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HEARST ENERGY AWARDS

2017 Hearst Energy Awards were presented Monday in advance of the Executive Oil Conference. See the winners and a conference schedule.

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Gunman sent hostile text messages before attack

By Jim Vertuno, Will Weissert and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence and sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack in which he fired

at least 450 rounds at helpless worshippers, authorities said Monday.

A day after the deadliest mass shooting in state history, the military acknowledged that it did not submit the shooter's criminal history to the FBI, as required by the Pentagon. If his past offenses had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun.

Investigators also revealed that sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic

violence call in 2014 at Devin Patrick Kelley's home involving a girlfriend who became his second wife. Later that year, he was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull.

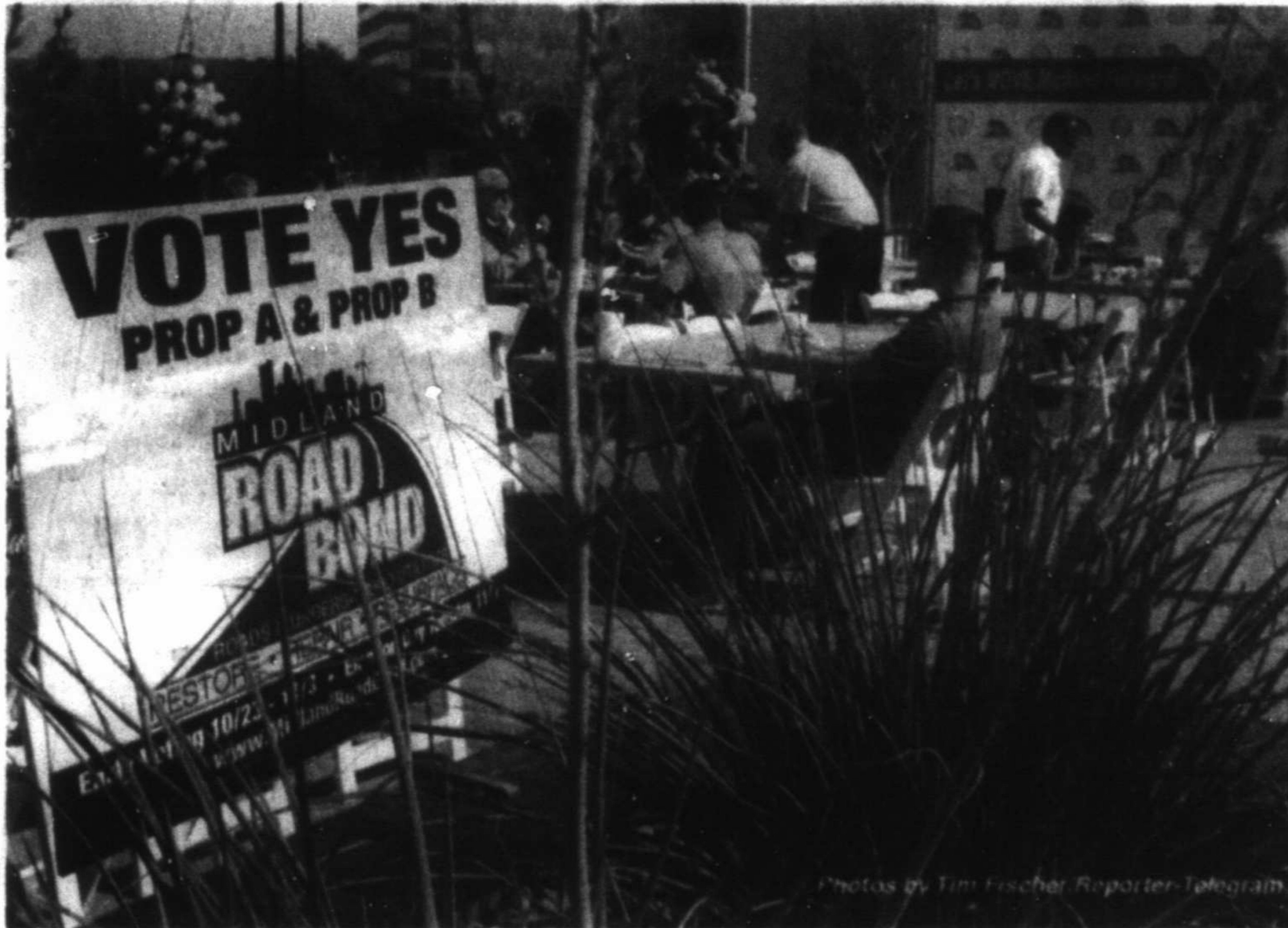
In the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, population 400, grieving townspeople were reeling from their losses. The dead ranged from 18 months to 77 years old

and included multiple members of some families.

"Our church was not comprised of members or parishioners. We were a very close family," said Sherri Pomeroy, the wife of the church pastor, who was out of town with her husband when the attack happened. "Now most of our church family is gone."

Please see SHOOTING/2A

TODAY IS ELECTION DAY



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: The Midland Chamber of Commerce hosted a lunch Monday at the Bank of America plaza for a Get Out the Vote rally to encourage Midlanders to cast a ballot today in the Road Bond election. Councilman J. Ross Lacy and Mayor Jerry Morales speak at the rally.

Election Day turnout percentage shrinks in Midland County

By Stewart Doreen
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The percentage of Midlanders voting in special elections on Election Day has dropped, going back to 2003.

Should the trend continue today, it likely will have an impact on the outcome of the road bond election.

The numbers from the Midland County Elections Office show a greater percentage of Midlanders take advantage of the early voting period. In 2003, when Midland ISD held a bond election, the percentage of those actually voting on Election Day was 41.4 percent.

- That number dropped to:
- 41.3 percent during the 2005 Midland College bond election.
 - 35.7 percent during the Midland County Hospital District's bond election in 2009.
 - 32.3 percent during Midland

Road bond election

- Election center hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Where: 12 voting centers across Midland County. See a list on page 7A

Propositions

- Proposition A — "The issuance of \$74,090,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."
- Proposition B — "The issuance of \$25,910,000 general obligation bonds for waterworks and sewer system improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

Note: Both propositions have to pass for city officials to move forward with the 26 projects.

- Fiscal impact: The owner of a property valued at \$250,000 will see a \$100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued.

ISD's tax ratification election in October 2016.

Even during the general election in November 2016, only 21.3 percent of the 49,698 people who voted cast a ballot on Election Day.

During the city's type 4B sales tax election in May, the percentage of early voters actually rose to 36.9 percent, but it remains to be

seen if this in an outlier.

Is there a reason for the decrease other than convenience? There is no data, for instance, indicating more people made their decision after the early voting period during this spring's city election.

There also is no correlation with

Please see ELECTION/7A

Residents need to get motivated and go vote

By Stewart Doreen
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COMMENTARY

For many Midlanders, today is not much different than other Tuesdays. Residents will go to work, make sure their family members are taken care of, eat a meal or three and maybe hit the gym, go to the grocery store or spend hours with their favorite digital device.

We get it; we've been there. However, today is Election Day, and if you live inside the city limits and are registered to vote, today shouldn't be like any other Tuesday. Because this election on the Midland Road Bond campaign — one way or another — matters.

If you think the roads selected to be repaired are worth fixing, and you would rather those 26 projects be completed in the next five years and not

a decade later, you have the opportunity to do something about it.

But if you believe the roads across the city are fine, you don't hold much stock in road condition indexes and you don't want to be inconvenienced by road construction, you also have the opportunity to do something about it.

There is a side for those who believe infrastructure comes at a cost and we can't wait forever for the community to come up with the right strategy for these 26 projects. There's also a side for those who will go out of their way to keep property taxes low.

Whether you live in a house or apartment, your vote counts

Please see VOTE/7A

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The big number

9,800: That's how many people a Lee Junior beat out for a spot in the High School Aerospace Scholars Program. Page 1B

Word of the Day:

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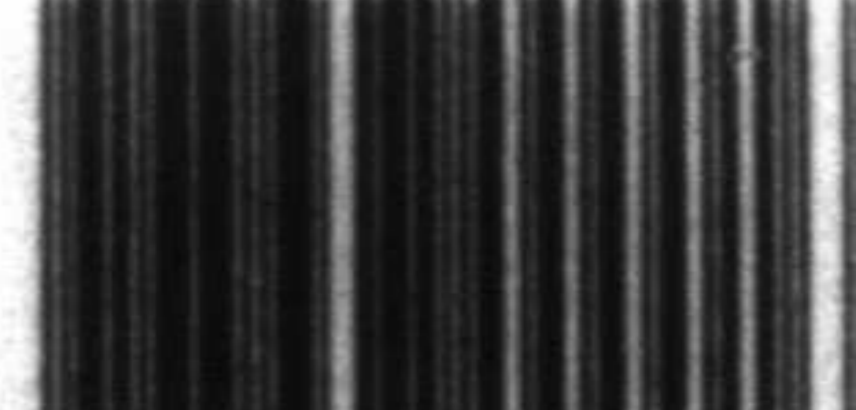
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY November 8th & 9th

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Photos by Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP



COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Bailey LeJeune, 17, and David Betancourt, 18, hold candles during a vigil in Sutherland Springs for the victims of a deadly shooting Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. Gov. Greg Abbott consoles Ann Montgomery, a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. Mourners participate during the candlelight vigil.

2 men in a truck chase down Texas church shooter: 'Let's go'

By Will Weissert and Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — A former National Rifle Association instructor who grabbed his rifle and ran barefoot across the street to open fire on the gunman who slaughtered 26 people at a small-town Texas church was hailed as a hero Monday, along with the pickup truck driver who helped chase the killer down.

Stephen Willeford, 55, said he was at his Sutherland Springs home Sunday when his daughter alerted him that she'd heard gunfire at the First Baptist Church nearby. Willeford said he immediately retrieved his rifle from his weapon safe.

"I kept hearing the shots, one after another, very rapid shots — just 'Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!' — and I knew every one of those shots represented someone, that it was aimed at someone, that they weren't just random shots," Willeford said Monday during an interview with television stations KHBS/KHOG in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Willeford said he loaded his magazine and ran barefoot across the street to the church where he saw gunman Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, and exchanged gunfire.

"He saw me and I saw him," Willeford said. "I was standing behind a pickup truck for cover. I know I hit him. He got into his vehicle, and he fired another couple rounds through his side window. When the window dropped, I fired another round at him again."

As Kelley sped away, Willeford said he ran to a pickup truck stopped at an intersection and told the driver, "That guy just shot up the Baptist church. We need to stop him." The driver, Johnnie Langendorff, said he had been driving to Sutherland Springs on Sunday to pick up his girlfriend when a man who'd been exchanging gunfire with Kelley suddenly landed inside his truck.

"He jumped in my truck and said, 'He just shot up the church, we need to go get



Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Johnnie Langendorff stands Monday a block away from the location of a mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. Langendorff says he and another man chased down the gunman after he fled the church where he killed at least 26 people.

him.' And I said, 'Let's go.'" Langendorff, a 27-year-old Seguin resident, told The Associated Press on Monday, adding that the ensuing pursuit eventually clocked speeds upwards of 90 mph.

Willeford said he and Langendorff kept a 911 operator advised as the high-speed pursuit continued. He said Kelley ultimately hit a road sign and flipped his vehicle into a roadside ditch.

Willeford said he then exited Langendorff's pickup, perched his rifle on the rooftop and trained it on Kelley's vehicle. He then yelled: "Get out of the truck! Get out of the truck!" But Kelley did not move.

Langendorff said police arrived about five minutes later. Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"There was no thinking about it," Langendorff said. "There was just doing. That was the key to all this. Act now. Ask questions later."

Asked if he felt like a hero, Langendorff said: "I don't really know how I feel. I just hope that the families and people affected by this can sleep easier knowing that this man is not breathing anymore and not able to hurt anyone else. I feel I just did what was right."

Relative: Pregnant woman, 3 children, in-laws slain

By Emily Schmall and Will Weissert
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — As usual, John Holcombe posted his Sunday school lesson online a day ahead. It was about an Old Testament miracle.

Holcombe was expecting a small miracle of his own. His wife, a widow and mother of five, was pregnant with their first child. But the following morning, his family would bear an unspeakable burden: nearly a third of the fatalities in Texas' worst mass shooting.

The massacre inside their church in the tiny Texas town of Sutherland Springs spared Holcombe's life, but not the lives of his wife, three of her children, his parents, a brother and a toddler niece.

They were among 26 people fatally shot during the shooting rampage Sunday that also killed several members of at least one other extended family, a couple visiting for the first time, the pastor's teenage daughter and other churchgoers. Investigators said the victims ranged in age from 18 months old to 77 years old. Hundreds of shell casings and 15 magazines that hold 30 rounds were found at the church, authorities said.

Holcombe and his 36-year-old wife, Crystal, had recently married, said Julius Kepper, who lives about two blocks from the church.

"She was starting her life all over again," he told The Associated Press. "That's a crying shame."

Holcombe suffered shrapnel wounds and Crystal's youngest child, Evelyn, was grazed by bullets but both were discharged from the hospital on Monday. Crystal's aunt, Michele Hill, told the AP. Crystal's eldest child, Phillip, had stayed home from church that day, Hill said. She added that Crystal was due in early April.

"They had actually just found out. They didn't think it was possible so this was just a miracle baby," Hill said.

Michael Ward rushed to the church after he was abruptly awoken by his wife, Leslie, when she heard a peal of gunfire from that direction as she set up a yard sale. Ward told The Dallas Morning News he found and carried out his 5-year-old nephew, Ryland, who had four gunshot wounds.

The boy was flown to University Hospital in nearby San Antonio, but the child's mother and two of his sisters were killed. On Monday, the yard sale was still set up, with clothes laid out

or hung on plastic racks, along with kitchen items. No one was there.

Another victim was the pastor's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy. Her parents were both out of town during the shootings, which also wounded about 20 people. Another young victim was 16-year-old Hailey Krueger, the church and family members confirmed on social media.

Investigators said the gunman, Devin Patrick Kelley, had recently sent threatening texts to his mother-in-law, a member of the church, and the shooting appears to have been driven by domestic tensions.

Kelley was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife. He was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday after he was chased by two community members and crashed his vehicle.

Kelley's mother-in-law wasn't at the church Sunday. But his wife's grandmother, 71-year-old Lula Woicinski White, was attending the service and died in the shooting, according to family members. Her stated occupation on Facebook: doing whatever was needed at the church.

Karen and Scott Marshall had recently retired to Texas from Pennsylvania and were visiting the church for the first time when they were killed, Scott's father, Robert Marshall, told the Pittsburg Tribune-Review. He said Karen Marshall had returned to Texas after finishing an assignment at Maryland's Andrews Air Force Base, while her husband, an Air Force retiree, had been working as a civilian contractor and mechanic at Lackland Air Force Base, about 40 miles west of Sutherland Springs.

Crystal Holcombe was an industrious mother who studied karate, loved to bake and raised goats. Images she posted last month showed her 11-year-old daughter Emily placing third in a county archery competition, while others showed her children standing behind cookies and cakes they'd made for a bake sale. Emily was among the children killed Sunday.

Wilson County sheriff's deputies were posted outside the Holcombes' home, which is across a dusty two-lane road from grazing cattle. It's a short drive from First Baptist Church.

It's also close to the Wards' home, where an American flag has been mounted on the fence upside down since the shootings in Las Vegas on Oct. 1, an apparent memorial to the 58 victims of that attack, according to neighbors.

SHOOTING

From 1A

The couple's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Kelley's mother-in-law sometimes attended services there, but the sheriff said she was not at church on Sunday.

The massacre appeared to stem from a domestic situation and was not racially or religiously motivated, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said. He did not elaborate.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

The 26-year-old shooter also used his cellphone to tell his father he had been shot and did not think he would survive, authorities said.

While in the military, Kelley served in logistics readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

He was discharged for the assault involving his previous wife and her child and had served a year of confinement after a court-martial. Under Pentagon rules, information about convictions of military personnel for crimes such as assault should be submitted to the FBI's Criminal Justice Investigation Services Division.

Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said the service is launching a review of its handling of the case and taking a comprehensive look at its databases to ensure other cases have been reported correctly.

A few months before he received the bad-conduct discharge, sheriff's deputies went to his home to check out the domestic violence complaint involving him and his then-girlfriend. People in the house said there was no problem, and no arrests were made. Kelley married the girlfriend two months later.

Also in 2014, he was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty in Colorado after a neighbor reported him for beating a dog.

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October weather report

Average high: 79.5 degrees
Average low: 53.2 degrees
Average temperature: 66.4 degrees
Typical average for October: 64.9 degrees
Warmest day: 92 degrees (Oct. 8, 14)
Coldest night: 35 degrees (Oct. 28)
Precipitation: 0.13 of an inch. Tied for the 10th lowest total during a month of October.
Average rainfall for October: 1.73 inches

Source: National Weather Service

Things to do

- Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.
- Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artsbysara.com.
- Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
- An Evening with David Sedaris, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.\$11-\$52. Wagnernoel.com.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.
- Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Dia de los Muertos celebration hosted by the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland and the Midland County Public Library on Saturday at the Midland County Public Library downtown branch.

meet tonight

The Midland County Democratic Party is meeting 6 p.m. today at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave. The guest speaker is to be Kim Olson, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and candidate for Texas commissioner of agriculture. The meeting is open to the public.

MCRW to meet

The Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:15 a.m.

Democrats to

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-8-4
Pick 3 day: 4-6-0
Pick 3 evening: 8-0-8
Pick 3 night: 1-4-0
Daily 4 morning: 5-8-0-4
Daily 4 day: 1-0-9-5
Daily 4 evening: 3-9-5-3
Daily 4 night: 7-4-8-1
Cash Five: 18-24-27-29-37
Triple Chance: 5-6-14-28-37
41-45-47-54-55

Texas Two Step: 3-13-32-35
BB: 16
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-8-9-11-13-15-17-18-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-11-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-9-10-11-12-17-18-19-21-22-24
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High: 90
Low: 57
Normal high: 70
Normal low: 43

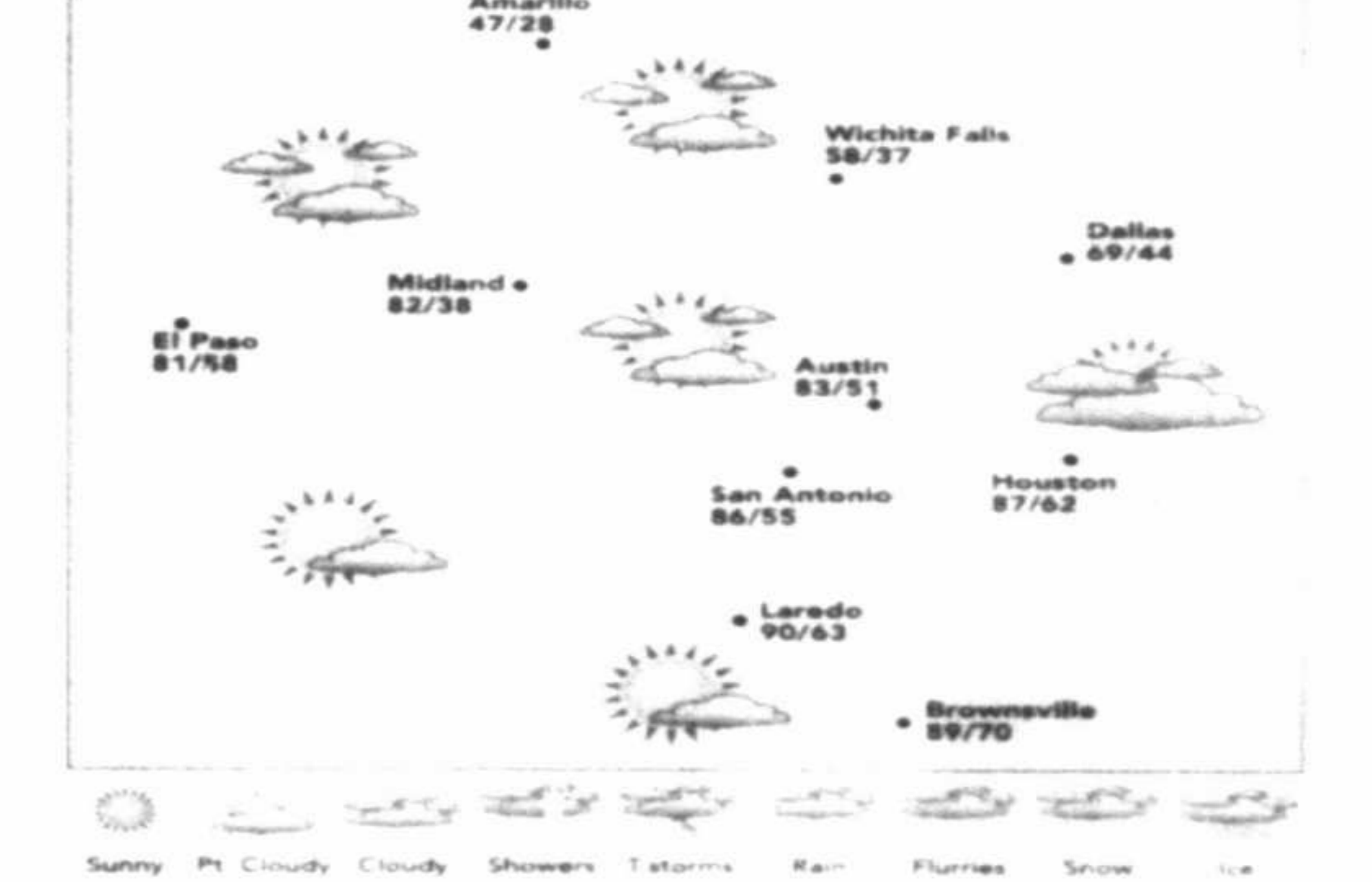
Nov. 8's records

Record high: 90, set in 2017; previous record: 84, set in 1970 and repeated in 1975 and 1977
Record low: 21, set in 1959

Precipitation

Monday: 0.00 in.
Sunday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 16.94 in.
Normal total (year to date): 13.47 in.

Forecast for Tuesday, November 7, 2017



Winds: Wind speed: 23 mph, Gust speed: 29 mph
Today's forecast: High: 72, Low: 39, Conditions: Mostly sunny today; mostly cloudy tonight
Winds: West 5-10 mph today; northeast 15 mph tonight
Chance of rain: 50 percent tonight
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m., **Sunset:** 5:54 p.m.

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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

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be aware of your fiscal responsibility in a joint business or entertainment venture. Make sure that you and the other party are on the same page; otherwise, the agreement might fall to the wayside and cause a problem that could have been prevented. **Tonight:** In the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance who cares about you. You might need to do some reflecting before you make the call, especially if you are going to make a proposition of sorts. Be more positive and upbeat than you have been in the recent past. **Tonight:** On center stage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Step back and try to bypass the momentary hassles and demands of the day. If you have a project or a matter that you can deal with solo, do just that. The fewer interactions you have -- except with, perhaps, your roommates or relatives -- the better. **Tonight:** Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might believe that your hands are too full to successfully carry out an important meeting. You are heading down the winning path, even if you have a bout of insecurity. Your tone becomes more content and caring as the day goes on. **Tonight:** Out with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Tension builds, which adds to your stress level. You can't deny what is happening and that you need to take a stand. You might feel as if you need to spend more money in order to make a deal happen or handle an important issue. This expense will justify itself. **Tonight:** Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Venus moves into your sign and gives you even more allure. If you have a vision

for the long term, start heading down the appropriate path. You have the ability to see the big picture, yet you'll still want to ask others for more information. **Tonight:** Curl up with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone comes forward with an offer that seems too good to be true. Don't hold in your feelings, as they probably are right-on. You could be uncomfortable with a decision you made at work that involves a key person. **Tonight:** Offer to a close loved one. **Tonight:** Defer to the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seem determined to get together with you. Hopefully you have the time to handle the many requests that come your way. Choose which invitation you'd like to accept by considering the company. A friend might be unusually endearing. **Tonight:** Defer to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your sunny personality emerges, and you feel much better than you have in a while. A boss lets you know how impressed he or she is with your behavior and choices. Some of you even might receive financial

compensation because of your performance. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be concerned about a personal matter that keeps emerging. You seem to keep thinking about someone at a distance. You often imagine what this person is doing. If you're learning a new field or a new belief system, you will detach. **Tonight:** Break past a barrier.

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Singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell (1943), physicist Marie Curie (1867), actor Christopher Knight (1957)

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From staff reports

The 2017 Hearst Energy Awards were presented Monday night during a banquet at Midland Country Club. The awards, begun in 1996 by Hearst and the Reporter-Telegram, recognize how the industry's contributions impact all facets of Permian Basin life. The awards are presented in advance of the Executive Oil Conference, which is today at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR COMPANY PERFORMANCE

While Noble Energy has a global presence, including operations in major U.S. oil-producing regions the Eagle Ford, Denver-Julesburg and Permian, the company sees its Southern Delaware Basin holdings as an important growth asset. Noble's Southern Delaware activity is part of the company's strategy of creating value and accelerating its learning curve by taking what lessons learned from multiple assets and applying them throughout its operations.

HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Paul Morris began his oil patch career working on cable tool rigs, and he rose through the ranks to become the youngest vice president at Columbia Gas Development Corp., overseeing the company's exploration and production activities. That introduced him to the world of independent oil and gas operators and set him on a path that led to Midland legends Jack Brown and Cy Wagner, for whom he worked 25 years, serving as chief executive officer and president of Wagner and Brown Ltd. He remains an independent, co-founding and serving as CEO of Elk River Resources.

HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGY

David Henry, owner of Henry Pump, developed an interest as a teen in how technology could streamline some of the industry's standard processes. He and his company have a vision to modernize and improve the oil and gas industry with the most advanced technology possible, touching on areas from developing rodless pumps to water systems.

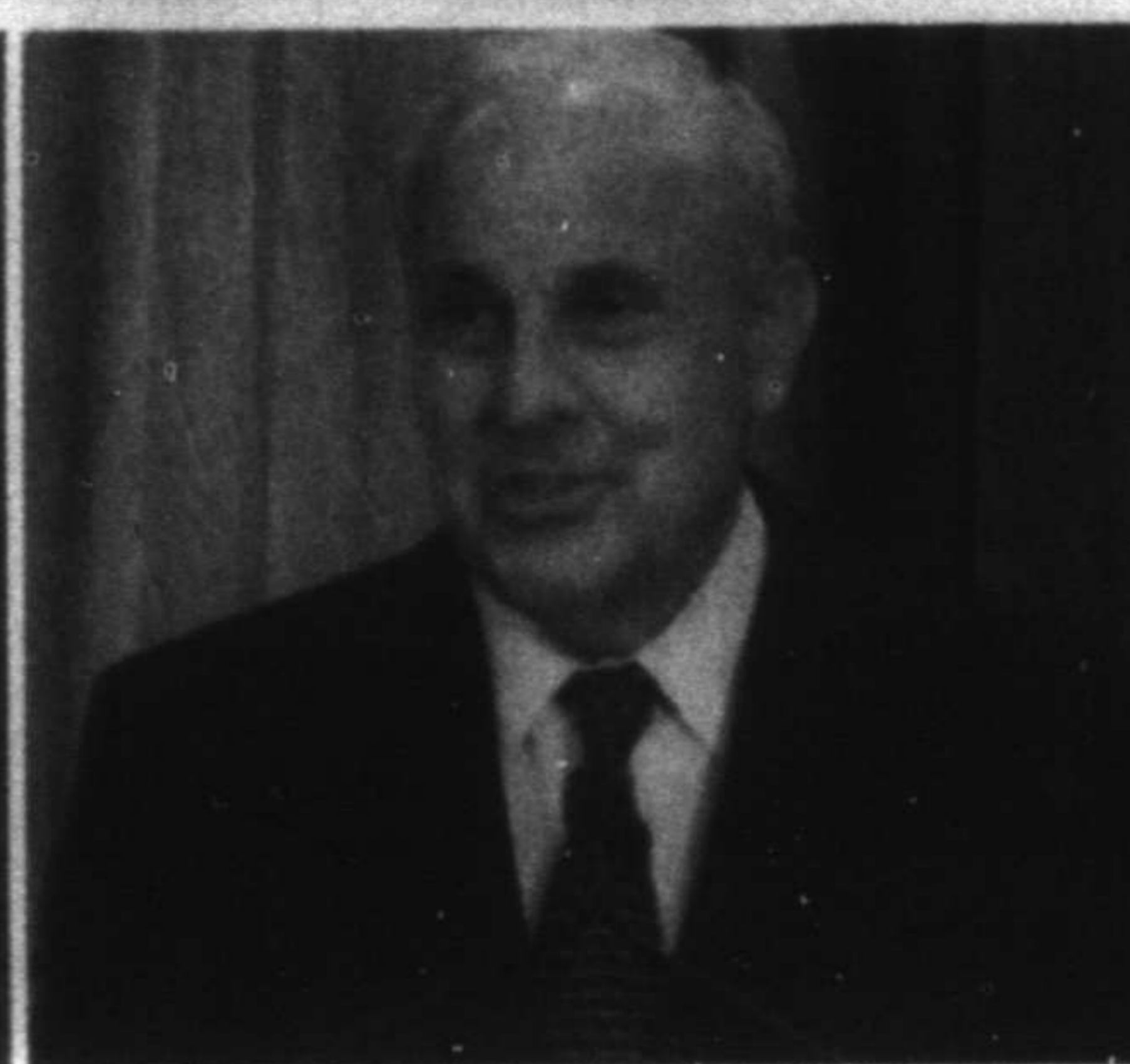
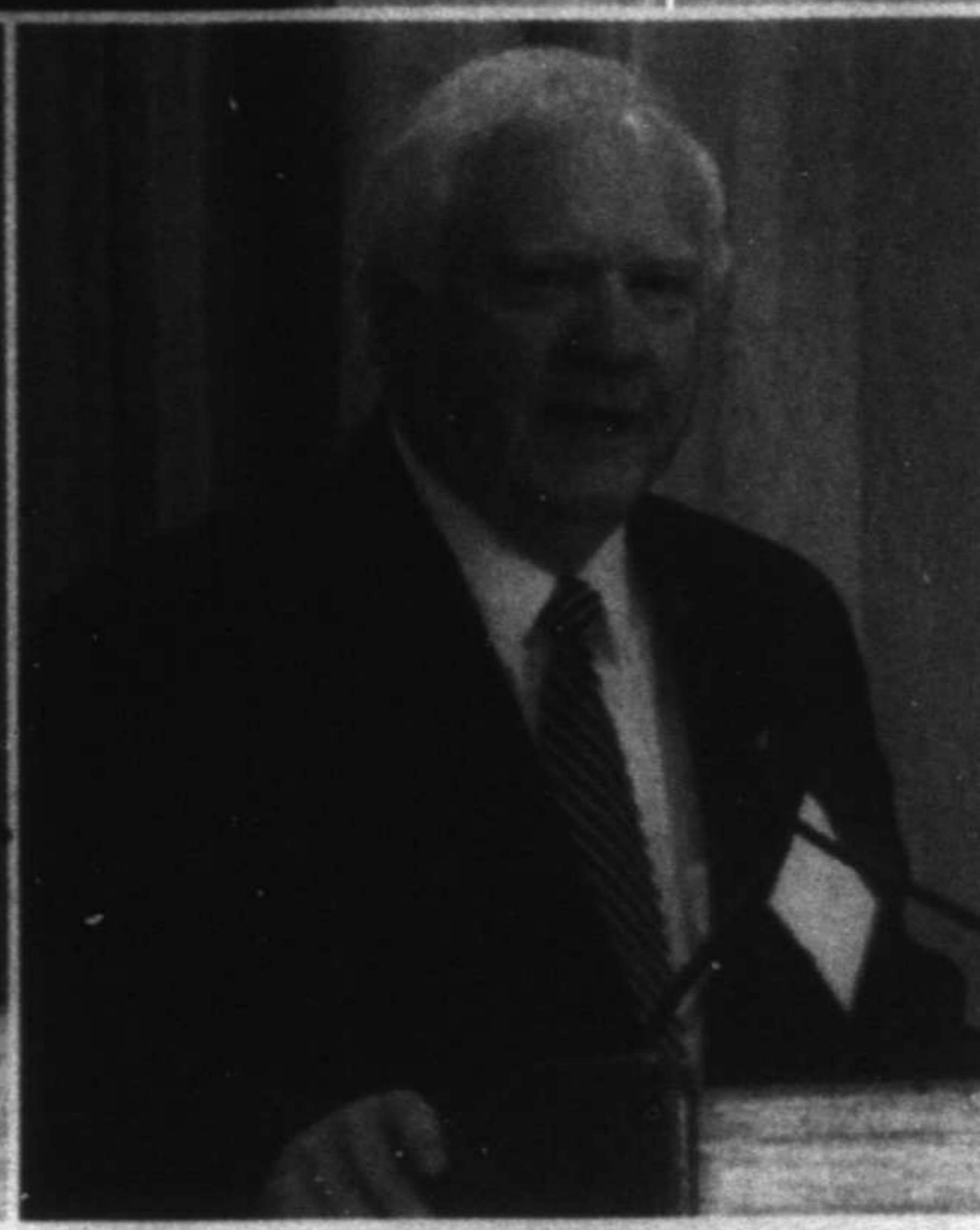
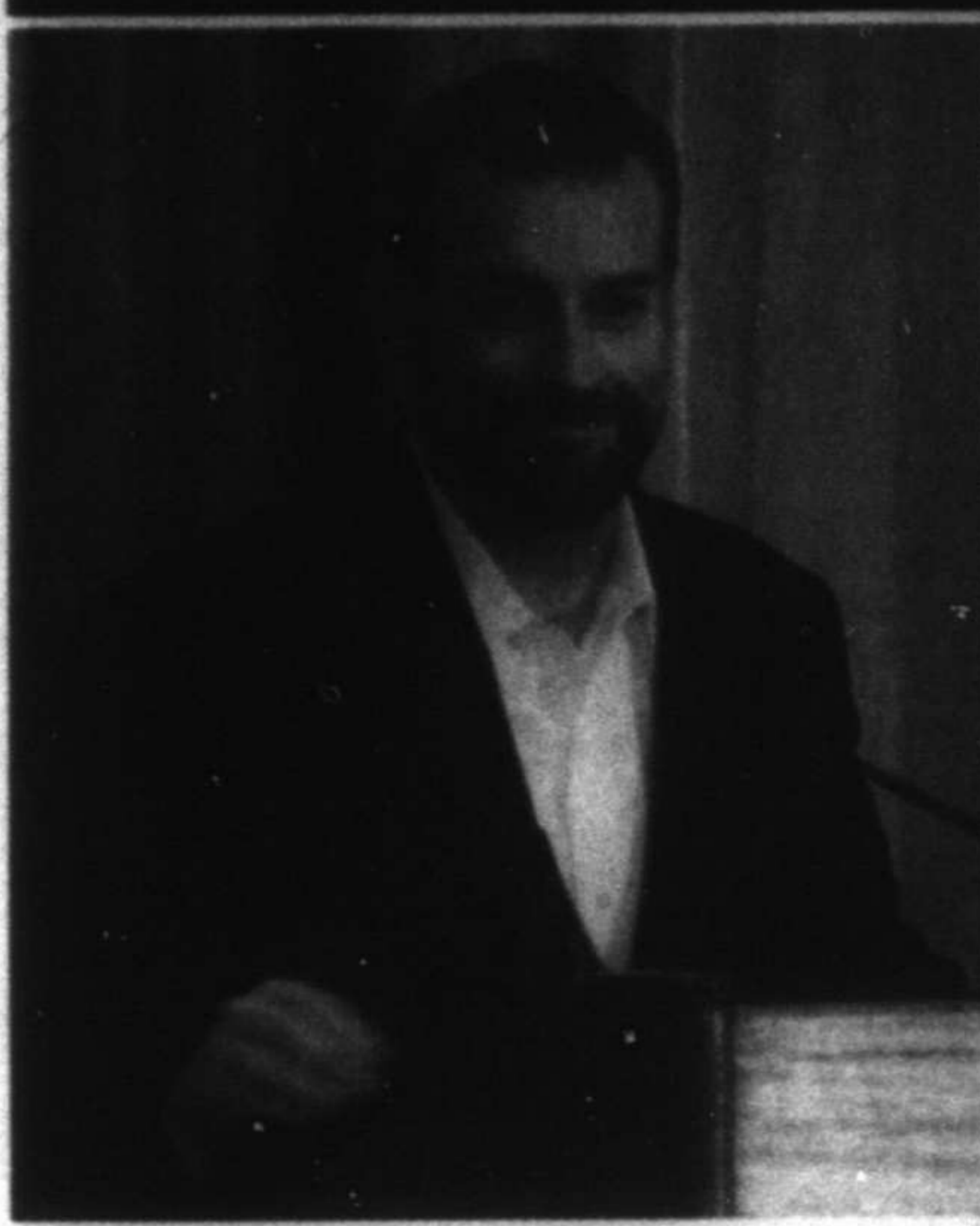
HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

State Rep. Drew Darby, a San Angelo native, has worked in and around the oil and gas industry through many cycles and in many different roles. As a member of the Texas House of Representatives, and chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee, he and his fellow committee members are working to strengthen the Railroad Commission and improve the state's regulatory and tax environment so the oil and gas industry can continue creating jobs and revenue for the state.

BRUNO HANSON/MIDLAND COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

With his environmental stewardship roots going back decades, James Ward, associate professor of geology in Angelo State University's Department of Physics and Geosciences, has teamed up with other faculty members and students to develop techniques for remediating saltwater-impacted lands. The research, fueled by funding from Shell Oil, could have implications for landowners and oil and gas producers alike.

TOP: James Ward accepts the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Environmental Excellence Award on behalf of the Ward Family. MIDDLE LEFT: David Burger with Noble Energy Inc. accepts the Hearst Energy Award for Company Performance. MIDDLE RIGHT: Paul Morris with Elk River Resources LLC accepts the Hearst Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement. BOTTOM LEFT: David Henry with Henry Pump accepts the Hearst Energy Award for Technology. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Ted Collins accepts the Hart Energy Industry Leadership Award. BOTTOM RIGHT: State Rep. Drew Darby accepts the Hearst Energy Award for Government Service.

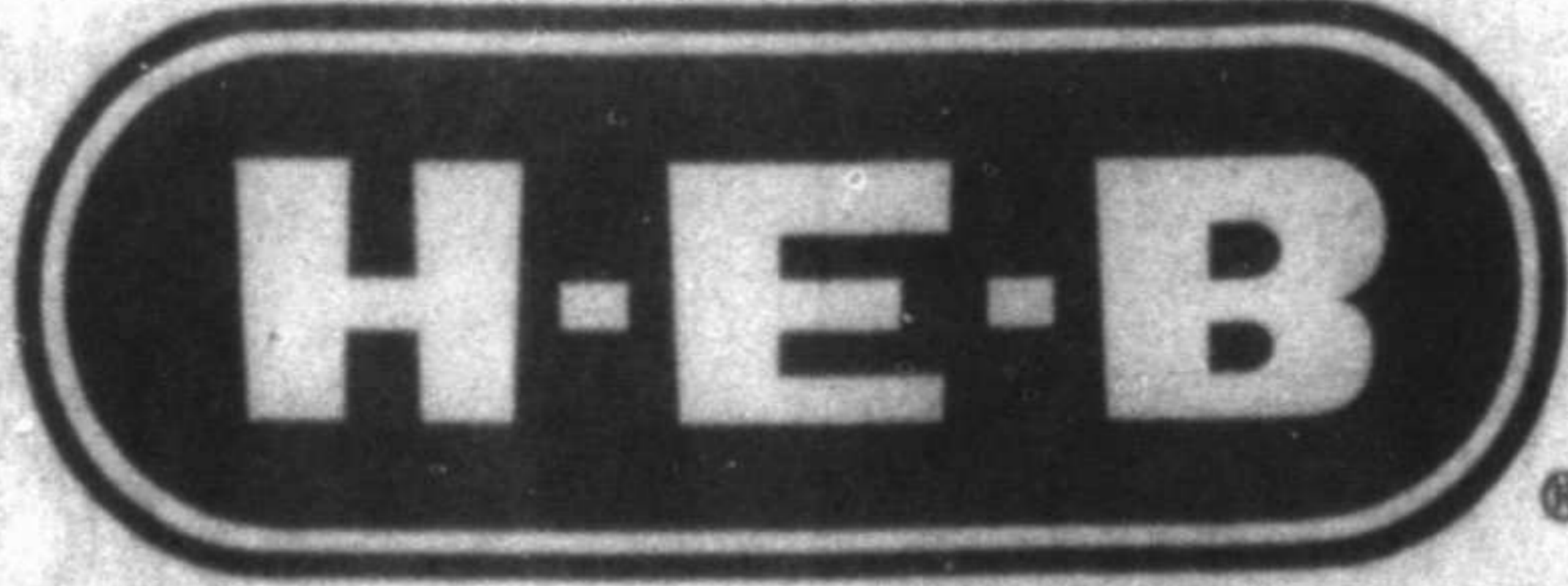


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HART ENERGY'S EXECUTIVE OIL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The annual Executive Oil Conference, presented by Hart Energy, is today at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

7:30 a.m. Registration opens, breakfast and networking

8:30 a.m. Welcome to Midland - Richard Mason, chief technical director, Hart Energy

8:35 a.m. Opening keynote: A Thousand Points of Entry
Bruce L. Niemeyer, vice president, Chevron North America Exploration & Production Co.

9 a.m. The Potential and Limits of Shale Plays
Raoul LeBlanc, vice president, HIS

Market

9:15 a.m. Roundtable Discussion: The Sandbox
Michael Hanson, founding member, Parkman Whaling LLC
Jay Boudreaux, managing director, Simmons & Co. International
Raoul LeBlanc, vice president, HIS

10 a.m. Networking break

10:40 a.m. Mid-morning keynote: All The Pretty Acres
Lee Tillman, president and chief executive officer, Marathon Oil Corp.

11:05 a.m. The Deal: Breaking It Down

Maynard Holt, chief executive officer, Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Inc.

11:20 a.m. Roundtable Discussion: At the Table
Mike Wichterich, president, Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Jeff Seiler, managing director and co-head of A&D, Citigroup Inc.
Maynard Holt, CEO, Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Inc.

Noon Networking lunch

1:20 p.m. Inaugural Shale Visionary Award and afternoon keynote: There Will Be Oil
Larry Nichols, chairman emeritus, Devon Energy Corp.

1:45 p.m. In the Zone: 70 Years of Hydraulic Fracturing
Jeff Miller, president and chief executive officer, Halliburton Co.

2 p.m. Roundtable discussion: Fracturing It
J. Ross Craft, chairman and chief executive officer, Approach Resources Inc.
Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer, Elevation Resources LLC
Chris Johnson, director, operations-completion and well interventions, Baker Hughes, a GE Co.
Dave Sobernheim, vice president, engineering, Keane Group Inc.

2:45 p.m. Networking break

3:15 p.m. Afternoon keynote: Dou-

bling Down in the Permian
Will Giraud, executive vice president, Concho Resources Inc.

3:40 p.m. Roundtable discussion: At What Price?
Brian Best, executive vice president, business development, Vaquero Midstream LLC
Jeff Quigley, director, energy markets, Stratas Advisors
Jodi Quinell, manager, crude oil analytics, Genscape Inc.

4:15 p.m. Closing keynote: Accelerating Oil
Clay Gaspar, senior vice president and chief operating officer, WPX Energy Inc.

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Save 20 percent on holiday decorations this Saturday at Flowerland's open house

Just like every year, Flowerland is kicking off the Christmas season with an open house gala. Experience the sights, sounds and aromas of Christmas this Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their store on Andrews Highway.

There'll be refreshments, door prizes and 20 percent discounts on all Christmas decorations in the store. What a great way to deck your halls with boughs of holly and so much more this year!

From the moment you step in the door you'll be greeted warmly by all the colors of Christmas. To one side are the bright and brilliant colors—rosy reds, lush greens and shining whites. Santa, Mrs. Claus and a happy collection of elves are ready to come with you to add seasonal sparkle to your home.

On the other side are the quietly steady classical colors of gold, silver and bronze. There you'll find Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus greeted by the Wise Men and their precious gifts.

Looking for tree decorating ideas? You'll stand in complete wonder at the trees Flowerland's expert,

Chris Collum, AIFD, TMF, has lavishly decorated for you. While his decorating is the ultimate, you can choose your own favorite colors and designs, picking them right off the tree like low-hanging fruit if you want.

His decorations are always spectacular because Chris spends the year gathering the brightest ideas for your home's holiday décor. Yep, no question, you've got to see what he's found this year! Everything on the trees and on display anywhere in the showroom is available for you to purchase for your own home or for gifts.

One of the best things about the season is that, even in Texas there are some nights you can snuggle by a warm fire with a hot drink. You can warm your surroundings with selections from Flowerland's Winter's Night collection.

Whatever your decorating ideas this year—bold and bright, whimsical or quiet and peaceful, Flowerland's staff is ready to help you with the ideas and the pieces to make your home revel in the glory that is the Christmas season and the Christmas spirit.

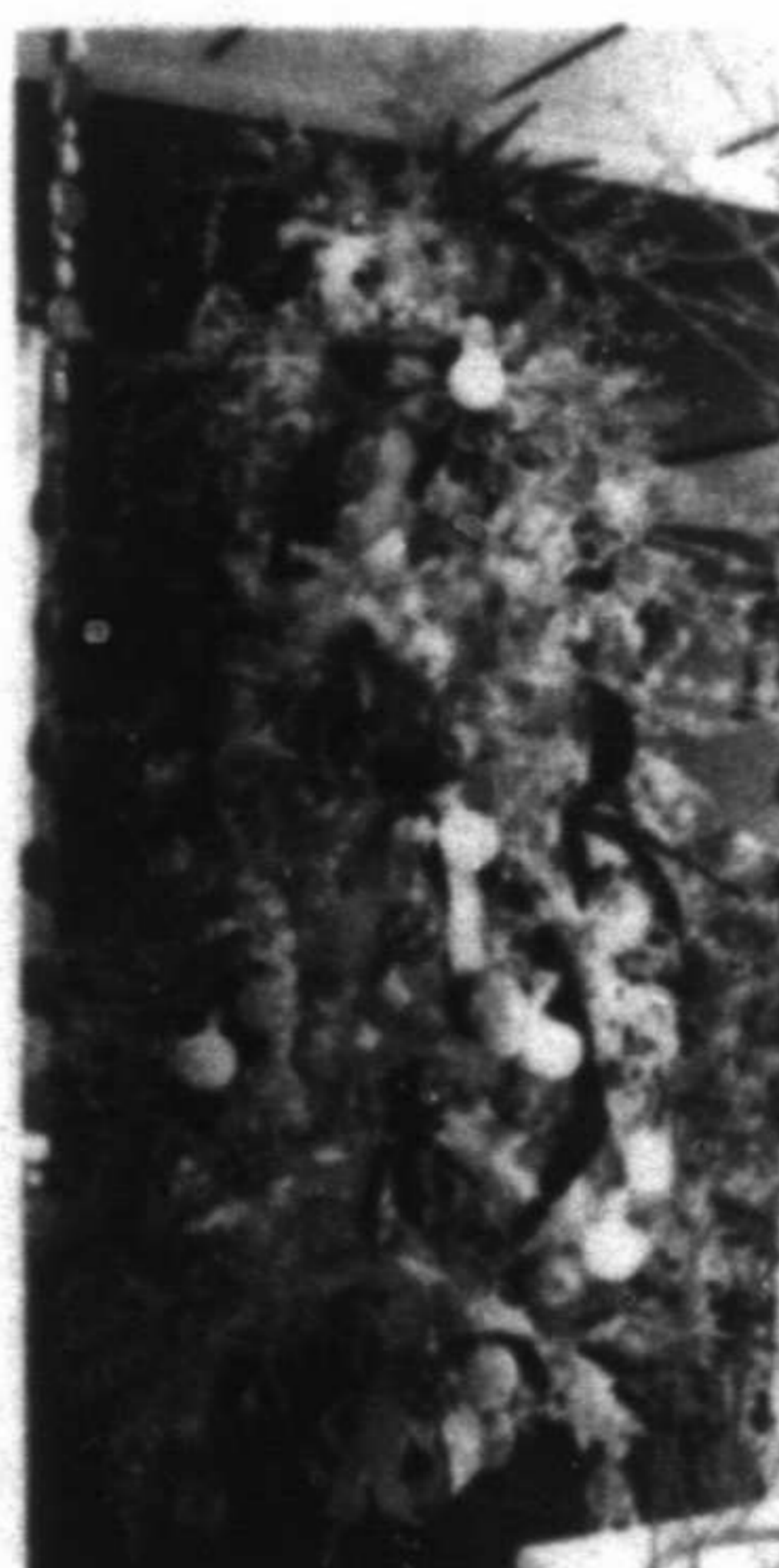
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"We want you to come see us," say the happy elves. They're taking some time from their busiest season to welcome you to Flowerland's Open House this Saturday from 10-4. There'll be door prizes, refreshments and 20 percent discounts on everything Christmas!

calendar to remind you this Saturday to go by Flowerland's open house from 10-4!

Flowerland is located at 413 Andrews Highway in Midland. The phone number is 682-1634. Flowerland is an FTD and Teleflora florist. Their web address is www.flowerland-midland.com.



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Church greeters are 'first line of defense'

■ Congregants who stand at the door should give first impression that all are welcome; some people don't want that role

Every Sunday morning, my husband and I stand at the front doors to our church in a renovated strip mall in Athens, Georgia. We're the "greeters," shaking hands or hugging everybody to welcome them.

College students. Moms. Dads. Grandparents. Kids. Homeless folks.

Calvary Bible Church celebrated our five-year anniversary Sunday, just before hearing about the tragedy in which at least 26 people were killed at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs.

We were formed to be a multiracial church serving the community of the University of Georgia and Athens. With the recent church shootings, including the 2015 attack in Charleston, South Carolina, tied to racial tension, I believe we could be a target.

How can we be a welcoming church when the next person at the door could be a gunman?

Every Sunday, I walk in with that thought in my mind, even as I put myself in the position to be the first one shot.

I do it because I've been to churches

LORI JOHNSTON

Special to the Washington Post

where you could enter and leave without anyone saying hello. I do it because I want others to experience the church I have seen flourish in a college town.

I believe that starts with us, the greeters.

Over the years, we've greeted people who have celebrated big moments — engagements, athletic victories, births. We've greeted strangers who walked across the street from the extended-stay motel. We've greeted a man who told us he had been a drug addict who lived near the dumpsters behind our church for a couple of weeks.

On Sunday, we had about 150 kids and adults.

Every time I'm there, I try to allay any fears with what I know.

We have an informal security plan. A police officer who regularly attends watches for signs of a shooter. He's often at the door with us, chatting but checking out those entering. At least two other

men in our church, both fathers, carry guns. Our pastor, a former college football player, and the former professional athletes who attend could easily tackle someone.

Even our pastor, Thomas Settles, admits there's fear. He recognizes he has a responsibility to protect churchgoers but not to let fear and intimidation keep us from welcoming both those we know and those we don't.

"People are hurting. They need that hug at the front door," he says. "To us, that's a Gospel imperative that we are allowing the love of Christ to be shown, even though it isn't easy and it's super uncomfortable."

At the entrance to the children's area, an automatic locking door is next to a colorful Garden of Eden-inspired scene that college art students and professors painted for us. Our child-care workers undergo background checks. Recently, we created a process where kids can leave only if the parent or person picking them up shows a bar code.

People seem to appreciate the system, but I worry about explaining it to parents who are already reluctant to visit a church. What if they don't like the idea of their kid being behind locked doors during the hour-long service or signing up for a bar code?

Even though we have a children's area, we have a number of families who have their children, from toddlers to teenagers, sit with them in the service. On Sunday, one of those parents joked about the noisy corner where many of them congregate. I've started to wonder, "Do the parents make that choice so they can protect or even die with their kids?"

We've tried to recruit more greeters in case we are out of town on a Sunday. After asking for weeks, only three people offered. We thought more would want to do it. Maybe it's because they need to be at church about 15 minutes early. But maybe others are just plain scared, too.

Being welcoming and open doesn't begin with songs or the sermon. It doesn't allow bad people to hold us hostage. It shouldn't force us to change. It begins at the door.

"You all are the first impression," my pastor tells me. "Our impression should be that all are welcome regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic. We want people to know that you can come as you are, and from the moment they get there to the moment they leave, we want people to feel the love of Christ."

I tell my pastor that we are really the "first line of defense."

I don't know whether I want the role anymore.

GUEST VIEW

Mass shootings cannot become nation's normal

San Antonio Express-News

The deadly shooting at a church in Sutherland Springs Sunday leaves us with many unanswered questions, but a few things are remarkably clear.

Among them: we can't help but be saddened that we find ourselves writing this same editorial with such distressing regularity; as a state and a nation, we mourn the deaths of innocents from yet another mass shooting, the death toll (of at least) 26; and, perhaps most clear, none of us should allow the mind-numbing repetition of such events to inure us to this type of savagery.

We fear this is happening. This cannot be our normal. Law enforcement sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing, identified the gunman as Devin P. Kelley, 26. Among the unknowns Sunday evening was a motive. And perhaps, as with the Las Vegas slaughter of Oct. 1, in which Stephen Paddock killed 58 and wounded nearly 500, we won't ever know.

But what we know is bad enough. It happened. Again.

But this time closer to home. Sutherland Springs, population 362 according to the 2000 Census, is in Wilson County and is 21 miles east of San Antonio. The ages of the dead: 5 to 72. Parents, children, friends and relatives lost.

This time, these are Texans. This time, these are our neighbors, parishioners of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs. The identified shooter was found dead from a bullet wound in his crashed vehicle in neighboring Guadalupe County. It was unclear Sunday evening whether it was self-inflicted or from a citizen who fired on the gunman outside the church.

No information was released on the citizen who fired on the gunman, who was wearing black and had on a tactical vest. It's likely this citizen saved lives.

The weapon the murderer used for his deadly shooting spree was reportedly a Ruger assault-style rifle. He apparently dropped it after the citizen fired on him. Authorities found other guns in his car.

Any loss of innocent life is tragic, but to be killed while in a house of worship is particularly heinous. If any place should be safe, it should be a church, where people gather in peace, faith and fellowship — a place where among the commandments adhered to is thou shalt not kill.

But here's what else we know. Not even churches have been spared this carnage, as attests the slaughter at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17, 2015. It is still fresh in memory.

As with any mass shooting, this is a tragedy, but it is compounded in this instance because, if the death toll remains at 26, this will amount to 7 percent of the small community's population. Residents will likely be related to or know someone killed in that church Sunday.

Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to these, this time our neighbors.

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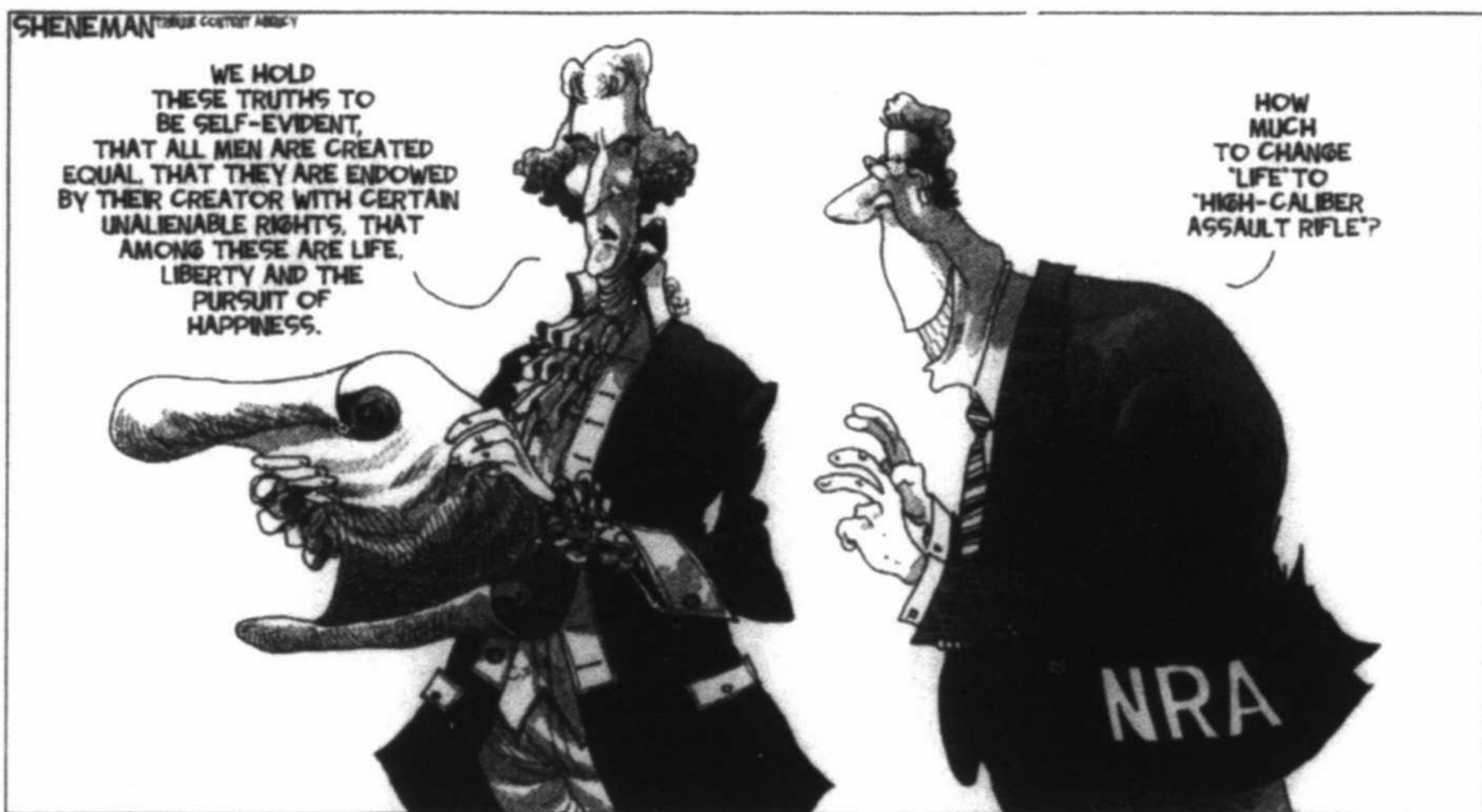
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If Americans can't discuss gun control issue now, then they never will

MICHAEL A. LINDENBERGER

The Dallas Morning News

The tears have only begun to flow in Sutherland Springs, where a man armed with enough firepower to stop a platoon laid waste to a community of Baptist believers 30 miles outside of San Antonio on Sunday. At least 26 were killed.

The grief has begun but is still so raw we might ask, as we normally do: Is it the right time to talk about guns? About America's unusual embrace of guns and gun culture, and whether that has anything to do with these heart-stopping and life-rendering events?

Why they are so bloody? So numbingly frequent? Or is now not a good time? Is it, perhaps, too soon?

Hell no, it is not too soon. Call it past time. Say it's a conversation grossly in arrears. If we do not talk about this violence and the role guns play in it now, then when will we ever find the heart, the guts and the determination to do so?

Well, I'll tell you when. Never. Never. Not even when a young gunman lays waste to an elementary school. Not when Omar Mateen, with his history of domestic violence and recent gun purchases, kills more than 50 in Orlando's gay nightclub Pulse. Not when two ISIS-inspired converts in San Bernardino, California, run their ruinous rampage.

None of these attacks is ever the same. Each death is an individual tragedy, unlike any that have ever come before or any that will follow. But in other ways, they are all the same. An ordinary moment, say at a church or club or in school, and then — then death strikes in a rapid-fire burst of spent shells and shrieks and all around lives are left cracked open like a tree split down to its roots by a rogue bolt of blue lightning.

You know what else is the same? Our dance around these questions of guns. That's the same. The hypocrisy of voices on the one hand saying "Don't play politics!" and at the same time clapping when Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton wades right in with his fool of a message to Texans, to whom he said Sunday that if just more of us would get licensed to carry guns ourselves, events like this will happen less often and with less carnage.

That's rich. Paxton spoke up after early reports indicted the shooter was chased off the church's property by a townsman with his own rifle. But at that point, the shooter was already coming out of the church, where he'd claimed the vast majority of his victims. By some accounts, the shooting inside the church had taken only seconds, or perhaps as much as a few minutes. It's beyond reckless to slough off talk of gun laws by urging everyone to be armed.

Meanwhile, here's a tidbit that Paxton won't tell you. America's gun laws, the ones we are so reluctant to talk about when it matters most, have been worked over wholesale in the past 10 years. In 2008, the Supreme Court said for the first time that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to bear arms, and ruled that the toughest gun control law in the nation had gone too far, when D.C. officials had banned outright all handguns.

But even then, the late Justice Antonin Scalia said that of course cities, states and Congress have the right to add new and different restrictions, so long as they are reasonable. In practice, the efforts in Austin and Washington have been entirely in the other direction, toward making it easier to buy, carry and even shoot those guns.

So now when once more the nation is brought up short, with its heart in its throat, over a deadly mass shooting, the instinct is to avoid the "politics" of gun control policy. To let people mourn in peace, and to postpone the debate.

But that debate never comes — or if it does, it's so tepid that we ought to be ashamed. Last month, after the mass shooting in Las Vegas, some brave Republican lawmakers called for hearings — hearings! — on whether cheap adjustments capable of making semi-automatic rifles fully automatic ought to be regulated.

Hearings! Such bravery stands out like milk curdled in its pail, fouling the smell of the barn.

There is still much to learn about Sunday's shootings, including about the shooter and whether laws already on the books should have prevented him from having his guns, as early reports suggested.

But whether he acquired his arsenal legally or not, it's just as true that here was a man who, if early reports are to be believed, felt so comfortable showing off his assault-style rifle last month that he posted it to Facebook, bragging about the cool murder machine.

If that doesn't speak to some inherent permissiveness when it comes to deadly weapons that make these mass murders possible, then I don't know what would.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Road Bond 101

ELECTION DAY IS TODAY

Voting hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

VOTE CENTERS

- Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.
- Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
- Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Drive
- Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
- Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road
- Greenwood Baptist Church, 10909 Farm-to-Market Road 307
- Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave.

- MLK Center, 2300 Butter-nut Lane
- Odessa Country Club, 1 Fairway Drive
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP), 1208 W. Wall St.
- St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive

Note: Registered car vote at any of the voting centers.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

The ballot will have two local propositions for city residents.

- The first — proposition A — will read "The issuance of \$74,090,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."
- The second — proposition B — will read "The issuance of

\$25,910,000 general obligation bonds for waterworks and sewer system improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

City officials have said both propositions have to pass for the projects to move forward.

TAX IMPLICATIONS

The owner of a property valued at \$250,000 will see a \$100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued. City leaders would use a 25-year note to pay for the project. Finance Director Pam Simecka said the interest on the \$100 million, assuming a 4.5 percent interest rate, would be \$67.4 million.

\$100 million bond project

Timeframe: Five years
 Tax impact on a \$250,000 home: \$100 a year
 Funding breakdown
 Paving: \$59.82 million
 ADA: \$10.4 million
 Paving/ADA Consulting: \$3.87 million
 Utilities: \$24.43 million
 Utilities Consulting: \$1.48 million

Percentage
 Roads: 60 percent
 Utilities: 24.4 percent
 ADA: 10.4 percent
 Engineering/Consulting: 5.2 percent

NEED MOTIVATION TO VOTE?

Jose Cuevas announced that his *JumBurrito* Restaurants will offer a free burrito for those who vote in the election.

It doesn't matter how you vote, but just that you make the effort. Cuevas said those who vote can come to a *JumBurrito* restaurant, hand over the "I voted" sticker and have a burrito of their choice.

JumBurrito has four locations in Midland: 1301 Lamesa Road, 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 4509 N. Midkiff Road and 908 S. Midkiff Road. *JumBurrito* also has two locations in Odessa.

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ELECTION

From 1A

voter turnout. Of the special elections between 2005 and 2017, the most votes were cast in the 2009 hospital district election.

As far as turnout impacting the outcome, those with the Midland Road Bond campaign are hoping for a turnout that is more in line with the hospital campaign (8,270 total voters) and less like the last two local elections (the TRE and 4B elections), which averaged 6,714 voters.

The Midland County Elections Office reported that 6,172 total votes were

Election Day votes and total votes

TURNOUT

The following are Election Day and total turnout totals for five special elections going back to 2003 — the Midland ISD bond election in 2003, the Midland College bond election in 2005, the hospital bond election in 2009, the tax ratification election in October and 4B election.

2003	7,292	17,598
2005	3,199	7,741
2009	2,953	8,270
2016	2,149	6,648
2017	2,507	6,783

cast during road bond early voting. That includes Midland County residents who live outside city limits.

People who live in the county — but outside the city of Midland — are not eligible to cast a ballot in

the road bond campaign, but can vote on state propositions.

Elections officials couldn't break down the number of voters to just those who lived inside city limits.

VOTE

From 1A

the same. You can be 18 or 81; you can be reading this in the print newspaper or online. As long as you are registered to vote, you can have a say, and your say is the same as the next person.

Sadly, there are more subscribers to the Reporter-Telegram than there will be voters in this election. My guess is that the total number of voters in the \$100 million bond election will be around 8,000. Whether you are for or against the referendum, that number is way too low.

For the record, I and

this newspaper's Editorial Board support the road bond. Oil industry leaders such as Concho's Tim Leach, Pioneer's Tim Dove, Diamondback's Travis Stice and industry hall of famer Jim Henry favor the bond proposal. Other Midlanders are not supportive, and they can be found on social media.

I am not sure what it takes for the average Midlander to get motivated. Jose Cuevas, the owner of *JumBurrito*, is willing to use food to bribe Midlanders. After casting your ballot, take the "I voted" sticker to one of his restaurants and

get a free burrito of your choice. I think that's cool.

Still, I don't care what your motivation is; just get motivated. Read today's Reporter-Telegram or check out past stories on the road bond to see all the information you need to get educated.

I hate it that so few Midlanders get involved and the state of electoral politics allows a small percentage to make decisions that impact all Midlanders. Pass or fail — that is the reality. Does that sit well with you? If not, there is something you can do about it. Are you willing?

Ben Affleck says he wants to be 'part of the solution'

By Sam Golding
 Associated Press

LONDON — Ben Affleck says the storm of sexual harassment allegations engulfing Hollywood has led him to examine his own behavior.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press for the superhero film "Justice League," Affleck said he's "looking at my own behavior and addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

After condemning Harvey Weinstein's actions last month, Affleck was forced to defend his own conduct. He apologized for groping the actress Hilary Burton on camera in 2003 when she was a host on MTV's "Total Request Live." Another video from 2004 showed Affleck pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap. Losique has defended Affleck, saying the actor's behavior was done for the show only and she has described him as a gentleman.

Speaking Sunday, Affleck said two things need to happen, that "more women need to be pushed to power" and that sexual harassment has to also be "a men's issue" where guys call out inappropriate behavior.

Are all Russia ties now sinister, or are some just business?

By Bernard Condon and James Ellingworth
 Associated Press

MOSCOW — A shipping company partly owned by President Donald Trump's commerce secretary is one of the few in the world that can transport liquefied petroleum gas in cold and icy conditions. Russia is known for its brutal winters as well as its giant, state-controlled oil and gas producers.

So, for years, Wilbur Ross' company has been moving LPG for a Russian gas giant.

But now, in what might seem almost an echo of the Red Scare that lasted in America for generations, this business relationship is seen as tainted, an ominous connection to a country that unleashed cyberwar against American democracy and the 2016 election that put Trump in the White House.

Are all connections to Russia now suspect? Or are they

sometimes merely an inconvenient consequence of doing business in a country where major corporations often are controlled by the Kremlin?

The latest tie between Russia, Trump and his campaign and administration officials came to light Sunday with news that the U.S. commerce secretary is a part owner of Navigator Holdings, a shipping company that transports LPG produced by Sibur, a big Russian company with ties to the Kremlin.

Some shipping business experts who follow the company are shrugging off the news.

"Russia has a lot of commodities that need to go somewhere else," said Benjamin J. Nolan, a financial analyst who covers Navigator for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. He added, "Odds are, they are going to have long term contracts with Western shipping companies."

The Russian government is a powerful factor in almost every part of the country's

economy. Some of Russia's biggest banks, such as Sberbank and VTB are state-controlled, with their management answering directly or indirectly to the Kremlin.

Then there is Gazprom, a big gas supplier to Europe, and Rosneft, the oil producer. Both are majority state owned.

The new Russian giant in the spotlight, Sibur, has its own special connections to the state, and President Vladimir Putin in particular. It is partially owned by a man said to be Putin's son-in-law, and two of its biggest shareholders are oligarchs close to Putin. One of them is his old judo partner.

The details of Ross' stake in Navigator were found among 13.4 million leaked records on offshore entities used by the rich and powerful and famous. They are the biggest leak on the shadowy offshore financial system since the Panama Papers last year, and could shed more light on

the byzantine ways companies and individuals hide their wealth or lower their taxes.

Following news of the leak, Ross has said in interviews that his ties to Russia are being blown out proportion. He told Britain's Sky network that his Navigator stake had been previously disclosed in financial documents filed with government ethics officials, and noted that Sibur is not under any U.S. sanction. For its part, Sibur has said that only a tiny percentage of shipping business goes to Navigator, less than 3 percent of "logistics expenses." It said that it is surprised by the "politically driven interpretation" in some media reports of its "ordinary business operations."

Trump himself also has faced scrutiny over his business ties to Russia. In prepared remarks to the Senate and House intelligence committees, Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, disclosed that the Trump Organization had been pursuing a business proposal in Russia during the presidential campaign. Cohen has said that the proposal for a Trump Tower Moscow never came to fruition and denied it had any impact on the campaign, saying it was "solely a real estate deal and nothing more."

CONGRESS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON
 Must-do bills in a divided Congress could lead to shutdown

An early December government shutdown is a real possibility, since a divided Congress can't agree on military spending. Democrats insist on help for young immigrants and President Donald Trump's position can change with each lawmaker he talks to.

Most of Washington is focused on overhauling the nation's tax code, but lawmakers face a combustible mix of must-do and could-do items, with the current government spending bill set to expire Dec. 8. On the list are immigration and a U.S.-Mexico border wall; an impasse over children's health care; pent-up demand for budget increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies; and tens of billions of dollars in hurricane aid.

There's plenty at stake for Republicans controlling Washington. Politically, there's an urgency to avoid a debilitating shutdown just as the GOP hopes to wrap up an overhaul of the tax code that's its top priority. And legions of GOP defense hawks are adamant that the Pentagon receive a huge 2018 budget hike approaching \$80-90 billion. Trump and many followers want the U.S.-Mexico wall.

Democrats retain considerable power in the endgame — their votes are needed — and are pressing demands of their own. They want protections for immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as young children. They also demand budget increases for domestic agencies.

"I think we're headed in a good direction on the spending caps," Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said Monday. "I don't know that will get to immigration this year but that's a pretty easy thing to settle if the Democrats will give the president some of what he wants. I think he would be willing to be pretty forward-leaning on kids who were brought to the country illegally."

For his part, Trump tends to waver

depending on the situation — siding with Democrats on a debt deal in September, promising Republicans last week that the controversial immigration issue won't be part of the year-end spending measure.

Meanwhile, the tax debate is taking up energy, time and political capital, and GOP leaders seem reluctant to issue controversial decisions that might harm its chances.

Here's a rundown of non-tax issues facing Congress and Trump:

SPENDING

Ideally, top leaders in both parties would like to agree on new spending levels and pass a catchall bill by the Dec. 8 deadline. That's looking increasingly unlikely. Another temporary funding bill would be needed to avert a government shutdown, but many Democrats say they won't be able to support any measure that doesn't include help for so-called "Dreamer" immigrants facing deportation. That increases the odds of a shutdown.

Congressional leaders are conducting secret talks on raising the spending levels and say they are optimistic of a deal. But there's no sign of one yet. A possible agreement could add perhaps \$100 billion to the budget for the current year alone, which is sure to cause sticker shock among the GOP's fiscal conservatives. Trump's demands for the border wall — a nonstarter with Democrats — could spark a shutdown battle.

Then there's aid to areas devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The White House promises to submit a request later this month for "several tens of billions of dollars" aimed mostly at helping Texas and Florida. That's likely to bring the total appropriated since September for hurricane relief to more than \$100 billion, which is likely to rankle deficit hawks.

IMMIGRATION

Trump announced in September that he is ending temporary deportation protec-

tions granted by the Obama administration to young immigrants known as "Dreamers" who were illegally brought into the U.S. and often have known no other home. But he gave Congress until March to come up with a fix and promised top Democratic leaders he would sign legislation protecting them, so long as he wins billions for border security.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Senate Democrats, such as California Sen. Kamala Harris, are demanding the immigration issue be addressed as soon as possible and won't vote for any spending bill that fails to include a solution. That could doom the spending bill as Republicans need Democratic votes to pass the measure. Top Democrats such as Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York are keeping their powder dry in hopes that negotiations, which presently appear stalled, pick up steam.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The reauthorization of an expired children's health program is becoming more urgent as the lapse in the program will mean a cutoff in services in Arizona, California, Minnesota, Ohio and other states by late December or January.

There's a bipartisan desire to extend the program, but negotiations over how to pay for the measure have yet to produce a breakthrough. A compromise ultimately appears likely, and the measure is a candidate to be coupled with other items in December.

DEFENSE

House and Senate negotiators are putting the final touches on an annual defense policy bill for the 2018 fiscal year that's expected to increase the Pentagon's core budget by billions of dollars more than the \$603 billion Trump requested.

There's some urgency to the talks since Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., is battling an aggressive form of brain cancer.

The defense policy bill is expected to expand U.S. missile defenses in response to North Korea's advancing nuclear weapons programs. Lawmakers also are trying to resolve a long simmering debate over the creation of a new branch that would be in charge of the U.S. military's space assets.

By Andrew Taylor
 Associated Press

KENTUCKY
 Attorney: Sen. Paul attack was over 'trivial' dispute

BOWLING GREEN — An assault of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul by a longtime next-door neighbor was not motivated by political differences but by a dispute "most people would find trivial," an attorney for the man charged in the attack said Monday.

Attorney Matt Baker did not say what dispute prompted the attack that stunned the Bowling Green community and left Paul, 54, with five broken ribs.

Police charged 59-year-old Rene Boucher with misdemeanor fourth-degree assault with a minor injury. Records show he was released from jail on Saturday on a \$7,500 bond. He has not returned multiple calls seeking comment.

Boucher and Paul have been neighbors for 17 years, the attorney said. Paul is an ophthalmologist and Boucher is an anesthesiologist. Baker called them "both prominent members of the medical community" who "worked together when they were both practicing physicians."

"The unfortunate occurrence of Nov. 3 has absolutely nothing to do with either's politics or political agendas. It was a very regrettable dispute between two neighbors over a matter that most people would regard as trivial," Baker said in an email to The Associated Press. "We sincerely hope that Sen. Paul is doing well and that these two gentlemen can get back to being neighbors as quickly as possible."

HONORING OUR VETERANS

DELL JARRETT MCGUIRE



Dell Jarrett McGuire is no stranger to hard work. He has done it his entire life. He was born on October 5, 1927 in Brakow, Oklahoma to William Weaver and Beba Mae Dickey McGuire. When Dell was 2 years old, his family moved to Floydada, Texas in search of work and a year later moved to Plainview, Texas. His father farmed cotton and maize there and Dell began working in the fields when he was a small boy. He spent his summers chopping cotton and pulled cotton during the fall. During those days, school let out for a 1 1/2 months in the fall so that the students could help pick the cotton crops. At 8 years old, he could drive a sled with a team of horses. His mother stayed at home. Dell said with a grin, "She done more work on the farm. She done all the cooking and the whipping!"

The McGuire's had a large family, eleven children in all. Dell had four brothers: Lewis, Orville, Wilson and Glenn. He had six sisters: Lois, Helen, Flo, Elizabeth, Wilma and Lorraine. Lewis and Lois were twins. His parents suffered the loss of two children very early in life. Lorraine died at only 2 weeks old and Glenn choked to death at age 2. Luckily, Dell was blessed to have his parents for most of his life. His father lived to be 93, his mother until she was 90.

It was 1945 and Dell was 18 years old. He knew he was going to have to do something soon or be drafted. His mother didn't want him to leave, but he didn't want to be drafted, so he got his father to sign a consent form for him to join the US Maritime Service. Unfortunately, he was not accepted because he was color blind. He tried to enlist in the US Air Force, but was not accepted for the same reason. So, he ended up enlisting in the US Army, where he ended up serving for 1 1/2 years and earned just \$6.40 per month.

He attended boot camp for 6 weeks at Camp Lee, Virginia. He arrived at boot camp on January 2, 1946, which wasn't the optimal time to be in Virginia. He remembers the bone chilling cold and snow they trained in. They camped and trained on A.P. Hill, out in the wilderness. They were given a compass and taken miles out away from their camp and had to find their way back. It was a very difficult task in those conditions. After completing boot camp, Private Dell McGuire was assigned to the 3rd Platoon, 27th Refrigeration Company as a Quartermaster. He was sent to driver's training and received a special license to drive large "6x6" trucks. His specialty was Truck Driver Hwy. 931.

Dell was then shipped overseas to Germany. The war was already over by then. He served in Mannheim and Frankfurt during the occupation of Germany. He drove a refrigeration truck full of meats and fresh vegetables all over Germany, day and night, and under all types of road conditions. Some runs were up to 600 miles long. His truck served as a traveling grocery store for officers in the US Army. Dell also performed emergency maintenance on his truck whenever necessary. He was promoted to Private 1st Class during his service. He was so happy when he received his orders to come home and recalls his trip home from Germany. They were sent to Le Havre, France and from there they rode in buses to Bremerhaven, France. As you can imagine, it was a very uncomfortable ride with no place to sit. All they had were their backpacks full of clothes. Once in Bremerhaven, they boarded a ship home. He was discharged on June 14, 1947 at Camp Kinnear, New Jersey. Dell was awarded the Army Occupation Medal, WWII Victory Medal and Marksmanship Badge.

Before Dell went in the Army, he met Evelyn Hall at church in Plainview. They started going together and they wrote to each other while he was in Germany. She would tease him and tell him that if he didn't hurry up and come home, she was going to get rid of him and find somebody else. While he was gone, she spent her time training to be a nurse in Hope, Idaho. She was there to meet him when he came back to the States. During his brief furlough, they became engaged. When he had to go back, Evelyn returned to school and finished her training. She was transferred to

a hospital in Denver, Colorado, but after that was officially discharged, she decided to come home and stay with him. Her parents weren't very happy with her decision, but she stayed anyway.

Dell spent his first year home helping his father on the farm. Then he took a job in Tulsa at the Chickadee Dairy for 2 years, where he worked in the creamery. The farmer brought milk in 2-gallon cans and he was responsible to dump the milk into the milk vat. He later took a job with Mitchell Oil Company as a truck driver hauling gasoline. He worked for them until 1954, when they moved to Big Spring, Texas. He went to work for Cadden Oil Refinery, now known as Alon, on January 28, 1954. He spent 21 years with them. He worked in several different departments during his employment including plant maintenance, hauling gasoline, and working on their styrene unit. He retired in 1983 at 56 years of age. After his retirement, he started his own welding business in Big Spring, Dell's Welding Service. He worked for several years before officially retiring for good.

Dell and Evelyn were married on August 22, 1948. Evelyn worked as a Lab Tech for 21 years at the VA Hospital in Big Spring. They were happily married for 65 years. Dell lost his beloved Evelyn in 2013. They had three beautiful children together. Their daughter, Lillian Diane Fowler, and husband David, live in Midland. She retired after 30 years with the City of Midland. Their son, Gordon Rhea McGuire and wife Pam, live in Lampoc, California. He retired after 21 years in the US Air Force. Their son, Jerry Dell McGuire and wife Clare, lived in Belton, Texas. Jerry was a retired Nazarene preacher. He passed away in May. They have seven grandchildren: Paul, Malana, Kyla, Nicole, Brian, Michael, and Robert. They also have ten great grandchildren.

Dell was not the only member of his family to have proudly served his country. His brother, Wilson McGuire, was an MP in the US Air Force. His sons, Jerry and Gordon McGuire, both served in the US Air Force. His son-in-law, David Fowler, served in the US Air Force. His grandson, Paul McGuire, served in the US Air Force. And his grandson, Michael Fowler, served in the US Army. Dell's advice to anyone thinking about serving in the military is sound advice. He said, "Make sure it is something you want to do and have the right attitude about serving your country. That's what it's all about."

Dell's hobbies were quite unique. Not football or baseball or golf. He used to work the graveyard shift at the refinery, which he calls "hoot owls". He was bored during the day before work and decided to learn how to sew. Evelyn had bought a sewing machine and never used it, so he decided to put it to good use. He loved making suits, back when polyester was king, and learned to be pretty good at it. He also built little semi-trucks out of wood.

Dell moved to Midland about 3 years ago to be closer to his children. These days he loves to hang out in the lobby at Manor Park "chasing the women". He laughs about his odds being pretty good because there are 21 women and only 3 men in his section. He laughed and said, "But they are all old!" He loves watching John Wayne movies any chance he gets and has gotten to be a pretty good electronic bowler.

Dell is proud to have served his country and to have been able to help other people. Dell said, "Patriotism is serving God, serving the country and helping anybody that needs help." He is a man who lived by that philosophy in his own life and it has served him well. He is most proud of raising his family and teaching his children to serve the Lord and doing things to help our country. From what I can see, he did a fantastic job! His parents built a solid foundation and he built on it throughout his entire life. All that hard work sure paid off. He has led a life to be proud of. Thank you for your service, Dell!

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EDUCATION

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Lee student selected for aerospace program

By Simone Jasper
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At a young age, Lindsey McGlothlin had dreams of becoming an astronaut. For her, thinking about rockets and satellites sparks curiosity.

"Since I'm from Alaska, all you hear is about the Northern Lights," said McGlothlin, a junior at Lee High School. "So of course that's something that's really cool to me. Onto there, it was just planets and how ... gravity affects the planets and the different climates on the planets."

So it came as no surprise that an aerospace program piqued McGlothlin's interest. After submitting an application, McGlothlin was chosen to start an online course for the High School Aerospace Scholars program.

"If I got selected out of these people, then I must have done something right," the 16-year-old said. "Sometimes, you just can't even process it."

The curriculum focuses on the fields

About Lindsey McGlothlin

State of birth: Alaska
Community involvement: Camp Fire teen council
School involvement: choir, Business Professionals of America, National Technical Honor Society



of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, according to the program website. Participants will work on the course until February in hopes of earning the opportunity to spend a week at the NASA Johnson Space Center. McGlothlin is keeping that possibility in mind as she started the course last week.

"There's a little bit of stress along with it," she said. "It makes you want to make everything perfect."

Rick McCarty, Career and Technology Education teacher, received information

that the 200 students chosen to start the program had been selected from about 10,000 applicants. He had encouraged McGlothlin to apply after noticing her effort in his video game design class.

"It's computer programming, so they have to think logically," he said. "She always gets her assignments done quickly, and they're always done properly."

Principal Stan VanHoozer said Lee High aims to create a culture in which teachers push their students to be successful. He said McGlothlin's acceptance into the aerospace program exemplified what others can accomplish.

"I think it takes a lot for a student to do something that's unknown," VanHoozer said. "They may have an interest in it, but they really don't know. ... That's something we would like for all of our kids — to have that confidence in themselves to try something new."

At Lee High, many of McGlothlin's academic courses and extracurricular activities have been related to technology and business. She has leaned toward a

career as a video game designer but still feels called by her childhood interest in space.

Outside of school, McGlothlin is president of Camp Fire teen council. The group meets monthly to plan service projects and has volunteered at nursing homes, Breaking Bread Kitchen and Keep Midland Beautiful. McGlothlin said it's satisfying to give her time to those in need.

"You think that you appreciate a lot with what you have, but other people appreciate what little they have," she said.

As McGlothlin's involvement with the High School Aerospace Scholars program gets underway, she expects to do the coursework during her spare time. As a teacher, McCarty valued the chance to introduce her to the program and offer support.

"Lindsey's just a high achiever," he said. "She's got big dreams, big visions and big goals. Our job, part of being a public school teacher, is to help people reach those goals."

YOUNG TREE HUGGERS



Courtesy photos

Fifth-graders at Santa Rita Elementary School on Friday — Texas Arbor Day — assisted Keep Midland Beautiful TreeKeepers and the city of Midland plant 20 trees at Santa Rita Park, 5603 Whitman Drive. Students received a short lesson on tree planting and care and then helped backfill and mulch the trees that were provided by TXU Energy, The Texas Trees Foundation and KMB's 2017 Premier Beautification Partners, Chevron and Karmen and Billy Bryant. Irrigation supplies were donated by June and Mark Walter, according to KMB. Also at the event, winners were announced in the student poster/poetry contest.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Mexico native to graduate from high school, college in 3 1/2 years

The sky is not the limit for Ashley Raudales because there are footprints on the moon. The 18-year-old engineering major may one day be involved with those moon footprints because she plans to become an aerospace engineer.

Raudales immigrated to Midland from Chihuahua City, Mexico, when she was 5 years old. Although she couldn't speak English when she moved to the U.S., she learned quickly through Midland ISD's bilingual program at Bunche Early Childhood Center. She attended elementary school at Crockett and later was part of the Gifted & Talented program at Carver Center. Her middle school years were spent at San Jacinto Junior High, and then during the spring of her eighth-grade year, she decided to apply to Early College High School at Midland College.

"I knew that ECHS would be a great opportunity to start taking college courses early," said Raudales. "My cousin had been in the first class at ECHS, so I was aware of the opportunities it provided and also the rigors of taking high school and college courses at the same time. Deciding to go to ECHS rather than attend Midland High with my friends was a difficult decision, but I knew that my true friends would always be there for me. Academics have always been a priority for me. I guess you might say that I'm a bit of a 'bookworm.'"

Once Raudales decided to enroll in ECHS@MC, she pursued her coursework with a vengeance. Attending ECHS meant she had to forego many traditional high school opportunities in order to take advantage of an accelerated curriculum and enroll in MC courses. By the time they graduate from high school, many ECHS@MC students have earned an associate degree. However, Raudales took her pursuits one step further. She took additional college courses during the summers and interim semesters. So, instead of graduating in May 2018 with her peers, she will graduate in December, having earned both a high school diploma and an associate of science degree.

"I've taken all my lower-level college core classes, and I'll be able to start taking upper-level engineering courses at UTPB in January," said Raudales. "I've already been accepted to UTPB and will receive a Freshman Merit Scholarship. I've also applied for the Presidential Scholarship and am waiting to hear whether or not I'll get it."

The young woman who could neither speak nor understand English just 13 years ago currently has a 3.94 grade point average at MC. She will be not only the first in her immediate family to earn a college degree, but also the first to graduate from high school. Her parents completed only middle school in Mexico.

"My family and I had no knowledge about college and how to apply to college," said Raudales. "Thankfully, the teachers and counselors at ECHS helped me every step of the way. I asked a lot of questions, and they were very gracious and willing to answer all of them. At ECHS, there is a personal connection between teachers and students. The teachers are passionate about what they do. From the first day, they believed in my ability to succeed, even though they didn't know me."

Raudales also fondly recalls several of her Midland College professors.

"History with Dr. (Todd) Houck was one

'Mentor texts' can jumpstart important conversations

As someone who loves to write and to teach writing, I have long been fascinated with the concept of mentor texts, writing so powerful in one way or another that it begs to be studied and even to be imitated. In some cases, I am drawn to a text simply because I find the author's language sufficiently lyrical that the sound of the words fascinates me. In some cases, I am drawn to a text simply because it suggests a new strategy, format or pattern that serves to fuel or to organize my own writing or, more importantly, serves to encourage a young writer to take new risks.

Often, however, mentor texts I read and reread to children, while well-written and worthy from the perspective of the writer's craft, share insights about enduring values, things worthy of reflection and discussion. Our children gather impressions and ideas every day of their lives. They make assumptions, form generalizations and draw conclusions based on the culture in which they are immersed, and language represents a powerful force in the transmission of culture. Simply put, the language in which we are immersed, the language we come to accept, to believe and to use, frames our view of reality.

While we cannot eliminate the negative messages that children hear, we can use mentor texts in intentional ways to add positive messages to our conversations with children. Mentor texts provide teachers and parents opportunity to address issues and choices that affect the quality of children's lives and perhaps even the future of this country. We cannot control the conversation, but we can give voice to our points of view. Anyone who has lived long enough to say, "Oh my goodness, I am becoming my mother," should never discount the influence that parents play long term in the val-

PATRICIA MAURER

Trinity School



ues that children grow into as adults.

Because I work with young children, some of my favorite mentor texts are picture books. Author Jacqueline Woodson, in her poignant narrative, "The Other Side," provides a place to begin an important conversation with children about race. In this sweet story, set in the segregated South sometime in the 1950s, two little girls, one black and one white, living on opposite sides of a fence, become friends. The haunting lines ending the story express hope the fence that divided our nation then would someday be knocked down.

While laws have changed, the reality of prejudice based on race alone has not disappeared. Unfortunately, because adults often find intentional conversations about race uncomfortable, we mistakenly assume vague admonitions to treat everyone equally sufficient to the task. Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman, authors of "NurtureShock," a groundbreaking book about parenting, devoted an entire chapter to the issue. They concluded children whose parents address the issue explicitly are far less likely to make assumptions about people based on the color of their skin.

Why do I believe this conversation to be so important? As a ninth-grade American history student, I memorized the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Two lines from this famous speech are written on my heart — the first a reference to the fact that this nation "was

conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." The second says, "Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure." The Gettysburg Address is a mentor text, and Lincoln's powerful words a reminder that conversations about race and equality are necessary if our children are to grow up in a nation that lives up to its promise.

Next, I'd like to introduce you to "Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge," written by Mem Fox, a perfect mentor text to begin a conversation about issues related to aging. Wilfred is a small boy who lives next door to a nursing home. When he finds out that his special friend, Miss Nancy Allison Delacourt Cooper has lost her memory, he sets out to find out just what the word, memory, means. As the story unfolds, Wilfred Gordon not only begins to define the word in all its richness, he helps his friend to recall the stories of her own childhood. The narrative emerges as tender, loving and filled with respect.

Why do I believe this conversation to be so important? There are three simple reasons. The reality of aging in America all but guarantees almost everyone will face the challenge of caring for a family member with some level of memory impairment. The illness and loss of a grandparent often represents a child's first experience with death and with grief. The character of a nation and direction of its moral compass can be judged by the way its most vulnerable members — the old, the sick, the disabled, the helpless — are treated. With something this important at stake, we need to be involved in the conversation with our children.

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Obituaries



(Tom) Thomas Hayes Matney

(Tom) Thomas Hayes Matney, 70, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2017. A visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory on Monday, November 6, 2017 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Services will be 2:00pm Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Cotton Flat Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Holman officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Tom was born on October 23, 1947 in Hobbs, NM, to Orel and Frances Matney. Tom graduated from Hobbs High School in 1965. Tom attended New Mexico Junior College. He later moved to Midland, Texas in 1970 where he met and married the love of his life, Sharon Ann Watson in 1972. Tom gained his first daughter Toye through marriage in 1972. Tom and Sharon had their second daughter Jennifer Ann Matney on September 28, 1977.

Tom had many hobbies and loved to have fun. He was an avid weather watcher, golfer, and loved classic movies and football. Tom cherished his time with family. Tom loved family and holiday traditions and events. Family was the most important thing to Tom. Tom's favorite holiday was July 4th, he always provided fireworks entertainment for his family and friends. Tom was witty and loved to joke around; those that knew him appreciated his love of fun. Tom could find humor in most any situation.

Tom was survived by wife, Sharon Ann Matney; daughter Toye Lavette Crabtree, Christopher Stephen Crabtree, Madison Rylee Crabtree, and Christopher Brian Hayes Crabtree; daughter, Jennifer Ann Wells, James Milton Wells, IV, and granddaughter, Sara Kate Owens; son, Thomas Hayes Matney; sister, Sharon Thompson and Gail Small.

Tom was preceded in death by Orel and Frances Matney and sister, Betty McVey.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Home Hospice, Dr. Watkins and staff, and all the many friends and Cotton Flat Church family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, Texas.

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Major General Glenn Walter Redmond

Major General Glenn Walter Redmond, 77, of Midland, went to see his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 4, 2017, after a valiant battle with dementia.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 9:00 am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 2:00 pm, at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, TX.

Glenn was born on December 28, 1939, to Marion and Walter Redmond in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Archbishop Stepinac High School and joined the Air Force soon after graduating. He always wanted to be a pilot, and achieved his dream by flying F-100 Super Sabre jets during the Vietnam War. He rose in the ranks to finally retire as a Major General in 1999. As an Air Force reservist, he became a petroleum engineer for ARCO in Midland in 1975. He moved his family to the Houston area in 1983, and later went into banking from which he retired in 2006, and again moved his family to Midland.

He is survived by his daughter Corey Telschow, her husband Fr. Mark Telschow, and grandchildren, Alexandra, William, and Nikolaus of Midland, TX; his son, Michael Redmond of Montgomery, TX, and grandchildren Amanda, Michael, Michelle and Stacy and thirteen great grandchildren; also by his brother, Gary Redmond of Orlando, FL, and sister, Casey McCreery of Rocky Point, North Carolina. He is also survived by many lifelong friends including Mr. Steve Spain and Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler, who were always there to love him, and who will miss his bridge playing and dancing skills.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy O'Neal Redmond. She was his partner in life, and they are happily together again. His kindness, good humor, and selfless love for all will be sorely missed. He is forever our hero.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 2211 Stanolind Ave., Midland, TX, 79705

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Marilyn Stuckey Dunton

Marilyn Stuckey Dunton went to her eternal home on Friday, November 3, 2017. Because of the Cross and the resurrection of Christ, she is now in her eternal home in Heaven.

Marilyn was born on May 4, 1929 in Fort Worth, Texas to Herbert and Mollie Stuckey where she grew up. After high school she was employed by Gulf Oil as a draftsman where she met her husband, George Dunton. They were married in 1954 and transferred to Midland in 1957. Marilyn and George had four children, Darrell, Randa, Derek and David.

Marilyn, loved to serve and spent over 60 years of her life doing so up until her last few months. She was a teacher aide with MISD for over 40 years. She served at First Baptist Church in Midland where she was a member for 60 years. During her service there she worked in the nursery, preschool and children's areas and delivered Bibles to newborns through the Cradle Roll for over 20 years. She was a tireless, passionate and humble servant.

Known as McMaw to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to write them letters each week telling each about the others. She loved to spend time with each one. She was dedicated and disciplined in all she did. From the time she accepted Jesus as her Savior at the age of 21, at a Billy Graham Crusade, she would wake each morning at 5:00 am and spend time praying and reading her Bible.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, George and her 4 children, Darrell and wife Barbara of Midland, TX, Randa Olesky and husband Tony of Pensacola, Florida, Derek of Midland, TX and David and wife Marti of Dallas, Texas, as well as 9 grandchildren, Justin Dunton and wife Tricia of Nashville, TN, Jason Dunton and wife Joanna or Bryan, TX, Jenny Leonard and husband Andrew of Midland, TX, Jon Mark Olesky and wife Priscila of Pensacola, FL, Stephen Olesky and wife Lindsay of New York, NY, Chris Olesky of Pensacola, Shelbi Dunton of Odessa, TX, Bailey Dunton of Dallas, TX and Maddi Dunton of Dallas, TX and 13 great grandchildren.

Her parents and her sister, Patsy, preceded her in death.

There will be visitation on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

A celebration service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Chapel at First Baptist

Church in Midland followed by interment at Resthaven Memorial Park North. The grandchildren will officiate the service led by Justin Dunton, Executive Pastor at Greenhills Church in Nashville, TN, Jon Mark Olesky, Senior Pastor at The Cross in Pensacola, FL and Jason Dunton, Pastor of Contemporary Worship Arts at FBC Bryan, TX assisted by Senior Associate Pastor David Johnson of First Baptist Church of Midland.

Pallbearers are Justin Dunton, Jason Dunton, Jon Mark Olesky, Stephen Olesky, Chris Olesky, Andrew Leonard, Josh Flowers and Tony Olesky.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the following ladies who blessed us with their care of mom over the last 9 weeks of her life, Pat Brookshire, Christina Valdez, Cecelia Carillo, Mary Pena, Ashley Bishop, Celestina Lunda and Emma Frier as well as all the incredible people at Hospice of Midland.

Memorial donations may be made in Marilyn Dunton's name to The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, <https://billygraham.org/check-out/give-honor-memorial.php>

Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Stanley Joe Weston

Stanley Joe Weston passed away on November 4th, 2017 at the age of 82.

Stanley was born in Merkel, Texas on March 21st, 1935 to Joe and Lena Demere Weston. Stanley started his adult life working on ranches in West Texas, Central Texas and then turned a hobby into a business with Weston Welding. Many ranches in Texas (and one in Kentucky) have Weston built cattle and horse pens and countless Horseshoe Bay homes have fences and entry ways by Weston Welding. The times that Norman Hurd drove up and said "welder can we build this drawing" (on the back of envelope) were numerous and lead to a longtime friendship and mutual admiration. Mr. Hurd referred to Stanley as his artist and welder. Stanley soon learned, just tack it, Mr. Hurd is gonna change it before it was done. Stanley was also very talented in all phases of leather work and stamping. Stanley was a man of few words but meant them. The times that he worked into the night to repair a piece of construction equipment so that the owner could be back

on the job the next morning were legendary. He had a strong bond to people that worked as hard as he did.

Stanley is survived by his wife of 61 years Iva, daughter Robben and her husband Johnnie of Meadowlakes, daughter Randy and her husband Kirby of Sylvester, and chosen son Shawn McDuffie and his wife Cheryl of Magnolia. Grandson Layne Weston Thompson and friend Karyn Myers, grandson Ethan Jacob Head and friend Sarah Lampkin, and granddaughter Amanda McDuffie. He is also survived by his sister Mary Tom Snoddy of Midland, his brother Bill Weston of Kingsbury and many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his youngest brother Tad Weston.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 11th at 2pm, Clements Wilcox Funeral Home, 1805 N Hwy 281, Marble Falls, TX.

Honorary Pall Bearers will be Vic Counts, Kim Robertson, Leslie Bond, Jack Pitts, Clay Simmons and Gary Thomas.

Reception will be held immediately following at the Weston residence, 2212 FM 2147 West, Horseshoe Bay, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to one of the families chosen charities: Highland Lakes Christmas Is For Kids, Box 1750, Marble Falls, TX, 78654 or Bum Phillips Charities, 2981 S. Riverdale Lane, Goliad, TX 77963.

Arrangements by Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home, Marble Falls, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at www.clements-wilcoxfuneralhome.com.



Alfred Jacob Vogel

Alfred Jacob Vogel was born on July 30, 1921 and passed away on November 3, 2017, at age 96, in Midland, Texas.

Al was the Salutatorian of Midland High School in 1939. He graduated with his degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1943 and became

a Professional Engineer. During World War II, Al volunteered and, following Officer Candidate School, served in US Army Intelligence. He was awarded a Bronze Star while with the 86th Infantry. After his service, he worked for his uncle, Fred Fuhrman with Fuhrman Petroleum Corp., and as an independent oilman.

Al and Mary Theresa Elsas married in Dallas in 1949. They had two children, Claire Vogel-Camargo, RN of Austin (married to Frank) and Robert Allen Vogel, MD of Midland (married to Debbie). Al is also survived by Mary, his wife of 68 years, grandson Jeremy Shaw Vogel, Esq. of Washington, DC, and several cousins. Al was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Paula Fuhrman Vogel, his sister Hilda Vogel, his granddaughter Gina Ann Vogel, and brother-in-law Oskar Leo Elsas.

A proud Midlander, Al supported many local causes, including Midland Memorial Hospital and the Vogel Center at Manor Park. He was a Rotarian and served on several boards, including the YMCA (where he led the "Run for Your Life" class), the Fuhrman-Vogel Center (Senior Link), and Manor Park. His honors included Optimist Man of the Year and Philanthropist of the Year.

The family is grateful to Doctors Shayeb, Ganta, Miller, and Miro and the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital for the excellent care they provided.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM, followed by a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Al's memory to the charity of your choice.

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Death Notices

Billy Hardgrave

Billie Hardgrave, 87, of Sonora, passed away Sunday, November 5, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Sonora Church of Christ in Sonora, TX. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Sheffield Cemetery in Sheffield, TX.

Survivors include children, Jon Mark Hardgrave, Deborah Collins, and Charlene Edna Negley.

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

MAURER

From 1B

John F. Kennedy, the youngest man ever elected to the presidency, delivered his inaugural address in 1961. He reportedly spent two months working on his remarks, and although considered notably brief, it contains a quote that became a mentor text for a generation of Americans. He said, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." When all is said and done, we need to be able to go to bed with confidence we have done all that is possible to raise this generation of children to be both personally responsible and selflessly compassionate.

Finally, I'd like to introduce you to two books, "The Best Town in the World" written by Byrd Baylor and "All the Places to Love" written by Patricia MacLachlan. These beautifully crafted picture books celebrate time-honored American values. They each

acknowledge pleasure to be found in simple things: handmade toys and picking berries, meadows and swimming holes, good dogs and good friends. The books speak to the importance of devotion to family, need for community, work and service, traditional celebrations and ties to the land. These books, while nostalgic in tone, hearken to things not just worthy of cherishing, but worthy of recapturing whenever possible. These books make it clear there are ideas and ideals so valuable that they should never be labeled old-fashioned.

Why do I think this conversation to be im-

portant? Joyce Sequichie Hiffer, Native American author and columnist once said, "Life is made up of a few moments all strung together like pearls. Each moment is a pearl, and it is up to us to pick the ones with the highest luster. If we do not have time to do great things, take a few gentle moments and do small things in a great way." We are in such a rush that we often fail to stop to notice and to note for our children the most important things. We need to remember that the words we say, or for that matter the words we don't say, represent one means by which children develop a

framework of beliefs.

Our failure to engage in important conversations with our children leaves a void through which negative messages from popular culture can enter and take hold. In the Bible (Colossians 3:12) it suggests you should "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Whether you choose to express enduring values in terms of a religious belief, or whether you choose to express enduring values in terms of character traits such as civility, service, integrity and honesty, you need to be present to the conversation. Our children's

future depends on it.

head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.

Patricia A. Maurer is

DAILY BROTHERHOOD

HENRY

Romans 13:10-12

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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Man gets inspiration from readers

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to "Wallowing in the North" (June 16), who has had a wonderful life and has accomplished all the goals he set out for himself at age 56, but now feels no "spark" to carry on. Abby, he's in a unique position to help someone else who hasn't had all those advantages in life.

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



DEAR ABBY: Tell "Wallowing" to pick up a course catalog from his local community college and enroll in some classes. He can take art and learn to paint, sculpt or make ceramics; study photography and learn to shoot better pictures; take woodworking and build furniture; take an American Sign Language class and volunteer to work with the deaf; or sign up for a foreign language, culinary or film appreciation course.

those around you. — NATURE LOVER IN PENNSYLVANIA DEAR ABBY: I would like to suggest "Wallowing" talk to his doctor about his testosterone level. I did it, and it boosted my self-esteem, drive and energy. — ROGER IN OKLAHOMA DEAR ABBY: May I suggest he have his vitamin D levels checked? I, too, experienced a loss of desire/passion for life when I was close to his age. Turned out, my vitamin D levels were extremely low. Once I started taking a supplement, my interest and excitement in life returned. — BEEN THROUGH IT IN KANSAS CITY DEAR ABBY: Your advice should have included becoming active in a church, synagogue or charitable organization. Helping others, whether locally or on a mission trip, yields three results: It has a positive impact on those being helped, it increases the giver's sense of self-worth, and it reminds us how blessed we truly are. — LOVER OF LIFE IN TEXAS DEAR LOVER AND DEAR READERS: Amen!

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones Fear and loathing in bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals NORTH ♠ Q 9 6 4 2 ♥ 10 9 8 7 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 7 WEST ♠ A K J 8 5 ♥ 6 ♦ A K Q ♣ K 10 6 5 EAST ♠ 10 7 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ 8 3 2 SOUTH ♠ 3 ♥ A K Q J 4 3 2 ♦ Void ♣ A Q J 9 4

The bidding: NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 20* Pass 6* Dbl All pass *3 to 7 points, both majors Opening lead: Ace of ♣ Today's deal is from a team competition in Europe some years ago. North-South had agreed to play an unusual convention and North convinced himself that this would be a good time to use it. Can you imagine how he felt when partner jumped to slam in one of his "suits"? He was probably looking for the nearest exit.

On the other hand can you imagine what was going through West's mind? He was looking at a beautiful hand and the opponents were in slam before it got to be his turn to bid. We hate it when that happens! West simply doubled, willing to settle for whatever plus score was available on defense. As it turned out, the only winning action he had was to pass. Who among us would have done that? South ruffed the opening diamond lead, cashed the ace of clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy. A heart back to his ace drew the outstanding trumps and he ruffed another club in dummy. Had West started with five clubs to the king, it would have been a simple matter to take a ruffing finesse for the king. The 4-3 club split made that unnecessary and South just ruffed a diamond back to his hand and ruffed another club in dummy, felling the king. South conceded a spade to the defense and claimed his slam. Note that the opening bid was irrelevant. South would have competed to six hearts with his hand anyway. The same result was achieved at the other table after a different auction.

EXTRA CREDIT

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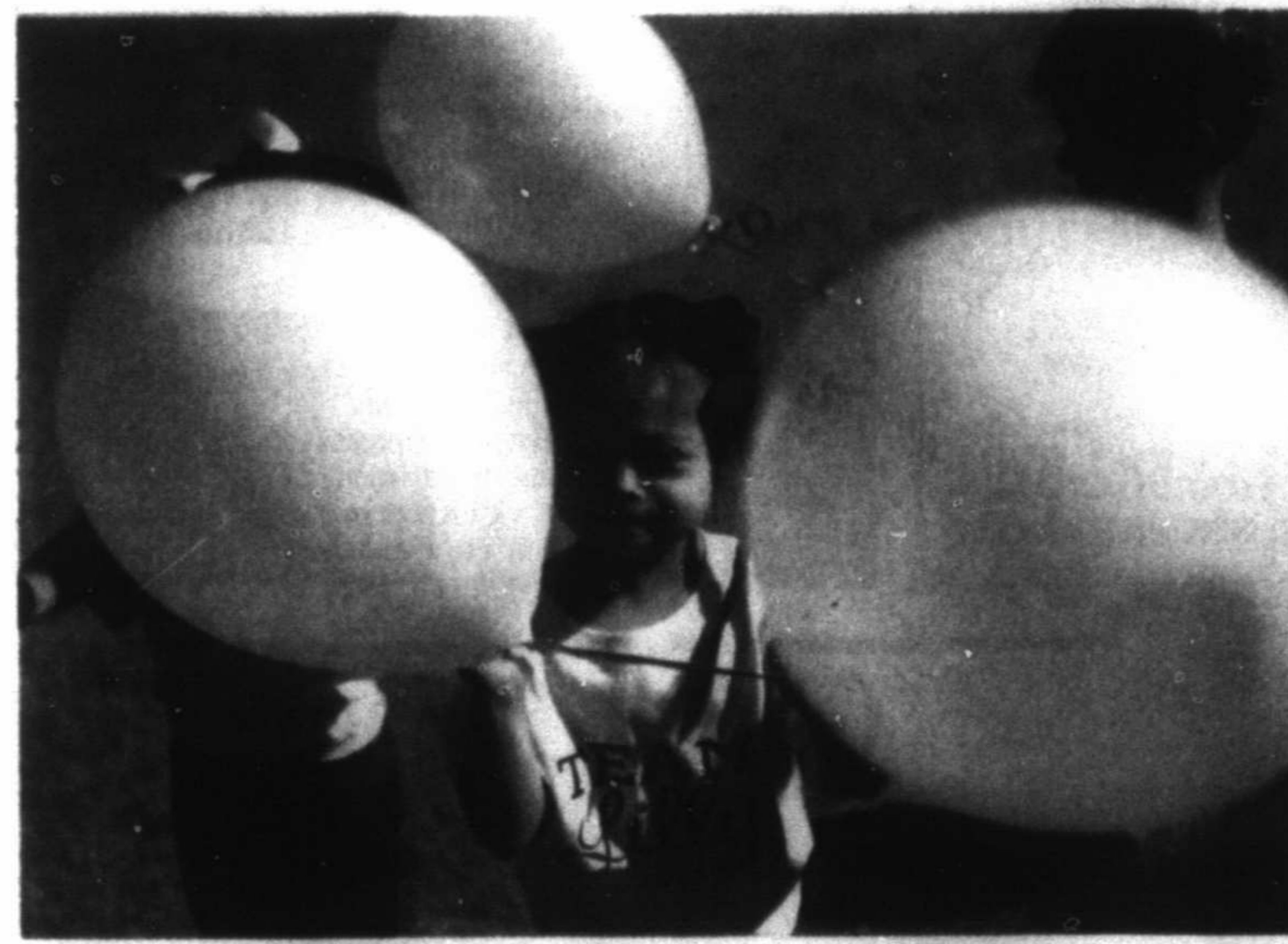
Kindergartener Lilly Oroscos was honored Oct. 31 at St. Ann's School.



St. Ann's School kindergartener Lilly Oroscos, center, plays with her classmates.



Amanda Guebara, left, kindergarten teacher at St. Anne's School, hugs Lilly Oroscos. Lilly's classmates honored her on Oct. 31 in conjunction with Down Syndrome Awareness Month.



St. Ann's School kindergarteners sport "Team Lilly" T-shirts in honor of their classmate, Lilly Oroscos, during a Down Syndrome Awareness Month event.



The kindergarten classmates of Lilly Oroscos, center, rallied around her at a Down Syndrome Awareness Month event at St. Ann's School on Oct. 31.

PROFILE

From 1B

of my favorite courses," said Raudales. "I didn't like history at first, but Dr. Houck made it interesting. He explains things very simply, tells funny stories and is very organized. "I also loved everything about my calculus courses with Sarah

Hildebrand," she said. "I took Calculus I, II and III from her. She is amazing!"

Ashley Raudales is passionate about pursuing a baccalaureate degree in engineering, and she is thankful to have the opportunity to stay in the Permian Basin and attend the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

"I love being able to go home at the end of a rough day and have dinner with my family, said Raudales. "It's calming to know that there is someone I love and who loves me at home."

Raudales is the daughter of Edith and Juan Raudales. Her father works in the oil industry; her mother cleans stores

and makes tamales. When she is able, Raudales helps her mother at both jobs. She has two younger sisters, Gabby, 16, and Noely, 11. The other member of the close-knit family is a white teacup poodle named Bonnie, who is expecting puppies.

"I'm not sure what the future holds, but I never want to stop

learning," said Raudales. "ECHS and Midland College have taken me so far. I don't know where I'd be without the wonderful opportunities I've had over the past 3 1/2 years."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean of Community Relations at Midland College.

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Lee's return coincides with surge for Cowboys defense

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Sean Lee wasn't on the field for the crazy Kansas City play that threatened to ruin an otherwise strong performance from the Dallas defense.

It turned out to be a microcosm of how important the 2016 All-Pro linebacker is for the Cowboys, whose three-game winning streak coincides with Lee's return and a dramatic improvement on his side of the ball: fewer points, more turnovers, more key stops.

"Boy, tremendous difference when Sean Lee is out there," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said after a 28-17 win over the Chiefs and their third-ranked offense. "Not to take anything away from anybody, but he

makes things happen."

Lee missed two games with a hamstring injury, and the Cowboys lost both at home despite scoring at least 30 points in each.

Jared Goff and the Los Angeles Rams won 35-30, followed by Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay 35-31 when Rodgers took the Packers 75 yards in 62 seconds after Dak Prescott had guided the Cowboys to the lead with just 1:13 remaining.

The Cowboys (5-3) have allowed averages of 15 points and 299 yards during the winning streak. They next visit Matt Ryan and NFC champion, albeit struggling, Atlanta (4-4) on Sunday.

Then it's the first of three straight home games in 12 days starting against NFC East rival Philadelphia, the division leader, and Carson Wentz, who has an

NFL-best 23 touchdown passes. Dallas, the defending division champion, had the best record in the NFC last season.

"We're trying to build to be that championship defense," said Lee, the playmaking weakside linebacker. "And we're seeing signs of it. But until we're there, until we're causing more turnovers and dominating, we're going to continue to work."

Dallas had gone three full games without a turnover when Lee returned against San Francisco and the defense forced three fumbles, recovering two. The Cowboys recovered another one on special teams.

Byron Jones had a clinching interception in the final minute of a win at Washington, and



Michael Ainsworth/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee (50) attempts to stop Kansas City Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt (27) in the first half on Sunday in Arlington.

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Next man up



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Silas Crews gets away from Southwest Christian's Wyatt Mott on Oct. 20 at Gordon Awtry Field.

AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Crews runs wild in his impromptu QB debut

By Oscar LeRoy
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Silas Crews had never played quarterback before.

But with the Midland Christian football team's next man up mentality, Crews did what he had to do to help the Mustangs against Frisco Legacy Christian on Friday night.

Filling in for injured quarterback Coy Stewart in the second half of a 48-19 victory, Crews switched over from his tight end/H-back position to quarterback and

rushed for 191 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries and completed 3 of 8 passes for 26 yards.

Thanks to that performance, Crews is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"Honestly, I was really nervous but I said to myself I had to suck it up and do it," said Crews, a senior. "I talked to my linemen and I talked to (running back Ben Gibbs). And then the O-line just killed it, they stepped it up in the second half. That helped a lot. The holes were tremendously big, it was awesome. I have to give it up to

the line. Other than that, I didn't really do anything. I just went where the holes were."

Having a player step up for an injured teammate is nothing new at Midland Christian as the Mustangs have had to deal with several injuries lately. Stewart was already filling in for injured starter Peyton Powell and the Mustangs had lost starting running back Luke Sheppard for the season. Crews said the whole team is willing to do what it takes and fill in other positions if necessary. He said that mindset and attitude is the

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Hobbled MCS ready to compete for district title

By Christopher Hadorn
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The outright TAPPS Division II, District I championship will be decided with a dandy of a matchup Friday at Gordon Awtry Field.

In its regular season finale, Midland Christian (7-2, 3-0 in TAPPS Division II, District I) hosts rival Fort Worth Christian (8-1, 3-0) in a winner-take-all showdown for first place at

7:30 p.m.

In 2016, Fort Worth Christian squeaked past MCS 35-34 in a thriller, which caused a three-way split between the two teams and eventual state champion Grapevine Faith for the TAPPS Division II, District I title.



McClendon

"We're all about winning championships," Mustangs head coach Greg McClendon said. "We really take a lot of pride in winning championships. Anytime there's a championship on the line, we want to



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play at our highest level. We're excited to go play this game. Fort Worth Christian is a good football team."

MCS won't be playing Friday's game against the Cardinals at full strength, but the Mustangs don't seem to mind. MCS just continues to press on.

The Mustangs' resiliency was on display last Friday

Please see PRIVATE/3C

O'Brien says Texans have discussed signing Kaepernick

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans coach Bill O'Brien says he and general manager Rick Smith have discussed signing Colin Kaepernick in the wake of last week's season-ending injury to Deshaun Watson.

When asked about Kaepernick on Monday, a day after Tom Savage struggled in a 20-14 loss to the Colts, O'Brien said: "We talk about the roster and what's out there every day Rick and I."

O'Brien was then pressed on whether they have specifically discussed about adding Kaepernick.

"Oh yeah, everybody gets discussed," he said. "Is that a problem? Isn't that the way most teams do it. People seem shocked by that."

Kaepernick, the former 49ers quarterback, began the national anthem protest movement by kneeling last season. He remains unsigned and has filed a complaint that team owners colluded against him because of the protests, which are aimed at police brutality against African-Americans and other social justice issues.



Kaepernick

O'Brien was pressed several times Monday about whether the Texans would sign Kaepernick if it were his decision. He avoided answering the question directly, saying that his job is simply to "coach the football team."

After that he was asked if he believes signing Kaepernick would make that job easier.

"Uh, that's an interesting question," he said before pausing for a couple of seconds. "I would tell you that I like the guys that we have and we're going to continue to coach them and try to do a better job of coaching them."

The Texans have not been very active in anthem protests, but the majority of the team knelt during the anthem before a game on Oct. 29 at Seattle after a report revealed that team owner Bob McNair said, "We can't have the inmates running the prison," during a meeting of NFL owners about players who protest by kneeling. No member of the team knelt this week before Houston's annual salute to service game to honor members of the military.

Houston is looking for answers to get its offense back on track and try to make a push for a third straight playoff berth. The Texans fell to 3-5 with the loss to Indianapolis and are two games behind Tennessee and Jacksonville, who are tied for first place in the AFC South.

Savage started Houston's season opener but was benched for Watson after a terrible first half. He moved back into the starting role this week after Watson tore an anterior cruciate ligament Thursday. Savage looked much the same as he did in the opener on Sunday and failed to move the offense for the majority of the day.

Houston signed T.J. Yates and Matt McGloin on Friday to back up Savage, but his performance Sunday led to questions whether Kaepernick would be a better choice to run O'Brien's offense than any of those three.

O'Brien said he's studied Kaepernick since he was in college, but avoided any comparisons between him and the quarterbacks on Houston's roster.

"Colin Kaepernick's a good football player, hasn't played football in a while," O'Brien said.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Football
College Football Playoff
Rankings Show, 6 p.m., ESPN
Akron at Miami-OH, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

mento, 9 p.m., NBA TV
National Hockey League
Washington at Buffalo, 6 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

HS Boys Basketball
MCA at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
HS Girls Basketball
Lee at Lubbock Cooper, 6 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

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Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Pacific Division.

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
Boston 110, Atlanta 107
Brooklyn 98, Phoenix 92
Miami at Golden State, late

NHL GLANCE

Standings

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Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Includes Western Conference Central and Pacific Divisions.

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
Washington 3, Arizona 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 5, Columbus 3
Boston 5, Minnesota 3

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Declined 2018 options on LHP Wade Miley and SS J.J. Hardy.

Michael Brady, Simon Castro and Josh Smith outright to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated RHPs Paul Blackburn, Andrew Triggs and Bobby Wahl and OF Dustin Fowler from the 60-day DL.

PREGAME.COM ODDS

Table with columns: Favorite, Open, Today, Underdog. Lists odds for various sports including College Football, NFL, and NHL.

YOUTH SPORTS



Courtesy photo

The U10 Midland Golden Ninjas youth soccer team celebrates after winning the 34th Annual Midland Turkey Shootout Tournament at Windlands Park over the weekend.

Golden Ninjas capture Midland Turkey Shootout title

From staff reports

The U10 Midland Golden Ninjas youth soccer team went 5-0 to win the 34th annual Midland Turkey Shootout Tournament held Friday and Saturday at Windlands Park.

5-1 in the championship match to improve their record to 26-0 since the 2016 season.

The Golden Ninjas also beat the Midland Outlaws 9-3, defeated Kaos-Acosta GN, of Odessa, 7-1, squeaked past Santos Elite FC 7-6 and upended the Odessa Vipers 4-1 in the semifinal.

The Golden Ninjas are coached by Blake Johnston and John Schlaffer.

Lions win 30-17 as QB Matthew Stafford dissects Packers

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Matthew Stafford passed for 361 yards and two touchdowns to Marvin Jones, and the Detroit Lions snapped a three-game losing streak with a 30-17 win on Monday night over the offensively challenged Green Bay Packers.

had seven catches for 107 yards.

The Packers have lost three straight games. Their once-potent offense has struggled since star quarterback Aaron Rodgers broke his right collarbone on Oct. 15 at Minnesota.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes N.Y. Giants, N.J. Jets, Tennessee, Jacksonville, Houston, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Kansas City, Oakland, Denver, L.A. Chargers.

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Score
Detroit 30, Green Bay 17
Thursday's Game
Seattle at Arizona, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, noon

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes Green Bay, Detroit, Minnesota, Detroit, Green Bay, Chicago, L.A. Rams, Arizona, San Francisco.

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Scheifele nets 2, Wheeler has 4 assists, Jets top Stars 4-1

Associated Press

DALLAS — Mark Scheifele scored in the opening minute and final seconds, and Blake Wheeler had four assists to help the Winnipeg Jets beat the Dallas Stars 4-1 on Monday night.

Scheifele has five goals in two games against Dallas, including a hat trick in Winnipeg last Thursday. He has a 10-game point streak vs. the Stars, with 12 goals and 11 assists during that span.

the game and added a short-handed goal into an empty net with 13 seconds to play.

Winnipeg took a 3-0 lead after one period. Laine scored at 5:12, and Connor added his goal at 19:04.

Wheeler set up Scheifele's first goal, which went in off the right post from the right faceoff circle.

Two of the NHL's best power plays succeeded once each.

HS VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW CAPSULE

CLASS 4A REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL
ANDREWS VS. LEVELLAND
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Plains High School
Records/seeds: Andrews 26-12, No. 1 seed out of District 4-4A; Levelland, No. 2 seed out of District 2-4A

land def. Fabens, 3-2 in area
Notes: In its area match Saturday, Andrews dropped the first set 25-17 before rallying to win three straight and advance to the regional quarterfinal. ... Meanwhile Levelland won a thrilling five-set affair over District 3-4A champion Fabens on Saturday. ... Andrews head coach Britney

Hanna said Levelland will present a challenge with an athletic roster. "They have great hitters and they're just an all-around great team," she said. ... This is the first time the Lady Mustangs have advanced to the regional quarterfinal since 2015 and with there being a couple of players on this year's team who took part in that run,

Hanna said Andrews will be playing with some extra pride today. "They know what the 2015 run was like and they know what they're capable of. I know they are very motivated."
Next: Winner plays winner of Glen Rose-Springtown, TBA in Class 4A regional semifinal

-Compiled by Will Korn

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12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree
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HIGH SCHOOL AREA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

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AP TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

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Cowboys From 1C

The Cowboys forced Alex Smith's first interception of the season to end Kansas City's last realistic hope Sunday.

side the 25 for an improbable 56-yard touchdown. The Cowboys gave up another touchdown and lost the lead on the first possession after halftime before Lee's unit re-established control with a key stop between two long scoring drives for Dallas.

lead with a touchdown to start the second half. After Dallas retook the lead, Lee's unit forced a quick punt that helped the Cowboys regain the control it looked like they had lost with Hill's TD.

beyond that. There's an intensity he brings that once pervades the defense." The Cowboys had to rely too heavily on Jaylon Smith while Lee was hurt. Smith missed his entire rookie season recovering from a devastating college knee injury, and has struggled adjusting to the NFL game.

PRIVATE From 1C

when they rolled to a 48-19 road win over Frisco Legacy Christian behind a magnificent 456-yard rushing effort that produced six rushing touchdowns.

bi-district playoff game next week after both have missed the last three games. Powell has been out with a rib injury, while Harper broke a non-weight bearing bone in his leg.

of kids I have, these kids are staying on the field whether it's our special teams, offense or defense." Alexander said. "There are really no subs. They are still coming out day in and day out for practice and then going into a game where they know the chance for them to come off the field is very slim. They're still coming out and playing as hard as they are playing."

Table with columns: Player, Comp., Att., Int., Yds. TD. PASSING.

McClendon says his MCS defense will face an explosive Cardinals offense that has put up 444 points on the scoreboard this season. "They feel like they can compete with us," McClendon said. "I expect it to be a battle. I expect them coming in here with guns blazing."

Trinity's woes continue but Alexander stays positive. Last Friday, Trinity suffered its third consecutive shutout, losing 47-0 to Fort Worth Lake Country Christian in its final home game of the regular season at Coombes Field.

Follow Christopher on Twitter: @chris_MRTsports. 2017 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS (7-4, 3-0). Rushing, Passing, Defense statistics.

Table with columns: Player, ST, AT, TT, TFL, S, FC, FR, INT. DEFENSIVE STATISTICS.

Fights in 3 games show how senseless NFL fisticuffs can be

By Barry Wilner Associated Press

Most every NFL player knows that a quick way to get ushered to the sidelines — or beyond — is participating in a fight. Yet in three games Sunday, punches were thrown. No, not the variety that Deontay Wilder used to score a first-round knockout the previous night. Enough flying fists and other misdeeds, however, to lead to five ejections.

pick LB Haason Reddick and veteran DL Frostee Rucker and 49ers running back Carlos Hyde in San Francisco. No one was thrown out in New Orleans, where Buccaneers receiver Mike Evans laid out Saints rookie CB Marshon Lattimore from behind in a skirmish. That doesn't mean further discipline from the NFL isn't possible. Every one involved certainly will be fined, and suspensions could be in the offing for anyone who threw a punch.

Which led to short days for such standouts as Bengals receiver A.J. Green and Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey in Jacksonville: Cardinals first-round

Starting with Green. With the Bengals trying to run out the clock late in the first half, Green jogged through his route. Ramsey, bona fide trash talker, knocked him down. Up jumped Green, grabbing Ramsey around the neck, then slamming him to the ground before punching away at Ramsey's helmet.

Another hearing set over Cowboys RB Elliott's 6-game ban

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court has set a Thursday hearing as attorneys for Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott seek a longer-lasting injunction to stop his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

boy's 28-17 win over the Chiefs. It is possible, if not likely, that the three-judge panel in New York will rule as early as Thursday, after oral arguments, on whether Elliott can play Sunday at Atlanta. None of the judges assigned to Elliott's case presided over the NFL's winning appeal in Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension in the Deflategate case.

CREWS From 1C

reason the Mustangs have been successful. "That's how everyone is like. Everyone is ready to step up," he said. "I just happened to be the guy called on this time. I think it says a lot (about the team's unselfish mindset). I think we have a chance to play quarterback again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when the Mustangs play at Division II District 1) host Fort Worth Christian (8-1, 3-0) in a game that will decide the district title.

different. I'm just glad I could help. I'm just doing whatever I can to help the team, honestly. I am nothing without my line. I can say that. Just the way the line played, I have it give it up to them. They played a lot better in the second half and that helped." Crews is likely to play quarterback again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when the Mustangs play at Division II District 1) host Fort Worth Christian (8-1, 3-0) in a game that will decide the district title.

Added Crews: "I didn't have much time to think about it. It was more like, OK here you go. Go do your thing. (McClendon) made it really simple for me, either run or pass." All of Crews' 191 yards came in the second half, while he was helped in the backfield by Gibbs, who also had a good game himself with 164 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries. "He did an outstanding job as well, not only running but blocking for Silas," said McClendon of Gibbs.

Other notable performances from last week: Greenwood sophomore RB Ryan Snodgrass had another huge game for the Rangers in a 43-20 victory over Lamesa as he rushed for 276 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries to go with eight tackles on defense. Andrews had a trio of big performances in a 42-30 victory over Clint that clinched the outright District 2-4A Division I title for the Mustangs. QB Jace Keezee completed 15 of 18 passes for 212 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, RB Britin Garcia rushed for 202 yards and three TDs on 19 carries, and WR Noah Lujan caught five passes for 91 yards and two TDs. Garden City's Amador Alegria rushed for 121 yards and two TDs on seven carries in the Barkats' 54-8 victory over Sterling City that clinched the District 6-1A Division I title. Forsan QB Bryce Hergert had 196 yards passing, 71 yards rushing and accounted for two TDs in a 58-21 loss to Post.

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As sponsorship dollars dwindle, NASCAR's stars fade

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Matt Kenseth, a future Hall of Famer, likely has two races left in his life as a famous NASCAR driver.

The final seat in the carousel of job options will be filled Wednesday when Stewart-Haas Racing is expected to announce Eric Almirola as its new driver.

Yes, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and former series champion was passed over for a driver with one victory in 242 career starts. It is yet another seat that didn't go to Kenseth, who embarrassingly has become the odd man out in a free agency period that has focused far more on salaries and sponsorship than talent.

Kenseth, who told reporters over the weekend that he will take time off in 2018, is hardly alone in his plight. Danica Patrick has nothing lined up for next year, same for reigning Daytona 500 winner Kurt Busch. Greg Biffle quietly went away at the end of last season, and Carl Edwards announced his retirement after coming 10 laps shy of winning the championship a year ago.

All but Patrick started in a robust economic period for NASCAR, where teams were flush with sponsor dollars and could basically hire any driver they wanted. Jack Roush was the fat cat in the early 2000s, and he'd hold gong-show style auditions for drivers to see who got paired with his newest open seat.

Kenseth, Busch, Biffle and Edwards all went on to become stars in Roush's system while launching lucrative and lengthy careers. But the math has



Matt Kenseth sits in his car as he waits to practice for a NASCAR Series Cup auto race at Kansas Speedway on Oct. 20 in Kansas City, Kan. Kenseth says he will be taking time off in 2018, though the former NASCAR Cup Series champion isn't using the word retirement.

changed considerably. Sponsors are paying far less for the right to advertise on a car during a NASCAR race, and they are increasingly difficult to get. In the days of exploding popularity, a top team might spend \$30 million to run a race car. Most of that money came from sponsorship, and top drivers were making \$10 million per year.

Now owners are running teams for half of what they did 15 years ago, and driver salaries are slowly being adjusted accordingly. If a team owner can't get a driver that financially matches the sponsorship level, then the owner has to pay expenses out of pocket.

Brad Keselowski is widely regarded as the driver of the Miller Lite car, but Team Penske last week revealed its sponsor-

ship program for the No. 2 car in pieces, and it only includes 11 races with Miller Lite as the primary sponsor. Discount Tire was sold the rights to be on Keselowski's car in next year's season-opening Daytona 500 and season finale at Homestead, as well as eight other events. The Würth Group was announced as a three-race sponsor.

Still, Penske was able to do what few others can manage right now: Put together a sponsorship package that is valuable enough for him to afford a high-priced driver.

Kenseth struck out time and again in a search that began when Joe Gibbs Racing unexpectedly told him it was bringing development driver Erik Jones in-house next season, a decision that cost the 45-year-old Kenseth a spot

in the lineup.

The 19-year Cup veteran didn't get rides at Hendrick Motorsports, which will see Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne depart after the season. Alex Bowman and William Byron will allegedly drive next year for something like \$500,000 in salary.

It is clear that sponsorship budgets have been decreased, reflecting in many ways television viewership for NASCAR races and attendance at various tracks. With fewer dollars coming in, car owners have to be careful to avoid paying too many expenses out of pocket. Driver salaries don't seem to be a priority right now, and a guy like Kenseth would lose money on travel for himself, his wife and four children to some or all of the 38 races on the Cup schedule. Earnhardt warned earlier

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this year that NASCAR's financial system was in for a major reset, and it has happened faster than anyone expected.

"On a big scheme of things, I feel like things have happened quickly, but yet on the other hand, it kind of does surprise me how, you know, the reset, hasn't been totally linear," Kenseth recently said. "Some people have been able to make it work, some people haven't. Certainly right now is a very interesting time."

"I think it's a very tough time for car owners to find the money that they need to field competitive race cars with competitive personnel. I think it's probably harder than at least it's been since I've been around. And the cost is higher than when I started, as well. Certainly a challenging environment."

Tony Stewart had been exposed to the changing NASCAR sponsorship landscape once he joined Gene Haas as co-owner of their four-car team, but even he's been surprised at the difficulties in finding funding.

The team had a massive stock of open inventory on Clint Bowyer's car this year, ran into a sponsorship dispute with Patrick's backers right before the start of the season and Haas has been primarily funding Busch's car out of pocket. For Busch to return to the team, he is likely going to accept a significant pay cut.

SHR now has Smithfield Foods coming aboard, and Almirola seems pegged to continue a driver-sponsorship relationship he began at Richard Petty Motor-

sports. SHR could have Kenseth or even Brickyard 400 winner Kahne, but instead is going with the driver the sponsor is already comfortable with.

Stewart is careful to note it's not a sponsor-driven decision, though.

"I'm not hiring drivers that have money. I've been the route that in the dirt-track stuff. I've seen it, it's not the way to run a race team," Stewart told The Associated Press last month. "I know there's people that have to do that to survive, but if that's what I had to do to survive, I wouldn't do it, it's not worth it to me."

"I want to hire drivers that I feel like can go out and run well and win races, and if I can't hire them on their talent, I don't want to do it all."

Stewart said he'd dump a car before he'd hire a driver bringing in sponsorship money. However, that's essentially what Patrick did when she came to NASCAR with her GoDaddy Funding. When that ran out, SHR did find her new sponsorship.

Stewart believes the model needs a ton of work and the project begins with increased viewership. If ratings and attendance improve, the sponsorship dollars grow again.

Until then, NASCAR is in a cycle where drivers such as Kenseth will be sidelined next year. He finished fourth at Texas on Sunday. He's ninth in the standings.

"You do this because you want to compete and you want to go out and try to contend for races and championships, and if you're having to do it just to get by, there's no fun in that," Stewart said.

MLB BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Astros coach Dauer recovering after surgery for blood clot

Houston Astros first base coach Rich Dauer is recovering after surgery on a blood clot in his brain.

The 65-year-old Dauer was rushed to a hospital Friday immediately after Houston's parade to celebrate its first World Series title. The emergency surgery was performed at Houston Methodist hospital, where he is now recovering.

Dauer played for the Baltimore Orioles from 1976-85, winning a World Series with them in 1983. Dauer was hired by the Astros after the 2014 season.

General manager Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch say the team is supporting Dauer and his family throughout the recovery.

NEW YORK

Hosmer, Moustakas, Cain, Arrieta among 9 with \$17.4M offers

Kansas City Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas and outfielder Lorenzo Cain were among nine free agents who have received \$17.4 million qualifying offers from their teams.

Chicago Cubs pitchers Jake Arrieta and Wade Davis also received the offers Monday, as did Tampa Bay pitcher Alex Cobb, Colorado closer Greg Holland, St. Louis pitcher Lance Lynn and Cleveland catcher Carlos Santana.

Players have until Nov. 16 to accept. If they sign with new teams, their old clubs would get an extra draft pick as compensation — possibly a much lower selection than in the past under the rules in baseball's new labor contract.

A club signing one of the players who didn't accept would lose a draft selection — no longer a first-round pick — and possibly part of its international bonus pool allocation for 2018-19.

Michigan State's Bridges tops AP preseason All-America team

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

Michigan State's Miles Bridges has everyone's attention.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore headlines The Associated Press preseason All-America team as the leading vote-getter by a wide margin for the five-player squad. Bridges received 61 votes from the 65-member national media panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25 poll, 14 more than Notre Dame senior forward Bonzie Colson — the preseason Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year and the No. 2 vote-getter.

Arizona junior Allonzo Trier, Villanova junior Jalen Brunson and Missouri freshman Michael Porter Jr. rounded out the rest of the five-man team released Monday.

Bridges was forced to play inside last season for the undersized Spartans, but averaged 16.9 points, 8.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.5 blocks. Second-ranked Michigan State has more size and depth this season, so Bridges will likely see more time at small forward on the perimeter.

"He's got some things he's got to get better at," coach Tom Izzo said. "He's going to be moving around different positions. Got to get better with the ball, better guarding. There are going to be some things that are more difficult for him. I can't think of a guy that's worked harder all summer to make sure he's



Michigan State's Miles Bridges (22) pulls in the ball as Jaren Jackson Jr. (2) watches during the first half of an exhibition game against Georgia Oct. 29 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Bridges was selected to The Associated Press preseason All-America team on Monday.

ready. I think he'll be more than ready for an incredible season."

The 14-vote gap between Bridges and Colson marked only the third time there was a double-digit difference between the top two vote-getters since the AP preseason All-America team launched for the 1995-96 season. The last time was in 2003-04.

The 6-6 Colson averaged 17.8 points and an ACC-best 10.1 rebounds to go with a league-best 19 double-doubles. He knows that he'll wear a target this season; assistant coach Ryan Humphrey recently gave him a poster featuring Colson sporting a photoshopped bulls-eye on his

chest and the message of "Every game."

"I'm always going to be humble and hungry," Colson said. "That's just who I am, that's just how my parents raised me. Just going out there every day and playing loose."

The 6-5 Trier was third with 39 votes. He opted to return to the third-ranked Wildcats instead of entering the NBA draft after averaging 17.2 points and 5.3 rebounds last year despite missing the first 19 games due to a suspension for performance-enhancing drugs.

"Allonzo has a special place in my heart because I don't know if I've been around a player that has

overcome so much adversity and at the same time continued to be an outstanding player." Arizona coach Sean Miller said, adding: "He's had a terrific offseason, and I think all of us are hoping that he can do it from start to finish, from the first game to the end."

The 6-3 Brunson, who earned 33 votes, averaged 14.7 points and 4.1 assists while shooting 54 percent last year for the Wildcats.

"Last year he stepped up a little bit more," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "But this year, he's stepped up to become the player and leader that he is. He's just a natural born leader." The 6-10 Porter earned

30 votes for the final spot, making him the fifth freshman to make the preseason AP All-America team — joining North Carolina's Harrison Barnes, Kansas' Andrew Wiggins, Duke's Jahliel Okafor and LSU's Ben Simmons.

"I feel there's a lot of people that would like to be in my situation," Porter said. "But I try to stay grounded, stay humble and realize I'm nowhere near where I want to get to, so I just have to take all the attention with a grain of salt and just keep getting better and better."

North Carolina senior Joel Berry II, last year's Most Outstanding Player at the Final Four for the reigning national champions, was the top vote-getter who missed the squad. Berry, who had 25 votes, is recovering from a broken bone in his hand that could sideline him for the start of the season.

Duke senior Grayson Allen, a preseason AP All-American last season, had 20 votes.

The Associated Press' 2017-18 preseason All-America team, with school, height, year and votes from a 65-member national media panel (by 2016-17 statistics in parentheses): Miles Bridges, Michigan State, 6-7, 225, sophomore, 61 votes (16.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 2.1 apg, 1.5 bpg); Bonzie Colson, Notre Dame, 6-6, 224, senior, 47 (17.8 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 52.6 fg pct, 1.4 bpg); Allonzo Trier, Arizona, 6-5, 205, junior, 39 (18 ppg, 17.2 rpg, 5.3 rpg, 2.7 apg, 81.0 ft pct); Jalen Brunson, Villanova, 6-3, 190, junior, 33 (14.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.1 apg, 54.1 fg pct, 87.8 ft pct); Michael Porter Jr., Missouri, 6-10, 215, freshman, 30 (HS: 38.2 ppg, 13.6 rpg); Other voting voters: Joel Berry II, North Carolina, 25; Grayson Allen, Duke, 20; Devonlin Graham, Kansas, 19; Ethan Happ, Wisconsin, 17; Angel Delgado, Seton Hall, 15; Jack Lavigne, Saint Mary's, 6; Tramon Bell, Xavier, 5; Marvin Bagley III, Duke, 3; Deandre Ayton, Arizona, 3; Yante Maten, Georgia, 1; Landry Shamet, Wichita State, 1.

Cora says opportunity to manage Red Sox is a return home

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

BOSTON — Alex Cora didn't expect his first chance to manage in the major leagues to come this soon, but the new Boston Red Sox manager he says he's ready to take on the challenge of leading one of its most storied franchises.

Cora was introduced Monday at Fenway Park as the 47th manager of the Red Sox. A native of Puerto Rico, the 42-year-

old becomes the first minority manager of a club that was the last in the majors to field a black player.

"I've always said the last two years, that I'm a capable manager. It was going to come down to somebody to give me that opportunity," he said. "I never thought that I was getting interviewed because I was a minority. I happen to be."

Alex's father, Jose Cora, was the founder of the Little League in his hometown of Caguas, Puerto Rico. He died in 1988, but his son still is propped up by the messages he learned from both his parents.

"That's what he preached — school and baseball," Cora said. "My mom, she'll be around during

the season ... She'll talk baseball with you guys."

A middle infielder on Boston's 2007 World Series championship team, Cora says he sees the job as a return home to "a perfect situation," inheriting a young team coming off back-to-back AL East titles under manager John Farrell.

Cora played four seasons for the Red Sox, and this year was the bench coach for the World Series champion Houston Astros. The Astros beat the Red Sox this year in the AL Division Series in a matchup of first-place teams.

While Cora wants to focus on baseball, he said he realizes the significance of his hire both on the

mainland and in Puerto Rico.

He presented president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski and the Red Sox with a Puerto Rican flag to thank them for sending a plane full of supplies to aid in Hurricane Maria relief efforts.

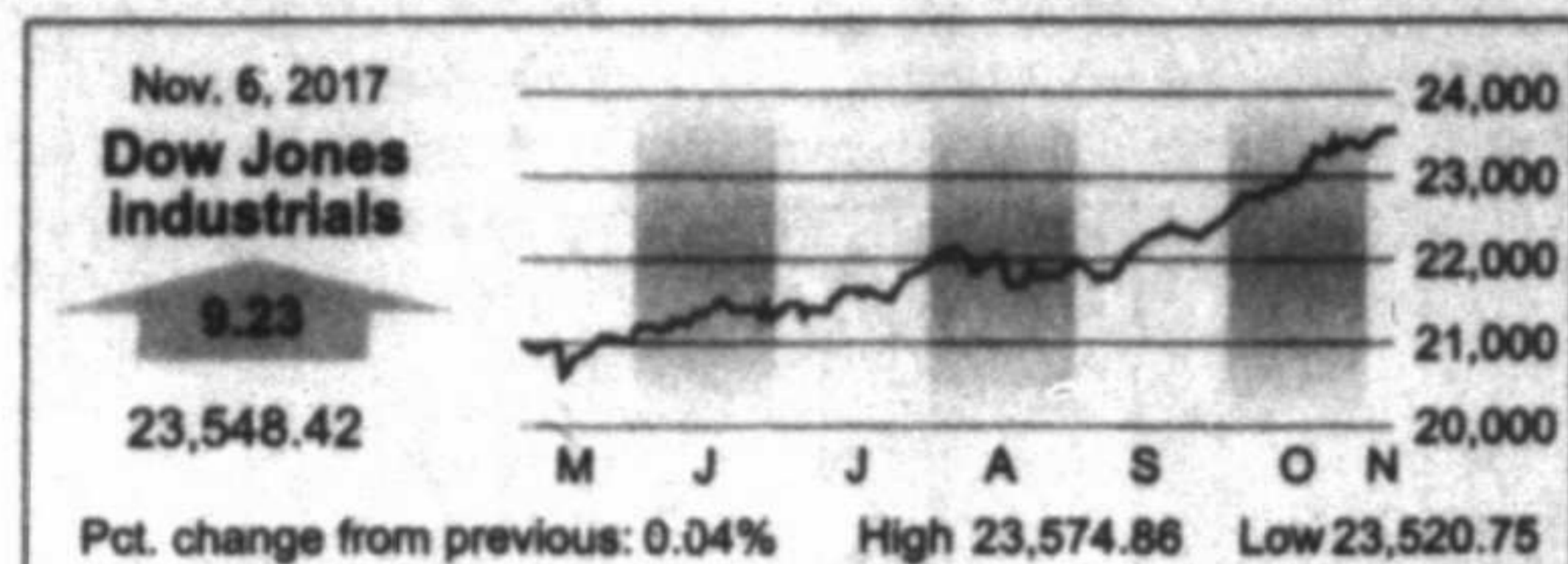
Later, wearing his new Red Sox jersey and cap, he took pictures holding the flag with his daughter, Camila, and stepson, Jeriel.

"I'm proud to be a Puerto Rican," he said. "You're going to see that flag and you're going to see a lot of fans from back home. ... The history I understand and the history throughout the game — there's not too many Latino managers. There's not too many minority managers."

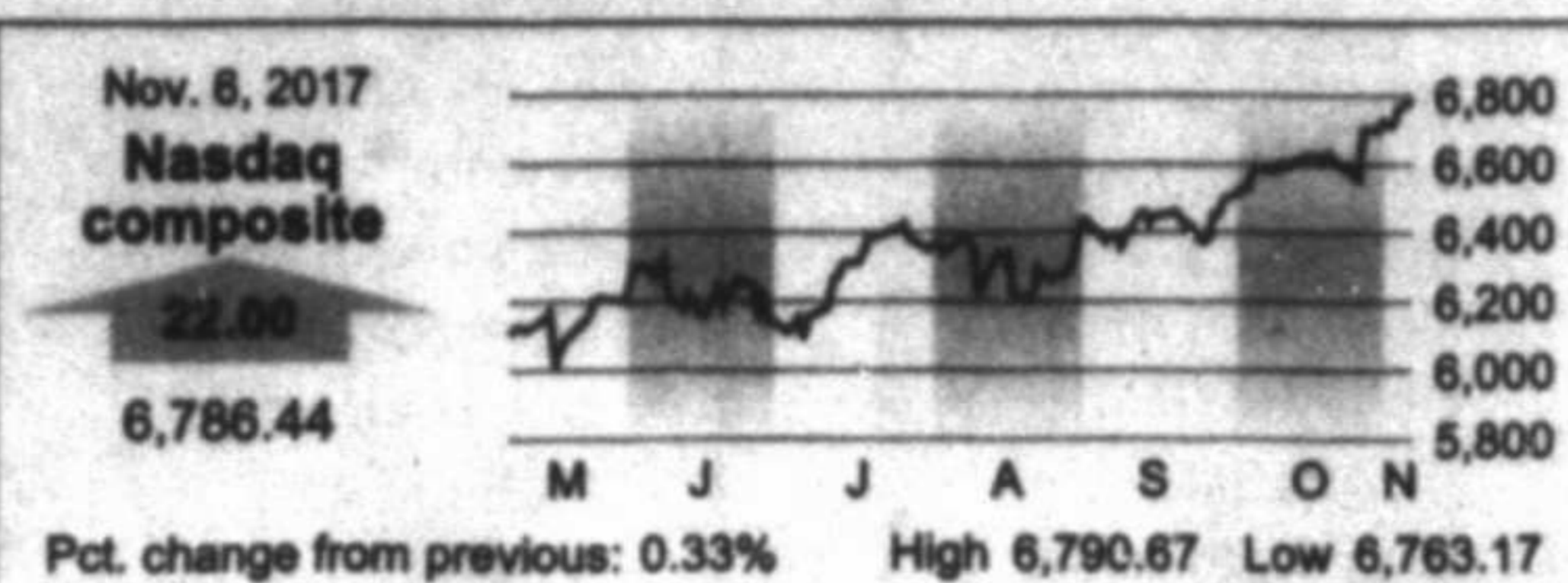
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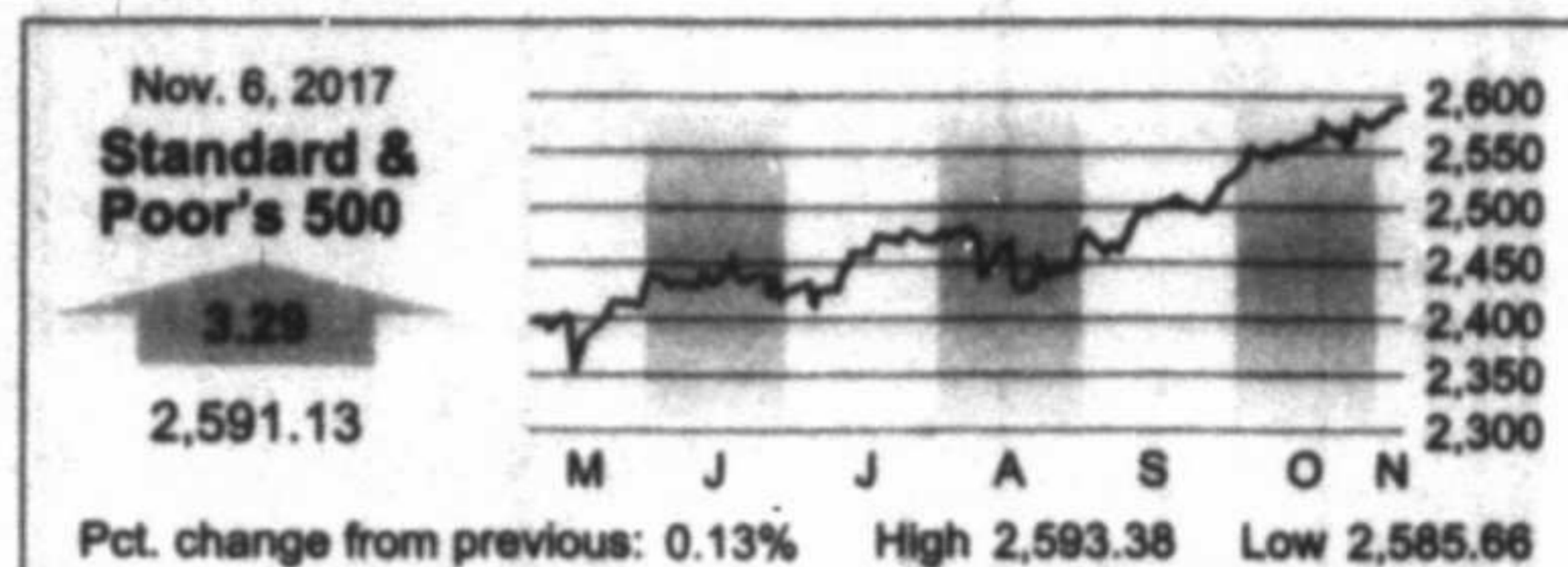
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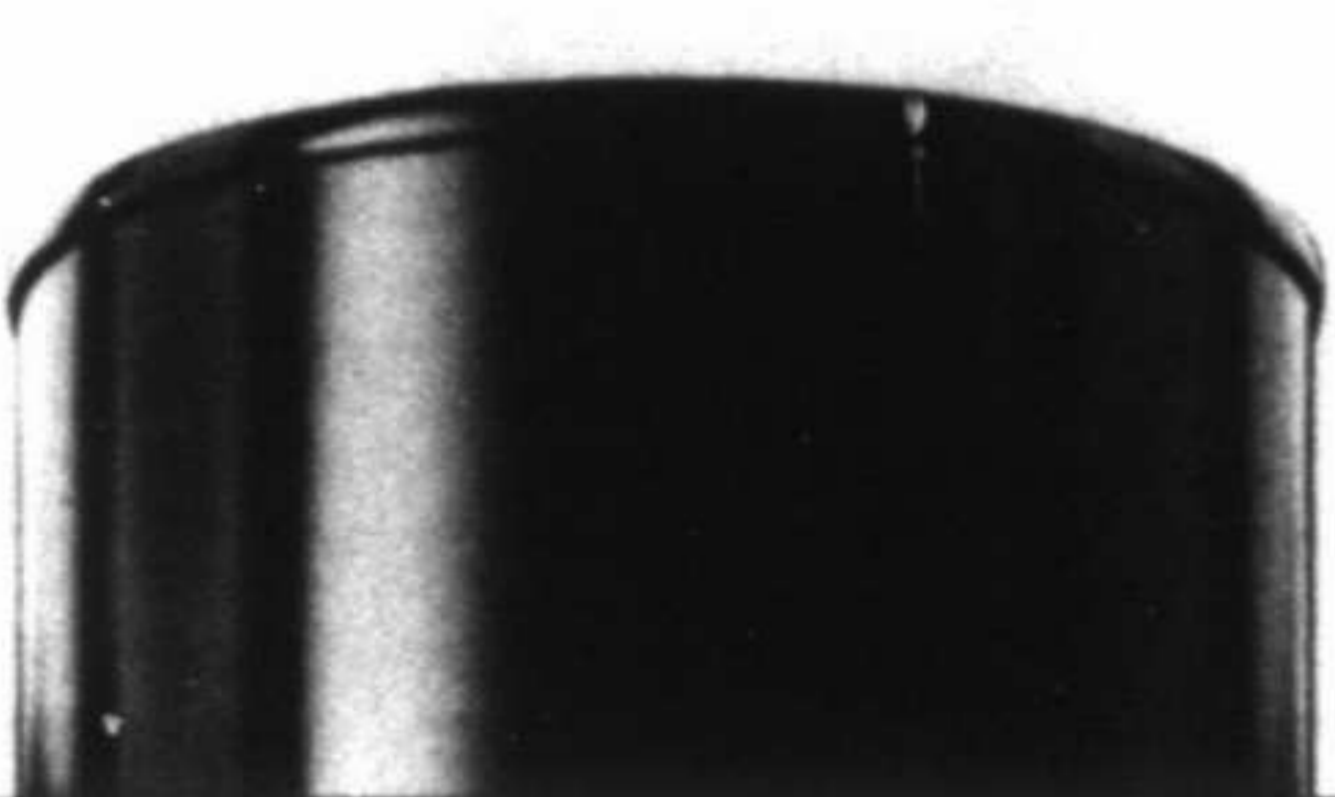
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Monday: \$20.15
Previous: \$48.90

NATURAL GAS

Monday: \$3.134
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Expert: New Mexico counties losing out on oil and gas taxes

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Local governments in New Mexico's oil and gas country are losing millions of dollars in revenue because energy companies are not telling county tax officials about drilling rigs, miles of pipeline and other assets, according to an appraisal expert.

Equipment that should be taxed is missing from the tax rolls, said Jerry Wisdom owns Total Assessment Solutions Corp., which has done work valuing energy company assets in Rio Arriba, Eddy and Lea counties. He testified recently before a panel of state lawmakers.

Wisdom's appraisers drive thousands of miles to locate gas pipelines, rigs and other equipment. They then cross-check county records to see if the assets are being reported and properly taxed. Even equipment that is mobile is supposed to be reported as taxable property while operating in New Mexico.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that if various assets are not reported or are underreported, then homeowners and other businesses end up paying higher property tax bills. For schools, colleges and hospitals, which collect a set rate on the value of all taxable property, money is actually lost, so there is less to cover bond debt or pay for services.

"From a fairness standpoint, we have a huge problem here," said Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

Like some other states, New Mexico relies on a self-reporting method since county property appraisers do not have the staff or the expertise for on-site inspections of all machinery and equipment.

Wisdom said that honor system is not working for New Mexico counties at a time of record crude oil production.

"We deal with these companies, and we know how they report property," Wisdom

told the Taxation and Revenue Stabilization Committee. "It's all self-reporting; this is the process we go through to find these items. These omissions are creating an inequity among the other taxpayers."

A map presented to lawmakers showed the number of rigs operating in Eddy County on Jan. 1 of each year from 2007-16. Of 318 rigs, just 111 were reported as personal property and taxed.

Data for Lea County showed that of 247 operating rigs, 136 were omitted from the tax rolls.

As for natural gas compressors in Eddy County, 623 were inspected, but half were not reported for tax purposes.

The lawmakers were also told that the state Taxation and Revenue Department's valuation table guideline for counties has not been updated since 1978, while the cost of new drilling rigs has nearly doubled.

So even in cases where assets are being taxed, local governments are not assessing the equipment at full value and are losing out on tax money as a result.

The state general fund gets a small amount of property tax revenue, less than 5 percent. But the issue came to the Legislature because of concerns that assessors are not receiving support from county commissioners to hire the staff and experts they need so the taxes can be collected.

Smith agreed that no one at the county level is trained to do such appraisals.

"We need to be giving local governments the tools they need," he said. "Shame on county elected officials not stepping to the plate to provide those resources to county assessors. If you escape paying your fair share, that burden is passed on to the residential user."

Stocks rise as oil jumps 2-year high; chipmakers climb

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks made modest gains and set more records Monday as upheaval in oil-rich Saudi Arabia sent crude prices to two-year highs. Chipmakers and media companies climbed on deal reports while phone and household goods companies sank.

Chipmakers surged after Broadcom offered to buy competitor Qualcomm for \$103 billion, which would be the largest technology acquisition ever if it's completed. Wireless carriers Sprint and T-Mobile tumbled after they called off merger talks over the weekend, and reports that Sprint's owner, Japanese conglomerate SoftBank, might buy cable company Charter hammered shares of telecom giants AT&T and Verizon, which might face tougher competition.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.29 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,591.13. The Dow Jones industrial average added 9.23 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 23,548.42. The Nasdaq composite gained 22 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,786.44.

Metal prices rise

Gold rose \$12.40, or 1 percent, to \$1,281.60 an ounce. Silver jumped 40 cents to \$17.24 an ounce. Copper climbed 4 cents to \$3.16 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$146.62 Up 3.77

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$5.00 Unchanged

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$113.69 Up 2.54

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$1.80 Up 0.19

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$3.98 Up 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$27.60 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$16.22 Up 0.38

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price \$36.40 Up 1.17

Ring Energy (RIE)
Closing Price \$13.62 Up 0.66

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$20.53 Up 1.06

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
GenElec	851757	20.15	+21	BioRadA	261.42	+44.48	+20.5
Pandora	600734	5.59	-1.82	BoottBam	9.90	+1.50	+17.9
TelePhm	517436	11.40	+17	ION Geo rs	13.80	+1.85	+15.5
Ambev	427865	6.17	-11	Cara.com	19.63	+2.58	+15.1
S&P500ETF	423055258.45	+86		TrNetGrp	41.00	+5.34	+15.0

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
RubiconPj	2.07	-1.38	-40.0	1,385	1,485	151	3,021
CBL Ac	5.92	-2.07	-25.9	137	83	151	351
Pandora	5.59	-1.82	-24.6	137	83	151	351
RemaxHd	52.65	-14.05	-21.1	137	83	151	351
ARC Docu	2.82	-0.65	-18.7	137	83	151	351
Volume				3,452,567,613			

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
NewGold g	89336	3.29	-0.7	Myomo n	4.14	+1.29	+45.3
NDynMn g	59815	1.93	+0.1	StraEn wt	6.05	+1.04	+20.8
Globstar	53094	1.89	+0.7	Takung n	4.00	+5.1	+14.6
SRC Eng	52813	9.11	-21	SanchM rs	11.80	+5.1	+4.9
BarcSOil	48281	5.92	+12	IntellSys	4.05	+1.7	+4.3

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
BovellMed	3.31	-0.66	-16.6	134	196	29	359
SachemC n	4.00	-0.40	-9.1	134	196	29	359
AltierAst	80.40	-7.60	-8.6	134	196	29	359
Sitco	6.85	-0.50	-6.8	134	196	29	359
EnviroStr	25.65	-1.65	-6.0	134	196	29	359
Volume				103,108,733			

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)				GAINERS (\$2 on stock)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
Qualcom	784361	61.81	+6.97	DianaCrt rs	11.21	+8.71	+348.4
Apple Inc	550253172.50	+4.39		NeosTher n	12.90	+2.75	+27.1
Intel	382792	46.34	-7.6	CenuscP	3.52	+4.4	+22.2
Comcast s	300235	35.68	+5.3	AralanaTh	6.54	+1.08	+19.8
BroadCm	293840	12.25	-3.3	Inulet	69.45	+11.30	+19.4

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
GenMark	4.26	-3.00	-41.3	1,409	1,446	246	3,101
KEYW Hld	5.17	-2.58	-33.3	158	158	158	474
PacBioSc	3.03	-1.00	-24.8	158	158	158	474
FincoEng	26.60	-8.45	-24.1	158	158	158	474
ePlus s	74.25	-21.75	-22.7	158	158	158	474
Volume				2,109,134,220			

International Sample Library acquired by Premier Oilfield Laboratories

From staff reports

International Sample Library, 707 Connell St. in Midland, was acquired by Premier Oilfield Laboratories, according to a Premier press release.

Known as the Midland Sample Library, it is the largest commercial library of core and cutting samples, featuring more than 700,000 samples from about 200,000 wells. The samples are predominantly from the Permian Basin.

"We are very excited to incorporate this well-known resource into our global solutions offering," Premier CEO Matt Bell

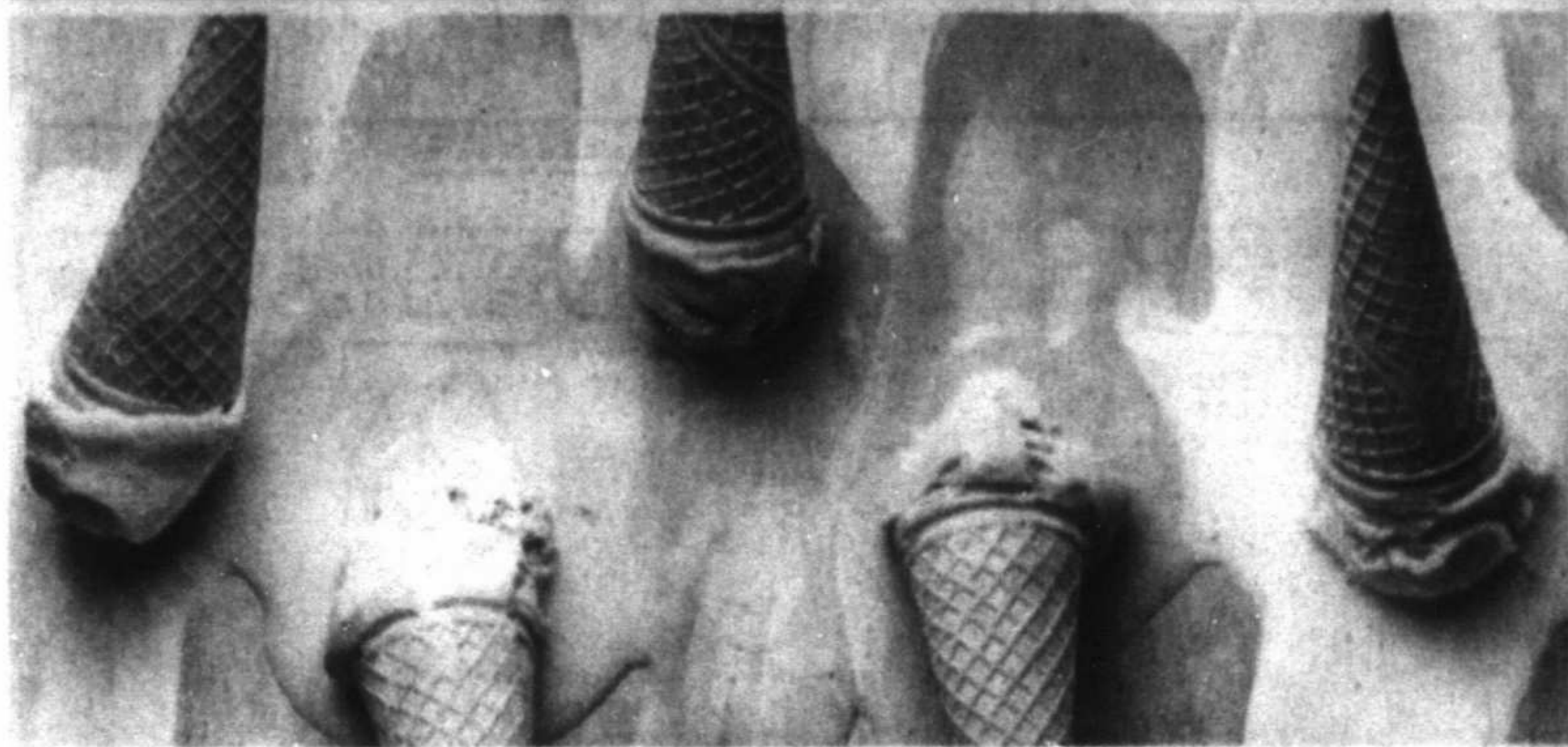
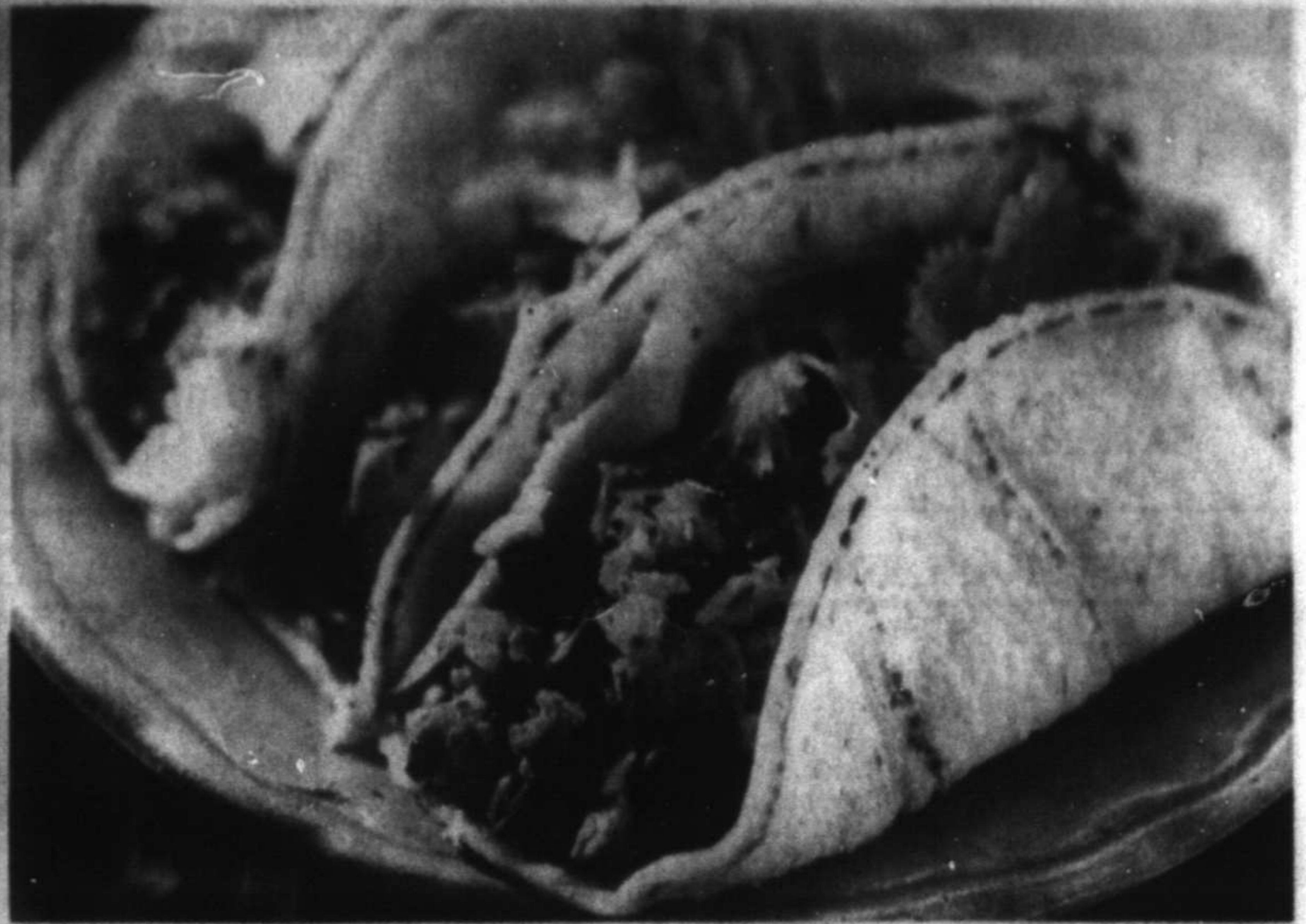
said in the release. "The Premier Sample Library will continue to serve as a lending library while our team of experts conduct research that will benefit our E&P customers."

International Sample Library was founded in 1957. Its assets will supplement Premier's existing operations, which span eight facilities across three continents.

The combined business will support Premier's overall mission to help oil and gas companies make better exploration and production decisions by connecting the dots from samples to simulation and solutions, the release said.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

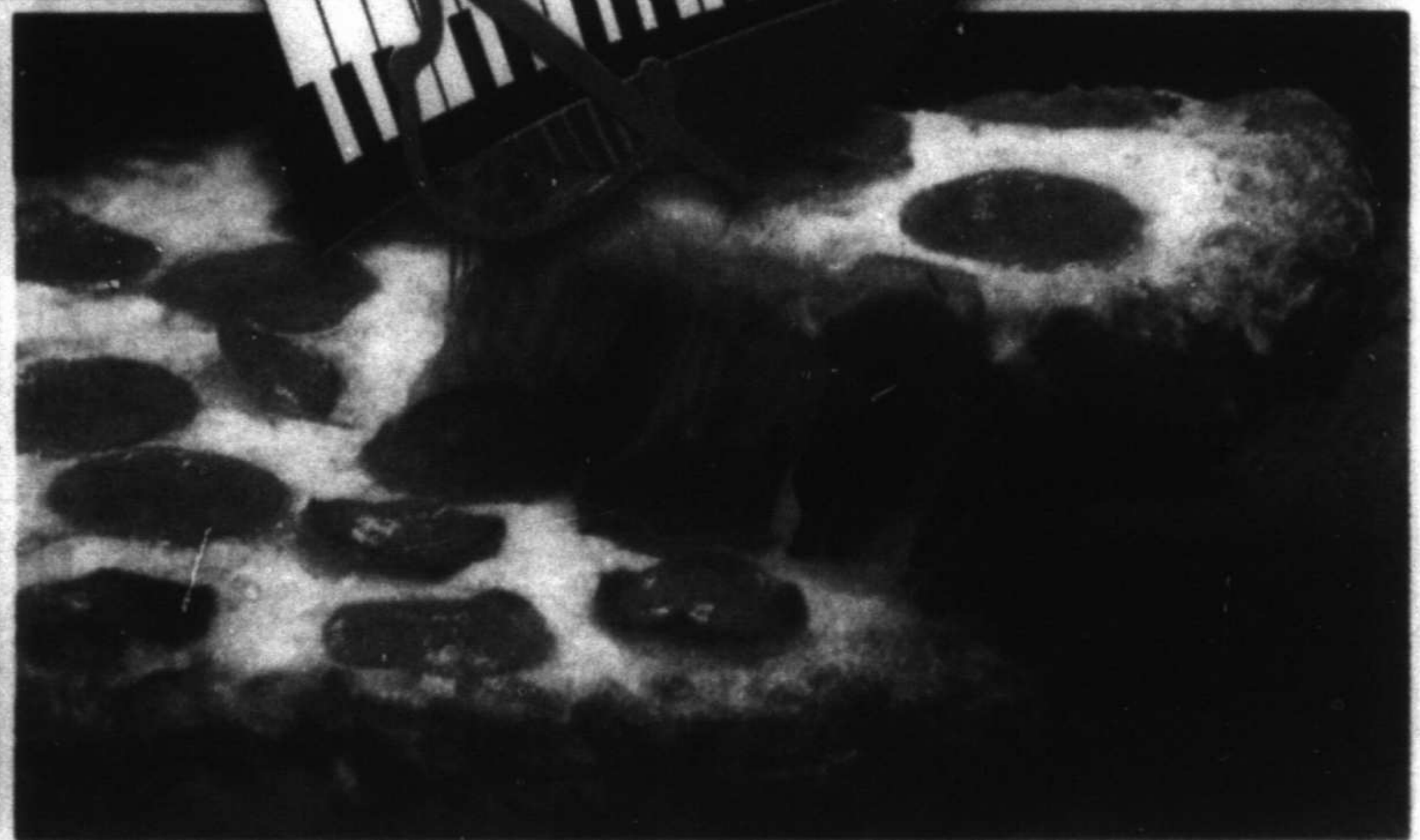
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AT&T Inc	1.96	12	33.30	+1.3	-21.7	Cisco	1.16	18	34.47	+2.6	+14.1	InterDig	1.40	10	72.85	-5.5	-20.5	Qualcom	2.28	24	61.81	+6.97	-5.2
Abrazax	56	2.23	+0.6	+13.2		Cligrop	1.28	14	74.05	-3.7	+24.6	ItauUnihB	32e		12.65	-0.3	+23.2	RangeRf	0.8	20	18.13	+2.6	-47.2
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AMD			11.12	+2.7	-1.9	ColPalM	1.80	24	70.15	-7.9	+7.2	KindMrg	5.0	33	17.74	-0.6	-14.3	Rowen	40	9	14.08	+1.4	-25.5
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AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		10.77	+0.9	-14.5	ConAgra	85	19	33.91	+0.6	-14.3	SprDJIA	3.98e		235.18	+2.2	+19.1	SprDJIA	3.98e		235.18	+2.2	+19.1
Ambev	0.6e	6	6.17	-1.1	+25.7	ConchoRes			142.85	+2.87	+7.7	S&P500ETF	4.13e		258.45	+8.6	+15.6	S&P500ETF	4.13e		258.45	+8.6	+15.6
Aml.tlGrp	1.28		62.00	-2.98	-5.1	ConocoPhil	1.06	42	52.96	+4.8	+6.8	SprOGEX	73e		35.35	+4.7	-14.7	SprOGEX	73e		35.35	+4.7	-14.7
Amgen	4.60	16	173.44	+1.03	+81.6	CrackerB	4.80	24	156.07	+0.9	-6.5	SabnR	2.31e	20	42.60	+1.00	+21.2	SabnR	2.31e	20	42.60	+1.00	+21.2
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Apeche	1.00		42.75	+1.07	-32.6	CSVLGNG rs			9.18	+4.0	-80.1	Schmrg	2.00	49	63.58	+3.3	-24.3	Schmrg	2.00	49	63.58	+3.3	-24.3
Apple Inc	2.52	20	172.50	+4.39	+48.9	CroTim	93e	15	15.05	+0.6	-16.3	SiriusXM	0.41	35	5.30	-0.4	+19.1	SiriusXM	0.41	35	5.30	-0.4	+19.1
ApidMtl	40	19	56.55	+2.9	+75.2	DCP Mid	3.12	18	33.82	+4.2	-11.9	Smucker	3.12	13	102.22	-9.1	-20.2	Smucker	3.12	13	102.22	-9.1	-20.2
Archrock	48		10.85	-2.5	-17.8	DTE	3.30	23	110.90	+1.0	+12.6	Swainc A n			15.28	+7.3	-37.8	Swainc A n			15.28	+7.3	-37.8
ATMOS	1.80	25	87.59	+1.07	+81.1	DevonE	24	58	39.27	+4.4	-14.0	SweetEngy	42	5.85	+1.6	-45.9	SweetEngy	42	5.85	+1.6	-45.9		
AutoData	2.28	30	112.24	-2.10	+9.2	DianaCrt rs			11.21	+8.71	-99.9	Sprint			6.67	+2.4	-20.8	Sprint					




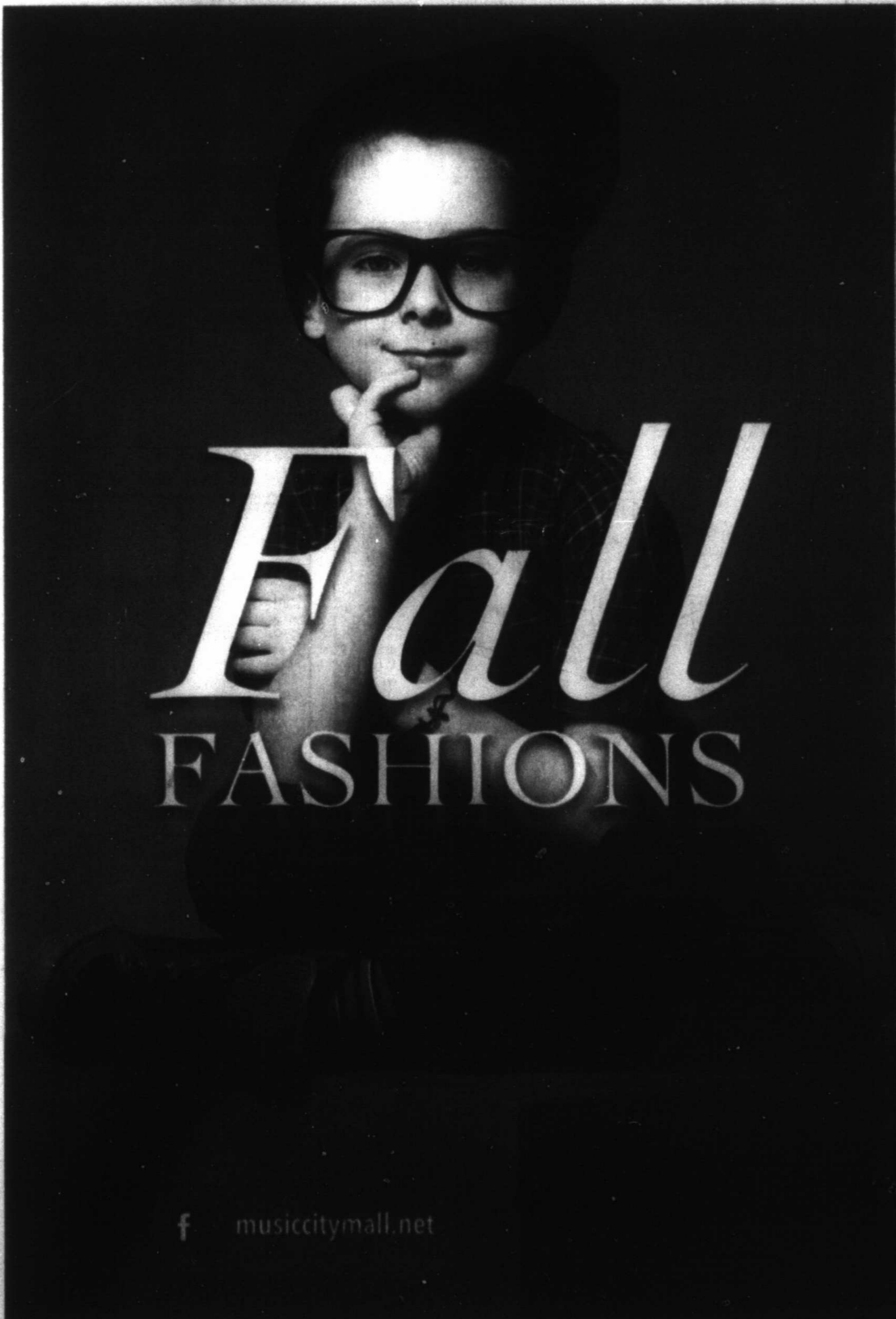
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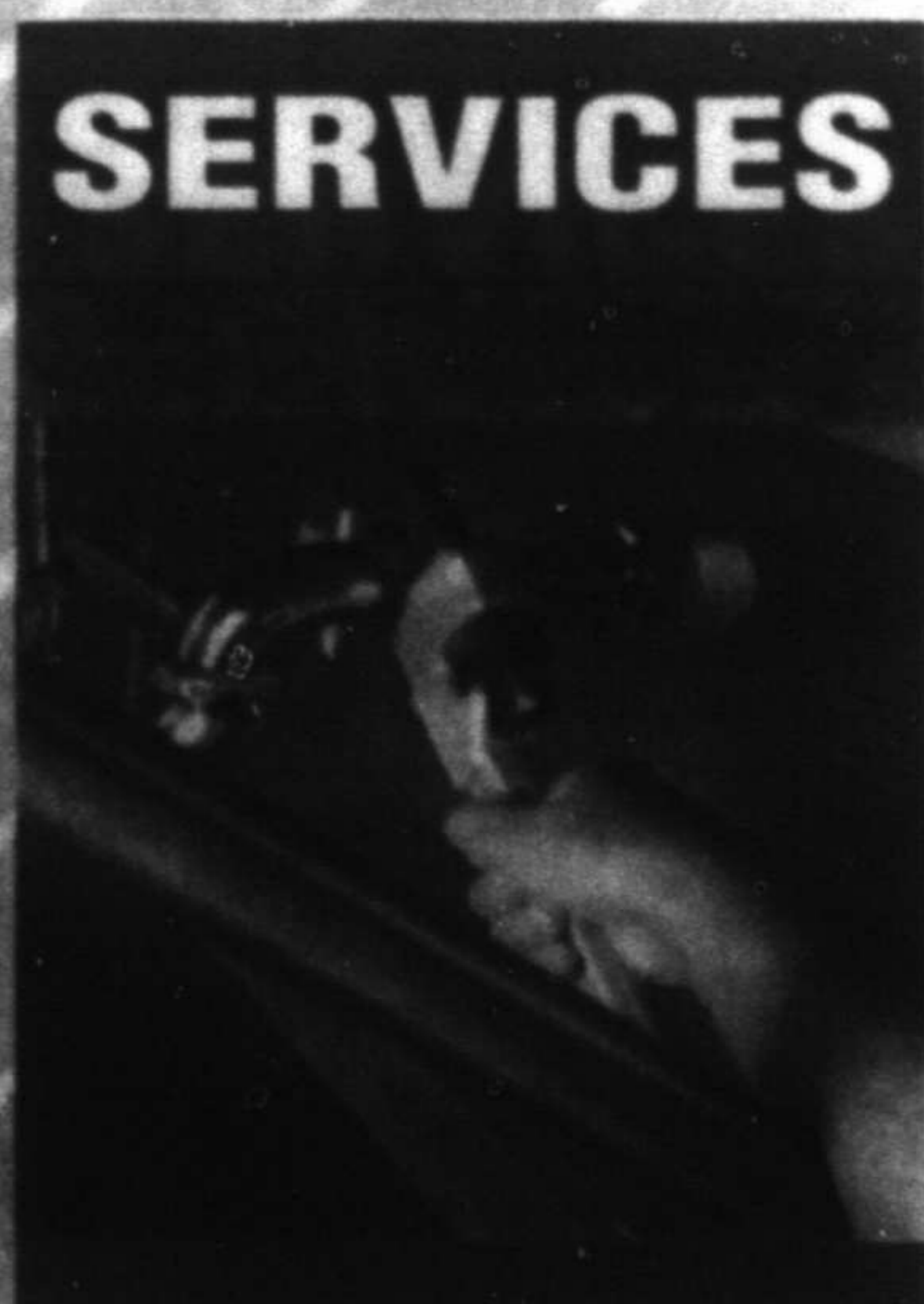
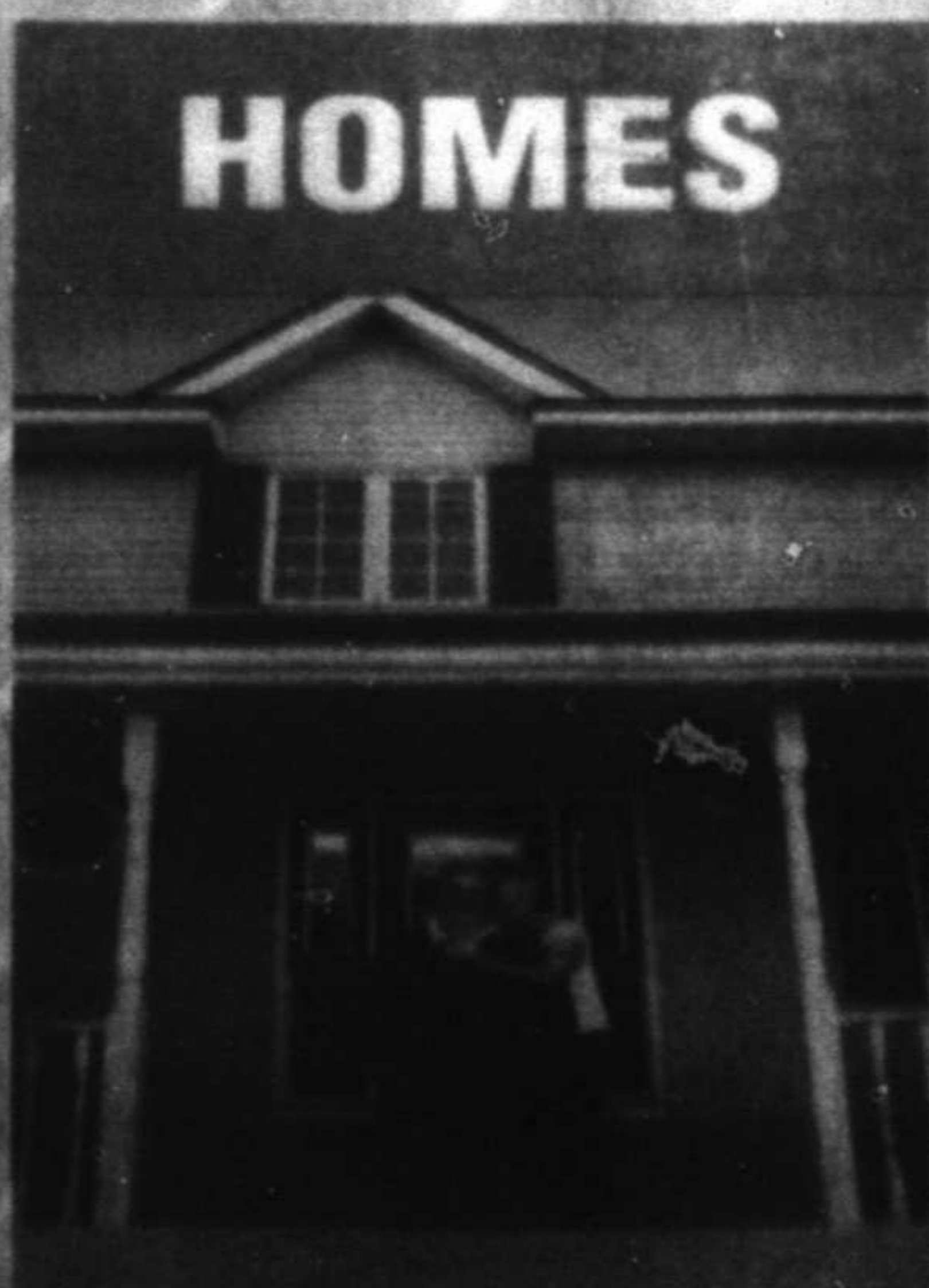
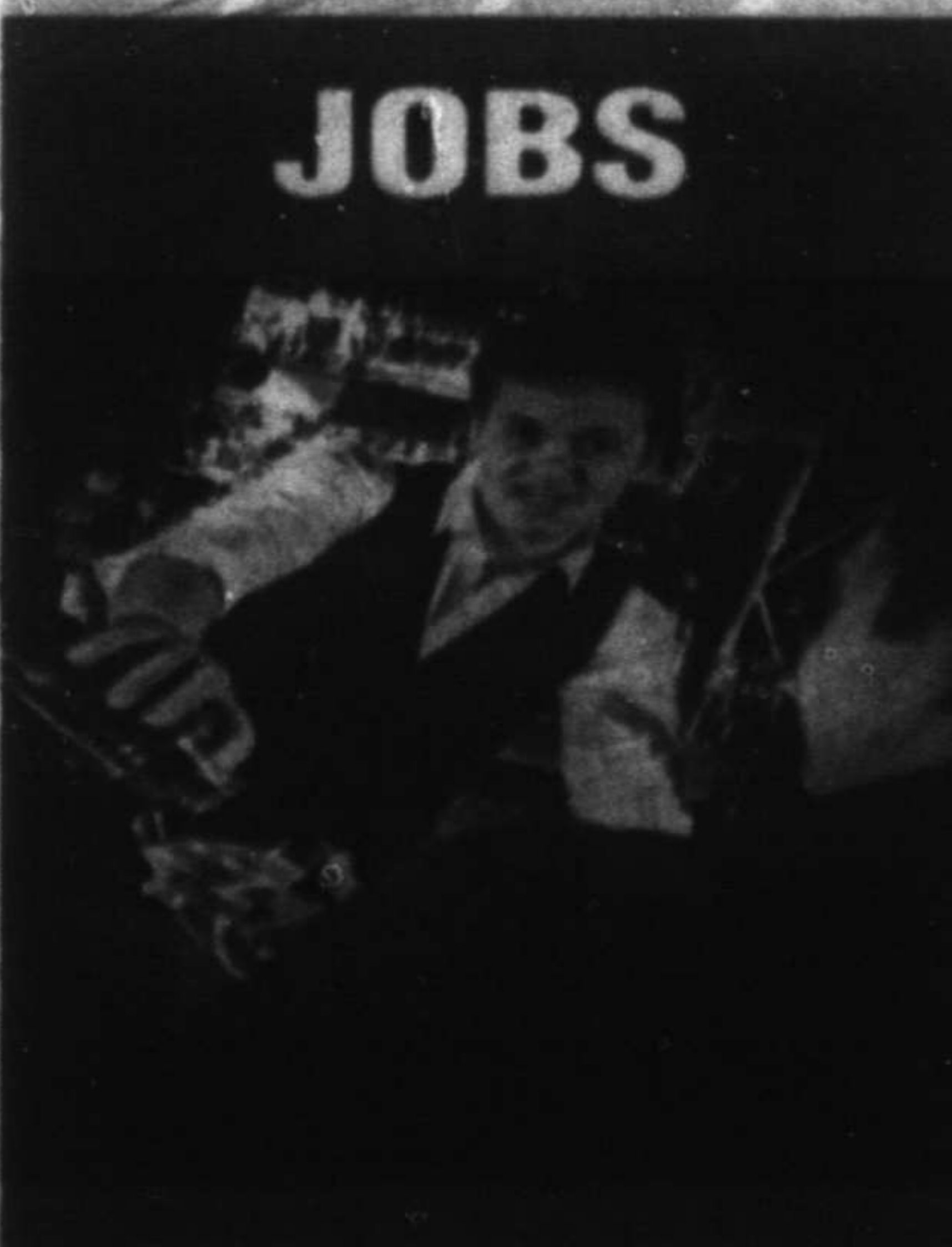
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307265
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017 Status/Permit No. 829276
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-6780
 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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BH County: MIDLAND	
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Survey: T&P RR CO	
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Generally located southwest of the intersection of West Francis Avenue and Belmont Street. (Council District 2)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG - Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by Bean & Grape 1 LLC. dba Bean & Grape, to be located at 3211 W. Wadley, STE 21, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Vine Restaurant Group LLC., Raymond Blanchard Jr., Manager, & James Allen Spinks, Member.

O&E MIDLAND 4501, LLC DBA THE LOST CAJUN RESTAURANT IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT LOCATED AT 4501 W WADLEY, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. BLAINE D. LAW IS THE MANAGER.



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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307267 Status/Permit No. 829283
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@PRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Bk. 40 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-50, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the "hearing" procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY NOV 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WARFIELD EAST D
Lease/Unit Well No.	104LS
Lease/Unit Acres	650.03
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	636.0
Lease Lines	1768.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L, 778.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
Survey Lines	1768.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L, 778.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines:	1768.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L, 778.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 19	Block: 40 T2S Abstract: 56
Survey: T&P RR CO	
Lease Lines:	330.0 F WEST L, 50.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines:	2238.0 F EAST L, 50.0 F SOUTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300.0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10225 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jerry Russell, at (512)4690064.

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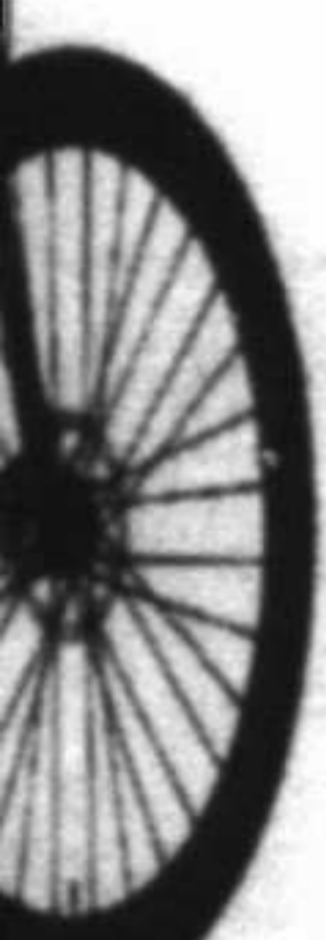
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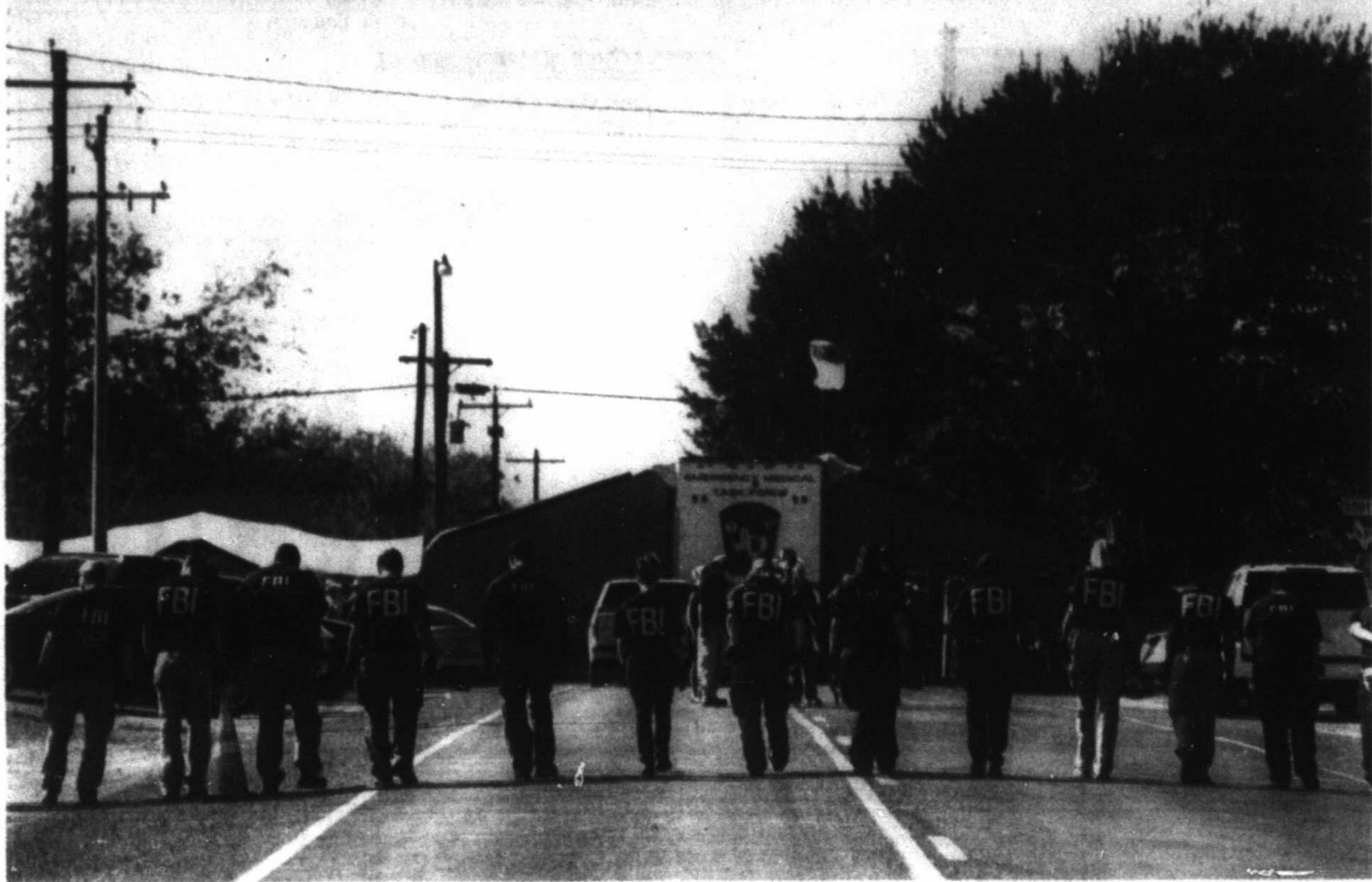
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Jay Jenner/Austin American-Statesman via AP

FBI agents search for evidence on a road near First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Monday. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community on Sunday, killing more than two dozen and wounding others.

Iowa farmers use organic crops to get greater profits

By Donnelle Eller
Des Moines Register

ADAIR, Iowa — Weeds might be the toughest challenge Dustin Farnsworth faces, shifting from growing conventional corn and soybeans to organic row crops.

The Adair farmer battled but-tonweed and other unwelcome intruders in his soybeans the first year he moved away from synthetic chemicals.

He's also fielded some unwanted comments.

"My neighbors said, 'Farnsworth, it's a weedy mess. It looks like hell,' he told The Des Moines Register.

The criticism will be worthwhile, though, when the beginning farmer can get double or triple conventional prices for his crops.

Although still a small piece of Iowa farming, more and more growers are shifting to organic corn, soybeans and other crops to improve their bottom line.

The number of Iowa farms and acres certified as organic have each climbed about 5 percent last year over 2015, U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys show.

Iowa had 732 organic farms with 103,136 acres in 2016. Sales climbed 9 percent to \$131.2 million.

The state ranks fifth nationally for its number of organic farms, although it's less than 1 percent of Iowa's 88,000 farms.

California leads the nation with 2,713 organic farms, pulling in nearly \$2.9 billion.

Total U.S. sales for organic grain, meat, eggs, milk, fruits and vegetables reached nearly \$7.6 billion last year, the USDA data show.

Altogether, the organics industry is closing in on \$50 billion annually.

Kathleen Delate, an Iowa State University horticulture professor, said farmers are attracted to organic crops for many reasons, but a leading one is financial.

"Organic corn is \$8.70 and organic soybeans are \$19," she said.

"That's definitely an enticement in an era of low commodity prices."

Conventional corn is selling around \$3 a bushel in Iowa, and soybeans are about \$9. Both are below the cost to produce the crops, based on statewide averages.

Many Iowa farmers face a fourth year of possible losses.

Looking at recent prices, farmers converting their whole operation to organic over five years would average \$206 per acre, said Craig Chase, an ISU Extension local foods specialist.

Conventional farmers would have lost an average of \$33 an acre over that time, based on Chase's models.

Even though organic yields are lower, prices are higher and production costs are slimmer.

"If conventional prices stay where they are at, it will be difficult to show any profit if the farmer is paying him or herself" for equipment, land and labor costs, Chase said.

"The organic system, if well-managed, could show a significantly higher profit per acre," he said.

Trump calls attackers 'deranged' but mental health link is weak

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — President Donald Trump called the Texas church shootings gunman "deranged," the New York bike path attacker "a very sick and deranged person," and the Las Vegas massacre shooter "a sick, demented man."

It's a common reaction to mass violence — who in their right mind would commit these senseless crimes? The truth is more nuanced.

Even if it is eventually determined that one of them had been diagnosed with depression, bipolar disorder or some other psychiatric illness, experts say that alone isn't a risk factor for violence.

"Most people with mental illness are not violent" and only 3 to 5 percent of violent acts "can be attributed to individuals living with a serious mental illness," the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service website says.

Jeffrey Swanson, a Duke University psychiatry professor, says traits that are much more strongly linked with violence are "being young and male and having a history of childhood maltreatment, substance abuse and exposure to violence." So is a history of committing violent acts, he said.

In a study a few years ago, Swanson found that about 1.5 percent of Americans with impulsive anger that doesn't necessarily amount to mental illness "are carrying around guns with them." With expansion

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Service website

of concealed carry laws, those numbers or probably higher today, Swanson said.

"That's a bigger problem than bismirching 10 million people with serious mental illness in this country," Swanson said.

After Sunday's attack at a rural Texas church, Trump said that, based on preliminary reports, the shooter was "a very deranged individual." He said it was "a mental health problem at the highest level" but offered no details at a press conference during a visit to Tokyo. White House officials declined to elaborate Monday when asked about Trump's mental health reference.

Texas officials have not mentioned mental illness in describing the 26-year-old suspect, Devin Kelley. On Monday, they said the shooting was connected to a "domestic situation" in the family. He had previously been accused of domestic abuse and animal cruelty.

Kelley was found dead when his car when it crashed; authorities say he may have fatally shot himself.

Antonio Puente, president of the American Psychological Association, said Kelley's past behaviors were "red flags." Calling the shootings a "mental health

problem' distracts our nation's leaders from developing policies and legislation that would focus on preventing gun violence through a scientific, public health approach," Puente said.

In New York City, extremist beliefs are thought to be behind the bike path rampage last week. Suspect Sayfullo Saipov, 29, has been charged with terrorism offenses. In the case of the Las Vegas shooter, Stephen Paddock, Stanford University scientists are studying his brain for damage or signs of disease that might be a clue to the violence. An autopsy showed no abnormalities. Authorities have not said whether the 64-year-old Paddock had a diagnosed disease.

Dr. Debra Pinals, a University of Michigan forensic psychiatrist who works with people who are mentally ill and accused of crimes, said committing mass violence "is clearly outside of normal behavior" but that doesn't mean perpetrators all have mental illness "or are driven to these actions due to mental illness."

The few who do have mental health problems are often grappling with other challenges, said Pinals, director of the university's program in psychiatry, law and ethics.

Proving it's never too early to start Christmas wish list

Dear PropellerHeads: Halloween? Thanksgiving? Meh. Let's talk Christmas! What's new and cool for this year?

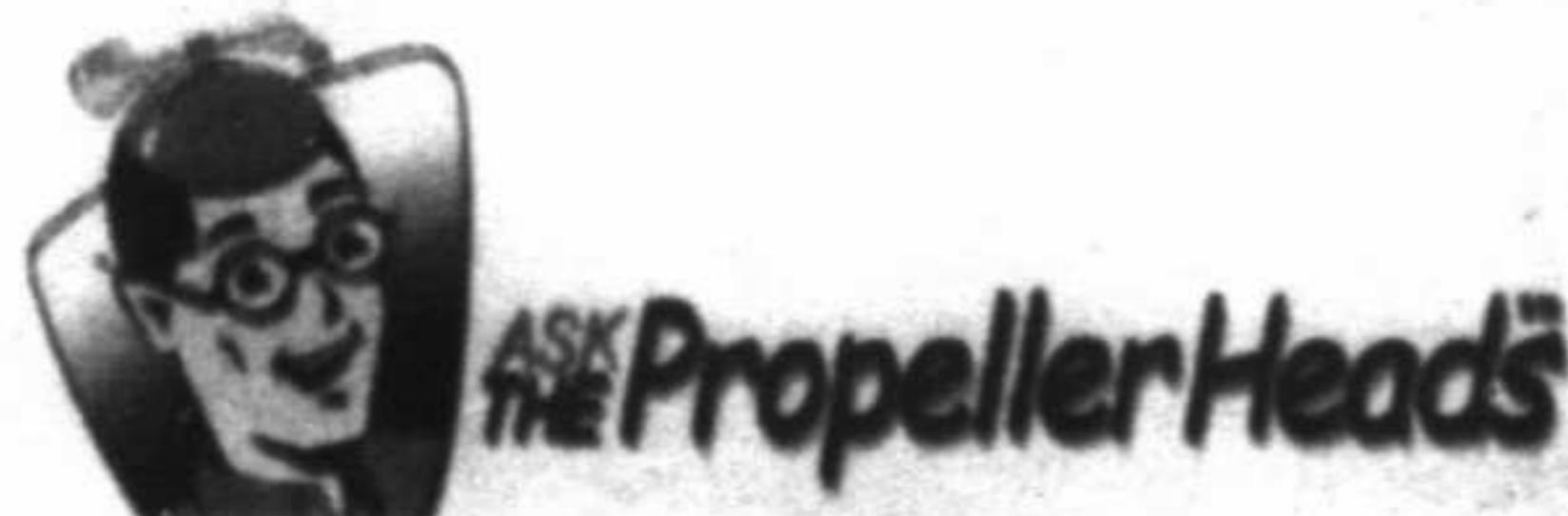
A: It's absolutely refreshing to find someone who has crystal clear priorities.

As far as something new, I have the perfect thing for you, Basic Fun Mini Arcade Games (<http://amzn.to/2yEsxoy>, \$13-25). With cutting edge titles like Pac-Man, Space Invaders, Frogger and others, you will blow your friends away with the life-like graphics on these hand-held devices. Guaranteed minutes of fun!

Keeping in the realm of games, may I suggest the Minecraft Light Up Torch (bit.ly/1i2TBK8, \$25). This battery operated, wall mountable plastic lamp is guaranteed to keep hostiles from spawning in your proximity, which is important while you are playing that new Mini Arcade Game.

In the Toy Most Likely to be Recalled category, the winner is clearly the Air Wars Battle Drones (airwars.mgae.com, \$50). Undoubtedly spawned by the reemergence of the BattleBots TV show, these drones allow you and a friend to duke it out. Weapons on drones, what could possibly go wrong? Just don't shoot your eye out please.

But you can shoot your mouth off with the heir apparent to Cards Against Hu-



manity: What do you Meme? (whatdoyoumeme.com, \$30). In fact, it looks just like Cards Against Humanity, except that the black fill-in-the-blank cards are now pictures. The answer cards are equally as awful though, so this game is guaranteed to make grandma blush.

So, you might have heard that there is a new Star Wars movie coming out at the end of the year. And next year there are a host of movies coming out, including sequels to Avengers, Deadpool, Jurassic World, The Incredibles, Maze Runner and Mission Impossible. It will literally be an impossible mission to stay away.

But all of those movies will cost a fortune unless you have Movie Pass (moviepass.com, \$10/month). This subscription service allows you watch any one movie a day, at any theater. It sounds like a deal that is just too good to last, so I recommend getting it before they declare bankruptcy.

In order to use Movie Pass, you will

need a smart phone. May I suggest the new iPhone 8 (apple.com/iphone, \$700)? Heck, why not get two? For me, from you, Merry Christmas, I love it. That is very thoughtful of you. Thank you.

Of course, the number one thing you'll do with that fancy new iPhone is take selfies. And to take the best selfies, you'll need better lighting than what the phone itself provides. Flashing to rescue is the LuMee Two (bit.ly/2p9KCpY, \$50). A phone case that is ringed with LED lights allowing for professional-level selfies. I hear the Kardashians own stock.

Speaking of illumination, the truly geeky and truly affectionate might find the Long Distance Touch Lamp (bit.ly/2ye0pWj, \$75) helpful to keep the midnight oil of love burning. These Wi-Fi connected lamps are linked so turning on one will turn on the other, regardless if they are in different rooms or different states. Truly enlightening. Ba dum bump.

Continuing on the theme of staying connected while apart, let's not forget our four-legged fluffy friends for life. The Furbo Dog Camera (shopus.furbo.com, \$250) is what they are hoping for this Christmas. This web camera will not only allow you to see what trouble Toto is getting into, it will also toss him a treat at the

touch of a button.

Of course, my dog Lucas would rightfully think this object flinging him treats is a toy and will promptly rip it apart to get to the cache of cookies. Though I guess it's still cheaper than him shredding the sofa again.

Finally, it wouldn't be Christmas without food, right? And there is no better food than the greasy goodness that a deep fryer spews out. But if you are not into clogged arteries, you may want to invest in the Phillips Airfryer (<http://philips.to/2yEKK5j>, \$200-300). Eating healthier with this bad boy will get you at least another Christmas or two in your life so don't pass this one up!

Good luck in your holiday shopping and Merry Politically Correct Holiday at the End of the Yearmas!

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