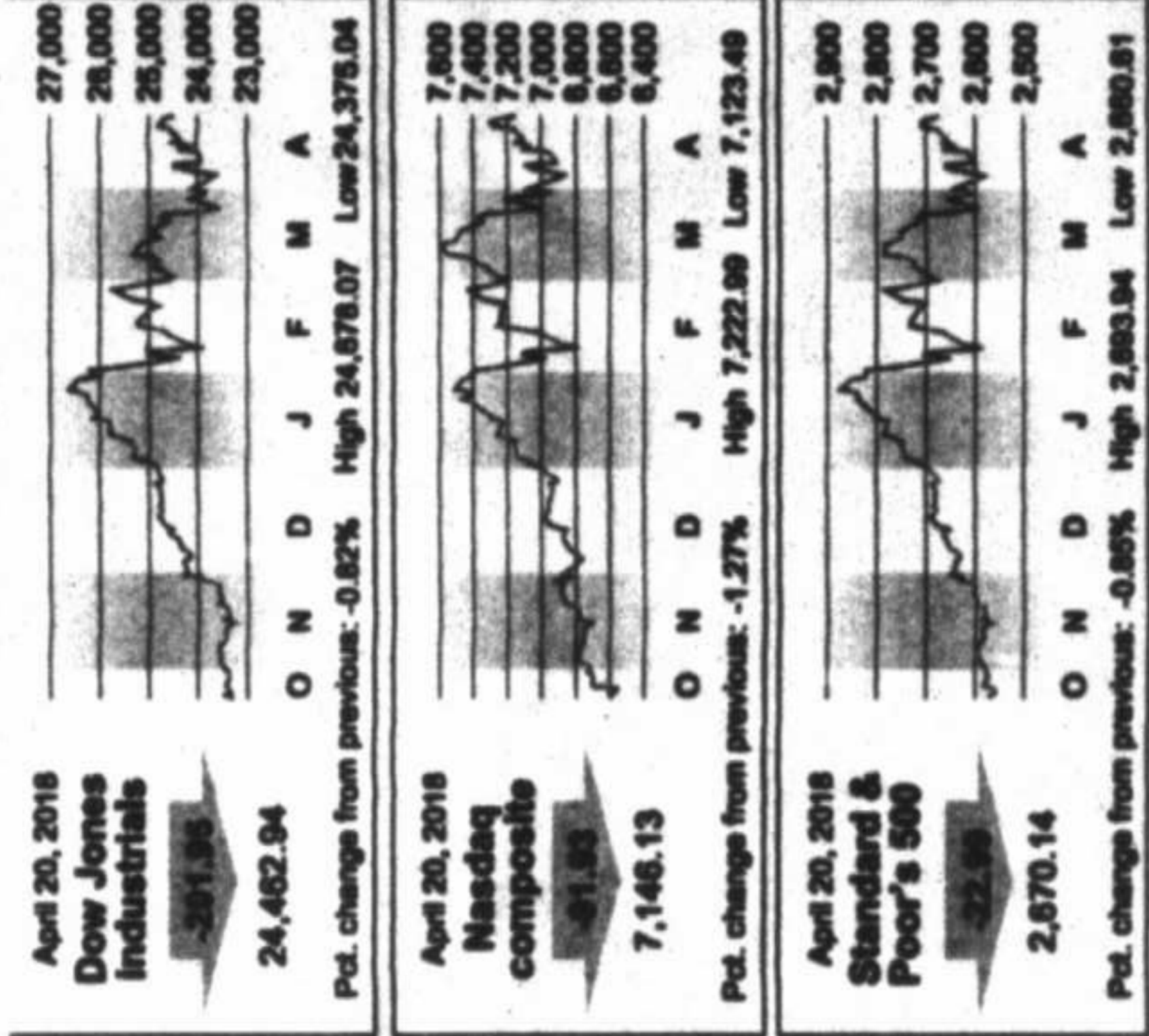
Joe Thomas with Chevron, paints around the window Friday to a home East California as he and others with Chevron work to repair the house as part of Christmas in Action.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market activity for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and Change.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



Summary tables for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, listing market activity, gains, and losses.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of stock market activity for the NASDAQ National Market.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance, including columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and Change.

INDEXES

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

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

Table of stock market activity for Permian Basin stocks.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market activity for the American Stock Exchange.

Read Stock Business and the CR Report every Sunday to catch up with business news topics in this region.



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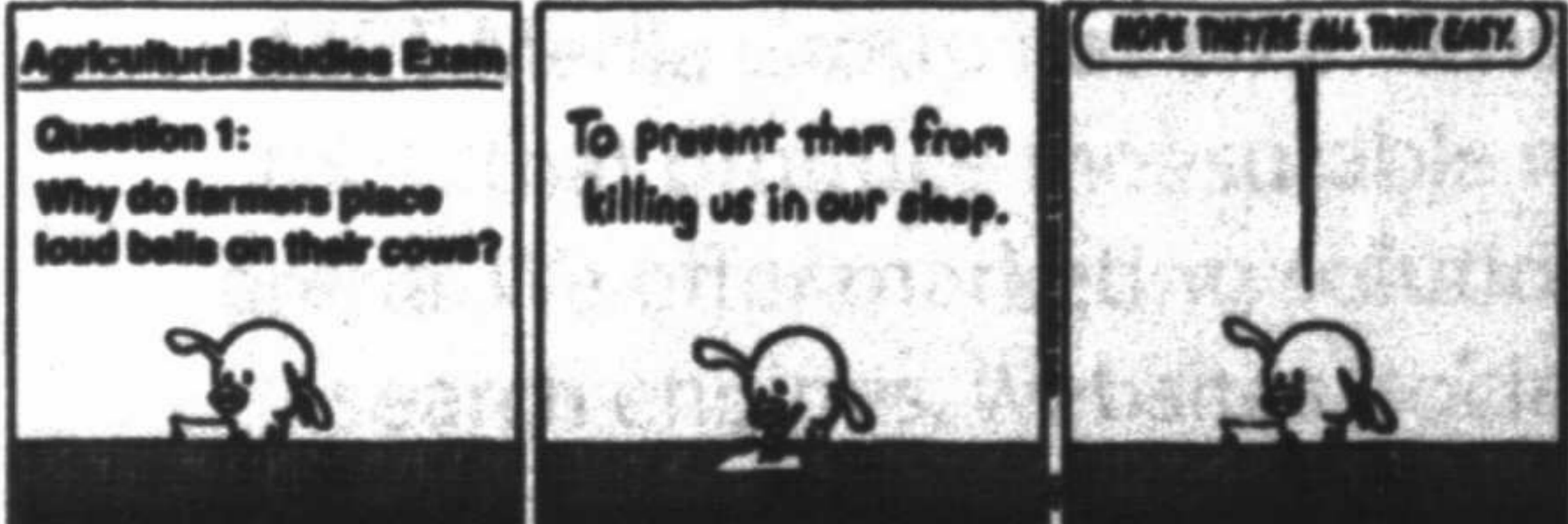
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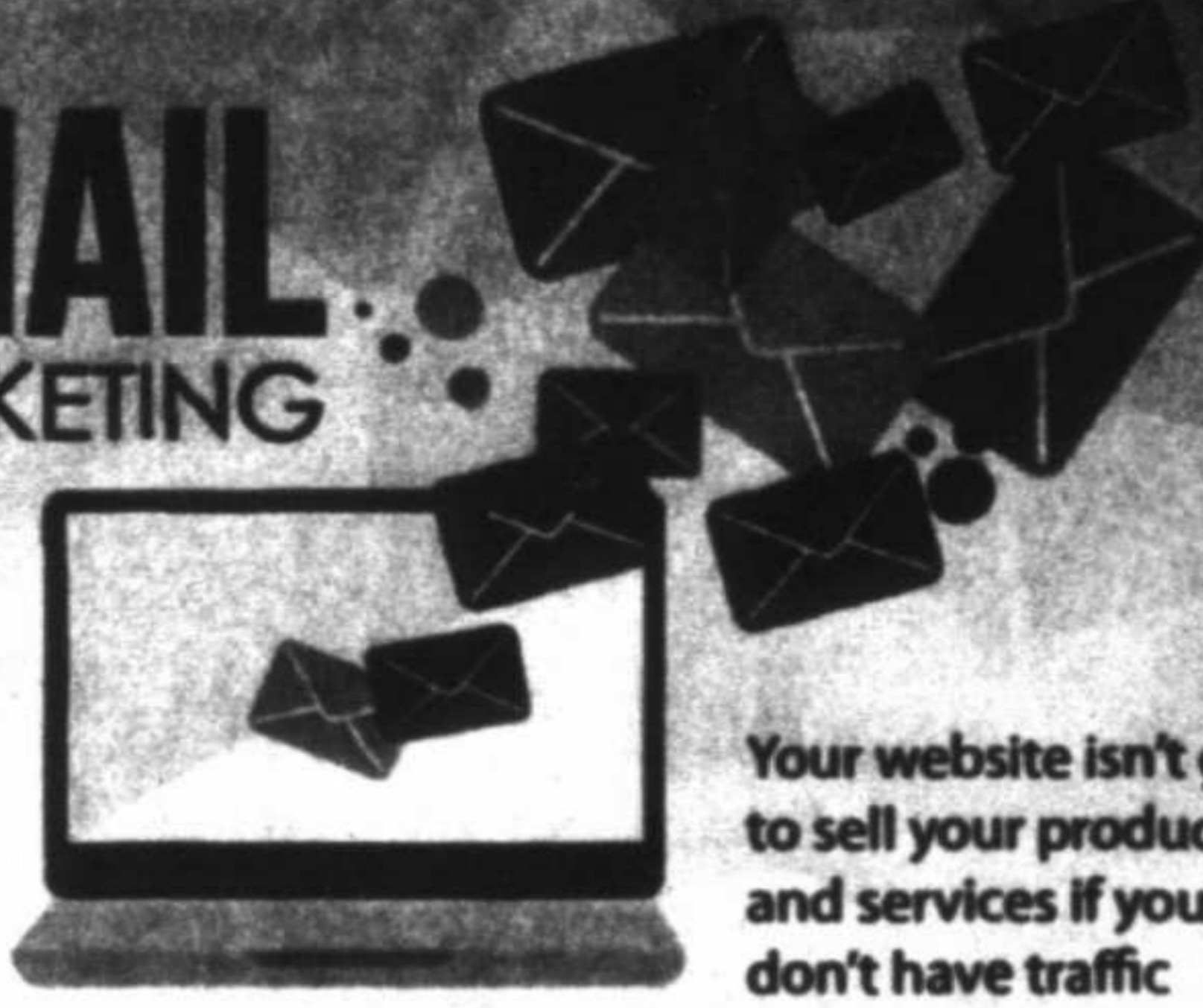
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ARTS/PUBLISHING

COPY EDITOR/DESIGNER

WANTED: A team-oriented, deadline-conscious copy editor/designer. You're a good fit if you're creative, willing to work nights, weekends and holidays; have at least one year of layout or copy editing experience, are InDesign proficient; can learn quickly; aren't afraid to ask questions; have an eye for detail; have a firm grasp of punctuation, grammar and AP style; and have a strong commitment to visual journalism. About us: The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a universal copy desk that handles the daily paper as well as products from other Hearst newspapers in the region.

About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, résumé and clips in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking an Instructor-Transportation Trainer Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

- Required Qualifications:**
- High school diploma or equivalent
 - Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
 - 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 TXDPS
 - Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and evaluate
 - Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
 - Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
 - Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
 - Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
 - Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
 - Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
 - Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive lifting
 - Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test
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Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Math Teachers at the following locations:

Lee High School, MAP/DAEP & Goddard Junior High School.

Provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences designed to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Enable students to develop competencies and skills to function successfully in society.

Education: Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university Valid Texas teaching certificate

Experience: Student Teaching, approved internship or approved Alternative Teacher Certification Program Supervise assigned teacher assistant(s), if applicable.

Benefits include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - 80 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

ps://midlandisd.ted12.com/hr/index.aspx - to apply

Field Service Technician/Shop Technician

VAN ZANDT Controls is a dynamic and a growing Valve Automation, Flow Measurement & Instrumentation Company located in Odessa, TX. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

Field Service Technician

- Troubleshoot & Repair different Types of Actuators
- Make Adjustments, setting Voltage and Checking for Proper Output
- Maintain a Safe Work Environment at All Times

Shop Technicians:

- Build & Repair different Types of Valves and Actuators
- Be capable of Understanding Technical Documents
- Knowledge of Valve Actuators a Plus

Please call 432-626-1286 or send your resume to Dave Latch - dlatch@vanzandtcontrols.com Applicants must be reliable and have clean driving record

Shop Hands & CDL Drivers

Driving Company looking for experienced hands in the shop: • QC - Motor Technicians - Power Section - CDL Drivers- 3 plus years -Negotiate Pay- Please call: 432-684-6263 or 432-687-1480

LVN

LVN - Full Time needed for Addition medical clinic. Early morning hours. Medication Management, TB tests, blood draws, medical orders. Paid vacations, holidays, personal days. Routine travel between Midland and Odessa. No health insurance available. Please fax resume to 800-671-8264.

Mental Health Professional

The Wood Group is hiring Qualified Mental Health Professional for Residential facility in Big Spring, TX. Fulltime M-F (8am to 5pm) and PRN positions available. A Bachelor Degree in Social Services is required. Benefits Package included. To apply visit our website www.woodgroup.us and fax completed application to our Human Resource Dept. 940-767-0468. For questions call our corporate office 940-767-0463.

Full Time Maintenance

Currently looking for Full-Time Maintenance. Experience needed. Apply in person at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3209 W Loop 209 R, Midland, TX, 79707.

Real Estate Office Intern

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WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE

Rip Griffin Oil Company, 3010 S. FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79708. Warehouse Customer Service Associate. Duties include: Answer phones, Take customer orders, Coordinate deliveries, Maintain inventory, Encourage safe work habits, Keep all files current, Needs computer skills/ telephone etiquette. Good pay, Good benefits, Let's discuss. Resumes to pjgibert@ripgriffin.com for an interview

Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Registered Nurse (RN) District Wide

Educational/Certification:

- Registered Professional Nurse with academic preparation at the diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate level
- Current Texas license issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners
- Current certification in CPR and Basic First Aid
- Texas Department of Health certification in vision, hearing, and spinal screening is required.

Experience: Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pt or to entry into school nursing.

Qualifications: Experience in community health or pediatric nursing is preferred. Courses of study which strengthen growth in nursing, education, special education, health education, and other health-related fields is recommended. Courses of study for child growth and development.

Benefits include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - 80 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
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Grounds Crew Maintenance

Rancho Hills Golf Club now hiring full-time Grounds Crew. Duties: • Operate equipment used for care and maintenance of golf course. • Work in outdoors in all types of weather. • Perform other duties as assigned. • Full training provided. Education: High school diploma or GED. 6 months experience preferred. Lunch and uniform provided. \$13.00 per hour. Call 432-683-2041, 1600 E. Wadley, Midland, TX.

Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Assistant Head Custodian/Lee High School Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to assure all Custodians follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds

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Qualification Requirements: Pass training course Ability to read, write and understand verbal instructions in English Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance Ability to operate cleaning equipment and all heavy equipment Property handle and use cleaning supplies Ability to lift and carry 15-44 lbs. without assistance

Benefits include:

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BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Now Hiring Full Time Managers. Send Resume via Fax to 800-763-4391 or Email at buffalowildwings@buffalowildwings.com.

Full Time Cashier

Health Food Store is looking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashier. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2211 W. Wadley, Midland, TX.

Full Time Receptionist

Health Food Store is looking applications for a receptionist. Five day work week. 20-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2211 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707

Retail Professional

Adrian Gold, Midland's premier women's fashion store, is seeking a full time retail professional to join our sales team. The ideal candidate will have fashion retail experience and be eager to grow in our fast paced environment.

Manufacturing or management experience a plus! We offer great benefits, including paid time off, insurance and 401K. Applications accepted in store or online - no phone calls, please. Email resumes to: greg@adriangold.com 2101 W. Wadley, Ste. 16, Midland, TX 79708

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.

\$13.00 PER HOUR

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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

Night time associate - **MUST BE DEPENDABLE** Must be able to count 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.

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Digital Media Account Executive

"We must be thoroughly understanding and thoroughly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must speak a revolution." -William Randolph Hearst, 1887

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 a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing 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 business, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:

- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:

- Highly knowledgeable with digital media, SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, client-oriented environment
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:

- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Full in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and excellent opportunity for advancement within the company.
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome!
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off are here you covered!

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com No Phone Calls Please.

OTHER JOBS



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
Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
Immediate reporting and cleaning 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

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, bend, and occasionally lift/carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:

This is a full-time position.

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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:

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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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Employment Account Executive

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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 hiring needs. 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.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meet/exceeds revenue goals.
Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.
Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

- Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
You have an outgoing, resilient personality
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Leo R's Enterprises, Inc. is now accepting applications for Owner Operator and Company Drivers. Looking for experienced drivers at least 25 years of age with 1 year of CDL driving experience. Prior experience in driving 1 to 2 ton trucks with hazmat license along with Hazmat/HAZMAT. Commissioned jobs are paid weekly for all drivers. Benefits for company drivers include Health Insurance, uniform and cell phone allowance. For more information please call our office at 432-670-8283 or come by 2808 W. Co. Rd. 148, Midland, TX. 79706 to fill out an application. Email resumes to: leor@leors.com

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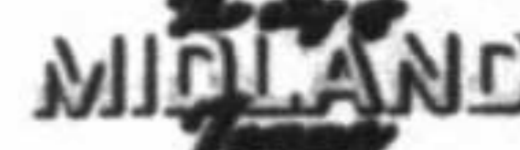
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MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE



Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and account staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:

- Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
Prepares, administers and reviews annual budget.
Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.
Assesses various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and financing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

Budgetary Responsibilities:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:

- Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.
Reviews and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
Obtains Approvals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, file histories, etc.
Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for subdivision of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:

- Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and ordinance changes. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
Prepares detailed reports such as census population estimates.
Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Reviews subdivision applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other governmental officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBERS 150841L004, 150843L004, AND 150844L004

APPLICATION Victory Rock Texas, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Issuance of Permits 150841L004, 150843L004, and 150844L004

This application would authorize construction of one of possibly three rock crushing plants located at 11000 Texas Highway 249, Midland, Upton County, Texas 79705. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/6d10/index.html?at=31.50222&lng=-101.9342&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, and sulfur dioxide.

The applications were submitted to the TCEQ on March 8, 2018. The applications will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Upton County Public Library, 212 West 7th Street, Mccamey, Upton County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance fee, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING

You may submit public comments, or request a public meeting or a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, and daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/We request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

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MAILING LIST

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Further information may also be obtained from Victory Rock Texas, LLC, 215 Rocky Coast Drive, Austin, Texas 78735-1776 or by calling Mr. Jay Lindholm, Sage ATC Environmental Consulting LLC at (512) 290-6500.

Notice Issuance Date: March 23, 2018

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Amended Notice Issuance Date: April 9, 2018

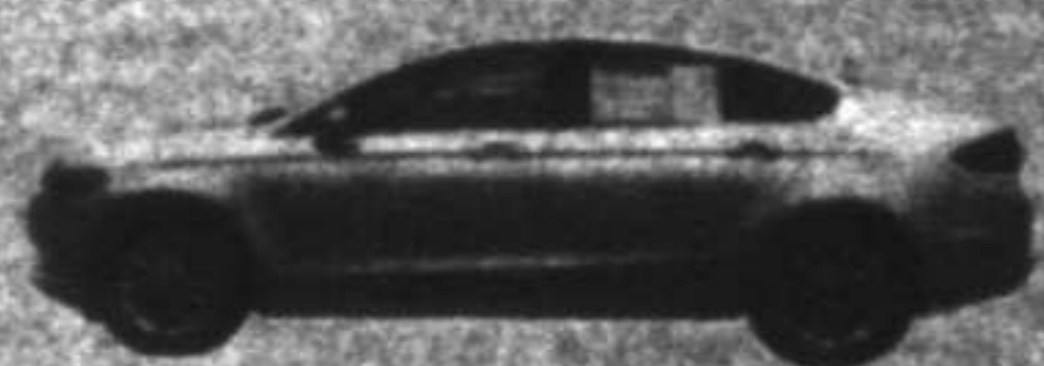
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On March 20, 2018 Sharon Gaylor of 116 Timberline Lane Beatrop, Texas 78603 was appointed executrix of the estate of Steve Michael Clower, Deceased. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to present them to the executrix or the attorney office of Mark Threadgill 5100 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas. 79707 within 4 months of this first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

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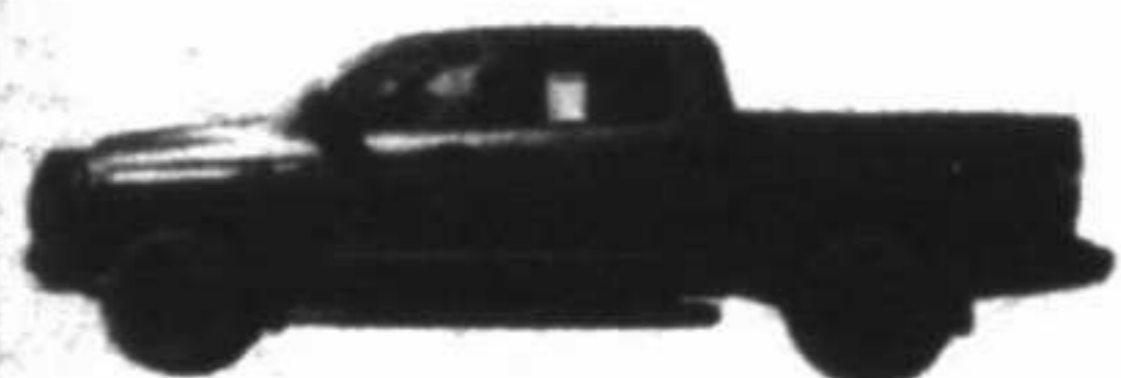
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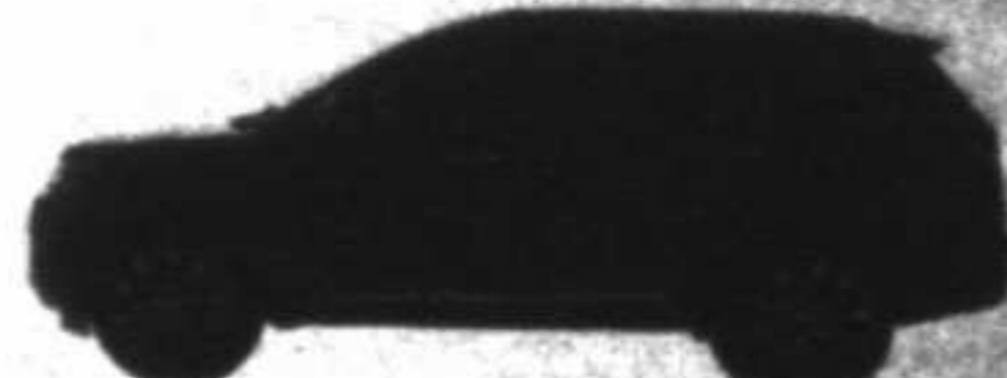
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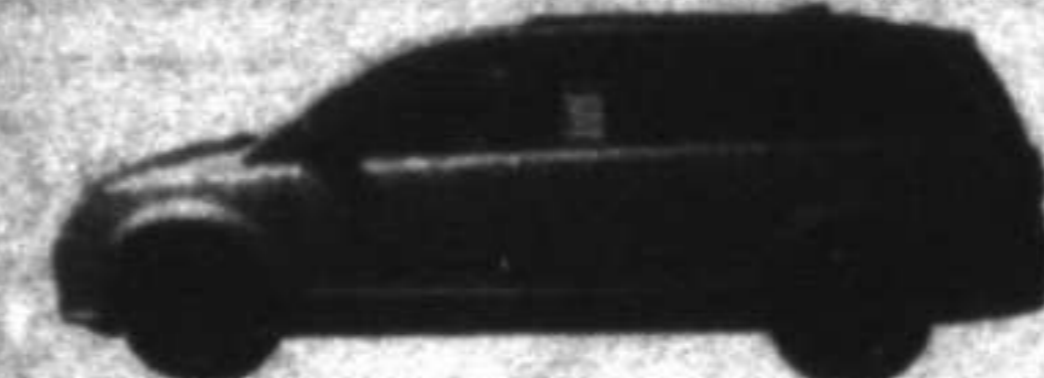
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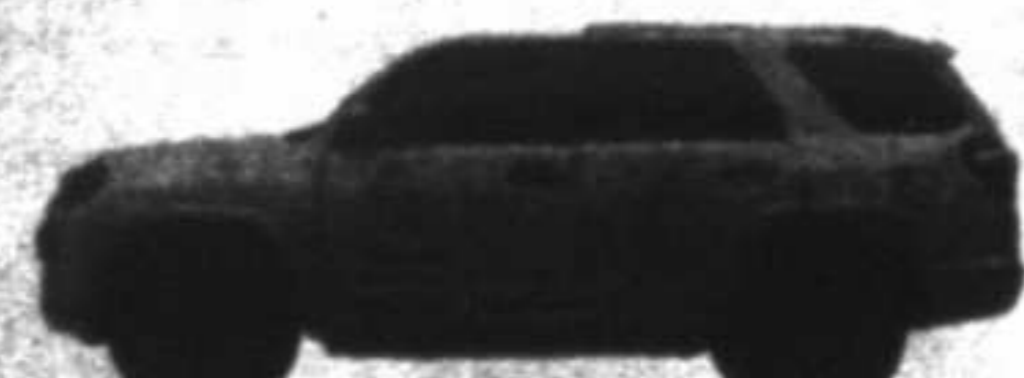
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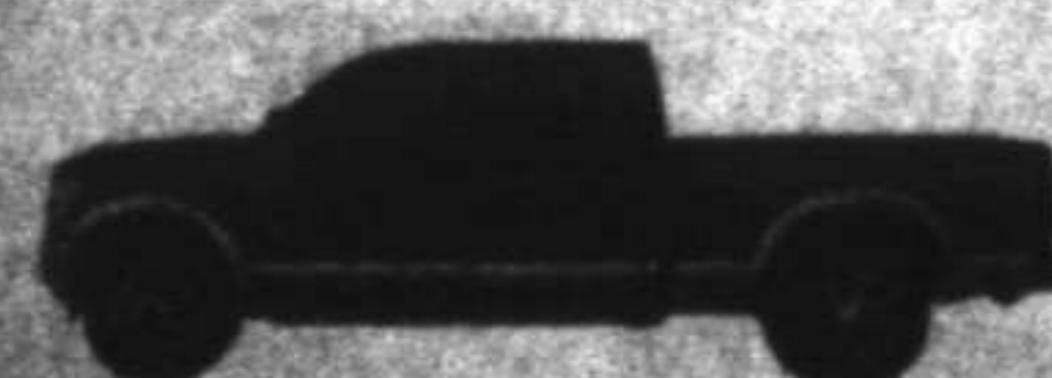
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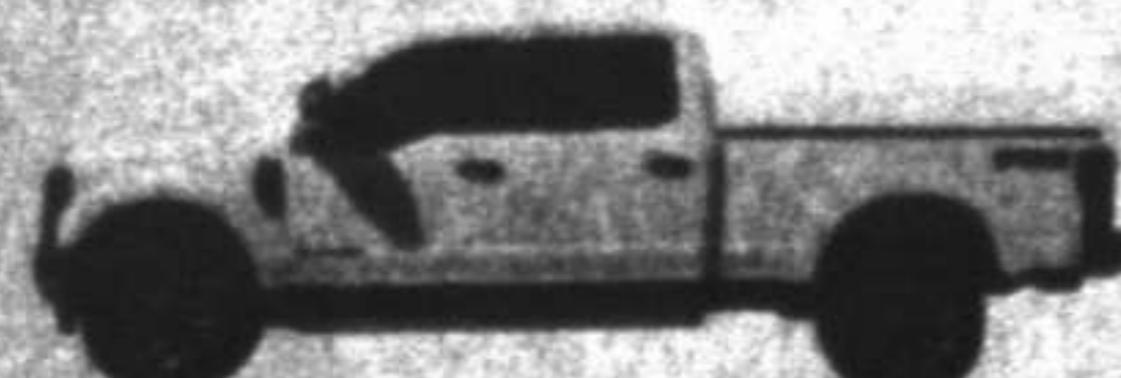
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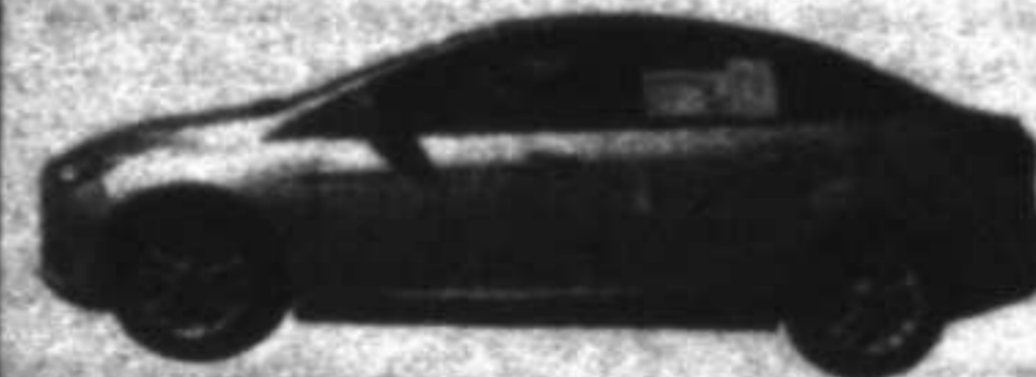
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**2014 Ford
Escape**

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**2016 Ford
Focus**

38,528 Miles
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**2017 Dodge
Ram 1500**

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**2014 Toyota
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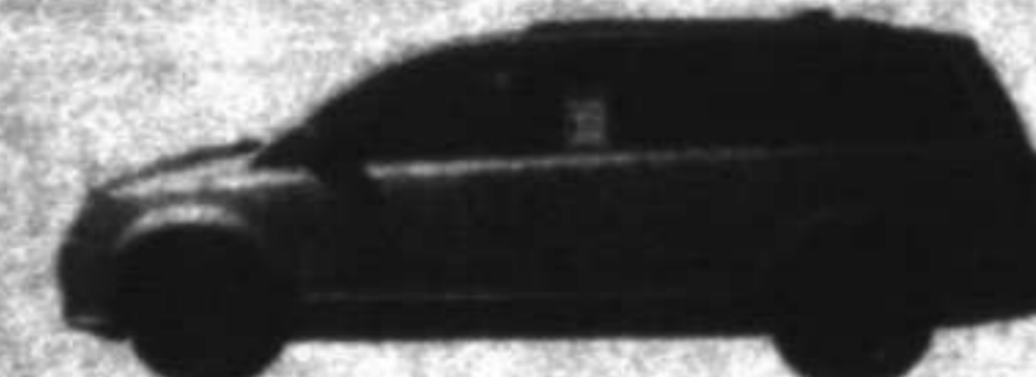
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**2017 Ford
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**2017 Dodge
Caravan**

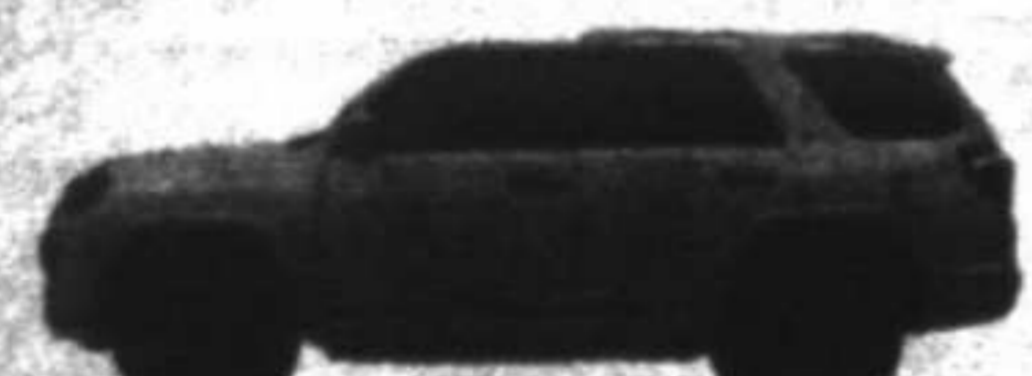
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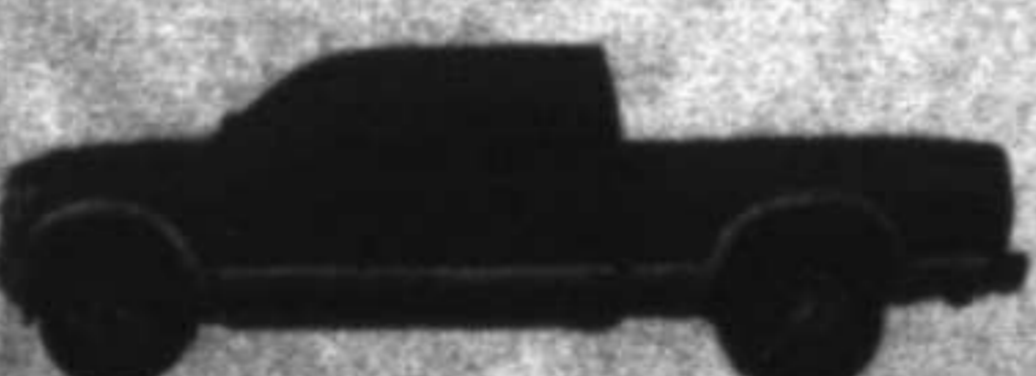
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**2016 Dodge
Ram 2500**

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**2014 Ford
F-250**

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**2015 Ford
Edge**

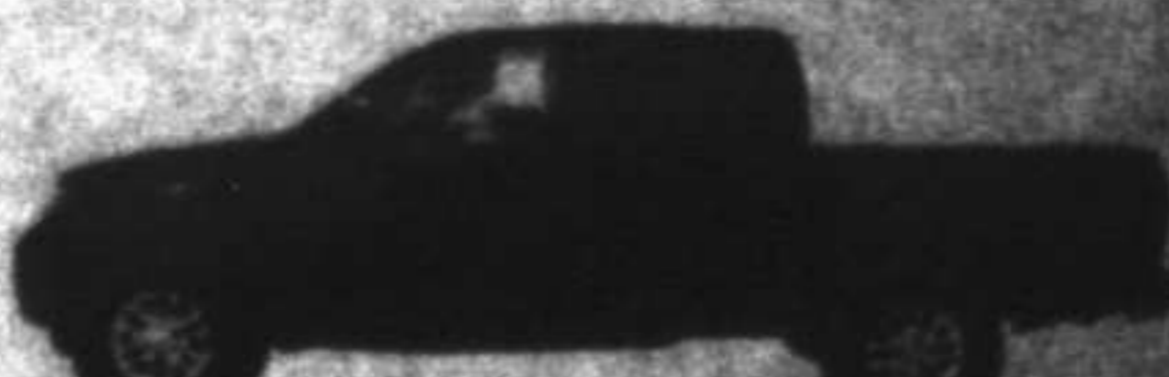
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**2017 Ford
F-250**

5,669 Miles
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**2015 Nissan
Frontier**

59,493 Miles
Stk# 17314412



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**2017 GMC
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<p>ESTATE SALE ★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★ 2515 Neely - Midland, Texas Thurs, April 19th & Fri, April 20th, 8:30am-3:00pm Sat, April 21st 8:30am-12:00pm At this sale we have queen beds, dressers, night stands, chest of drawers. Beautiful dining room table with 6 chairs. Cadenza, couch. So much more. Go to EstateSales.Net to view all picture</p>	<p>BLUESHONEY ESTATE SALE 6389 E. CD RD. 98 (MIDLAND) Thursday 19th - Friday 20th - Saturday 21st 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. Deluxe Sunny Bks with electric motor and assist, queen sleep number bed, queen bedroom set, Whirlpool Cabrio washing machine and dryer, Frigidaire chiller, Bryant built and entertainment console, dolls, 239" 237" concrete pavers, baby lock stroller, love seat, double recliner, lots of kitchen appliances, elliptical, bar stools, and jewelry. Frigidaire deep freezer, tools, tons of gardening supplies. Shading, cabriana, two Pysco cages and so much more! Pictures can be seen online at https://www.estate-sales.net/TXMidland/79703/1841817</p>
<p>ESTATE SALES BY LAMAR COATS 1889 Shell - (Midland) Thursday 8am-2pm Friday 9am-1pm Saturday 9am-12pm Tools, Tools, Tools, dining table, china cabinet, miscellaneous household goods... To see photos go to estate-sales.net</p>	<p>3301 PRINCETON Fri & Sat 2pm-5pm Lowest recliner, bookshelves, TV's, BBQ pit, coffee table & end tables, doors, toys, clothes, shoes, toys, mirrors, lots of prom dresses & more.</p>
<p>ESTATE SALE by Wall St Antiques 4802 Brookdale Fri. & Sat. 9-12 Commodore computer, electronics, shop vac, BBQ pit, metal tool box, reefered table, craft supplies, books, entertainment center, end tables, stereo & cd's, perfume bottles, puzzles, yard tools, house full. View full details at EstateSales.NET: https://www.estate-sales.net/TXMidland/79703/1853648</p>	<p>1937 ENGLISH Dr. Saturday only 8am-2pm. Lots of misc. items, new clothes & bags, new shoes & more.</p>
<p>ESTATE SALE by Wall St Antiques 4510 Ledy Thurs. - Fri. 9-2 & Sat. 9-12 Dining table & 6 chairs, china hutch, sectional sofa, exercise equipment, 18 chair, maple bedroom furniture, bookshelves, books, entertainment center, linen, computer desks, costume jewelry, ladies clothing, wheelchair, mower, weedator, lawn tools, kitchen, misc. decor, house and shed full. View full details at EstateSales.NET: https://www.estate-sales.net/TXMidland/79703/1851609</p>	<p>3404 Millbrook Place at Varsity Drive Saturday 8am-noon. Misc. items, furniture, jewelry, Home Decor, and so much more! Please stop by and look at what's for sale!</p>
<p>900 RESSLER Ave. Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm. Appliances, kitchen hutch and lots of stuff.</p>	<p>4013 HERITAGE Oaks Drive Saturday 7am-7pm. Moving Sale to the back! Kitchen items, children toys, furniture, household decorations, clothing and much more. (Go west on Rio Grande off Highway 168 Road, turn right on Rio and right on Heritage Oaks Drive)</p>
<p>3237 DOUGLAS Dr. Saturday 8am-2pm. Home gift & misc. items, shoes, 17 x 12 area rug, electric weedator, desk, clothes, & much more.</p>	<p>1207 MAVERICK LN. Sat at 8AM. 3 Family garage sale - Misc. items, Victoria second items, clothes, name brand baby women & men clothes & shoes, decor, misc, BBQ & more!</p>
<p>1930 E. Golfcourse Road Saturday 8am-2pm. Vintage community wide yard sale! All types of back loads</p>	<p>5613 HIGHLAND BLVD. Saturday 9-12. T-shirts, Ugg Boots, Coach purses, Rapunzel tower, play kitchen and accessories, and many more! - books, games, puzzles, lamps, mirror, and more.</p>
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