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MOTOR board files for designation change

Some say change could pave way for more transportation money

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization agreed Monday to petition state and federal leaders for a designation change in hopes of gaining access to additional transportation dollars.

Presently, the area transportation organization is designated a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). If shifted to a Transportation Management Area (TMA), board Vice Chairman Robin Donnelly said they would have access to apply for funding from larger pools than they're able to now.

Typically, organizations are bumped into the TMA category if census data shows the population area they serve has increased beyond the 200,000 mark. Because Midland and Odessa are considered two separate areas, each with populations of between 50,000 and 200,000, the region automatically is designated an MPO, said James Beauchamp, president of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, who worked on the proposal.

However, he said if the areas could petition to be considered as one despite the sparse population density between the two cities, they could have the ability to at least apply for more funds. For example, Beauchamp said, in one funding category, only 13 percent is allocated for MPOs while the other 87 percent is saved for TMAs.

"We feel we would be at least where we're at or better," Beauchamp said, of funding levels.

The board approved the proposal on a 3-0 vote with board member Mike McAnally, the district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation's Odessa office, abstaining. McAnally said he felt like it was a decision the community representatives needed to make.

Donnelly, Midland City Councilman Jerry Morales and Odessa City Councilman Dean Combs voted in favor of the proposal.

A letter now will be submitted to Gov. Rick Perry asking he appeal to the United States Department of Transportation to change the Midland-Odessa MPO into a TMA.

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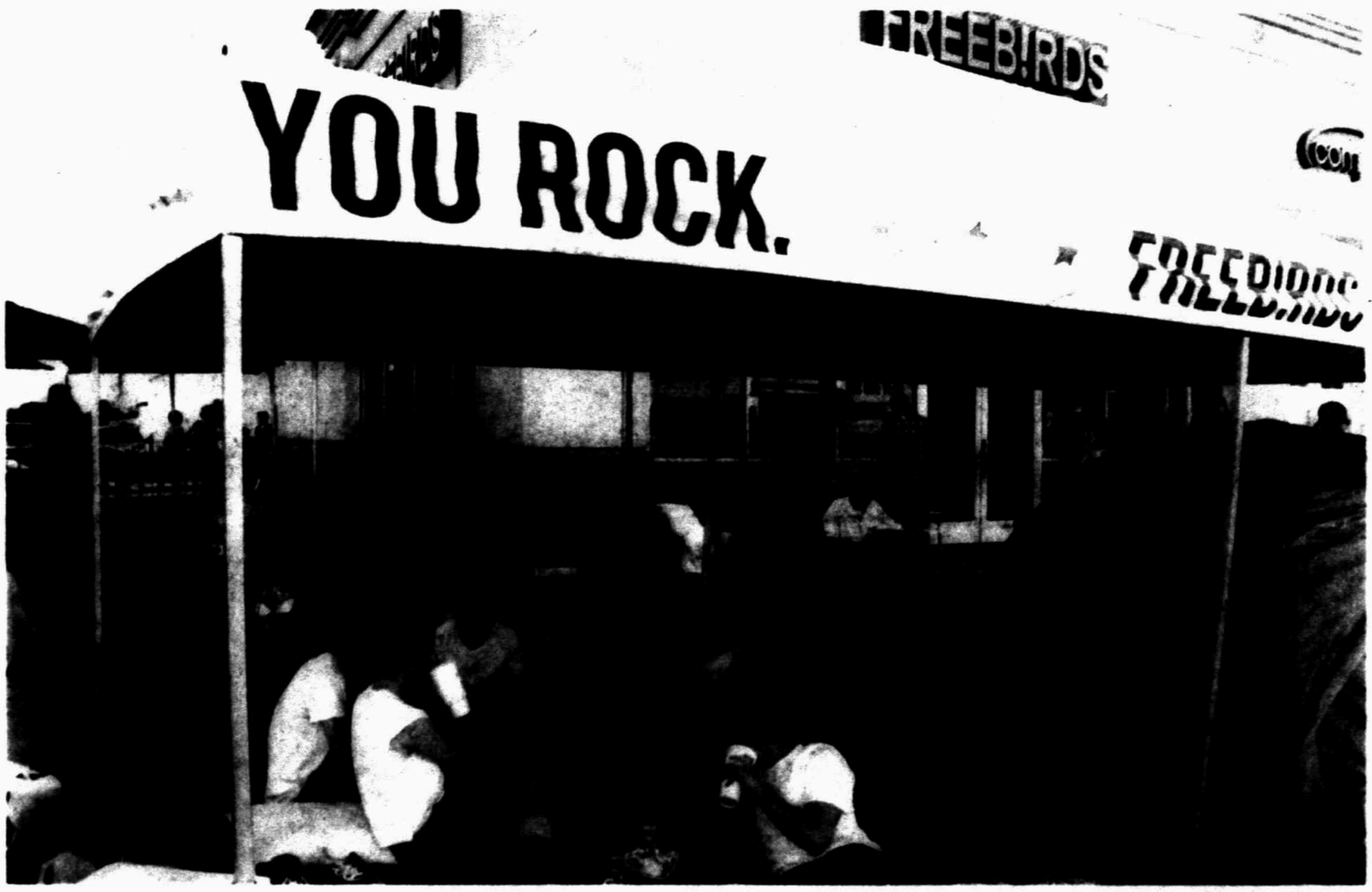

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People gather outside the new Freebirds World Burrito restaurant late Monday evening. The restaurant, scheduled to open today, is located a block north of the Loop 250 and Wadley Avenue intersection at 3322 N. Loop 250 West. Freebirds is offering free burritos for a year to the first 25 people in line at today's opening. Some of those in line arrived as early as 11 a.m. Monday to get in line.

Freebirds restaurant raises $3,500 for charities

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Olivia Fryt has never even tried Freebirds.

She's hoping she likes it, though. Having camped out with Trinity classmates Christian Farris and Stone Fuglaar on Monday night, she could be receiving free burritos for a year if she ends up among the first 25 in line when she wakes up from inside of her tent today.

"Three hundred and sixty five," Fuglaar said, trying to guess how many burritos they could each eat if they win.

Freebirds World Burrito will officially open its doors today. It opened on Sunday and Monday for charity events in which it raised more than $3,500 for area nonprofits by offering free food to those who donated at least $5.

Regional Manager Gus Carbonell said $2,500 was raised on Sunday for Habitat for Humanity and about $1,029 on Monday for the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas. He said the total raised on Sunday set a record for the chain, which has restaurants in Texas, Oklahoma and California.

"We always pay forward to the community," he said, adding staff also have and will continue to be involved with Habitat for the remainder of the year.

The store was approved on a 6-0 vote at

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Extra patrols used at Crude Fest

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Twenty-five people between the ages of 17 and 34 were arrested over the weekend on alcohol-related charges stemming from extra law enforcement patrolling the area near the second annual Crude Fest event, authorities said.

According to Midland County jail records, there were five people arrested for public intoxication, nine minors arrested for either driving under the influence or consumption and 11 driving while intoxicated arrests between 12:01 a.m. Friday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday evening.

Most of the arrests were made either on State Highway 191 or Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and all but one were for misdemeanor charges. The event was held off of FM 1788 north of Highway 191, officials said.

Sgt. Glenn Adamson with the Department of Public Safety said there were 15 out-of-town troopers from as far away as Brady and Pecos who came out Thursday, Friday and Saturday to work the night shifts along with eight extra troopers who assisted during the day in addition to 10 local officers.

"Anytime we have some

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Reel Thanx sends soldiers home

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Speechless.

That was the sentiment of six Army personnel who returned Monday from a weekend fishing trip hosted by the nonprofit Reel Thanx.

"It was amazing," said one soldier, who said he was not permitted to release his name because of his Army assignment. "These guys are just so kind to us. I don't even know what to say."

Grabbing his bag from the truck as the group prepared to head into Midland International Airport, Trey Dowdy, a staff sergeant who's served in Afghanistan, agreed.

"They make me want to be like them," he said.

Several of the men who attended the fishing trip at Lake Amistad in Del Rio said they found out just days before their flight to Midland that they'd been selected for the outing. A few said while they aren't big on fishing, they figured a weekend at the lake would be a nice break from work so they signed on.

What they received when they arrived in the West Texas town some had never heard much about before, though, was more than just a chance to fish, the men said.

"They make you feel at home here," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Jacops. "There wasn't a best part, it was all good."

Mike Mundy, founder of the organization, said when they started four years ago, he was simply hoping to thank one soldier by providing a weekend trip. Instead of one, he was connected with five soldiers who each had been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. Several of them already were preparing to return to the Middle East despite their injuries.

Having seen the impact the weekend had on the initial group, Mundy and the other volunteers involved decided they should continue. That was four years ago and the nonprofit has now grown to the point it takes four trips a

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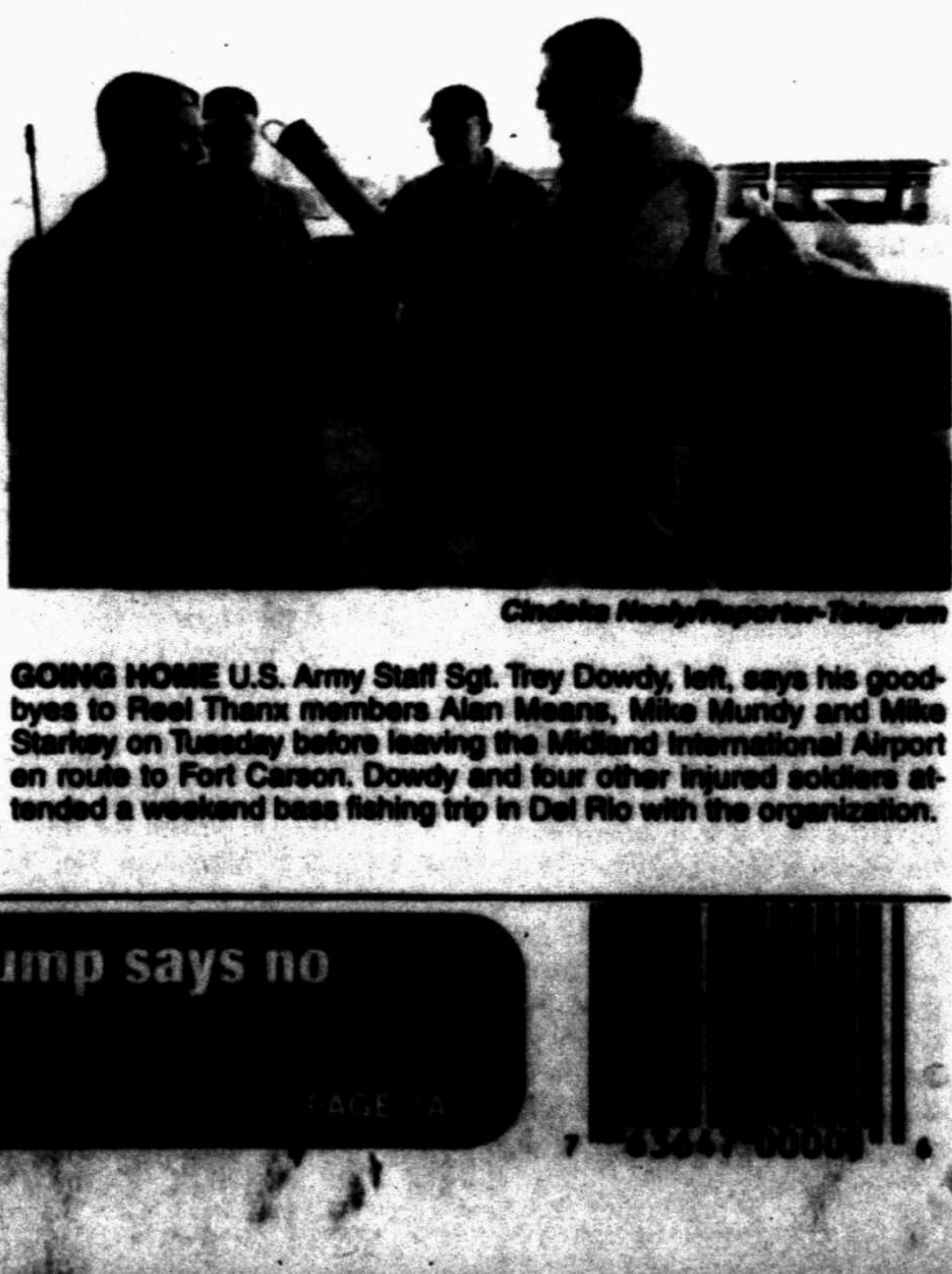

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GOING HOME U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Trey Dowdy, left, says his goodbyes to Reel Thanx members Alan Means, Mike Mundy and Mike Starkey on Tuesday before leaving the Midland International Airport en route to Fort Carson. Dowdy and four other injured soldiers attended a weekend bass fishing trip in Del Rio with the organization.

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local, state and federal governments, along with the private sector, to coordinate highway and transit planning. It's also the designation used by the Federal Transit Administration when determining formula funding.

Melba Owens, executive director of the Midland-Odessa MPO, said in their research it was unclear that more funding would automatically result from the shift. But, she said, they certainly are willing to make the change, if eventually approved, since that's the direction the board wanted to take.

"It appeared to us that you're not necessarily going to be receiving more funding," Owens said.

She said one concern that was raised in the consideration of an appeal to the governor was from the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit, which oversees EZ Rider. Areas designated as TMAs typically cannot use federal funding allocated to transit organizations for operating expenses.

Owens, though, said in her research they found the funding used by EZ Rider would not have to change if Midland-Odessa changed its MPO status.

"It appears the ability to use federal money for general operations will not be impacted," she said, adding it also will mean a few changes are needed to the board and additional requirements will need to be met by staff.

Without the ability to use the money in that way, representatives with EZ Rider had said the system likely wouldn't be able to maintain its present services in Midland-Odessa.

Combs also wanted to be sure that a shift in the area's designation wouldn't jeopardize the $6.97 million already planned for use in 2015 on Loop 338 in Odessa.

McAnally said he couldn't guarantee anything, but that he wouldn't think TxDot would rescind funding already planned. "I don't see how it could get any worse," he said.

Morales said he felt like the research done on the designation change indicated it could be beneficial so he was comfortable voting to make the request.

If Perry doesn't appeal to the federal level or if the Department of Transportation refuses the petition, he said, they'll simply remain an MPO.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

SECURING THE SCENE Security personnel at Crude Fest travel on foot and ATV to make their way around the venue Friday. Extra security was on hand at the event to ensure safety.

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gathering with a large number of people, we increase enforcement and patrol to ensure safety of the public," he said.

The number arrested for alcohol-related charges is well over the normal arrest rate for an average weekend, he said, adding that authorities told the troopers to be "vigilant."

"We told them to take the necessary steps to keep the roads safe," he said.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said many of his deputies were working off-duty security at the event but that he also had the county's mounted patrol unit out there, as well as reserve deputies.

"The mounted patrol team is invaluable at this kind of an event," he said. "We just had a presence and tried to have a presence out there 24 hours to keep down any trouble."

Painter said that many of the event-goers knew from last year that there would be law enforcement monitoring and patrolling the areas and many had designated drivers driving them to and from the event.

One highway patrol officer Painter said he spoke with stopped approximately 90 people during the three-day period and told him that he had very few problems and only made a few arrests.

Crude Fest is one of the largest events held in the county and Painter said local law enforcement have been working for a while to plan out security at the event. While he hasn't received any final numbers of the number of individuals who attended, he said authorities plan to handle security the same way at the event in the future.

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year.

"There's just too much we owe 'em," Mundy said, holding onto a backpack as he prepared to follow one of the soldiers into the airport.

He said they keep the groups of men and women small so they're able to truly get to know their visitors. Volunteers who take the soldiers to Del Rio not only want to give them time to fish, but also want them to have the opportunity to talk, relax and just enjoy the time away. Mostly, volunteers say, they hope to ensure the men and women know they're truly appreciated by the time they board a plane back to their bases.

"It just makes it more personal," Mundy said.

Mundy said the dynamics of each group are different based on their ages and variety of experiences. But, he said, the basics of the nonprofit's mission remains the same.

This week, the six men arrived on Thursday and were greeted by the Patriot Guard Riders, the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee and the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, the group left for the lake where they remained for the weekend, returning just in time Monday for the men to catch their flight.

Four of the men involved in the weekend are stationed in Fort Carson, Colo., and two are stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C.

"They took care of us," Jacops said.

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ZONING

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Monday's Planning and Zoning Commission for a specific use permit for the sale of alcohol. No one spoke in opposition to the request during the public hearing. The City Council will have to approve the measure before sales of beer and wine can begin.

In addition to Freebirds and its neighbor Smiling Moose Deli, another business is planned for that area of the loop.

Christian Brothers Automotive was approved in a 6-0 vote by the commission on Monday for a zone change at Loop 250 and Tremont Avenue.

The automotive store plans to construct a facility between Verizon Wireless and Holiday Inn Express if given final approval by the City Council.

Jonathan Wakefield, of Christian Brothers Automotive, said if given a nod by the council, they hope to have the business opened before the close of the year.

Taking commissioners through the plans for the facility, Wakefield said they aim to meet or surpass the standards of nearby businesses architecturally. Pointing toward the brick facade, he said they're designed more like a cottage with a garage in it than a garage with a small waiting room attached.

He said, if given final approval, the automotive shop will be open Monday through Saturday just during the first six months of operation and then only on Mondays through Fridays after that.

Any vehicles being worked on that aren't picked up by the close of business each day are brought inside the shop to ensure they maintain a neat appearance, he said, and they're also adding more landscaping than is required to the property.

No one spoke in opposition to the request during a public hearing on Monday. One individual who spoke in favor of the request described the chain as the Chick-fil-A of the automotive world because of its values and standards for quality.

In other business, the commission also unanimously approved a specific use permit for the sale of alcohol at Wingstop. The restaurant already sells alcohol but is adding seats and therefore had to reapply.

Commissioner Galen Gatten was absent from Monday's meeting.

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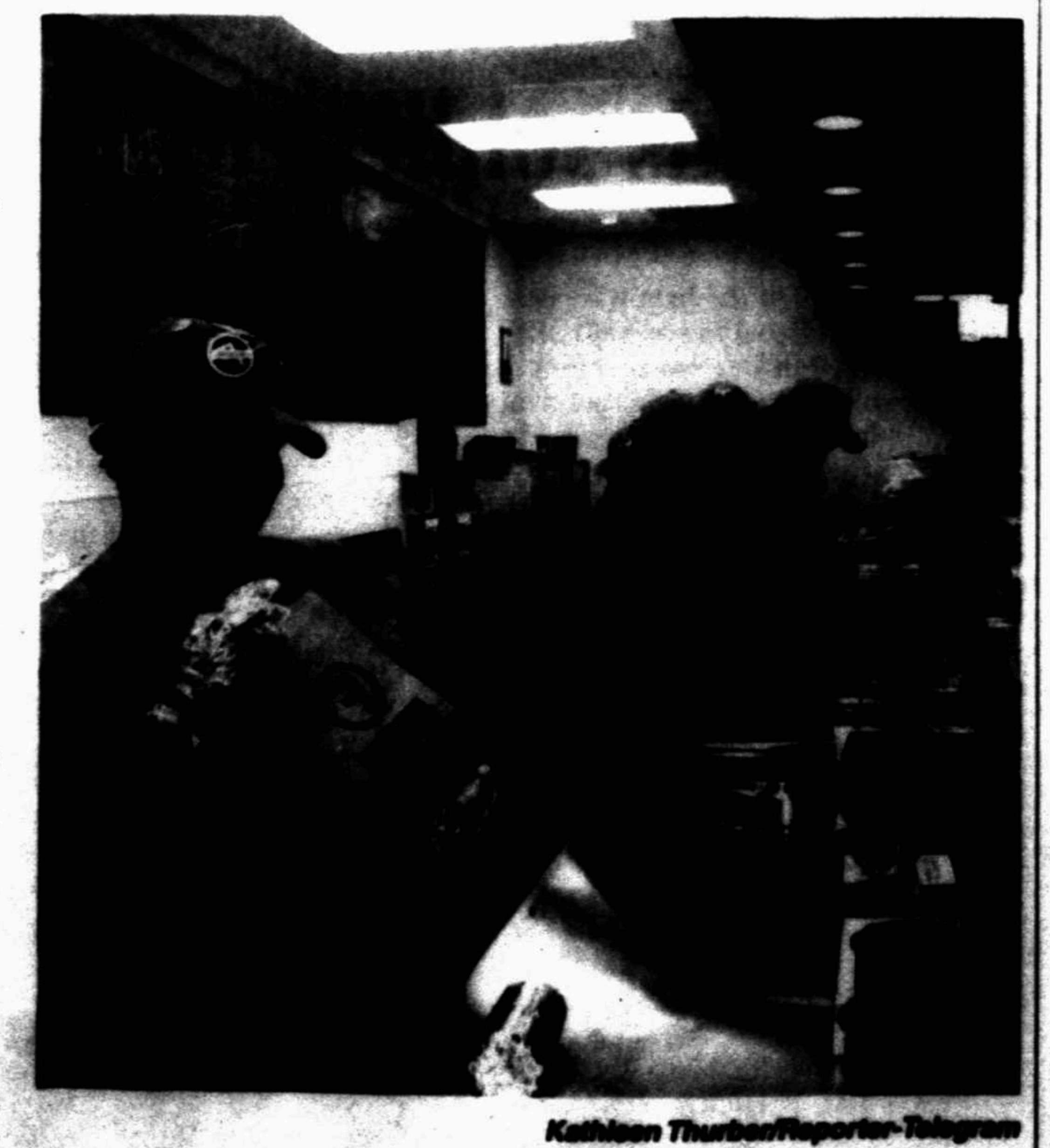

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BURRITOLICIOUS Employees at Freebirds World Burrito work the assembly line at the restaurant on Loop 250. The restaurant officially opens today.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

- Children's event, Superhero Tuesday, 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble.
- The Classic Movie Club presents "The Man Who Knew Too Much," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

Airport Planning and Development Board
9 a.m. today
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation
3:30 p.m. today
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd.

Midland College
4 p.m. today
Gibson Boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Caregivers workshop

Family Caregiver Support Workshop Series is set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Midland Inspiration Center, 4629 Andrews Highway.

This will be the fifth workshop offered in the series and will deal with long-distance caregiving.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by emailing caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com.

Run, walk for Helping Hands

There will be a five-mile run and a two-mile walk to raise awareness and funds for Helping Hands of Midland on Saturday.

The walk and the run begin at 7:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. Registration is available on the Permian Basin Running website at pbrunningclub.tripod.com. Registration will be available that day beginning at 6:30 a.m.

For further information, contact Alison Carey at alison-carey_99@yahoo.com.

Lane closure

The city of Midland Transportation Division will be working today to repair pavement damaged by a water main break on the 700 block of Midkiff Road near Park Lane.

Lane closures will be set up on Midkiff Road for northbound traffic and the 3200 block of Park Lane will be closed to thru traffic.

Repairs should be completed during the day and the traffic control devices removed in the evening. Midkiff Road will not be closed while repairs are made.

Drought streaks

The most consecutive days with zero precipitation in Midland (1930-2011).

1. Oct. 10-Dec. 29, 1946	81
2. Dec. 5, 1966-Feb. 7, 1966	65
3. Feb. 20-April 13, 1946	63
4. June 19-Aug. 19, 1946	62
5. Oct. 24-Dec. 22, 2010	60
6. Aug. 8-Oct. 5, 2000	59
7. March 25-May 16, 2011	53
8. March 19-May 8, 1947	51
9. Oct. 31-Dec. 19, 1999	50
10. March 20-May 13, 1998	48

Note: There is a 10 percent chance of rain tonight and 20 percent chance of rain Wednesday evening.

Source: National Weather Service

Recycling center locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

- Citibank Ballpark west side – 5514 Champions Drive – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics
- H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave. – No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard
- Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – Cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum
- Super Mercado – 2208 N. Big Spring St. – Cardboard
- Walmart Supercenter – 200 West Interstate 20 – Cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics
- Walmart Supercenter – 4517 N. Midland Drive – Cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics
- Western Park Plaza – 1020 Andrews Highway – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics, paper and aluminum

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 6-6-4
Pick 3 night: 2-3-8
Daily 4 day: 1-4-1-9
Daily 4 night: 9-5-4-8
Cash Five: 1-2-3-16-35
Texas Two Step: 6-14-16-22 BB: 13

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, May 17, the 137th day of 2011. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, unanimously struck down racially segregated public schools.

On this date:

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying — but not preventing — a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to release prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion in exchange for 500 bulldozers. (The prisoners eventually were freed in exchange for medical supplies.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush unveiled his energy plan, bracing Americans for a summer of blackouts, layoffs, business closings and skyrocketing fuel costs and warning of "a darker future" without his aggressive plans to drill for more oil and gas and rejuvenate nuclear power.

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US hits credit limit, setting up 11-week fight

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

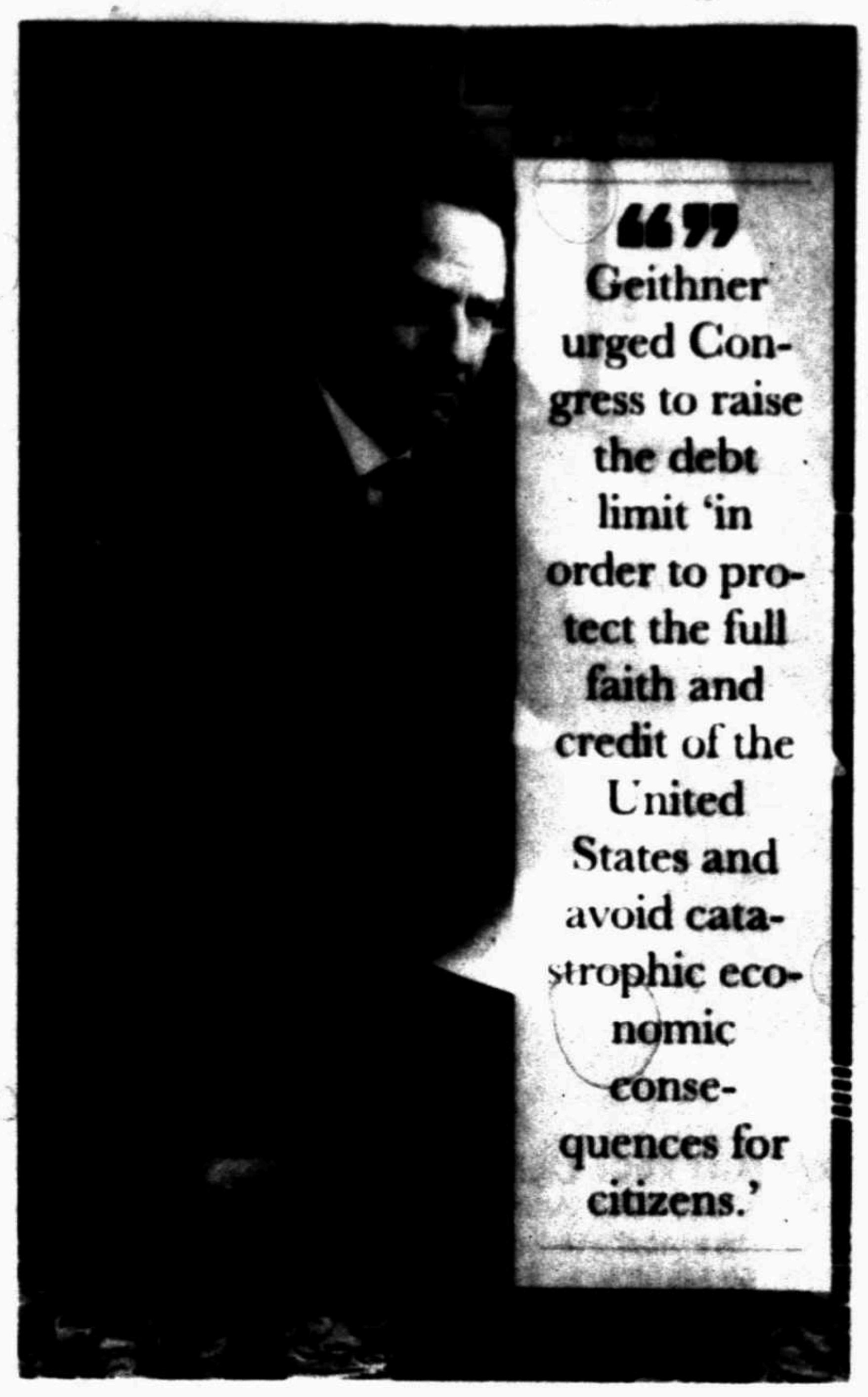
WASHINGTON — The government has maxed out its credit card.

The United States reached its $14.3 trillion limit on federal borrowing Monday, leaving Congress 11 weeks to raise the threshold or risk a financial panic or another recession.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner formally notified Congress that the government would halt its investments in two federal pension plans so it won't exceed the borrowing limit.

Geithner said the government could get by with bookkeeping maneuvers like that through Aug. 2. After that, the government could default on its debt for the first time, threatening the national credit rating and the dollar.

Geithner sent Congress a letter saying he would be unable to make the pension investments in full. He urged Congress to raise the debt limit "in order to protect the full faith and credit of the United States and avoid catastrophic economic consequences for citizens."



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Republican leaders in the House have said they won't raise the debt limit unless the Obama administration first agrees to big spending cuts or to steps to lower the debt over the long run.

House Speaker John Boehner repeated the pledge in a statement Monday. The statement did not address Geithner's warning about what would happen if the limit were not raised.

"Americans understand we simply can't keep spending money we don't have," Boehner said. "There will be no debt limit increase without serious budget reforms and significant spending cuts."

Republicans have also ruled out any tax increases, including any plans to end tax cuts for high earners enacted in 2001 and 2003.

"We need to have a vote to lift the debt ceiling because the consequences of not doing so would be quite serious," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters. "And those who suggest otherwise are whistling past the graveyard."

If it doesn't raise the limit, Congress would have to come up with $738 billion to make up for what it planned to borrow through the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. The options are drastic: Cut 40 percent of the budget through September, which might mean defaulting on payments to investors in government bonds; raise taxes immediately; or some combination of the two.

"In the economic area, this is the equivalent of nuclear war," says Edward Knight, who was the Treasury Department's general counsel during a standoff over the debt ceiling in the mid-1990s.

Here are some questions and answers about the federal debt limit:

Q: What is the debt ceiling?

A: It's a legal limit on how much debt the government can pile up. The government accumulates debt two ways: It borrows money from investors by issuing Treasury bonds, and it borrows from itself, mostly from Social Security revenue.

In 2010, Congress raised the limit to nearly $14.3 trillion from $12.4 trillion. Three decades ago, the national debt was $908 billion. But Washington spent more than it took in, and the debt rose steadily — surpassing $1 trillion in 1982, then $5 trillion in 1996. It reached $10 trillion in 2008 as the financial crisis and recession dried up tax revenue and as the government spent more on unemployment benefits and other programs.

Congress created the debt limit in 1917. It's unique to the United States. Most countries let their debts rise automatically when government spending outpaces tax revenue. Raising the debt ceiling doesn't usually create much of a stir. Congress has raised it 10 times since 2001.

A refusal to raise the debt ceiling wouldn't mean that Congress had begun to solve the nation's budget problems. It would just mean that lawmakers were refusing to let the government borrow more money to finance programs and tax cuts already approved.

"Having voted to run up the bill, it is utterly irresponsible to prohibit the government from borrowing the money to pay it," writes Howard Gleckman, resident fellow at the Urban Institute.

Q: What is the federal debt, and how does it differ from the deficit?

A: The deficit is how much government spending exceeds tax revenue during a year. The government is expected to run a record $1.5 trillion deficit in the current fiscal year. The debt is the sum of deficits past and present. If Congress raises the limit, the debt will reach $15.5 trillion by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. The huge deficits and debt reflect tax cuts, wars, the Obama administration's stimulus program, higher costs of federal health care programs and the recession, which shrank tax revenue and led the government to spend more on social programs.

Q: What happens now that Treasury has hit its debt limit?

A: It can free up $232 billion by taking what Geithner calls "extraordinary measures." Besides suspending contributions to federal employee pension funds, the government can halt payments to a government fund that buys and sells foreign currencies.

The most serious debt-ceiling showdown was in 1995. At the time, the debt limit was just $4.9 trillion. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin used gimmicks and juggled the government's books to keep government finances afloat for four and a half months before Congress and the Clinton White House reached a deal to end the impasse.

Geithner's Treasury Department won't have as much cushion because the debt is growing much faster than in the mid-1990s. Geithner estimates he'll run out of options Aug. 2.

Q: What would happen if Congress doesn't raise the debt ceiling by Aug. 2 or whenever Treasury exhausts all its short-options?

A: Things would get ugly fast. "When bills became due, we could not pay all of them," says Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Budget, a bipartisan group that advocates cutting the debt. "If that happens, you shake up markets as you've never seen before. ... It's inconceivable we would willingly walk ourselves over the cliff."

The government needs to borrow $738 billion to get through the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, according to the Congressional Research Service. Somehow, it would have to close that gap. It could:

- ■ Cut government spending dramatically. To put things in context, $738 billion is equal to 40 percent of the $1.7 trillion that the government is expected to spend in the last six months of the fiscal year. Everything from military salaries to Medicare and Social Security benefits to interest payments on the debt would be vulnerable.
- ■ Come up with $738 billion in new tax revenue, increasing by 66 percent the $1.1 trillion the government is expected to collect in taxes in the second half of the fiscal year.
- ■ Choose a combination of draconian spending cuts and tax increases.

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NEW YORK

Trump says no to presidential run

After months of flirting with politics, Donald Trump said Monday he won't run for president, choosing to stick with hosting "The Celebrity Apprentice" over a bid for the Republican nomination.

The reality TV star and real estate mogul made his announcement at a Manhattan hotel as NBC, which airs his show, rolled out its fall lineup.

NEW ORLEANS

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MAINE

Police get dozens of tips about boy's ID

SOUTH BERWICK — Police investigators seeking to identify a young boy whose body was left along a dirt road over the weekend believe the body was there for about nine hours before a nearby resident discovered it, officials said Monday.

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ARRAIGNMENT Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund, is arraigned Monday in Manhattan Criminal Court for the alleged attack Saturday on a maid who went into his penthouse suite at a hotel near Times Square in New York to clean it. Strauss-Kahn must remain jailed at least until his next court hearing for attempted rape and other charges, a judge said Monday.

IMF chief jailed without bail in NYC sex case

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Haggard and unshaven after a weekend in jail, the chief of the International Monetary Fund was denied release on bail Monday on charges of trying to rape a hotel maid as allegations of other, similar attacks by Dominique Strauss-Kahn began to spill out.

In New York, prosecutors said they are investigating reports of at least one other case. In France, a lawyer for a novelist said the writer is likely to file a criminal complaint accusing Strauss-Kahn of sexually assaulting her nine years ago. And a French lawmaker accused him of attacking other maids in previous stays at the same luxury hotel.

Strauss-Kahn's weekend arrest rocked the financial world as the IMF grapples with the European debt crisis, and upended French presidential politics. Strauss-Kahn, a member of France's Socialist party, was widely considered the strongest potential challenger next year to President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Making his first appearance on the sex charges, a grim-looking Strauss-Kahn stood slumped before a judge in a dark raincoat and open-collared shirt. The 62-year-old, silver-haired Strauss-Kahn said nothing as a lawyer professed his innocence and strove in vain to get him released on bail.

The judge ruled against him after prosecutors warned that the wealthy banker might flee to France and put himself beyond the reach of U.S. law like filmmaker Roman Polanski.

"This battle has just begun," defense attorney Benjamin Brafman told scores of reporters outside the courthouse, adding that Strauss-Kahn might appeal the bail denial.

Strauss-Kahn is accused of attacking a maid who had gone in to clean his penthouse suite Saturday afternoon at a luxury hotel near Times Square. He is charged with attempted rape, sex abuse, a criminal sex act, unlawful imprisonment and forcible touching. The most serious charge carries five to 25 years in prison.

Strauss-Kahn, who has headed the international lending agency since 2007, was in New York on personal business and was paying his own way, so he cannot claim diplomatic immunity, the IMF said. He could seek that protection only if he were conducting official business, spokesman William Murray said.

The French newspaper Le Monde, citing people close to Strauss-Kahn, said he had reserved the $3,000-a-night suite at the Sofitel hotel for one night for a quick trip to have lunch with his daughter, who is studying in New York.

The 32-year-old maid told authorities she thought the suite was empty but that Strauss-Kahn emerged from the bathroom naked, chased her down a hallway, pulled her into a bedroom and dragged her into a bathroom, police said.

He seized her breasts, tried to pull down her pantyhose, grabbed at her crotch and forced her to perform oral sex on him, according to a court complaint. She ultimately broke free, escaped the room and told hotel staffers what had happened, authorities said. She was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

"The victim provided a very powerful and detailed account of the violent sexual assault," Assistant District Attorney John "Ardie" McConnell said. He added that forensic evidence may support her account. Strauss-Kahn voluntarily submitted to a forensic examination Sunday night.

Brafman said defense lawyers believe the forensic evidence "will not be consistent with a forcible encounter." He would not elaborate except to say "there are significant issues that we have already found" that "make it quite likely that he will be exonerated of these charges."

Prosecutors asked the judge to hold Strauss-Kahn without bail, noting that he lives in France, is wealthy, has an international job and was arrested on a Paris-bound plane at Kennedy Airport. He had left the Sofitel hotel before police arrived, leaving his cellphone behind, and appeared hurried on surveillance recordings, authorities said.

Prosecutors said they couldn't force his return from France if he went there.

"He would be living openly and notoriously in France, just like Roman Polanski," said Chief Assistant District Attorney Daniel Alonso, referring to the film director long sought by California authorities for sentencing in a 1977 child sex case. Swiss police arrested him in 2009, but he was freed last year when Switzerland declined to extradite him to the United States.

Defense lawyers suggested bail be set at $1 million and promised that the IMF managing director would remain in New York City. Brafman said Strauss-Kahn wasn't trying to elude police Saturday: The IMF head rushed out of the hotel to get to a lunch date, then caught a flight for which he had long had a ticket, his lawyer said.

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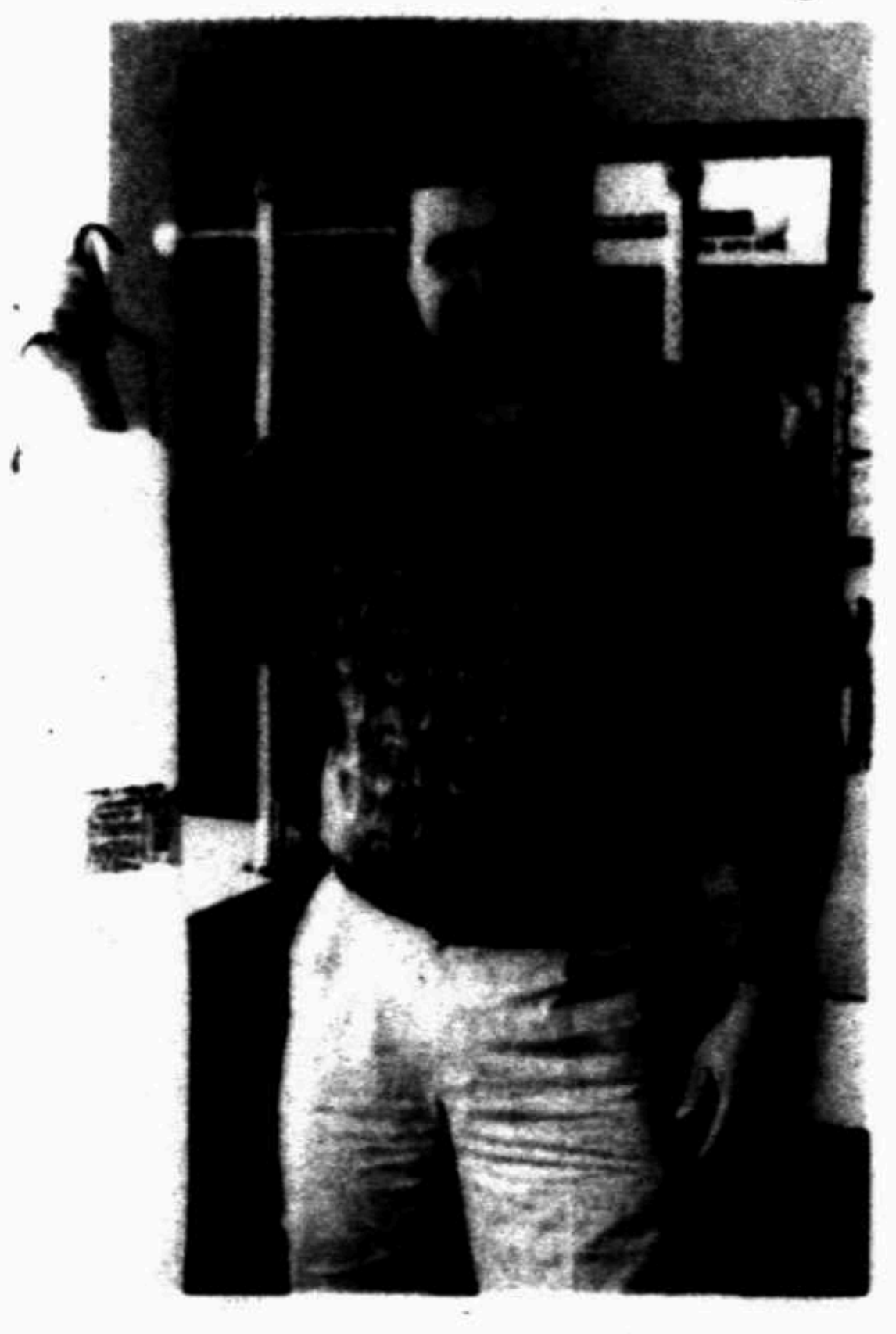

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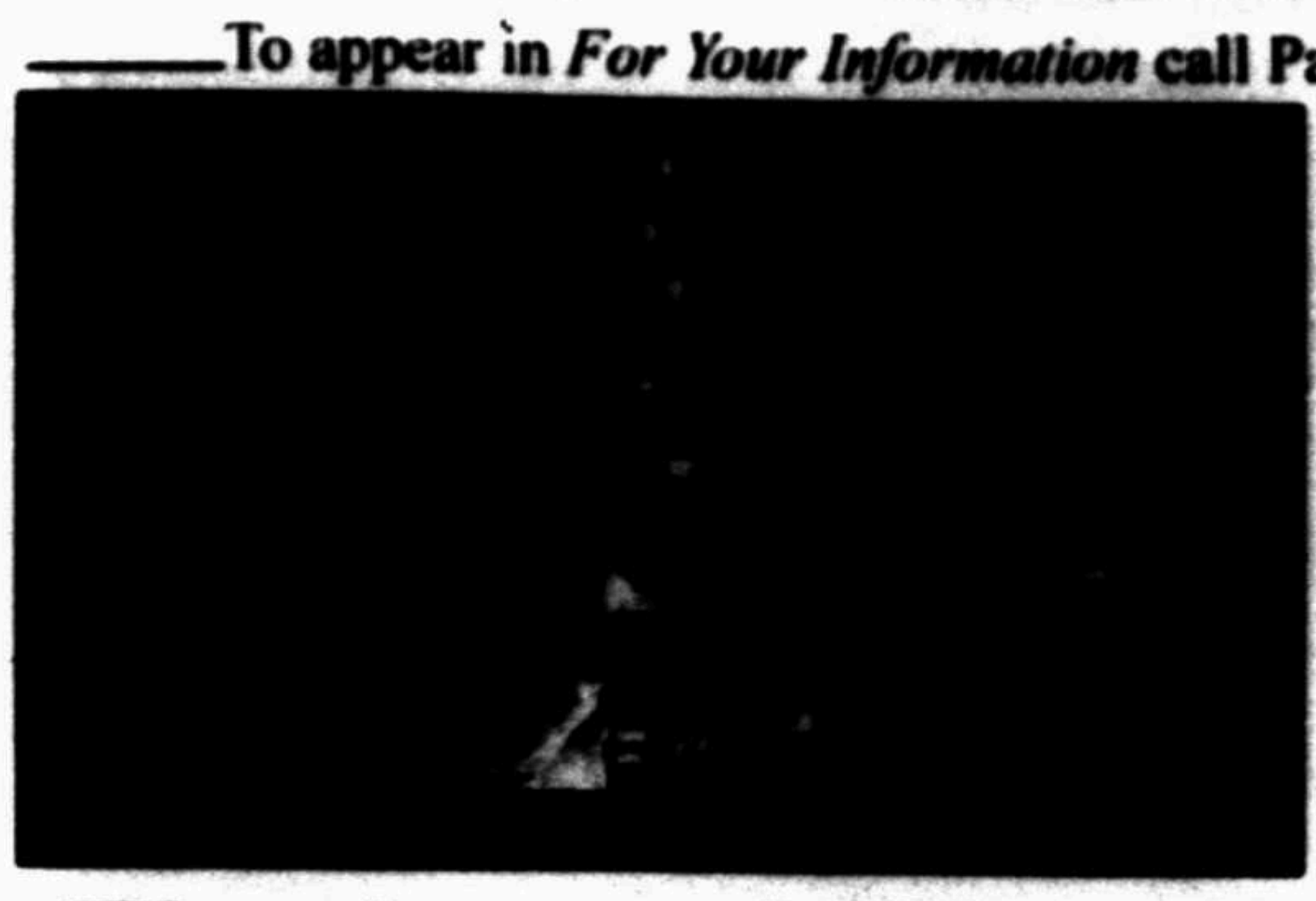

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By Harris E. Kerr
Permian Abstract

I recently flew out of Midland International Airport on a pre-dawn flight. Looking out into the night as we lifted off and then circled the airport, I was amazed at the number of drilling rigs that I could see. Lit up like giant bright Christmas trees, I could see dozens and dozens of rigs at work. I was born and raised in Midland, and I've never seen anything like that before.

Every one of those rigs was drilling a prospect that existed only because curious earth scientists working right here in Midland developed an interesting idea about producing new oil from old fields. Those rigs were at work because oilmen right here in Midland risked millions of dollars drilling wells just to see if their geologists' ideas might have some merit. Those rigs were working because those same Midland oil companies found ways to raise many more millions of dollars from outside investors to enable them to expand, expand again, and expand yet again the discoveries they were making.

Those rigs were working because men and women right here in Midland were willing to take on hard, dirty, and oftentimes dangerous jobs to keep those bits turning to the right. There are places in our country where tough jobs like that might go begging, but not here. In Midland men and women are proud to do their part in providing energy to America.

Those rigs were working because of the hundreds and maybe thousands of small and not so small service companies that do the dirt work, build the pad, install the equipment, drill the well, and then case it and frac it; companies that test the wells, companies that transport the products; companies that turn the hydrocarbons into products that every American uses, every day; companies that create thousands of jobs for Americans; companies that started right here in Midland and that still call Midland home.

These rigs are running because folks here in Midland understand that our country needs domestic oil and gas now more than at any time in history. Folks in Midland understand that all these jobs are not just for us, and for our families, but for our country and all of the families of Americans. We Midlanders understand that if our country is going to forge ahead, someone has to do the dirty jobs of fueling the engines of our prosperity. Midland never has been one of those "not in my backyard" communities.

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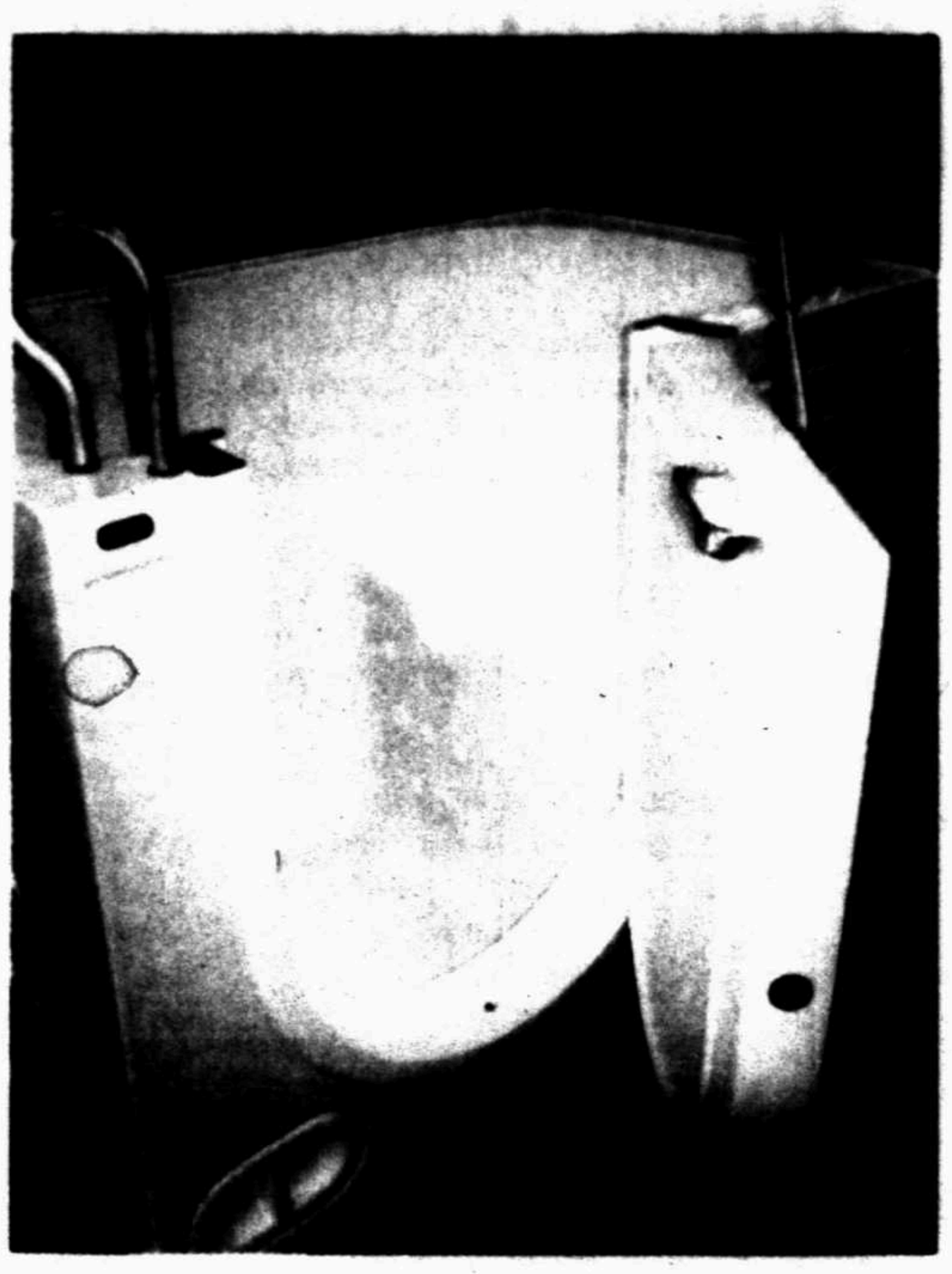

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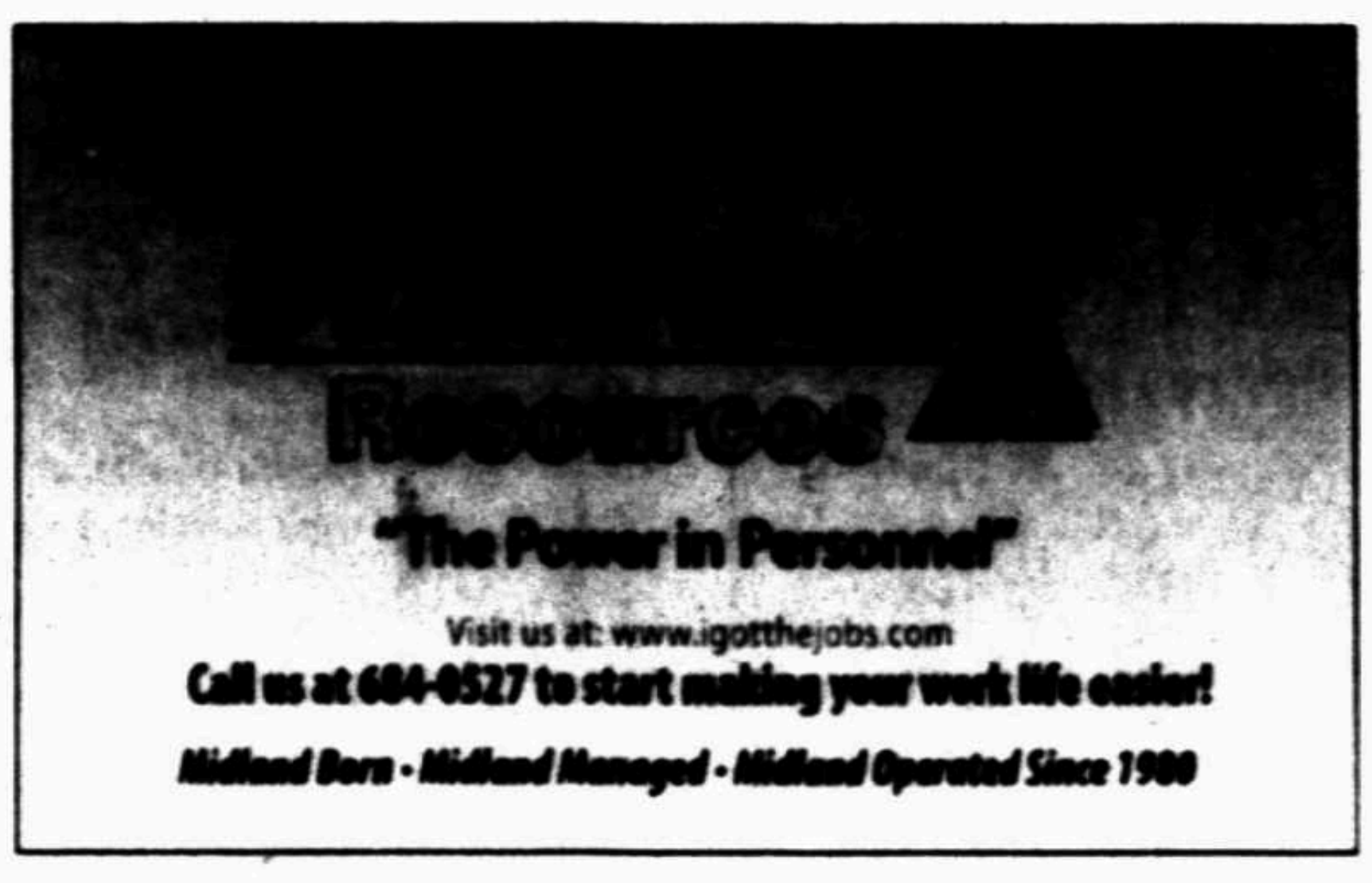
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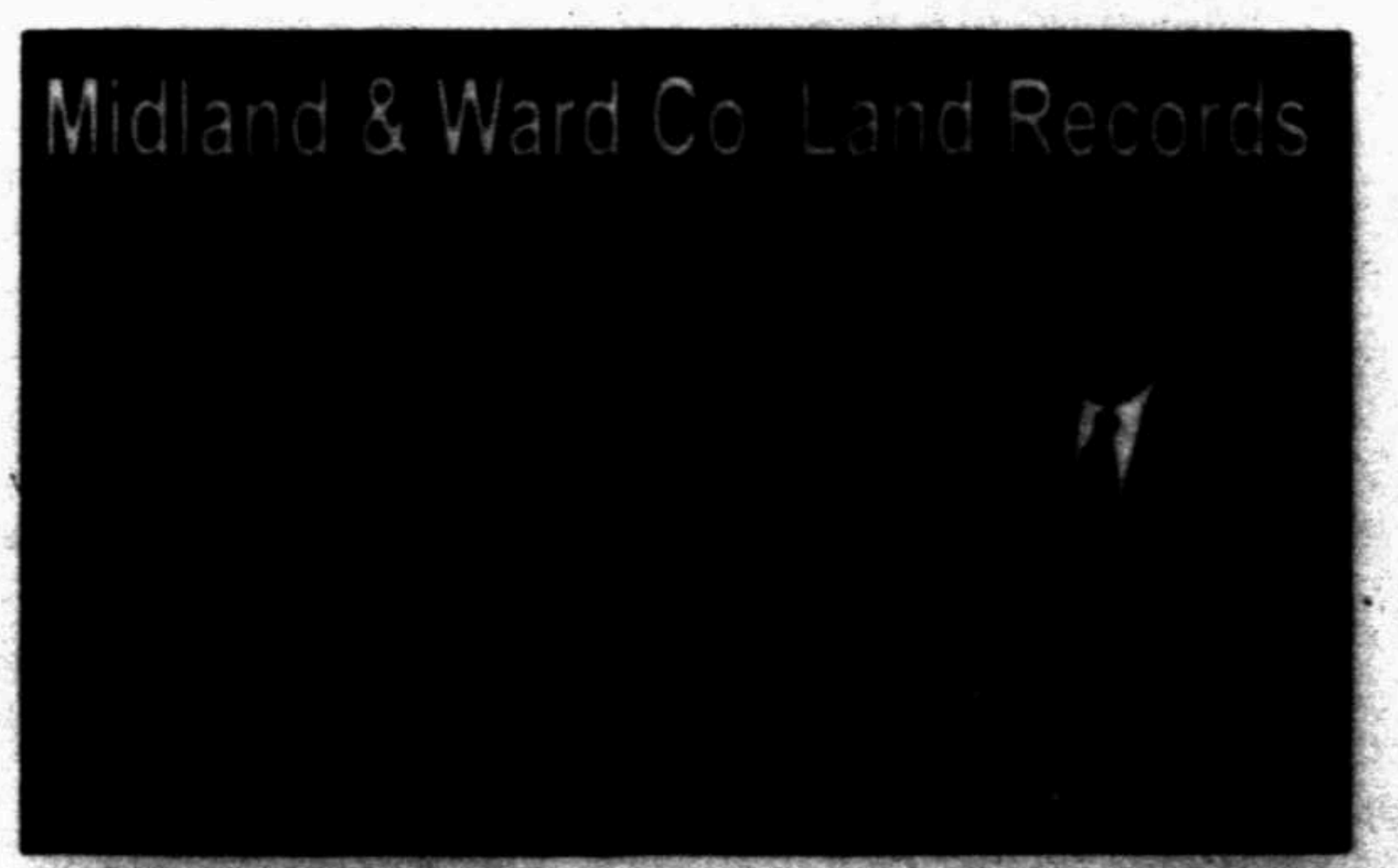
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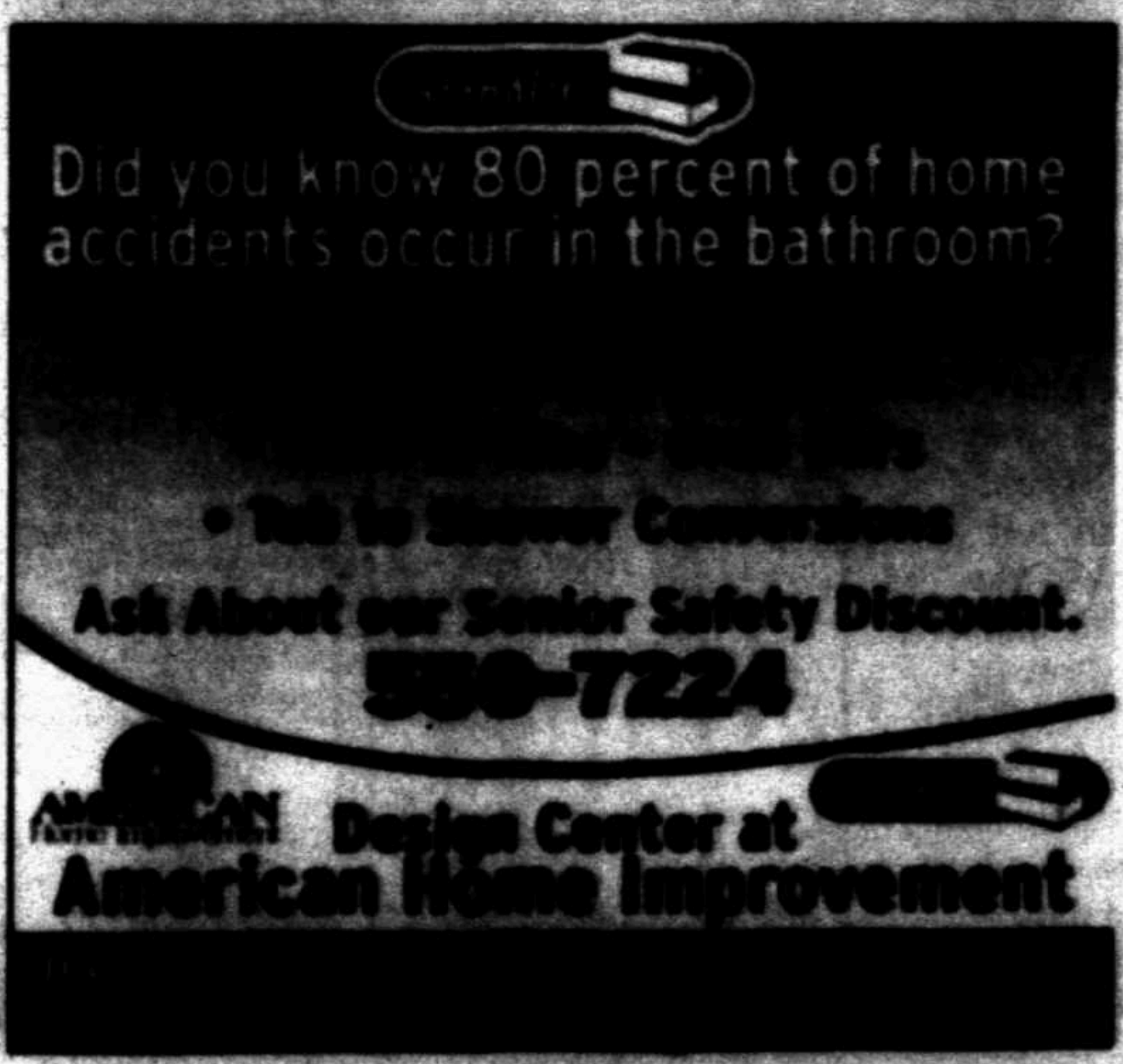
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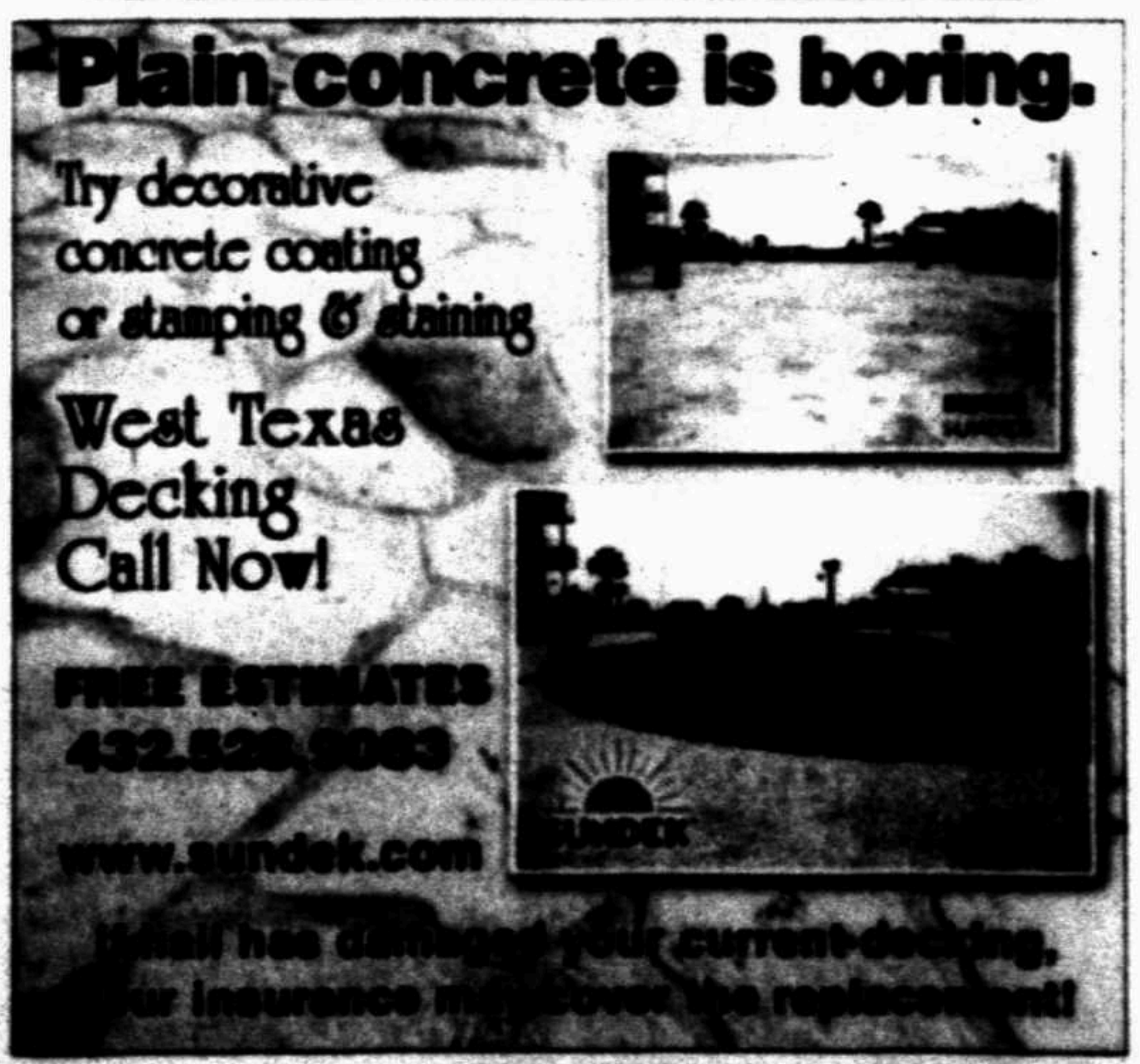
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Time for Obama to drop the sanctimonious investigation

- **The president should stop criminal probe of CIA for waterboarding terror suspects.**

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

In a "60 Minutes" interview last week, President Obama talked about the raid on Abbottabad, the responsibilities of making life-or-death decisions on national security and the work of U.S. intelligence agencies in locating Osama bin Laden. "I cannot praise them enough — they did an extraordinary job with just the slenderest of bits of information to piece this all together."

Agreed.

Obama also forcefully defended the outcome of the military operation — the death of bin Laden. "I think that anyone who would question that the perpetrator of mass murder on American soil didn't deserve what he got needs to have their head examined."

Agreed.

But if U.S. intelligence personnel did indeed perform an extraordinary job, and if it is beyond question that justice was served by killing Osama bin Laden, then why is the Obama administration still pursuing a criminal investigation against intelligence personnel for using enhanced interrogation techniques, including waterboarding, that may have played a crucial role in bringing bin Laden to justice?

I write "may," because it is not certain that the enhanced interrogation techniques — for which these personnel have already been investigated and cleared, yet Attorney General Eric Holder has opened new investigations — were indispensable in eliciting the information that ultimately led to bin Laden. But there's certainly a strong case that they were.

Jose Rodriguez, a former deputy director of the CIA who ran its counterterrorism center from 2002 to 2005, told Time magazine. "Information provided by KSM (Khalid Sheikh Mohammed) and Abu Faraj al-Libi about bin Laden's courier was the lead information that eventually led to the location of (bin Laden's) compound and the operation that led to his death." KSM was waterboarded. Al-Libi was subjected to other forms of enhanced interrogation.

Even Obama's CIA chief acknowledges the role of enhanced interrogations in obtaining vital intelligence on bin Laden. In fact, in an interview with NBC's Brian Williams, Leon Panetta turned the issue around, raising doubts about whether that intelligence could have been obtained without using those techniques. "The debate about whether we would have gotten the same information through other approaches I think is always going to be an open question," he said.

Of course Panetta's nuanced judgment contradicts a sanctimonious absolutism of the American left — that enhanced interrogation of hardened terrorists determined to carry out mass murder, beyond being worthless, is actually counterproductive, un-American, elicits false information and amounts to torture; that its use is always wrong; and that any American president who would order it and anyone who would comply with that order should be prosecuted as war criminals.

Yet some of the same people who froth at the mouth about prosecuting Bush administration officials for waterboarding KSM — who had far more direct responsibility for 9/11 than Osama bin Laden — are utterly silent about a headshot to an unarmed bin Laden or, for that matter, Obama's expanded use of drones to kill suspected al-Qaida terrorists without being afforded trial by military commission, let alone in a civilian court.

Killing terrorists outright — indisputable justice. Capturing terrorists and interrogating them harshly in order to elicit information that might save lives — war crimes. Does that make any sense? If it does, perhaps you need your head examined.

It's time for Obama to call off this partisan witch hunt and end the criminal investigation of men and women who, as he says, did an extraordinary job.

OUR VIEW

Midland Christian impresses with meeting its challenges

Midland Christian School continues to meet challenges that almost stun the senses. The school will break ground this week on its new junior high and high school facility. The road to reach this amazing plateau has been difficult at best, but conquered in the mere blink of an eye.

MCS has raised $25 million over the last year to reach this moment. Of the funds raised, $15 million will go toward a 76,910 square-foot new junior high and high school facility. The building will include 35 large classrooms, six science labs, two computer labs and more dedicated space for arts activities.

The remaining $10 million will pay for remodeling the older facilities and tearing down the current preschool. The school is still working to raise an additional $5 million to complete the needs of that remodeling. We truly doubt the school will have much problem reaching the full amount.

The quick pace of this fundraising event just shows the impact MCS has had on our community and the acceptance for this alternative education. We welcome the growth of any educational opportunity for our citizens whether private or public if it in turn is community oriented and a viable educational option for the kids of our city. MCS certainly has lived up to those expectations and we wish them well in this current endeavor.

We salute Midland Christian for the investment and marvel at the speed that campaign officials raised their millions.

At the March 2010 public meeting, there were questions whether the school could get a city certificate of occupancy for the building issued by Dec. 31, 2014. School officials expect classes should take place in the new building by the fall of 2012. Should that hold true, Midland Christian would have obliterated the well-intended deadline.

The news of the school's campaign drive likely will not satisfy those who believe the Midland City Council was wrong to close a portion of Culver Drive, the street and alley rights, beginning on June 1 of this year.

And no matter how fast dirt is turned or how quickly a building replaces the temporary parking lot, there will be frustrated neighbors.

We believe the City Council made the right decision last year. We also stand by our call for Midland Christian to do what's necessary to be a good neighbor.

MCS' future is now on solid ground and the community has overwhelmingly shown its appreciation for the school. We also anticipate Midland Christian School will be a school the city will be proud of for decades to come.

GUEST EDITORIAL

San Antonio Express-News

Obama should move swiftly on free trade deals

Bipartisan support is building in Congress to pass long-delayed free trade agreements with Korea, Colombia and Panama. For the good of the U.S. economy and as a sign of U.S. leadership on free trade, the Obama White House should support efforts by congressional leaders in both parties to ratify those agreements as quickly as possible.

In March, a group of 18 former trade representatives and diplomats who served in Republican and Democratic administrations sent letters to President Barack Obama and the House and Senate leadership calling for swift action on the Colombia and Panama deals. The letter warned that while U.S. agricultural exports to Colombia grew at an annual pace of 38 percent in the five years leading up to 2008, they had fallen precipitously in subsequent years.

The reason? While the United States had negotiated a free trade agreement with Colombia more than five years ago, it has never been ratified. In the meantime, Colombia has concluded trade agreements with Canada, the European Union and other U.S. competitors whose agricultural products are crowding out U.S. exports, many of which are from Texas. ◆

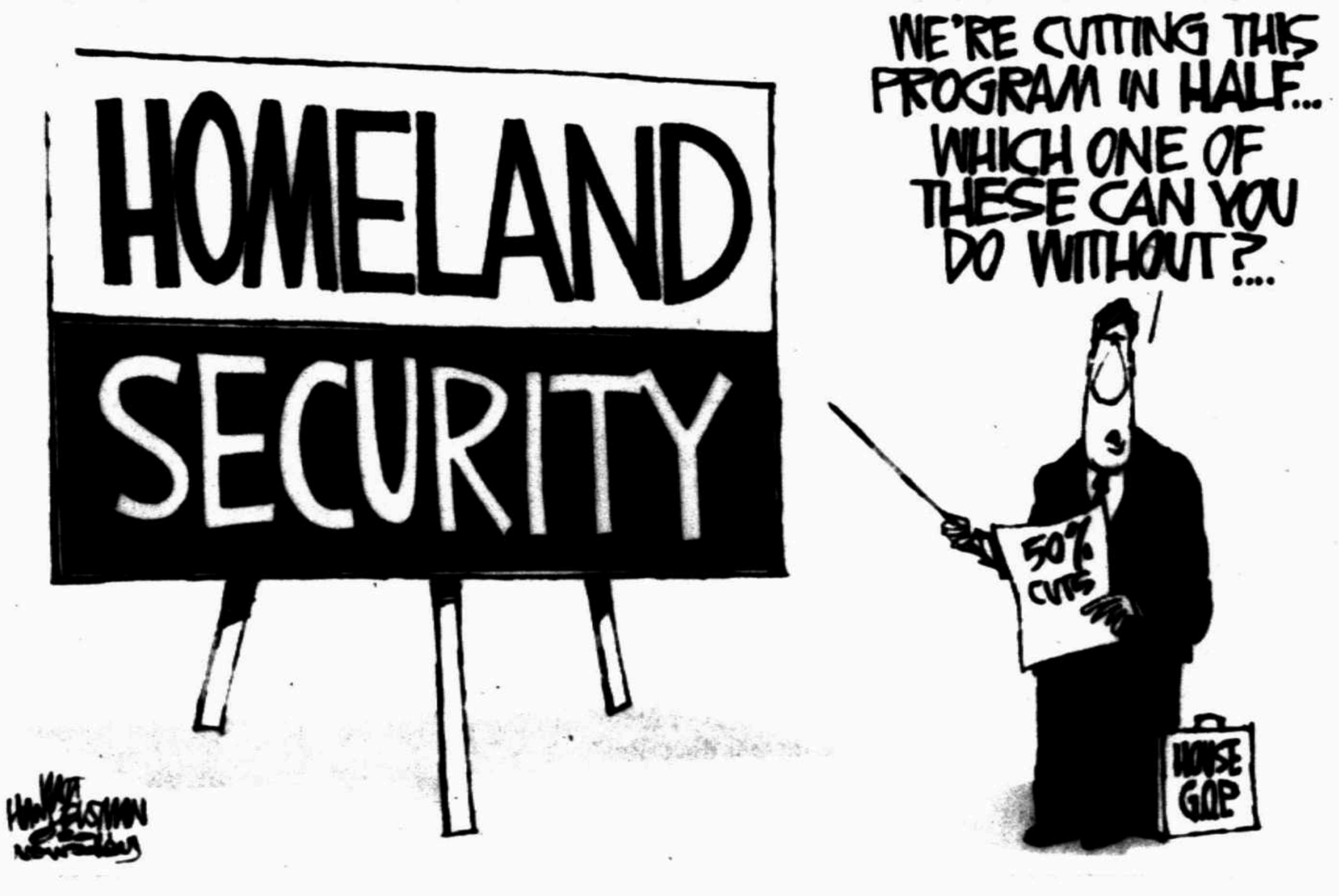
In an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal that ran last month, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., argued that the Colombian free trade agreement was essentially a bill to create American jobs. "Each day we fail to act," they wrote, "costs American jobs and sales — and sends them elsewhere."

The case for the Korean free trade agreement is even more compelling.

South Korea has the world's 15th-largest economy and is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner. Under terms of the proposed agreement, 95 percent of bilateral trade in consumer and industrial products would be duty free within three years.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the agreement would increase exports of American goods by $10 billion to $11 billion and create tens of thousands of jobs.

The agreements with Korea, Colombia and Panama are not perfect. Critics can point to elements of each one that are unsatisfactory: Korea won't allow in enough U.S. beef or auto exports; Colombia isn't providing enough protection of workers' rights and labor leaders. On balance, however, the agreements are overwhelmingly positive for all parties. ◆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Seliger doesn't make friends with redistricting map

- Plan divides Travis County with potentially four **senators** and communities of interest and confusion.

ARNOLD GARCIA JR.
Cox Newspapers

The first thing to understand about the rules of redistricting is that there are no rules. Remember the outlaw who challenged Paul Newman for leadership of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang in the classic film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"?

"Guns or knives, Butch?" the outlaw asks. Cassidy hems, haws and declares a need to establish rules before engaging. "Rules? In a knife fight?" the challenger asks incredulously, and in short order he gets his answer in the form of a swift kick to a very sensitive portion of his anatomy followed by the knockout punch.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee, unveiled a scheme that includes tossing Southeast Travis County residents into a bacon strip of a Senate district that ends at the Texas-Mexico border.

It was part of a larger plan that draws and literally quarters Travis County — and its bounty of Democratic voters — into four Senate districts.

If adopted, the split would leave Travis County represented by two Democrats and two Republicans. The county is now split two ways and represented in the Senate by Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and Kirk Watson, D-Austin.

So the happy face is that Travis County presumably adds a Democrat and a Republican to its Senate roster. What could be fairer than that, you may ask.

This has nothing to do with fair. The population anchors in three of the proposed districts are nowhere near Austin, meaning the Seliger plan all but ensures Travis County residents with state Senate ambitions in the new southeastern district had better move to Laredo.

It's even doubtful that Travis County voters would have even minimal influence in future Senate races in that district.

"Three Senate districts in South Texas — (Judith) Zaffirini, (Carlos) Uresti and (Leticia) Van de Putte — were short on population," Seliger explained. "There was no place else to go to pick up minority voters for Zaffirini except into Austin. We had to find the additional population for Van de Putte and Uresti in the San Antonio area, and that meant (Zaffirini) had to be drawn into Austin."

"This map puts her into (Rep.) Eddie Rodriguez's district in East Austin," Seliger said. "That will protect the status of her district."

I'll let political psychologists interpret the underlying assumption that the districts belong to incumbents rather than the people they are elected to represent. Take a look, though, at the other assumption: that the interests of Latinos in Austin align seamlessly with those of Latinos in Laredo.

They don't — not even on the surface. Each community has a different history, different mores and different approaches to life generally and to political life specifically.

Which brings us to defining "communities of interest," a term tossed around in redistricting discussions because it is one standard that courts apply when examining whatever redistricting scheme the Legislature advances.

Nina Perales of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a heavy player in the redistricting game, explained that communities of interest can be established by population — is the community predominately rural or urban? — economic activity and demographic similarities.

More abstract factors like political history, experience or even aspirations are difficult to tie up in a nice, neat legal package. In any case, redistricting is not about nice and neat.

Redistricting is about protecting the political power of incumbents and the dominant party, not necessarily that order.

Seliger's plan was plopped on Senate desks with little notice and stepped on nerves already frayed by other struggles.

Watson protested. Zaffirini protested. Rodriguez protested.

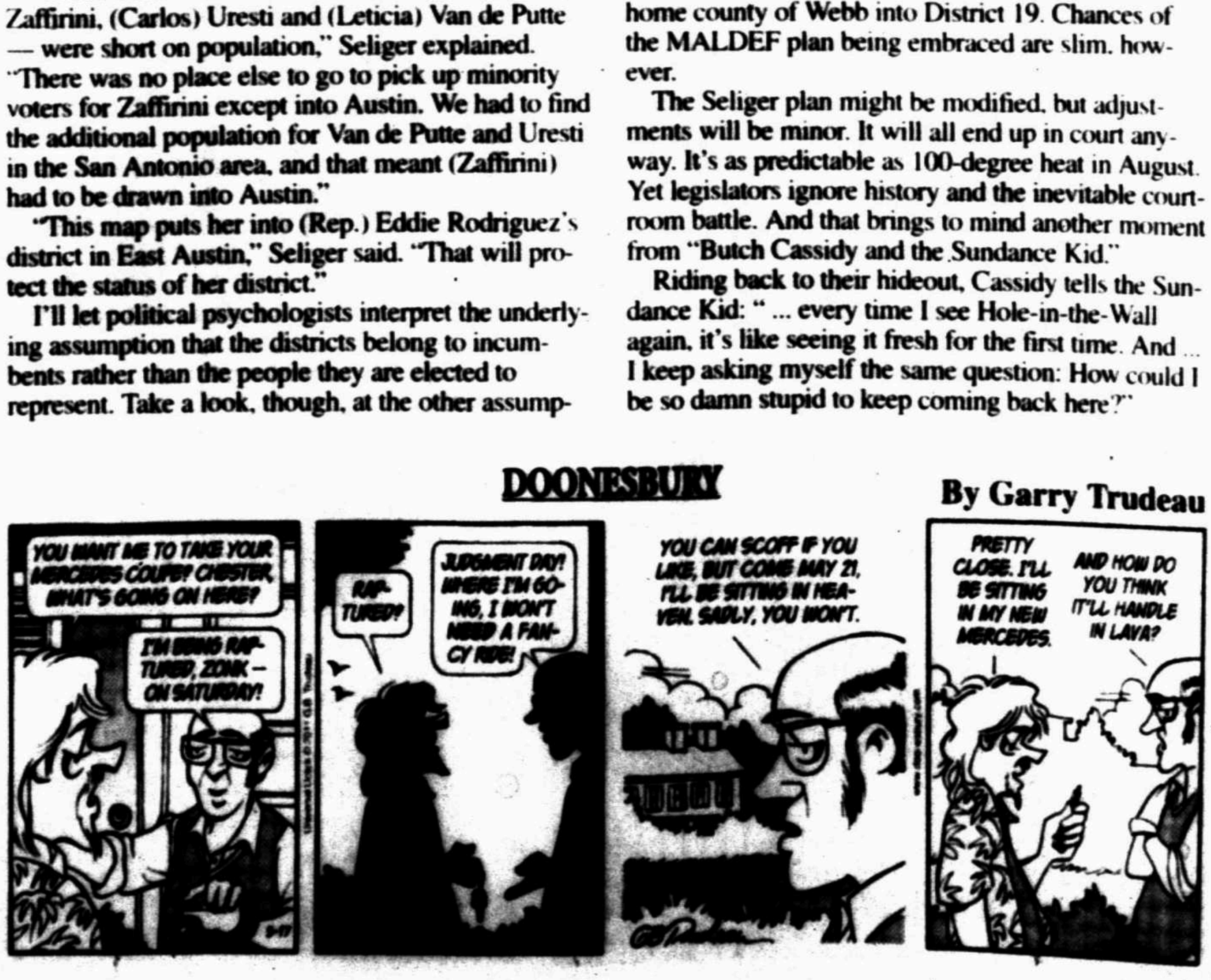
Ironically, a redistricting plan proposed by MALDEF pushes District 21 — currently represented by Zaffirini — north to Bastrop and moves her home county of Webb into District 19. Chances of the MALDEF plan being embraced are slim, however.

The Seliger plan might be modified, but adjustments will be minor. It will all end up in court anyway. It's as predictable as 100-degree heat in August. Yet legislators ignore history and the inevitable courtroom battle. And that brings to mind another moment from "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Riding back to their hideout, Cassidy tells the Sundance Kid: " ... every time I see Hole-in-the-Wall again, it's like seeing it fresh for the first time. And ... I keep asking myself the same question: How could I be so damn stupid to keep coming back here?"

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau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Palestinians test tactic of unarmed mass marches

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian activists are calling it a preview of new tactics to pressure Israel and win world support for statehood: Masses of marchers, galvanized by the Arab Spring and brought together by Facebook, descending on borders and military posts — and daring Israeli soldiers to shoot.

It could prove more problematic for Israel than the suicide bombings and other deadly violence of the past — which the current Palestinian Authority leadership feels only tainted their cause.

After attempted border breaches from Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza left 15 Palestinians dead Sunday, Israeli officials openly puzzled over how to handle an unfamiliar new phase.

"The Palestinians' transition from terrorism and suicide bombings to deliberately unarmed mass demonstrations is a transition that will present us with difficult challenges," said Defense Minister Ehud Barak.

Sunday's protests were driven by renewed hopes that Palestinian statehood — at least as an internationally approved idea within specific borders — is approaching after years of paralysis.

The optimism is fed by reconciliation efforts between the Islamic militant Hamas and the Western-backed Fatah movement after a four-year split, as well as growing international support for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' plan to seek U.N. recognition of a state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem in September over Israel's objections.

Although some say U.N. recognition will change little on the ground, the pro-democracy revolts in the Arab world have instilled a new sense of possibility among Palestinians, who had been dejected after two failed uprisings against Israeli rule and fruitless peace talks over the past 20 years.

Meanwhile, the Facebook generation is increasingly taking a lead in the Palestinian arena, at times sidelining political veterans stuck to more traditional ways.

"There is a new energy, a new dynamism," said Hanan Ashrawi, a former Palestinian negotiator. "The Palestinians feel they have put themselves on the map again."

Sunday's marches occurred on the day Palestinians mourn Israel's 1948 creation, when hundreds of thousands of their people were uprooted and scattered throughout the region.

Marking the anniversary, called the "nakba," Arabic for "catastrophe," Palestinian organizers bused hundreds to Lebanon's border with Israel and to the Syrian frontier in the Israeli-held Golan Heights.

Pakistan says US strikes kill 7

Associated Press

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — Pakistan intelligence officials say two American missile attacks close to the border with Afghanistan have killed seven suspected militants.

The attacks on Monday came soon after U.S. Sen. John Kerry concluded talks in Islamabad on how to salvage a relationship brought to a low point over the unilateral raid on Osama bin Laden on May 2.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials said missiles hit a house and a vehicle near Mir Ali in North Waziristan district. They spoke on anonymity because they were not authorized to give their names to reporters.

The U.S. and Pakistan agreed Monday to work together in any future actions against "high value targets" in Pakistan, even as U.S. Sen. John Kerry defended Washington's decision not to tell Islamabad in advance about the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The pledge, which was made in a joint statement, could help mollify Pakistani officials and citizens, who were enraged that one of the country's most important allies would conduct a unilateral operation on its soil. But details of the promised cooperation were unclear.

It was also unclear whether Kerry, the most high-profile American to visit Pakistan since the May 2 raid that killed bin Laden, was able to extract any promises from Pakistan to go after Afghan Taliban militants long believed to be holed up on Pakistani territory.

U.S. officials have increased pressure on Pakistan since bin Laden was killed by U.S. Navy SEALs in Abbottabad, an army town only about 35 miles outside the capital, Islamabad. But they also seem to be trying to balance their anger, aware of the risk of wholly severing ties with the nuclear-armed country. Pakistan's cooperation is considered vital to ending the war in Afghanistan.

Shortly after arriving Sunday, Kerry met with Pakistani army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and gave him a list of "specific demands" relating to American suspicions about Pakistan harboring militants, said a Pakistani official.

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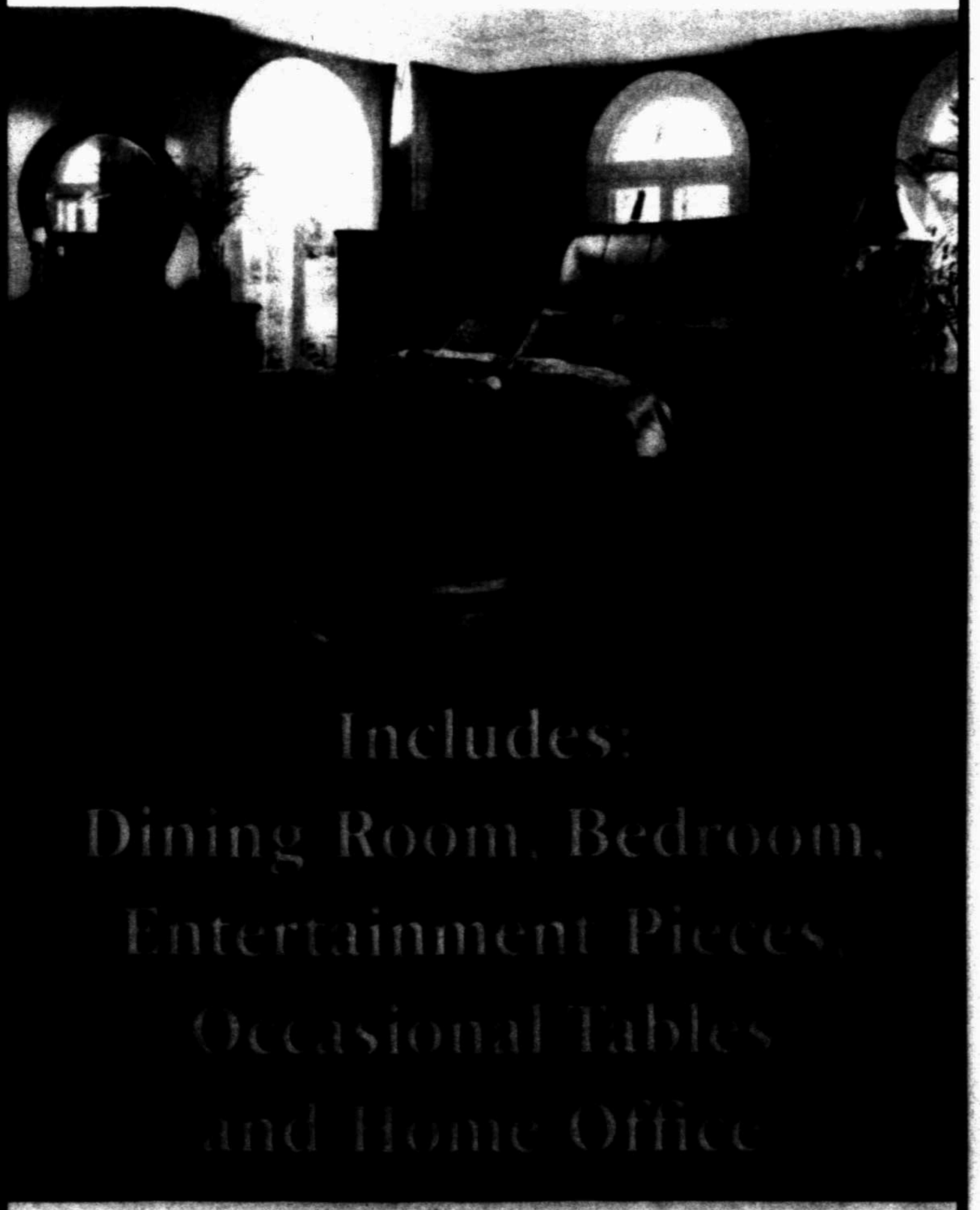

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Dead grass, increased winds affect litter index

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

As the white van rounded the corner onto Fairgrounds Road on Monday morning, the executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful called out the upcoming observation area and prepared to begin.

"The next one is two N-nine," executive director Doreen Womack said.

Behind her in the van, volunteers watched out the windowsto spot litter as the group continued down the road. As part of the nonprofit's annual Community Appearance Index, staff and volunteers were working to rank various sections of town on cleanliness. Only those places with minimal to no litter received a one and any area with continuous litter and the need for not just a cleanup crew, but also equipment to remove trash was given a five.

And while there were few if any fives jotted down on the various score sheets, those involved agreed there was more litter this year than in the past few. Several areas were ranked a three, which was the score provided to those stretches best described as "littered." Womack said with the continual drought, any trash left lying in dry patches of grass and dirt has only diminished Midland's appearance further.

"It's just been a month since our big spring cleanup, and you can already see the effects from the wind that we've had," she said.

Sharla Hotchkiss, former executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful and now a volunteer, said the right-of-ways along Loop 250 were consistently sprinkled with litter.

"The frontage roads have not looked good," she said.

Scott Swigert, parks and recreation manager for the city, said in 2010 if there was trash along Loop 250 and other major roadways, it typically was covered by the long, green grass that had sprouted following the heavy spring rains.

"This year, unfortunately, all that growth is gone," Swigert said.

In many places that noticeably were filled with trash, such as the field across from Walmart on Briarwood Avenue, litter prevention coor-

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

EYE ON TRASH Keep Midland Beautiful was out looking for littered areas Monday, like this pasture located at the corner of Northcrest Drive and Briarwood Avenue, so they know where to send crews for future trash pickup.

JUST A LITTLE PINCH

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Felecia McCubbin gives Carson Knott, 12, one of three vaccinations she requires Monday before entering the seventh-grade during the city of Midland Health and Senior Services' Children's Vaccination Clinic

Problems arise as inmates grow old in Texas prisons

Houston Chronicle

AGING INSIDE Raymond Palen, an elderly inmate at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Estelle Unit uses, a walker shown May 10 in Huntsville. A growing elderly population in the TDCJ is driving up the cost of prison health care. State lawmakers, trying to plug a budget gap, are working on a bill that would grant early parole release to more elderly inmates as a way to cut cost. While the general inmate population has remained flat, the elderly population has grown about 8 percent per year. The elderly make up 8 percent of the prison population and account for more than 32 percent of hospitalization costs.

By Renie C. Lee
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A growing population of elderly inmates is driving up prison medical care costs to the point that some Texas lawmakers would like to see more of those who are feeble and chronically ill released early.

In the last decade, the number of inmates 55 and older has spiked as much as 8 percent each year, growing to about 12,500, while the general inmate population has remained fairly flat.

In prisons throughout the country, inmates grow old serving longer sentences and enter prison at an older age. Between 1999 and 2008, the number of inmates 55 and older in state and federal prisons increased by 76 percent to 76,400 inmates, according to the Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics. The general population grew by 18 percent.

With rising medical care costs and dwindling state budgets, policy-makers and prison officials have struggled to keep pace. Elderly inmates in Texas make up 8 percent of the state's prison population, yet they account for more than 30 percent of prison hospitalization costs.

In fiscal year 2010, the state spent more than $545 million on inmate health care. It paid $4,853 per elderly offender for inpatient and outpatient care compared with $795 for inmates under 55, according to the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee.

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Being a Democrat working on state budget quite a task

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN —

To be a Democrat on the budget negotiating team is to try to squeeze more people into lifeboats as a very large ship heads toward an iceberg.

With the choices limited to how many billions of dollars to cut from current spending in a growing state, even Republican negotiators are struggling to agree on a final plan. Some say a special session looks likely.

But Republicans can point to GOP leaders' insistence that Texas' economic health depends on keeping billions unspent in the rainy day fund and eschewing new taxes.

The two Democrats on the 10-member conference committee — who'd like to see more state resources spent in key areas — have no choice but to work within GOP parameters as they look at reconciling plans that got no Democratic support in either chamber.

"We're just trying to minimize the damage," said Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, who helped move the Senate plan out of the finance committee but voted against it in the full Senate after a provision allowing more rainy-day spending to help soften cuts was stripped out. "The reality is that the House has a super Republican majority that's not willing to spend the money that's available to at least keep the status quo."

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, was "present-not-voting" when the House initially approved its more austere plan. He hopes to make a difference in areas like preserving funding for a program to help low-income people with electricity bills.

"The end product is not going to be acceptable, but I can still be helpful" in working to protect areas like the health and human services safety net, Turner said. "But I don't want people to be confused at all that this end product is going to stop teachers from being laid off by the thousands, because they will. School districts are still going to close and consolidate schools across the state. That is going to happen. And I do believe the quality of education in the state of Texas will be adversely affected."

Some suggest Democrats should take a hands-off approach to the budget, making the clear point that Republicans own it and its consequences. Turner and Hinojosa said there's no doubt Republicans own this budget.

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Crossed paths show how small the world is

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

Several years ago, a Midland woman whose friendship was forged during my early days here walked into the newsroom and delivered a shocker. She was holding a 1973 photo of two little girls in long nightgowns. "Do you recognize this?" she asked. Sure enough, one of those little girls was me, and the photo was taken in a place called Houma, La.

It made no sense, since she and I had only met in Midland during the 21st century. How did she have such a photo? As it turned out, one of her friends is the mother of an early childhood friend and her family somehow ended up in Midland. Then, I would learn the childhood friend is a Lee High School graduate. Everyone agreed it is indeed a small world.

It leaves you to wonder how people's paths sometimes cross decades later, in domiciles far away from the place of original acquaintance.

With the social networks, Facebook being the most notable, people are reconnecting after many years. In some cases, as you've probably also found, these friendships are intact, and we simply pick up where we left off. Just the other day another childhood friend and I reconnected. We hadn't seen each other since around 1980 when we were 12 or 13. She has lived all over the country, and even abroad. We're both in Texas now. She still plays golf, as we did together at the same club back then, but I haven't played much in years.

In most of these cases of reconnecting, the friends moved away and we drifted apart. Of course back then, a few letters would be exchanged before we'd lose touch.

One of the most notable cases of reconnecting involves a friend I haven't seen since the age of 19, and that would be around 1987. She's a few years my senior, and

Please see **SISSOM/3B**

Off-court anticipation

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Allyson Stewart watches as her daughter Elizabeth plays a singles match against Louise Chirico on Monday during the USTA 18s National Open at Midland College.
Find complete coverage of this event in [illegible].

Obituaries

Clifford E. Schlesinger

Clifford E. Schlesinger, 83, of Midland, died on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in a local hospital. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

He married Doris Walker on June 20, 1948. He served in the Army during the Korean War, and in the II World War.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Korean War Veterans Association. He volunteered at the Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center since 1999, and volunteered at Hospice of Midland since 2008.

He is survived by a daughter, Roxanne Schlesinger of Cleveland, Oklahoma; and a brother, David Schlesinger and wife, Dena of Ft. Dodge, Iowa; several nieces and a nephew; a brother-in-law, Robert Walker and wife, Shirley of Midland; two sister-in-laws, Ruth Youngberg of Midland and Rosemary Celia and husband, George of Dallas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Doris Walker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

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

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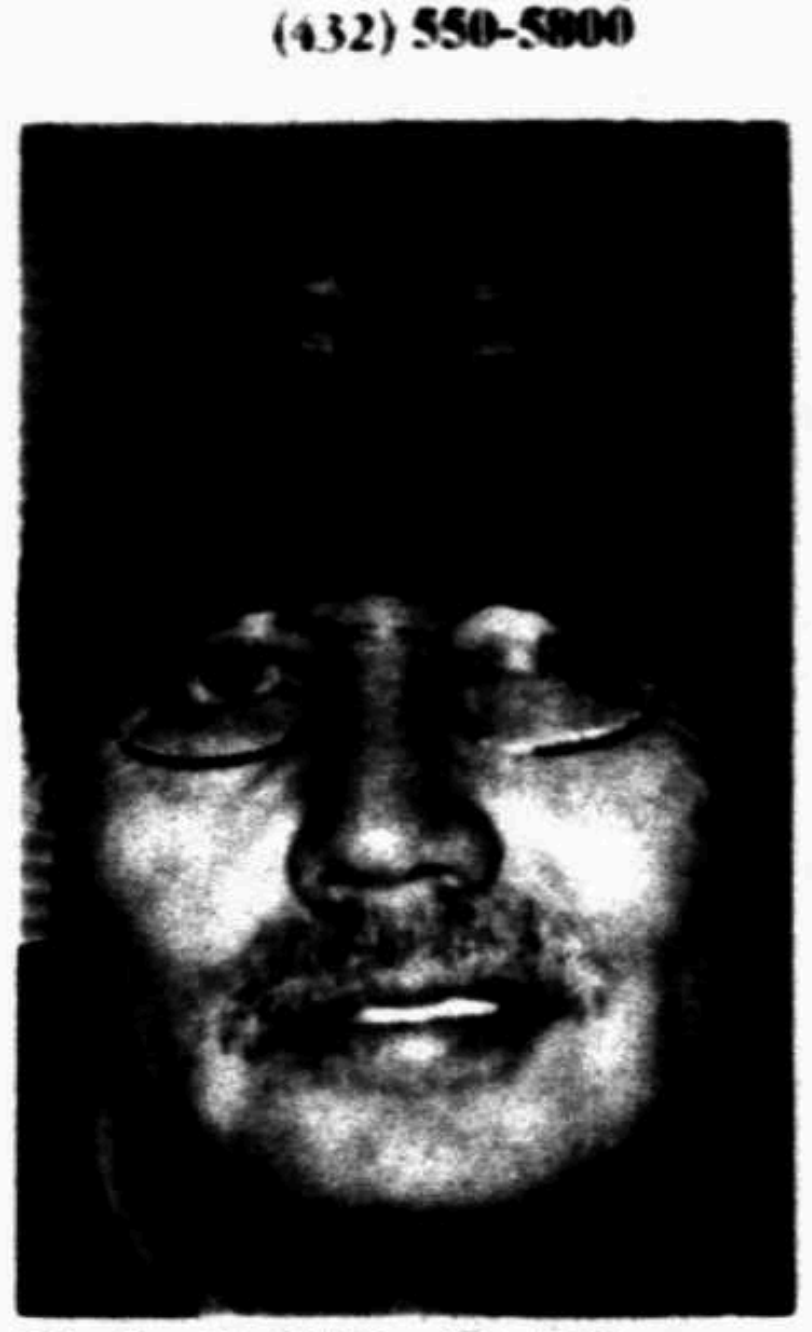

Gabriel R. Subia "Gavy"

Gabriel R. Subia "Gavy", 59, of Midland, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Midland. A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland, with Rev. Edward DeLeon, OMI, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Pallbearers will be Alex Subia, Ricky Subia, Jonathan Subia, Paul Lozano III, Paul Lozano Jr., and Pablo Gay.

Gavy was born October 4, 1951, to Azucena "Susie" and Jose Subia, in Midland. He was a retired machinist. Gavy was a very generous man, who was loved by many. He enjoyed volunteering his precious time, and sharing his knowledge and skills. Making everyone laugh was his favorite thing to do. He also enjoyed spending quality time with his wife by dining out, and watching old movies. He also enjoyed bar-b-queing with friends and family, spending time with his grandchildren, and collecting many different antiques. He will surely be missed!

Survivors include his wife, Suki Subia; daughters, Anna Subia-Gay and Christy Subia-Lozano; and son, Jesse Subia; mother, Azucena "Susie" Subia of Midland; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Subia.

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Hazel Valeria "Val" Late

Hazel Valeria "Val" Late, died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at her home in Dallas.

Val was born July 17, 1914, in Honey Grove, Texas, to James Albert Jones and Mattie Lee Lucy Wiley Jones. She graduated from Honey Grove High School, and then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she graduated from Tulsa Business College in 1934. She married Frank Marr Late in Tulsa on October 15, 1936. They were married for 66 years before Mr. Late's death in 2002. During their marriage they lived in Claremore, Oklahoma, and San Angelo, Texas, prior to moving to Dallas in 1970. While in Dallas, Val particularly enjoyed her many years of service as a member of the Executive Board of SMU's Dedman College. She was also a member of Park Cities Baptist Church, the Preston Hollow Reviewers, and Brook Hollow County Club, where she was active in the Women's Golf Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and three siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Late McMillan and husband, Richard of Midland, Texas; four grandchildren, Kirstin Gillespie and husband, Adam of Basalt, Colorado, Lindsay Powers and husband, Harris of Greenwood, Mississippi, Richard McMillan II and wife, Larkin of Forth Worth, Texas, and Emily McMillan, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; five great-grandchildren, Lilly Gillespie, Arbor Gillespie, Charles Powers, James Powers, and Sarah Mitchell McMillan; and one sister, Peggy Stonecipher of Mannford, Oklahoma.

Following a family burial service, a memorial celebrating Val's life will be held at Park Cities Baptist Church in the Ellis Chapel, 3933 NW Parkway, with Dr. Jack Martin, Minister of Pastoral Care, officiating at 1:30 p.m. on May 18, 2011, with a reception following in the Ellis Parlor.

Val's family would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful caregivers who supported her in her last years: Verdell Moore, Rolanda Wilson, Leslie Blankenship, Addie Carroll, Brenda Dodd, Beverly Selman, Wynona Moore, Faye Stephens, Rev. Andrew O. Carroll, Minta Carroll-Walker and Sonia Tolbert.

Memorials can be made to The Val Late Memorial Fund, SMU, P. O. Box 281, Dallas, Texas 75275-0281, Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75225, Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland, Dallas, Texas 75218 or a charity of choice.

Janet Florer

Janet Florer, 69, of Midland, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2011. A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2011, at the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Janet was born September 9, 1941, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She grew up in Sioux City, Iowa. She graduated in 1959 from Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City and attended Iowa State University. Janet worked as a flight attendant for Braniff International from 1962 to 1965. Braniff terminated her employment on Janet's wedding day, September 4, 1965, because Braniff had a policy that stated female employees could not work as flight attendants and be married. She lived in Dallas from 1962 until 1977, when she moved to Midland.

Janet was a member of St. Ann's Altar Society, since 1982, serving as the president from 1989 to 1990. She was also a member of St. Ann's school board and served as co-chair for the annual family fair in 1982. She was a Midland Memorial Hospital auxiliary member from 1985 to 2004, serving as treasurer from 1987 to 1989, and president from 1990 to 1991. She worked 7,118 hours in Midland Memorial Hospital's gift shop. She also walked over 25,000 miles as a mall walker. She was also a CASA advocate.

Survivors include husband, Neil Florer of Midland; children, Timothy Florer and wife, Sharrianna and granddaughter, Robin, all of Austin, Thomas Florer of San Antonio, Dr. Christine Florer of Austin, and Robert Florer and wife, Mary and grandsons, Zachery and Kyle, all of Bridge City, Texas, and Jesse Smelser of Dallas; sisters, Shirley Tramp of Dakota City, Nebraska, Wanda Smelser of Sioux City, Iowa, and Cyndi Miller of Spirit Lake, Iowa; numerous nieces and nephews; and the family dog, Choco, who slept by Janet's side during her entire illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Smelser and sisters, Jeri Spars and Diane Churchill.

A special thanks to the St. Ann's care and share group for their support during this difficult time. Also, special thanks to Janet's many friends of all faiths who prayed for her.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Buffalo Trail Council, BSA, Endowment Fund, 1101 W Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701, or the St. Ann's School Endowment Fund, 1901 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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Marvin Theodore Carlsen

Born 2/15/1917

Died 5/12/2011 of complications from COPD and heart disease.

He was born on the "Home Ranch", Petaluma, California, to Martin Danklef Carlsen and Teresa Ockaline Petersen Carlsen, emigrants from the Friesian Island of Fohr.

He attended Bloomfield Grammar School and graduated from Tomales High School in 1936. In the summer of 1937, he began his love of geology, spending three summers mining for gold in the Trinity Alps of Northern California. During the winters, when the snow was too deep, he worked at the Chevrolet plant in East Oakland. Following this period, he secured a Civil Service job, working for the Navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Due to health problems, he returned to California just five weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor. After working a short time at Richmond shipyard, he enlisted in the Army Signal Corps in Fort Logan, Colorado. He attended several radio schools, the last one in Port Arthur, Texas, where, on a blind date, he met his future wife, Mildred Musick. After serving four years in the WWII European Theater, England, France, and Germany, he returned to Texas. He and Mildred were married June 21, 1946, in Port Arthur. He attended UC Berkeley, Lamar Jr College in Beaumont, and then graduated from UT Austin. He and Mildred were transferred to Midland in 1955. He also attended Sul Ross in Alpine for his graduate's degree.

He was a member of First Baptist Church since 1957, the West Texas Geological Society, and Midland Gem & Mineral Society. He taught Science and Math for 13 years in the MISD, and worked many years as a staff geologist for several oil companies.

Preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Iver, Fred, and Henry.

Survived by the love of his life, wife Mildred, married 64 years; daughters, Andrea Harris of Midland, Laura Yates (Earl) of Shepherdsville, Ky, and Donna Cahill (Andre) of Garland, Tx; sons, Charles Michael Carlsen of Mont Belvieu, Tx, and Stephen Carlsen (Alice) of Plano, Tx; grandchildren, Adrienne Ward, Augusta, Ga., Melissa and Stephanie Carlsen, Plano, Neal and Katie Budge, Dallas, and Joseph and Sarah Yates, Shepherdsville, Ky; also survived by sister Anna Barbee, Petaluma, Ca; sister-in-law, Virginia Musick, Austin, Tx; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the Salvation Army of Midland, to Cal Farley's, P O Box 1890, Amarillo, Tx 79174, or to the charity of one's choice.

The memorial service will be Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, with reception to follow in the parlor.

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Minnie Lee Williams

Minnie Lee Williams, 89, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2011 (Mother's Day) at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born to Annie Bell and Charlie Brown on January 1, 1922. Minnie married Thomas Williams from Caldwell and later moved to Midland.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Annie Bell; her father, Charlie Brown; daughters, Annie Scrokengost and Maddie Whittley. She is survived by 8 children, Leonard Williams (Dallas, TX); Lula Chambers (Midland, TX); Nathan Williams (Midland, TX); Loy Willis Williams (Portland, OR); Thomas Williams (Mansville, TX); David Williams (Midland, TX); Bessie Eaden (Fort Worth); and Steven L. Williams (Fort Worth, TX); 250 grandchildren, 150 great-grandchildren and 100 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702A S. Terrell St., Midland, 79701. Funeral services will be held at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday, May 17th at True Life Christian Fellowship, Midland, TX with the Rev. William Palmer officiating and internment will be held at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Death Notices

Adam "Popcorn" Yanez

Adam "Popcorn" Yanez, 56, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Lubbock.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; one son, Chris Yanez; four daughters, Melissa Crawford, Nicole Smith (Derrick), Alesha Yanez and Desiree Yanez; three brothers; two sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carol L. Smith

Carol L. Smith, 51, of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include her life partner, Franklin Kirby; and three sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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From 1B

"I don't want to deal with symbolism and ideology. I'm more focused on making sure that my constituents are not hurt, and I'll do my best to minimize the damage to our education, health care and public safety," Hinojosa said.

Besides being the only Democrats on the budget conference committee, Hinojosa and Turner are the only minorities — Hinojosa is Hispanic, and Turner is African-American. Because the budget affects education programs key to the success of a growing population, including pre-kindergarten and Texas Grants, it's worth mentioning some figures highlighted by my colleague, Gary Scharrer, who notes the new Texas is reflected in our children's faces.

The number of white children attending Texas public schools peaked in the 1997-98 school year, back when George W. Bush was governor. Since then, the number of Hispanic children enrolled in public schools has increased by more than 1 million, to nearly 2.5 million. During the same time, the number of white children declined by 212,152, according to the Texas Education Agency, to 1.5 million.

The trend is expected to continue, leading demographer Steve Murdock to tell lawmakers earlier this year, "It's basically over for Anglos."

Except, of course, for things like the budget conference committee.

Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, said a measure he filed to give fired Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach permission to sue the school for monetary damages appears to be dead.

But a request for an attorney general's legal opinion that stemmed from Leach's case is still very much alive. It centers on whether lawmakers should have authority over university funds derived from private sources, such as athletic supporter contributions and athletic event gate receipts.

The request was prompted when Tech invoked sovereign immunity — which protects the state from lawsuits unless legislative permission is given — in legal action brought by Leach over his employment contract.

The opinion request from House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, and local and consent calendars Chairwoman Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, said a majority of the funds in the employment contract are derived from "purely private sources."

Since the university asserted the state protection against lawsuits, they asked whether that private revenue be subject to state appropriation authority.

Eiland, who asked the committee chairs to request the opinion, said athletic programs are "huge revenue boosters" for universities. He said he doesn't want to take away their ability to build successful programs, but he wants clarification "to protect the integrity of our state institutions and the contracts they sign with employees, vendors, and even huge television networks like ESPN."

"I don't want to get into appropriating the football budget or the basketball budget or coaches' salaries, but I think it's an issue we need to look at," he said.

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SISSOM

From 1B

while I was in college, she got a dream job in North Carolina and moved away.

She found me on Facebook and also became a "fan" of my professional page, where columns I write often are placed. After reading a number of them — many which focus on the random and not-so-random acts of kindness found in the generous hearts of Midlanders — she was impressed with our city.

"Hearing about Midland's heart makes me want to meet the people," she posted beneath a recent column about Midlanders reaching out to a veteran.

So that's when I invited Nancy for a visit, and she eagerly accepted.

There are also former love interests to be found (or not) on Facebook. Three former boyfriends now are my Facebook friends. One of them and I even discussed the possibility of rekindling an old flame. When we spoke on the phone in December, it seemed like that decade between us had never passed. My ex-husband's sister-in-law also is on my list of friends, as is my brother-in-law's sister-in-law. While I am particular about who I add to the list, there also are three people I've never personally met. Among them is an American journalist living in Turkey.

Sometimes, it can all seem kind of weird. For example, I get daily glimpses into the lives of some former college professors, my favorite of whom just recently retired.

Despite the weirdness of it all, goodness comes out of our modern-day abilities to reconnect with people.

Nancy's never been to this part of the country, and is looking forward to meeting Midlanders and taking a road trip to New Mexico.

Will we still click after all these years? We'll see come August. But I have reason to believe it will almost be like 24 years never passed.

Shanna Sissom can be reached at ssissom@mrt.com.

LITTER

From 1B

dinator Catarina Almaguer-Nava said she'll work to get cleanup groups outside to remedy the issues.

On Briarwood Avenue, she said the site recently was adopted and volunteers already have been emailed about the need.

Other areas, such as the grass around Midland Airpark, have long been adopted by an organization, and Womack said they'll remind volunteers to attend to their designated lot to spruce up the plot if they're able.

She said in addition to the high winds and dry grass, the city also has grown, which they anticipate has contributed to the amount of litter being seen.

In 2010, Midland scored a 1.6 on the Community Appearance Index, down from 1.8 in 2009. Womack said they'll have scores tallied later this week. Although they certainly don't want to see the number increase, she said they'll be ready with volunteers and educational material to address the issue if it has gone up.

"We've got a bigger community," Womack said. "We know that, and that's why we keep asking people to please come out and help with our cleanups and to volunteer throughout the year if they possibly can and to not litter."

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

Irving ISD to stop using church for graduation

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Dallas-area district has decided to stop renting a nondenominational megachurch for high school graduation amid concerns about separation of church and state.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas raised questions about use of The Potter's House.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that the Irving school district in 2012 will no longer use the church led by Bishop T.D. Jakes.

The district, since 2004, has held its graduation ceremony at the worship facility and event center, which seats several thousand people.

Next month's graduation ceremony will go on as planned at The Potter's House. Leasing the complex will cost the district nearly $65,000 for the venue, parking and video streaming.

School official Lane Ladewig says the district is not promoting religion.

Galveston to help fund $24M hurricane 'safe room'

Associated Press

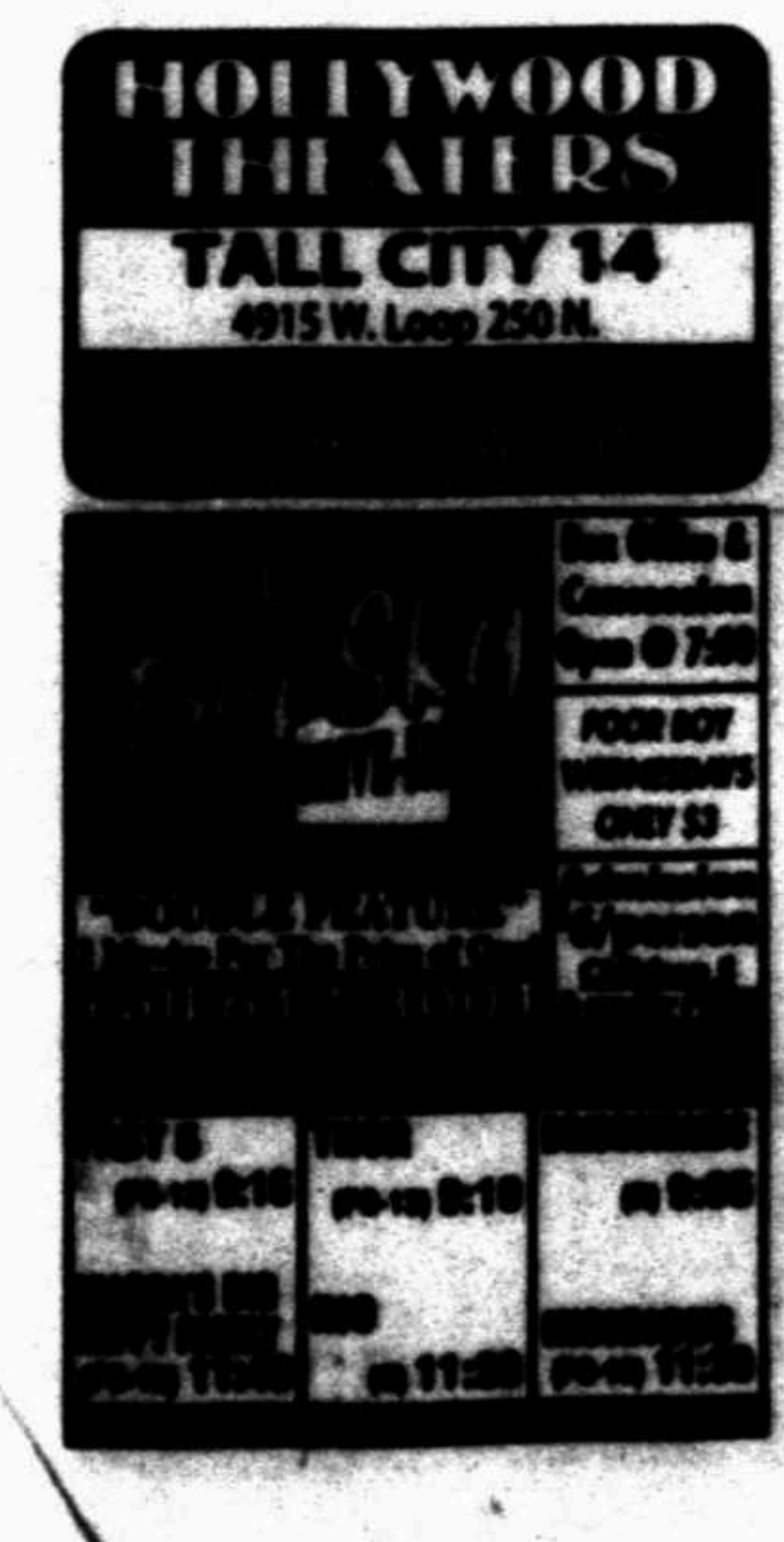
GALVESTON — Galveston leaders will consider designs for a $24 million "safe room" to protect emergency responders staying behind if another storm like Hurricane Ike hits.

Landry's Restaurants Inc. owns a hotel where officials and first responders usually stay. Mayor Joe Jaworski says the city can't rely on a hotel complex in a big storm.

City council members May 26 are expected to consider a design for a concrete structure to house about 600 personnel.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that the design cost is nearly $3 million. A state grant would pay 75 percent. The University of Texas Medical Branch and the city would pay the rest. Other costs, including annual operating funds, would be paid in part by federal grants.

Ike caused $29 billion in damage in 2008.



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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Special (N)		Dancing Results (N)		Body of Proof "Broken Home" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Pyramid" (SF) (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Familia" (SF) (N)		Good Wife "Closing Argument" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman Marin Short, Tinie Tempah		(:35) LateLate
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	One Tree Hill (N)		Hellcats "I'm Sick Y'all" (SF) (N)		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee "Funeral" (N)		Raising Hope (N)	Traffic Light (N)	The Simpsons	Mother "Miracles"	Met Your Mother	Raymond	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Parasites"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. Hollisa Alewine	Update News	Rico Cortes	La Luz del Suroeste				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	The Biggest Loser A last weigh in determines who the finalists will be (N)				The Voice "The Battles, Round 2" (N)		News West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno Ryan Seacrest		(:35) Late Night (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		S.Dead "The World's Biggest Bomb" (N)		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic"		Independent Lens (N)		Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Cuando me Enamoro		Teresa		El Triunfo de tu Amor				Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Noctu.	Para Volver a Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Lyrics (N)	Lyrics (N)	My News	Access H.	Earl	FamilyG	Enthus'm	Entour.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) ★★ Focus		★★★ Emma ('96, Rom) Gwyneth Paltrow.				(:05) ★★★★ Courtship			★★★ The Others		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) The Fourth ...		How to Train Your Dragon			(:45) 1stLook	Real Sports (N)		Game of Thrones		Cinema Verite	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) The Door in...		★★★ It's Complicated Meryl Streep.				Bill Maher		Jonah Hex Josh Brolin.			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Treme		★★ The Best Man ('99, Rom) Taye Diggs.				Capadocia		(:15) Capadocia			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) The Hangover		(:15) ★★★ The Losers				★★ Catwoman Halle Berry.			(:45) Femme Fatales		Zane
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Cocktail ('88, Dra) Tom Cruise.				Predators Adrien Brody.			(:50) Life Top	(:20) ★★★ Running Scared Billy Crystal.			
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★★ Dogtown and Z-Boys				★★ I Am Sam ('01, Dra) Sean Penn.				(:20) ★★ Biloxi Blues Matthew Broderick.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★★ The Back-Up Plan Jennifer Lopez.				Nurse J.	United St	Nurse J.	United St	Diary	★★ I Hate Valentine's Day		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Night of the...		The City of Your Final Destination				Holy Rollers Jesse Eisenberg.			★★ The Brothers Bloom		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Out of the Past/ Feud"		The First 48 "Girl Fight/ Blink of an Eye"		The First 48 "Body of Evidence"		The First 48 "Night Out/ One Gram"		The First 48		The First 48 "Girl Fight/ Blink of an Eye"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) The Chronic...		★★ The Matrix Reloaded ('03, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.						★★ The Matrix Reloaded Keanu Reeves.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★★ Honey ('03, Dra) Jessica Alba.				Toya (N)	Toya	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams (N)	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Pregnant in Heels		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Pregnant in Heels (N)		Pregnant in Heels		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Ford: Rebuilding		60 Minutes		60 Minutes		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Swords Life on Line		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(:05) GoodL	GoodLuck	★★★ High School Musical Zac Efron.				GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) Sports	NBA Countdown (L)		Lottery	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live	Round (N)	30 for 30 "The U"				Baseball Tonight (L)		Sports	Round	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Cupcake "Ice House"		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Challenge		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	UTSA Football	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox Site: U.S. Cellular Field -- Chicago, Ill. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Final Score	Mavericks Insider	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½ Men	2 1/2 Men	★★ Max Payne ('08, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				★★ Max Payne ('08, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				Premonition	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	HouseH	House	Property	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Only in America		Only in America (N)		States Shapes (N)		Earth Made		Only in America	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers "Psychic Pickings"		American Pickers "One Pony Town"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Old Christine
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Brainsg.	Sponge	WifeKids	WifeKids	Chris	Chris	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	RepoGame	RepoGame	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	RepoGame	Auction	WaysDie	WaysDie
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) The Rockete...		★★ The Golden Compass ('07, Fant) Nicole Kidman.					★★★ Dawn of the Dead ('04, Hor) Sarah Polley.				
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Office "Mafia"	The Office	The Office	The Office	Office "Murder"	The Office	Conan Norm MacDonald		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Some of Best "1944"		★★★★ National Velvet Elizabeth Taylor.				(:15) ★★★ International Velvet Tatum O'Neal.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Aurora		Herederos del monte		La Reina Del Sur		Noticiero	El Cartel		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	The World's Fattest Man "Eating to Death"		600 Pound Mom		Half-Ton Mom		Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	600 Pound Mom		Half-Ton Mom	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Woman in the Car"		Bones "The Superhero in the Alley"		Bones "The Pinocchio in the Planter"		Bones "The Woman in the Garden"		CSI: NY "Death House"		CSI: NY "Second Chances"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family	All Family	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:35) Raymnd	(:10) Rose	(:40) Rose	(:15) Rose.	(:50) Rose
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Bang"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confidential"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unstable"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Wannabe"		Law & Order: C.I. "Boots on the Ground"		CSI: Crime Scene "Spellbound"	
VERSUS	38	39				Pre-game	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					H. Central	AdvSport	UCI Cycling		WEC WrekCage	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Christine "Friends"	Christine "Frasier"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

PRISONS

From 1B

"It's no different than in the free world," said Dr. Owen Murray, chief physician and vice president of offender services for the University of Texas Medical Branch, which provides most of the state's prison medical care. "They're more expensive because they have more medical needs."

Legislators this session considered a bill that would have required release of certain elderly and sick inmates to community settings, such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Outside prison, many inmates would qualify for Medicaid, lessening the state's financial burden.

The legislation died after failing to make the recent calendar deadline. But lawmakers grapple with the issue every session. Inmates are constitutionally entitled to receive medical care, so states must balance the quality of care with its cost.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said he would like to see prison space freed up for more dangerous criminals and the cost savings used for law enforcement.

"We certainly need to continue to be sensitive and smart about who becomes old and invalid and doesn't pose a public danger," Whitmire said. "In times of fiscal concern, we're spending $1 million or more on inmates who can't get out of bed or are really sick individuals. It's just nuts."

Research shows that most elderly offenders experience an average of three chronic illnesses while incarcerated. Among the most common are arthritis, hypertension, ulcers, heart attacks, diabetes, hepatitis C and cancer, according to the National Institute of Corrections.

Many prisons are not properly equipped to care for the elderly, said Robert Aday, a professor at Middle Tennessee State University and author of a book on aging prisoners. Some states group them in special needs facilities or in centralized geriatric wings to reduce medical costs and to protect them from the general population, he said.

"The sheer numbers are overwhelming them," Aday said. "A convergence of trends, including enhanced sentencing, more prisons built, and the graying of American people, it's created this crisis."

The Estelle Unit in Huntsville has a 60-bed geriatric unit where 79-year-old Raymond Palen has been housed for four years. He has diabetes, heart problems and arthritis. He moves around with the help of a walker and takes up to nine medications every day.

Palen describes the wing as the "old man's home." Some inmates are in wheelchairs; some need oxygen tanks, he said.

He's seen inmates die in the wing. He has three years left on a 20-year sentence for sexual assault.

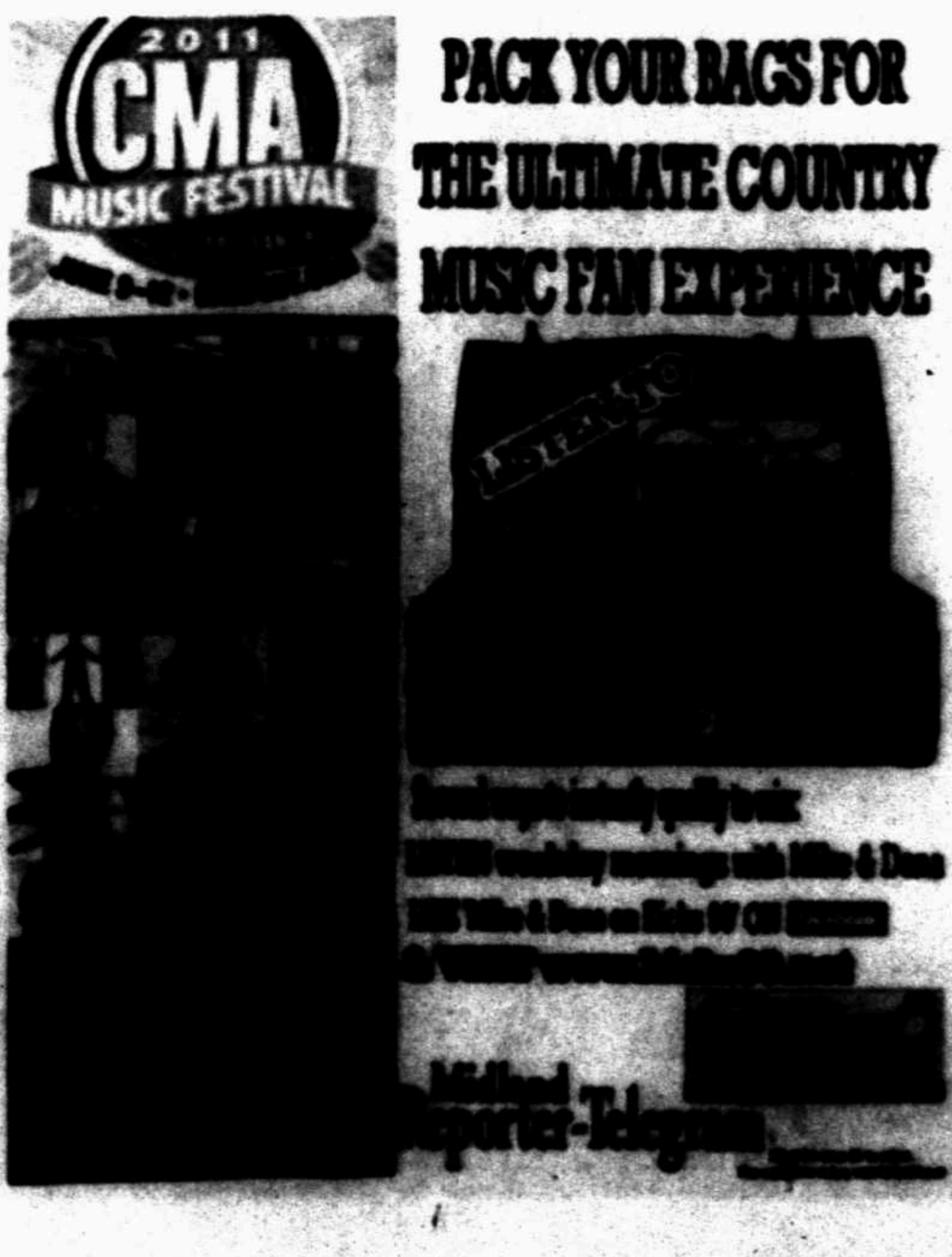
Some states have turned to compassionate release and medical parole programs as way to cut costs. But national statistics show that medical parole programs are under-used, Aday said.

In Texas, more than 1,000 offenders are identified each year as being eligible for medical parole, according to a Legislative Budget Board report. About a third of those are processed and presented to the state parole board, which approves 25 percent of those cases each year. Since 1991, 1,287 offenders have been released under the program — about 64 prisoners per year, the report said.

The referral and review process for medical parole can be so long and complicated that many inmates die before their case goes to the parole board. In 2009, for example, 74 inmates died waiting for their case to be reviewed, the report said.

Inmates are referred for medical release mostly by physicians based on diagnosis and medical condition. The Texas Correctional Office for Offenders with Mental or Medical Impairments screens the referrals and presents recommendations to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Among the criteria are current diagnosis, diagnosis at admission, life expectancy, mobility and criminal history. The majority of medical releases are for inmates who are terminally ill or need long term care, said Dee Wilson, director of the correctional office. Elderly inmates are rarely approved because a large percentage of them are in prison for committing sexual assaults and other violent crimes, Wilson said.



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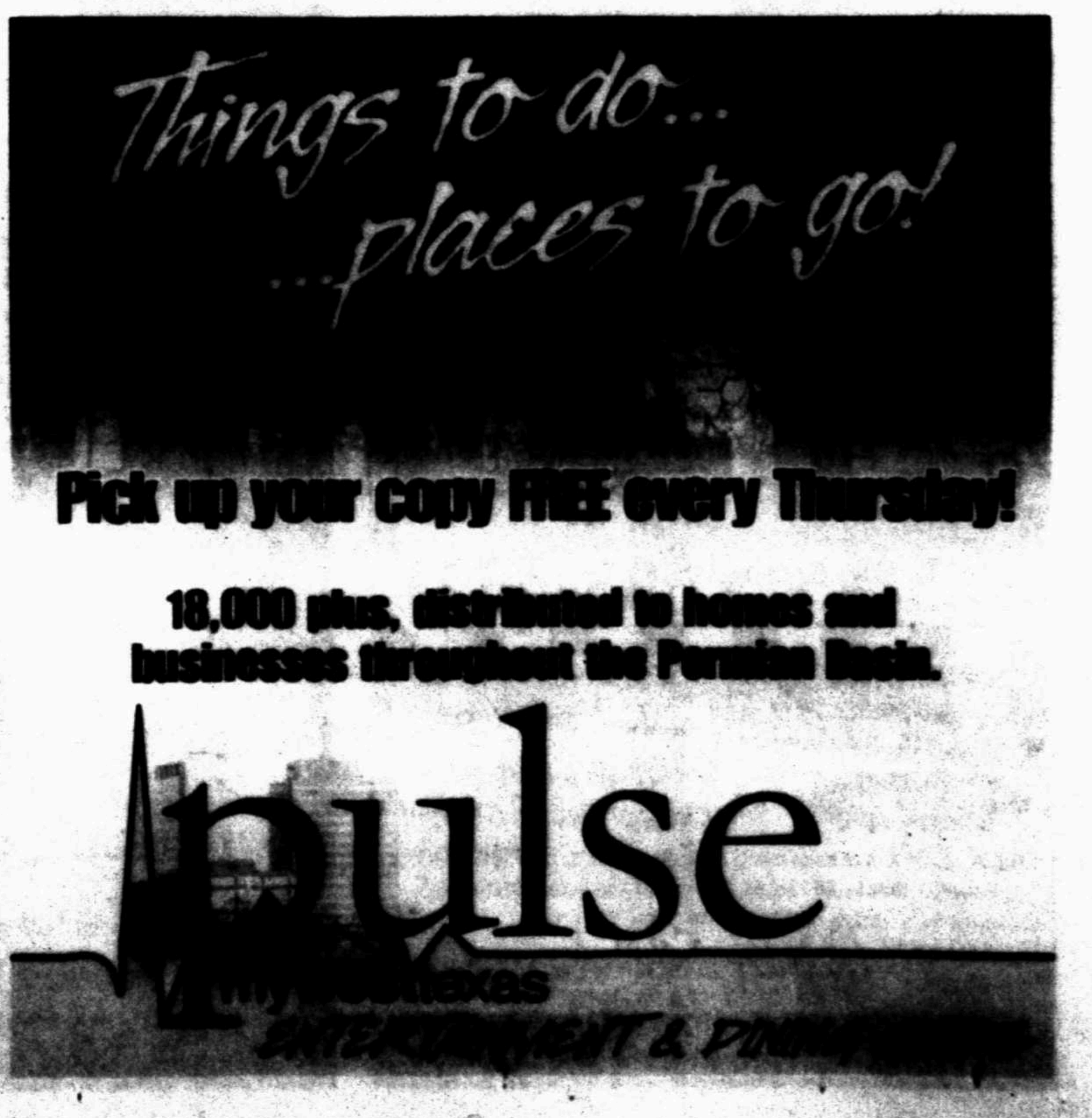

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AUSTIN

House, Senate negotiators stumped on education

House and Senate negotiators have reached a compromise on almost all parts of the next two-year state budget.

The biggest part, education spending, remains to be solved.

Lawmakers are in a race to reach an agreement on the spending plan before the session adjourns on May 30. The votes late Thursday showed significant progress, though much work remains.

Sen. Steve Ogden, the Senate's lead budget writer, said he hopes an agreement on education can be reached by the end of the week.

The agreement underfunds projected growth in Medicaid by almost $4.8 billion.

RIO GRANDE CITY

Border agents seize pot, parrot in weekend busts

U.S. border agents amassed a ton-and-a-half of marijuana in seizures during the weekend along the far southern stretch of the Rio Grande — but there was more.

A U.S. Border Patrol statement issued Monday says agents patrolling the U.S. shore Friday night scared a group of suspected smugglers into the bushes, leaving behind a black trash bag. Inside the bag was a beer box, concealing an Amazon parrot.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jorge H. Arredondo, 27, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Raoul Jaymes Gomez, 19, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Kenneth Carson Gore, 34, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Santos A. Monje-Mora, 30, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Teacher allegedly had sex with 5 students

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A suburban North Texas high school teacher has been accused of having sex with five 18-year-old students at her home and was released on bond Monday.

Brittni Nicole Colleps, an English teacher at Kennedale High School, is charged with five counts of having an inappropriate relationship between a student and teacher — a second-degree felony. It is a criminal offense for teachers to have sex with a primary or secondary school student, no matter the student's age. A conviction carries a penalty of anywhere from two years to 20 years in prison per count.

The Arlington woman was booked into the city jail after turning herself in Monday morning and posted a $125,000 bond for her release that afternoon, police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard told the Associated Press.

A telephone message left at Colleps' home was not returned.

Authorities allege Colleps, 27, had sex with the students at her home over the past two months. Arlington authorities began investigating the allegations after hearing about them from school staff and Kennedale police on May 11.

During the investigation, Arlington detectives learned that Colleps and students had exchanged text messages that included sexually explicit pictures, Richard said. Students also told detectives of having sex at the teacher's home.

Kennedale school Superintendent Gary Dugger told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that school officials learned about it Tuesday night and by Wednesday afternoon had gone to police.

Tarrant County records show Colleps has been married for seven years, the Star-Telegram reported.

Aside from being a first-year English teacher, Colleps coached the freshman girls' basketball team.

She was placed on paid administrative leave until the end of the school year, said Mike Leasor, attorney for the Kennedale school system. Colleps had resigned her teaching contract in April, before the scandal came to light, Leasor said.

Kennedale is a town of about 7,300 residents near Arlington eight miles southeast of Fort Worth. The high school has about 3,200 students.

Texas House passes final version of voter ID bill

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House passed hotly debated legislation Monday requiring voters to show photo identification before casting ballots, sending to Gov. Rick Perry's desk a measure he declared an "emergency" item for the legislative session.

The 98-46 vote adhered to party lines, with Republicans largely saying the measure is necessary to prevent voter fraud and Democrats countering that it could make it harder for the state's poor and minority voters to go to the polls.

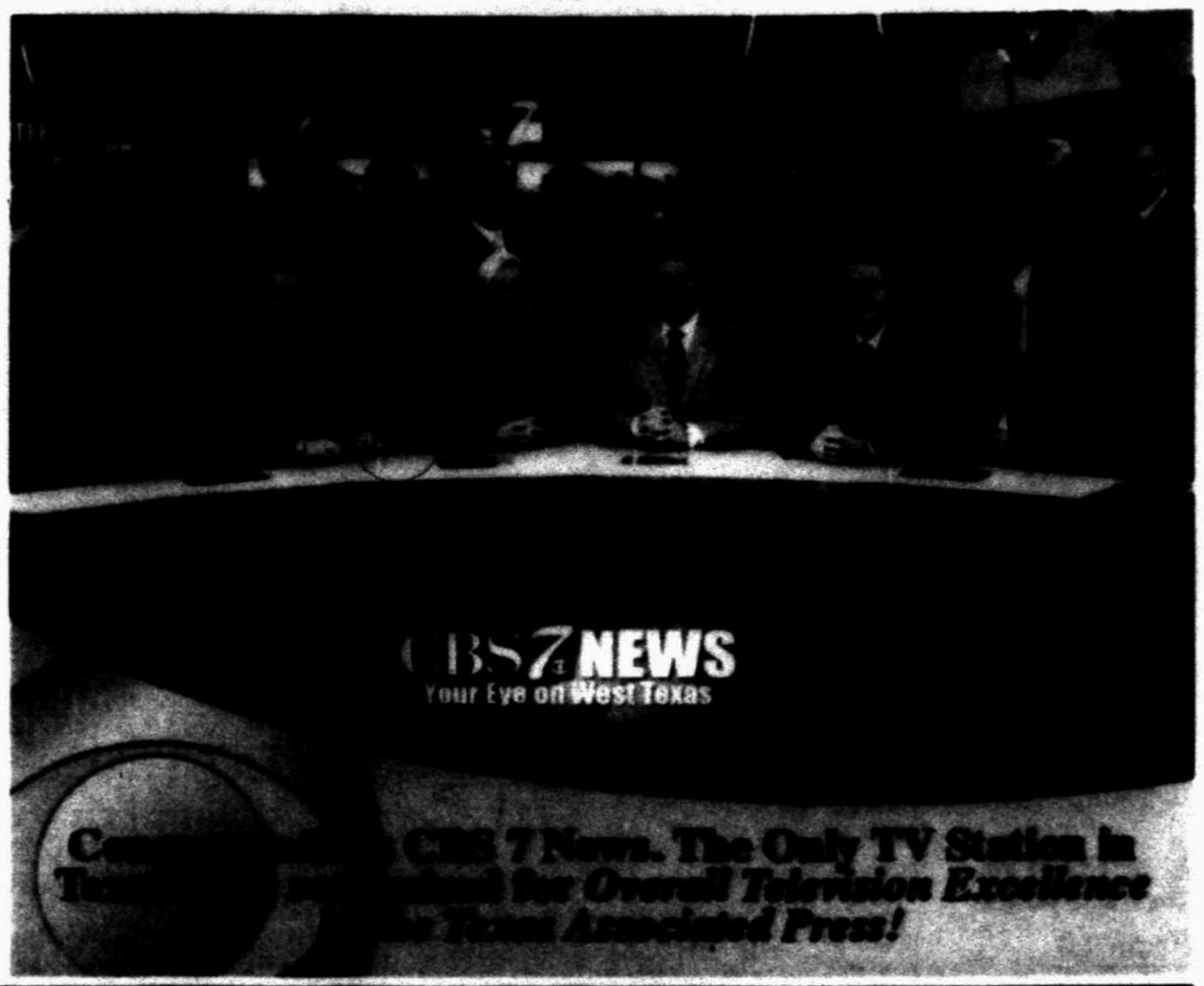
Perry's signature will mark a victory for Republicans on an issue that has split along partisan lines for years. It requires voters to present a valid state or federal photo ID. A driver's license, personal ID card, military ID, passport or concealed handgun permit would be accepted.

Republicans pushed a voter ID bill through the Senate in 2009, but it stalled in the House in the final weeks of that session. Senate Republicans again got the bill through that chamber back in January.

The Senate and House had already approved similar versions of the bill and spent the last month working out a compromise on minor provisions. The last version approved by the Senate last week and the House on Monday allows the state to issue free IDs to be used specifically for voting if someone does not have another acceptable form of identification.

Those expected to require new IDs are mostly people who have religious objections to having their picture taken or have lost their IDs in a natural disaster. Voters without IDs could cast provisional ballots but would have to show identification within six days to have their votes counted.

The proposal also makes illegal voting a second-degree felony.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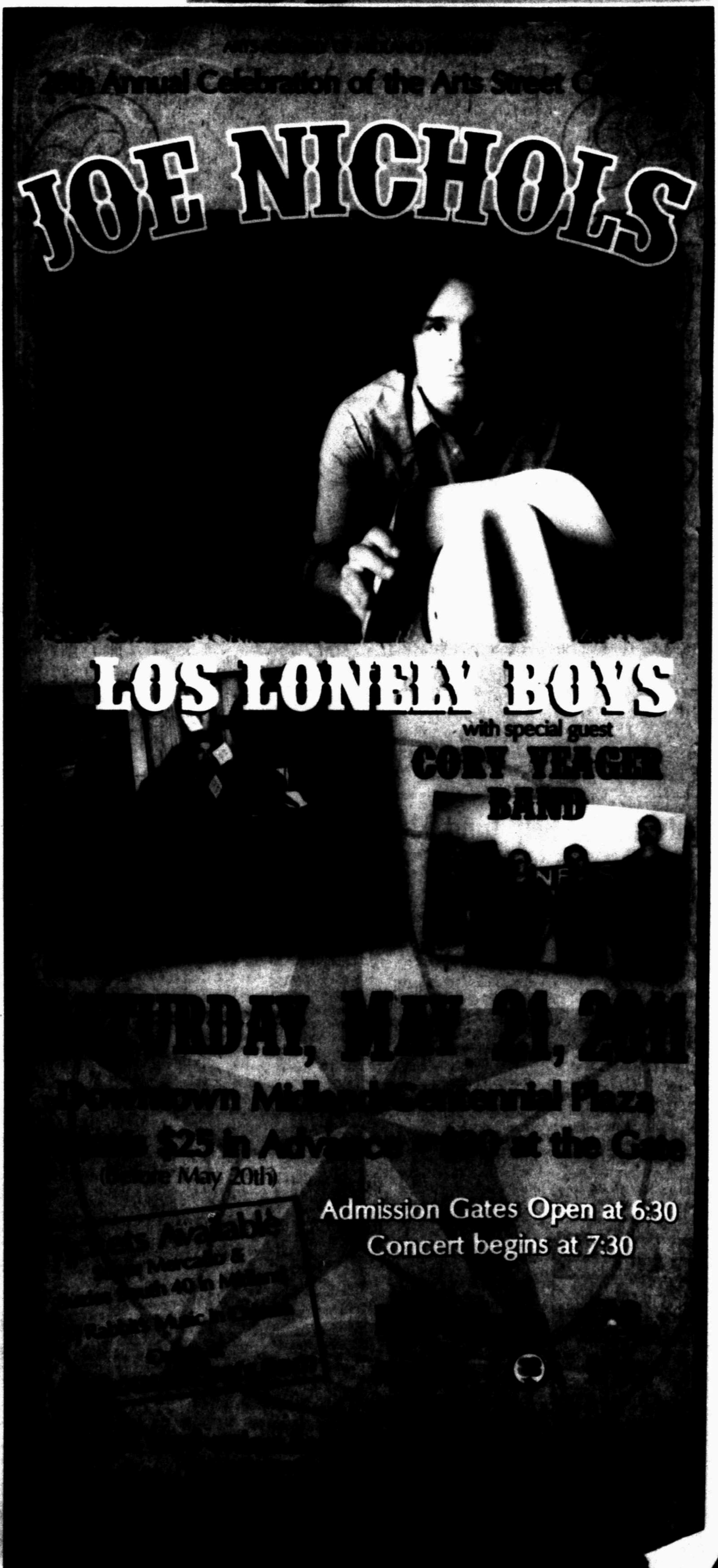
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Endeavour leaves Earth for last time

Giffords says launch is 'Good stuff'

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Sitting in a wheelchair atop NASA's launch control center with other astronaut families, wounded congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords watched her husband launch into space Monday aboard space shuttle Endeavour. And she smiled.

Gabrielle Giffords: Arizona congresswoman was victim of assassination attempt in Tucson on Jan. 8.

Inside Endeavour somewhere is a handwritten personal note she wrote the shuttle commander, her husband Mark Kelly.

The handful of shuttle watchers, including Giffords' nurse, were mostly quiet as Endeavour took flight. It's hard to hear amid the roar of the spacecraft.

Then Giffords said, "Good stuff, good stuff," according to the congresswoman's aide.

Kelly took her wedding ring into space, which he has done on past flights. But this time she wanted something back: his ring to stay on Earth. She had it around her neck on a silver chain from an Arizona jewelry store that included a heart and an Arizona map.

"Relief was her biggest feeling," chief of staff Pia Carusone said in a post-launch press conference. "She was very proud. She's always proud of Mark.

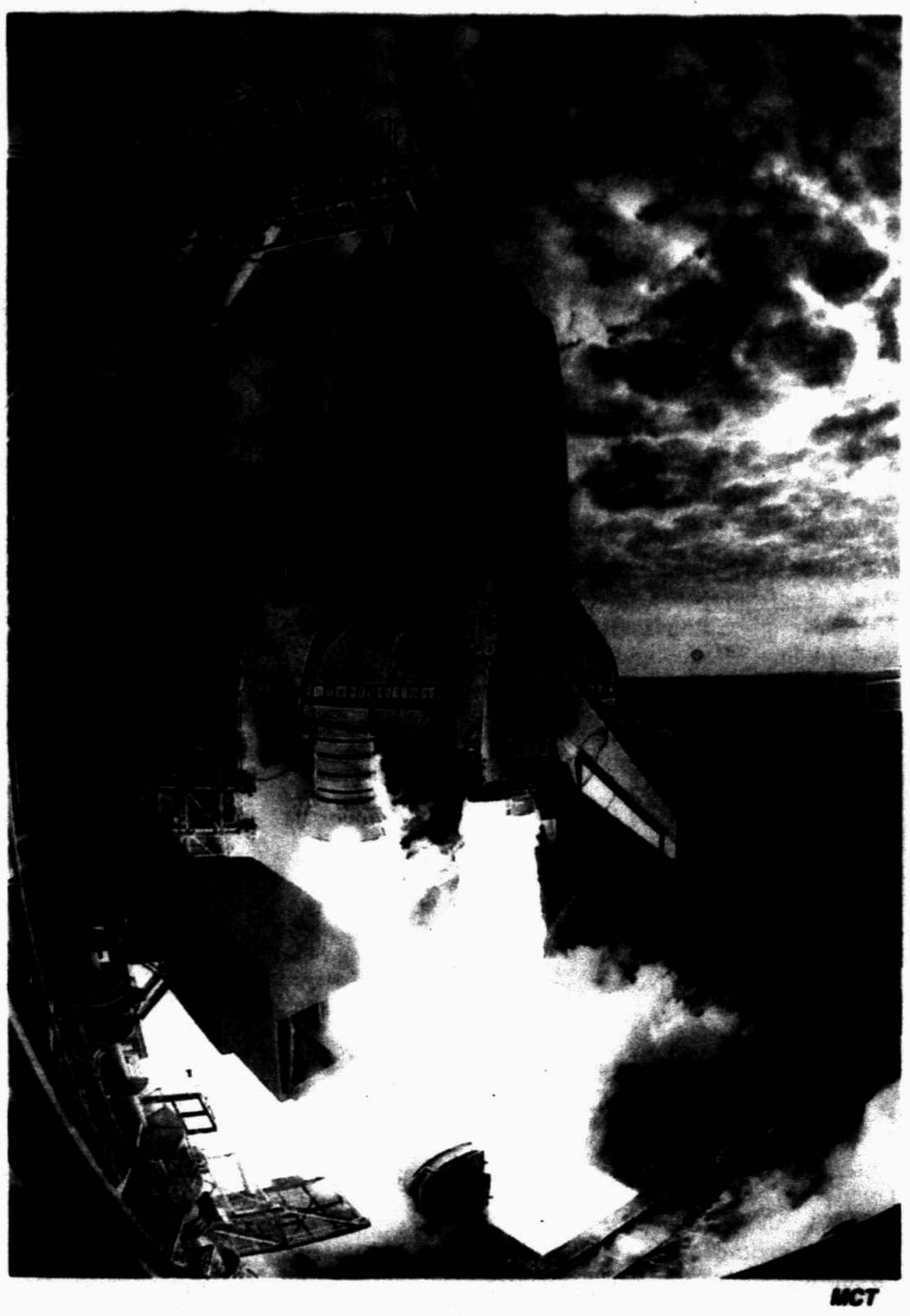
"There were hugs around," Carusone said. "It was very celebratory among the families."

After liftoff, Kelly's identical twin Scott gave red tulips to Giffords and a red rose to his brother's two daughters.

There were no photos. Astronauts' families watch liftoff in private.

During the 16-day mission, Giffords will provide two wake-up songs dedicated to Kelly and she will talk to him in a video conference from Houston. She headed back to Houston hours after the launch to return to the rehabilitation center where she is staying.

The Arizona congresswoman was wounded in an assassination attempt in her hometown of Tucson on Jan. 8. Six people were killed, and 12 others were wounded. Kept out of the public eye since then, Giffords has weakness on her right side, and difficulty speaking.



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Space shuttle Endeavour, STS-134, blasts off Monday on its historic 25th, and final flight, from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Key facts about space shuttle Endeavour:

- Youngest of the three surviving space shuttles
- Replaced Challenger, destroyed during liftoff in 1986
- Named for ship commanded by British explorer James Cook
- First launch on May 7, 1992, for satellite capture and repair mission
- External fuel tank repaired from Hurricane Katrina damage
- Next home: California Science Center in Los Angeles

Key facts about Endeavour's last mission:

- Commanded by Mark Kelly, husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords
- 25th and final flight; second last of 30-year shuttle program
- Six-man crew, all veteran space fliers. Five Americans, one Italian
- 16-day mission; lands on June 1
- Four spacewalks, the last conducted by a shuttle crew
- Carrying spare parts for International Space Station
- Delivering $2 billion particle physics experiment

Source: Associated Press

Shuttle program winds down with 2nd-to-last trip

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

> "It is in the DNA of our great country to reach for the stars and explore. We must not stop.
>
> — **MARK KELLY**
> Mission commander

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Endeavour blasted off on NASA's next-to-last shuttle flight, thundering through clouds into orbit Monday morning as the mission commander's wounded wife, Gabrielle Giffords, watched along with an exhilarated crowd estimated in the hundreds of thousands.

NASA is winding down its 30-year-old shuttle program before embarking on something new. The liftoff generated the kind of excitement seldom seen on Florida's Space Coast on such a grand scale — despite a delay of more than two weeks from the original launch date because of an electrical problem.

Monday's countdown was close to perfect, and the shuttle quickly disappeared into thin, low clouds.

"That was four seconds of cool," said Manny Kariotakis, who was visiting from Montreal. The 50-year-old day care owner got goosebumps watching the liftoff with thousands along Highway 1 in Titusville.

Launch manager Mike Moses apologized for the fleeting glimpse. "The view wasn't the best," he said.

Just before launching, Mission commander Mark Kelly thanked all the who put hands "on this incredible ship."

"It is in the DNA of our great country to reach for the stars and explore. We must not stop," he said.

With Kelly at the helm, Endeavour and its experienced crew of five Americans and an Italian are headed for the International Space Station. They will arrive at the orbiting outpost Wednesday, delivering a $2 billion magnetic instrument that will seek out antimatter and dark energy in the universe.

Today, the astronauts will survey their ship for any launch damage to Endeavour's thermal shield. Only a couple small bits of insulating foam came off the fuel tank during the crucial phase of liftoff, officials said.

Up to 45,000 guests jammed into NASA's launch site, and thousands packed area roads and towns to see Endeavour soar one last time. Only one shuttle flight remains.

Advance estimates had put Monday's crowd at 500,000, more than the number that saw Discovery's final hurrah in February. Across the Indian River in Titusville, though, the number of spectators appeared to be down compared with Endeavour's previous launch attempt on a Friday afternoon.

Titusville Assistant Police Chief John Lau guessed the crowd at between 350,000 and 400,000.

"I don't know if it was the early morning or what," Lau said.

Electrical trouble grounded the shuttle on April 29, disappointing the hordes of visitors, including President Barack Obama and his family. Repairs over the past two weeks took care of the problem.

"God Speed Endeavour We're ready for you!" space station resident Ronald Garan Jr. said in a Twitter update. At launch, the space station was 220 miles high, just southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This is the 25th and final flight of Endeavour, the baby of NASA's shuttle fleet. It was built to replace Challenger, destroyed during liftoff 25 years ago this past January, and made its maiden journey six years later to capture and repair a stranded satellite. That first flight ended 19 years ago Monday.

Endeavour carried the first Hubble Space Telescope repair team, which famously restored the observatory's vision in 1993, and the first American piece of the space station in 1998.

It will end its days at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

As of Monday, Endeavour had logged more than 116 million miles, circled Earth some 4,500 times, spent 283 days in space and carried 170 people, including the last two people to fly a space shuttle for the first time. American Mike Fincke and Italian Roberto Vittori are making their first flight on a shuttle although they've been to the space station twice, ferried their by Russian Soyuz rockets.

Crowd down for early morning shuttle launch

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

TITUSVILLE, Fla. — Manny Kariotakis got goosebumps watching the last launch of Endeavour, even though the space shuttle disappeared Monday behind clouds seconds after blasting off from the pad 10 miles away.

"We're part of history!" said Kariotakis, a 50-year-old day care owner from Montreal, while viewing the liftoff on U.S. 1 in Titusville.

Hundreds of thousands of spectators joined Kariotakis in that history, witnessing Endeavour's last launch and the second-to-last mission before the space shuttle program ends. But it was a smaller turnout than the crowds that viewed the last shuttle launch in February and Endeavor's failed launch attempt in April.

Blame the early morning hours.

Endeavour blasted off at 7:56 a.m. February's launch and last month's attempt were in the afternoon.

"With the launch being so early, it's going to deter people from coming here," said Tom Summers, 48, who hawked shuttle T-shirts, caps, mugs and medals in front of a trailer in the dark, early hours of Monday.

Projections had put Monday's crowd at 500,000, more than the number that saw shuttle Discovery's final hurrah in February. Titusville Assistant Police Chief John Lau guessed the crowd at between 350,000 and 400,000.

Traffic on Monday was nowhere near what it was in February when spectators sat for hours on the roadways between Cape Canaveral and Orlando, turning highways into parking lots.

"There was never any backup," said Sgt. Kim Montes of the Florida Highway Patrol "I never saw any stoppage."

For retired snowbirds Shirley and Jerry Goulet, Endeavour's liftoff was worth a wait. They had come out last month to see Endeavour off and were disappointed when an electrical problem kept it grounded for another two weeks. They postponed their return to New Hampshire to see the liftoff from U.S.1 on the Indian River.

"We enjoy the excitement of cheering on the astronauts," said Shirley Goulet, 73. "Not as many people get excited about it anymore, but we are."

It was the first launch for 4-year-old Jolie Hodges and her 2-year-old brother, Jonah. Their mother, Samantha Hodges, tried to explain to them the concept of space and showed them photos of the astronauts and Endeavour from NASA's Facebook page. But they were still having trouble getting their minds around the idea.

"They say it's a spaceship and I tell them we're going to watch a spaceship," said Samantha Hodges, of St. Augustine. "They're so little, it's hard for them to understand."

Sisters Anita and Andrea Johnson decided Sunday at the spur of the moment to load up their car with a case of beer and a cooler of ice water and Diet Cokes and drive from the 110 miles from Tampa for the launch.

"We usually stand in our backyard to watch the launches, but this time we wanted to see it up close and personal," said Anita Johnson, a 57-year-old retiree, as she pulled lawn chairs out of the trunk of her car.

Stan Oliver purchased a last-minute ticket from Ohio to Tampa on Thursday, and then drove Sunday night to Titusville. Oliver slept in his car overnight.

"This is a once in a lifetime event," said Oliver, 41, who lives near Dayton. "It was worth it. The roar was intense. I'm glad I came."

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Education

MAKING THE GRADE

Midland High School senior **Taylor Copenhaver** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Charles and Sharon Copenhaver.

Copenhaver

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and band. She is an academic and band letterman and a Texas Scholar.

She is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and National Equestrian Association.

Copenhaver plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biomedical science.

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Greenwood High School senior **William F. Welch III** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of William F. Welch and Yolanda Welch.

Welch

He is a member of the baseball team, National Honor Society, Student Council and Interact Club.

He attends Stonegate Fellowship and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Welch plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

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Trinity School senior **Ben Hardie** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Bill and Karen Hardie.

Hardie

He is a prefect, vice president of the Upper School student body, National Merit finalist, homecoming king, member of Spanish Honor Society, Model Organization of American States team and the basketball, track and cross country teams.

He is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Hardie plans to attend Davidson College.

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Greenwood High School senior **Kayla Nicole Johnson** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Geron.

Johnson

She is a member of Interact Club and the GHS Legacy Program.

She attends First United Methodist Church.

Johnson plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University and major in special education.

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Greenwood High School senior **Joe Crow** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. He is the son of Randy and Shera Crow.

Crow

He is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the baseball team and is Student Council president.

He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Safe Place and Rays of Hope.

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Greenwood High School junior **Edgar Urias** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. He is the son of Sotero and Dasia Urias.

Urias

He is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society and the basketball team.

He is involved in PALS and Teen FLOW.

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ABILENE — Midlanders **Kayla Bender** and **Kristin Gengler** were among students who were inducted into honor societies at Hardin-Simmons University.

Bender was inducted into the Texas Rho chapter of Alpha Chi, which is for students from all academic disciplines. Membership is limited to the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors and graduate students.

Gengler also was inducted into Texas Rho and Epsilon Pi chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, which is for the top 10 percent of of junior and senior music majors.

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ABILENE — Three Midlanders were among those who were recognized or received scholarships at ceremonies at Hardin-Simmons University.

Aaron Hill received the Honors Performer Award from the School of Music. **Kayla Bender** received the John Palmer Scholarship from the School of Education, and **Kristin Gengler** received the Sigma Alpha Iota Award, also from the School of Music.

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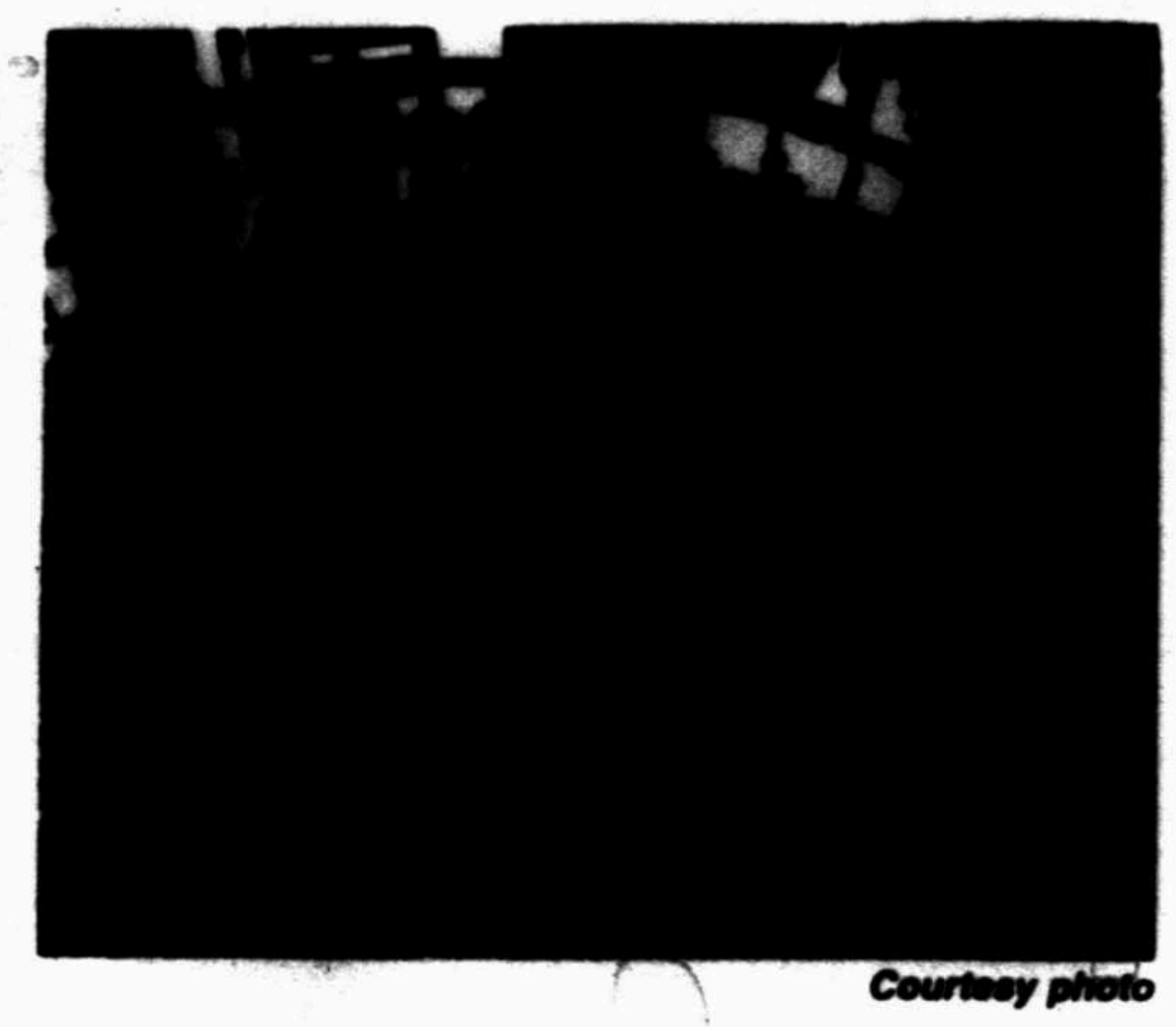
Midland High School marketing students are the winners of the Tall City Blues Fest YouTube Scholarship Competition.

Class members will share a $1,000 scholarship and will receive an additional $1,000 to begin DECA (a marketing membership program) at the school.

The students competed with Lee High School marketing students to create a YouTube video and promote the video and the upcoming festival, which is set for July 29-31.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Texas history tour

Approximately 150 Midland Independent School District seventh-graders visited the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum May 6. To be eligible for the trip, students had to complete five hours of community service and write an essay on how touring the museum would enhance their study of Texas history, said Eileen Corley, social studies supervisor.

Living history lesson

ABOVE: Robert Preston, foreground, and Sam Calderon demonstrate how to load and handle a 45-70 Springfield 1873 rifle Friday during a presentation for elementary school students at the Commemorative Air Force. **LEFT:** Erinn Glover, a fifth-grader at Henderson Elementary School, tries her hand at hoops, a frontier-era game. Between 600 and 700 students participated in the living history lesson commemorating the 150th anniversary of the beginning of "The War Against Southern Independence." The educational outreach program was hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp No. 1441.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

UTPB professor receives recognition

ODESSA — University of Texas of the Permian Basin psychology professor James Olson has been recognized as a Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

Olson

Olson, one of the university's founding faculty members, is one of only 10 educators statewide to receive the honor this year from a field of 166 nominees, said President David Watts. Olson is the fourth UTPB professor to have received the honor.

He said the award "acknowledges my philosophy about the importance of being approachable to students, accessible to students, and truly caring about students' academic success."

Olson received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he spent two years working on a project teaching language to chimpanzees. He received his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1974.

Olson's honors include the Amoco Award for Excellence in Teaching, given annually to one faculty member at each campus of The University of Texas System in recognition of "outstanding teaching performance at the undergraduate level."

Association honors Rusk administrator

Trica Cook, assistant principal at Rusk Elementary School, was named the District 18 TEPSAN of the Year. (TEPSAN is Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.)

Cook

She will be recognized June 15 at the association's annual awards banquet in Austin.

Cook is in her second year as TEPSA District 18 president, and is a previous recipient of the TEPSA District 18 Assistant Principal of the Year Award.

Students' success is best measurement of teacher's performance

CORY CALLAWAY

Midland High School physics teacher

I once had a professor who said he could use his students' behavior to determine the calendar and even predict the weather. It is true that students' moods and behavior indicates change, and the restlessness they display at the end of the year is no exception. It is obvious we are at the end of the school year, a time when teachers tend to focus on evaluations in many forms. We are awaiting testing scores, estimating needs for future materials, determining what critical elements of the year were overlooked or overemphasized and finally, making improvement plans.

Teachers are in the business of instruction and evaluation. Sure, we constantly are in the process of self-evaluation, but we may have a myopic view of our own performance. Therefore, it is only natural that we undergo formal evaluation. That is an uncomfortable word for all of us because it leaves opportunities for our shortcomings to be exposed. However, we are unable to grow without honest assessment. So, in this time of evaluation I thought it appropriate to give you a window into that process.

Each year educators are evaluated through a process known as PDAS, which stands for Texas' Professional Development and Appraisal System. This process is intended to see the teacher as a whole and use his or her total teaching experience to gain an insight into one's strengths and weaknesses. Teachers and administrators work together to get a comprehensive picture of a teacher's yearly performance. There are eight broad areas with more specific descriptors used to evaluate the teacher. These areas include teaching methods, student improvement, parent communication, professional development, classroom management and teamwork. Teachers are given scores ranging from "needs improvement" to "exceeds expectations." Then the categories are totaled, and a final appraisal is determined.

It is difficult for anyone to assess another person's year unless you walk with them every moment of every day, so a variety of input is used in the formal evaluation process. Teachers begin the year by stating the areas they are responsible for teaching, their own personal goals for the school year and any professional development areas they hope to address. Finally they are given an opportunity to add other information that may be pertinent to their role for the upcoming school year. The teacher may sit down with his or her appraiser and discuss these goals to ensure there is agreement on the year's expectations.

At some point during the school year a formal, 45-minute observation will take place. The appraiser will contact the teacher and make him or her aware of the upcoming appraisal and identify a week in which the evaluation will take place. The appraiser may ask for a description of the week's activities, lesson plans and other materials to help determine an appropriate time for the evaluation and to aid in seeing a more complete picture of the teacher's performance. The appraiser typically comes into the classroom for the observation and evaluates the areas identified as specific classroom domains in PDAS. Within a couple of weeks of the evaluation, the appraiser provides the teacher with a copy of the observation, and they both may choose to discuss specific areas of concern. A follow-up observation may be needed if there were special circumstances at play.

Throughout the year, teachers provide reports of needed information that may be used to help with the appraisal in areas that may not be as easily witnessed through classroom observation. Teachers also experience walk-throughs as administrators periodically enter the classroom to make short observations and keep a pulse on the current classroom climate. These walk-throughs and the other information help administrators provide teachers with support, advice and encouragement throughout the year. This can be a little unnerving, especially when a particularly unruly class or student is feeling extra ornery; however, appraisers tend to understand that some days are better than others, and few people would want to be annually evaluated by just one 45-minute segment of a single random day at work.

Toward the end of the year, the teacher will fill out another self-evaluation report that will help identify met goals, professional development, shortcomings and new goals. The appraiser will provide a "summative" review of the teacher's performance for the year, and the two of them may choose to discuss the report. We as teachers put a lot of stock in these evaluations; however, the best performance review occurs by seeing students' success, and that is why watching them cross a stage to enter a new phase of life is so rewarding.

Sports

BACK IN WEST TEXAS

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College golfers, Chance Nichols, Neil Gowan, Luke Richardson, Marc Dobias and Richie Farmer are headed back to a course they're familiar with as Odessa Country Club's Links Course hosts this year's NJCAA National Golf Tournament.

Chaps hope success in Odessa carries over to Nationals

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Chance Nichols has played Odessa Country Club's Links Course so many times during his golf career, he's lost count.

And the good news for the Midland College golf team as it begins play in the four-round, 72-hole NJCAA National Golf Tournament is that the Seminole native has had plenty of success playing on that course, as well as some of his other teammates. The Chaparrals hope that success carries over into this week when the national championship tournament returns to West Texas for the first time since 2001 when Green Tree Country Club hosted the event.

"I think we all know that course pretty well and we're all going into it knowing what we need to do, so I don't think we'll have any problems," said Nichols, who finished third individually at 3-under par during the National Championship Preview Tournament at the course back in October. "(The course) sets up for long players. It's about 7,400 yards. Of course you've got to be good in the short game, but it's definitely an advantage if you can get it out there."

Sophomore Neil Gowan, who finished three-over at the National Championship Preview, said knowing the golf course should be a plus for his team.

"Everyone on the top five has played there and knows the layout and what holes can be dangerous," Gowan said. "I think we've got a good, strong par team. We've got some guys who can score really low and some players who can be really solid. As long as we play to our ability, I think we have a really good chance

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Gowan

NEIL GOWAN

Hometown: Reigate Surrey, England

Class: Sophomore

Player's quote: "I feel good about my game. I've been working hard and I've been getting some help and I think by (today) my game will be really good."

Coach Poss' quote: "Neil Gowan has been playing well of late. He started the semester by winning the tournament in Abilene with 66, 69, 73 which was really impressive and I think that played out to 5-under par. I've seen steady improvement in him over the course of the semester and he has a good attitude and he is one of our team leaders."

Notes: Gowan is the captain of the 2011 national team. ...Gowan is ranked 50th in the nation and 15th in the region in scoring with a 74.15 average. ...He won the Western Texas College Invitational back in February. During his career he's had 12 top 5 finishes and 15 top 10 finishes and has also been an All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference and All-Region V selection. ...Gowan was on last year's MC national golf team.

Dobias

MARC DOBIAS

Hometown: Lausanne, Switzerland

Class: Sophomore

Player's quote: "The important thing is that I've been consistent the whole year. I've been steady."

Coach Poss' quote: "Marc Dobias has had a consistent year. He's only been in the high 70s once or twice, and his scoring average is good considering all the windy conditions we've played in. He's a good solid player, he's a good iron player and he's steadily improved on his mental approach to what he's doing on the golf course. I look for him having a good tournament."

Notes: Dobias also played on last year's MC national team. ...His scoring average of 73.24 ranked 16th nationally and seventh in the region. ...Has signed to play with Virginia Commonwealth University next year. ...Individually, he has placed second at the Gaines County Invitational and Ronnie Black Invitational and fifth at both the Andrews Collegiate Amateur and High Country Shootout. ...A non-scholarship player at MC.

Nichols

CHANCE NICHOLS

Hometown: Seminole

Class: Sophomore

Player's quote: On his game, "It's probably the best I've played in a long time. I've been practicing a lot lately, been working at it really hard and it's really showed in tournaments. Hopefully I can be an all-American."

Coach Poss' quote: "Chance Nichols has been in and out of the lineup and he's had a good year of late. He's been playing really well and we're banking on him to have that type of performance. He finished tied for third in the National Preview Tournament in the fall. We're counting on him having a good tournament."

Notes: Not only is Nichols the only West Texan but only American born player on this year's national team. ...He has signed to play at West Texas A&M next year. ...He has a scoring average of 74.36. ...Tied for first at the Ronnie Black Invitational, was third at the National Championship Preview and was in the top 10 in three other tournaments. ...In high school, he was a two-time district golf champion.

Farmer

RICHARD FARMER

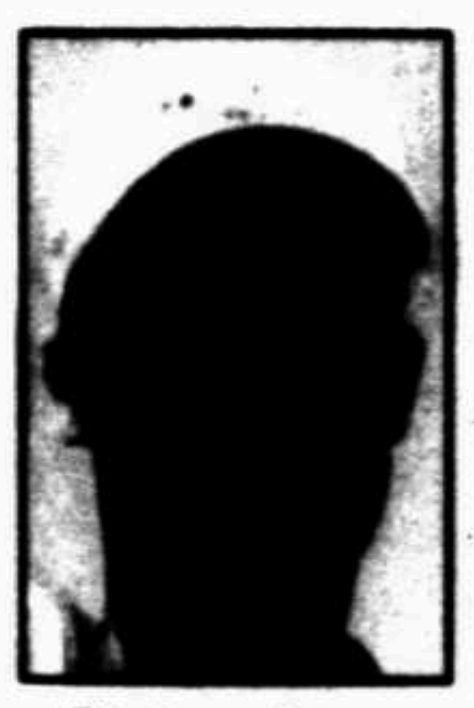
Hometown: Brighton, Sussex, England

Class: Freshman

Player's quote: "During the middle of the season (my game) wasn't as good but I've been working hard lately and it's come back. I'm pretty confident going into the tournament. I think everyone is starting to play well again."

Coach Poss' quote: "Richard Farmer has gotten better during the last month. He hit a little slump in the middle of the spring semester. He came off the fall with an impressive victory in the last tournament of the fall semester. His decision making on the golf course has improved over the past month and I think that will improve his scoring ability because he has the swing and physical ability to be a really good player."

Notes: Farmer is an all-WJCAC selection who has a scoring average of 74.27, which is 16th best in the region. ...Won the Gaines County Invitational at the end of the fall semester and has been in the top 10 two other times. ...A non-scholarship player at MC.



Richardson

LUKE RICHARDSON

Hometown: Great Dunmow, Essex, England

Class: Freshman

Player's quote: "This year I've been pretty consistent and I've slowly been progressing tournament by tournament and that's a good feeling. I played well at state and I played well at regionals. I'm looking forward to this one and hopefully take it one step further."

Coach Poss' quote: "Luke Richardson has had an exceptional spring if you look at his statistics, and what he has been able to do is really impressive. He's been in the top five in several tournaments. He finished in the top five at the state tournament. He had a little glitch in the last tournament, but I think he'll come back and play consistently well in this one. He's the type of individual who's real consistent."

Notes: Richardson has played well in some of MC's biggest tournaments down the stretch. He placed third at the District 2 Championships and was fifth at the Texas Juco Tournament en route to garnering all-WJCAC honors. ...He's also had seven top 10 finishes this year. ...He has a scoring average of 73.48, which ranked him ninth in the region. ...A non-scholarship player at MC.

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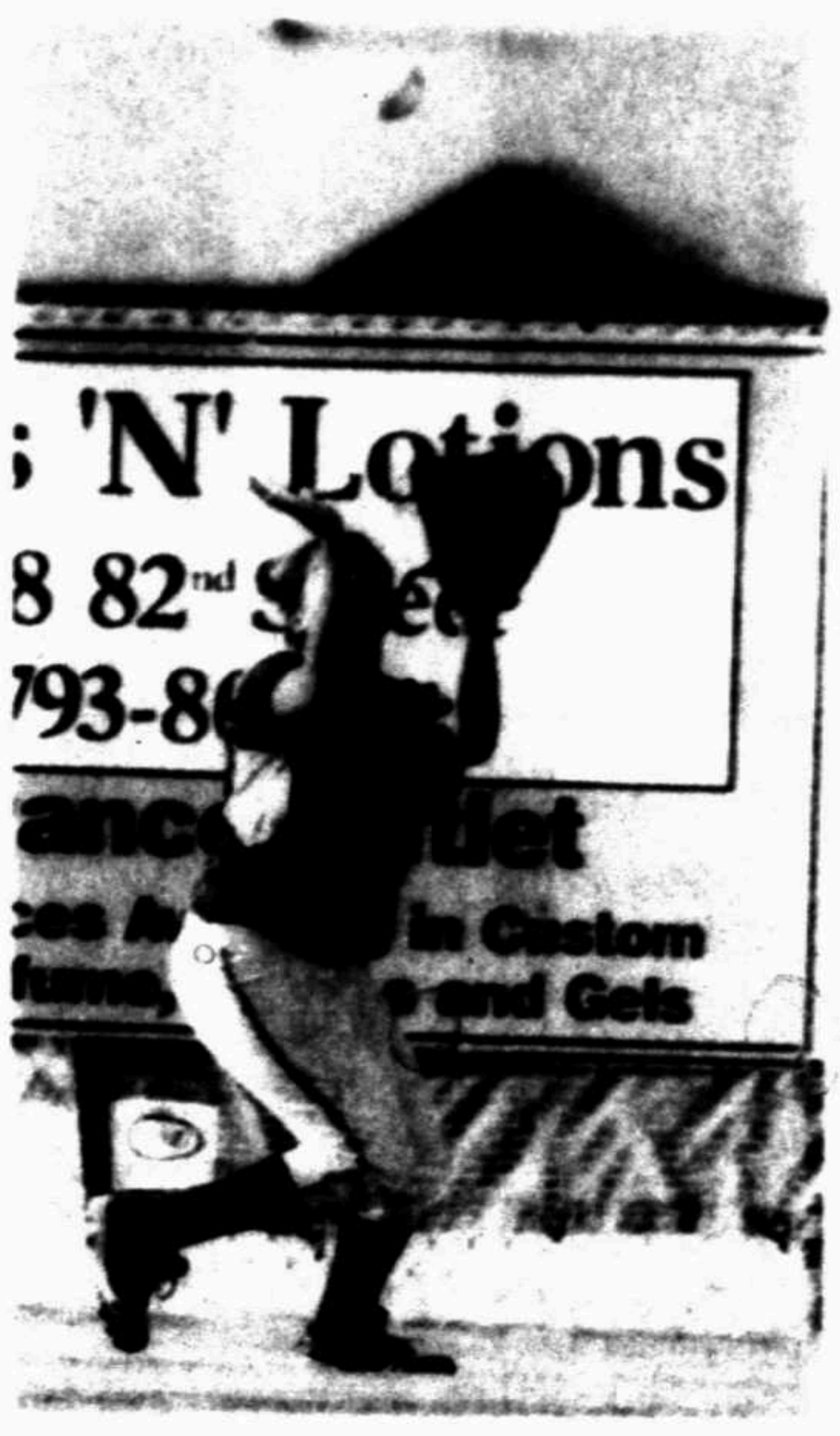

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EASY FLY OUT Midland High's Alexis Segovia was one of a handful players who helped the Lady Bulldogs to the playoffs

MHS, Lee softball teams exceed expectations

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

It may take a while for the sting of playoff losses to wear off for the Lee and Midland High softball teams, but when both coaches and players look back on the 2011 season they will be pleased.

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels were short on experienced players in key positions this season, but both teams qualified for the playoffs and Midland High even advanced three rounds.

Needless to say, both teams which had a combined 15 players that were juniors or younger starting, exceeded expectations.

"I think we went above and beyond what we thought it was going to be," Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said. "I don't think that we had been picked to be at the top of our district, and our kids did a good job of playing hard throughout the whole season."

Midland High's season ended on

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Bulldogs, Rangerettes announce series schedules

From staff reports

The Midland High baseball team and Greenwood softball team have both set their respective playoff series for this weekend.

The Midland High baseball team will take on Arlington High in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal series, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Pratt Field in Mineral Wells. The series' second game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, and a possible third game will start 30 minutes after Game 2 ends.

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Rested Mavericks await maturing Thunder

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan have been through so many playoff series, they would be good sources to discuss the prevailing themes in the Western Conference finals, like how valuable experience is at this stage and whether there's such thing as too much rest between rounds.

Only, Bryant and Duncan aren't around. For just the second time since 1998, neither the Lakers nor the Spurs will represent the West in the NBA finals.

Instead, it'll either be Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and the aging-but-rested Dallas Mavericks, or Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and the rapidly maturing Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Mavericks are a collection of 30-somethings bonded by a collective pursuit of their first champi-

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Astros sold for $680M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jim Crane learned persistence playing baseball in his youth.

Turns out, he needed it. The Houston businessman failed three times to realize his dream of buying a Major League Baseball team.

On Monday, his never-give-up attitude paid off when Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane announced that he had agreed to sell the team to a group led by Crane for $680 million — the second-highest price in major league history if it is approved.

"Each time we tried it was a little difficult," Crane said of his efforts to buy the Texas Rangers, Chicago Cubs and, yes, the Astros. "I'm accustomed to winning. So we set our sights on winning and we never gave up."

The sale is subject to approval by Major

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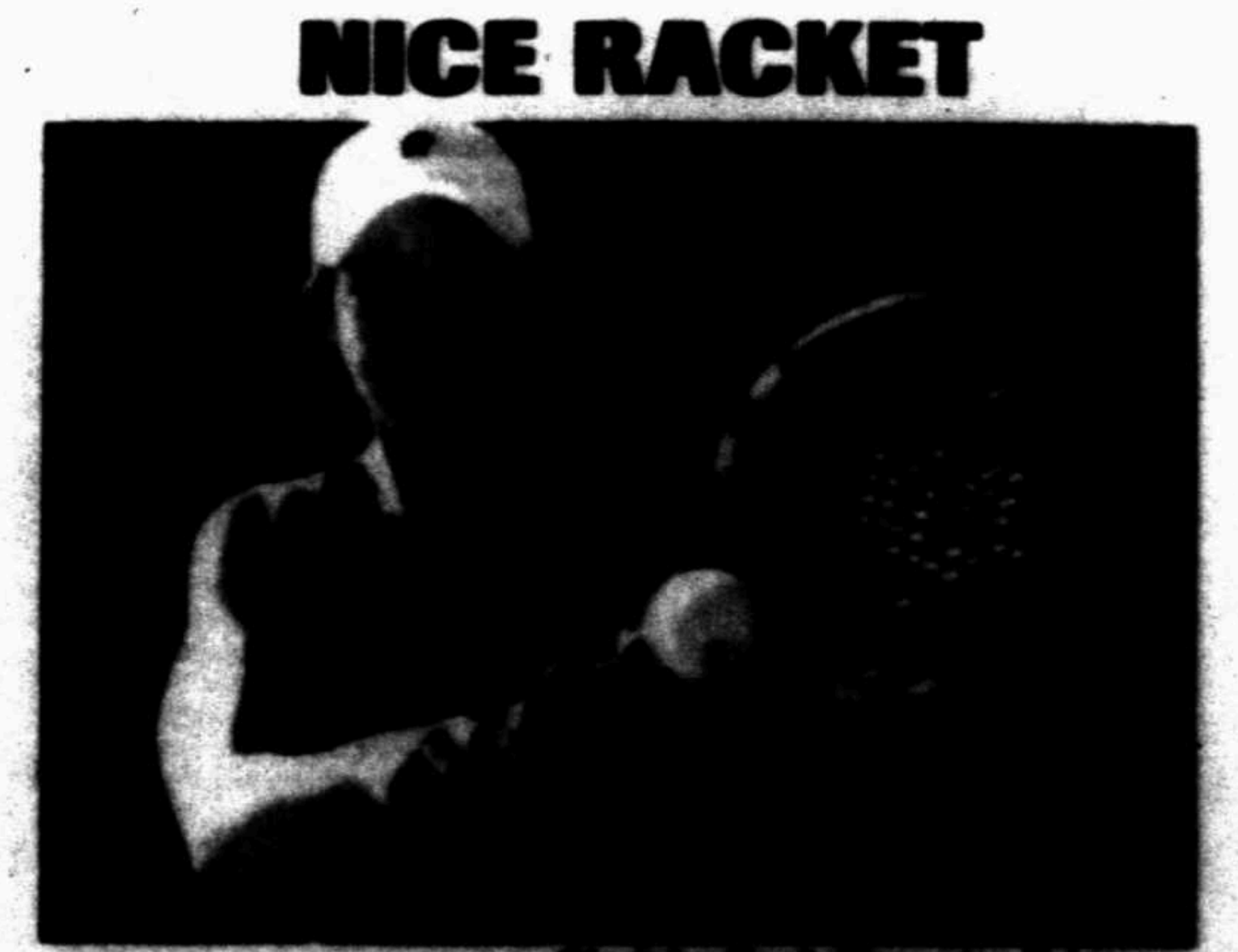

Louisa Chirico returns the ball during a singles match against Elizabeth Stewart, Monday during the USTA 18s National Open Tennis at Midland College. See results on PAGE 2C.

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Midland High's Hoppel named 3-5A MVP

From staff reports

Midland High and Lee players claimed three of the four superlative honors on this year's 3-5A All-District Softball team, which was released on Monday.

Midland High senior pitcher Kelsey Hoppel was named the District 3-5A Most Valuable Player. Hoppel, who joined the team after basketball season, finished the 3-5A season with a 9-1 record with the only loss coming to Lee in mid-March. Hoppel had an ERA under 0.50 for the district season. Hoppel was a key reason the Lady Bulldogs shared the District 3-5A championship in 2011.

Hoppel's honor comes on the heels of her winning MVP honors on the 3-5A All-District girls basketball team. Hoppel is the first Lee or Midland High girls athlete to win MVP in two sports in nearly a decade.

Hoppel's teammate Naomi Posada was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player after playing much of the season at shortstop when Hoppel moved into the circle.

Lee freshman second baseman Ciara Sheppard was named the Newcomer of the Year. Sheppard hit .222 this season, and was part of a Lee infield that featured two sophomores and a freshman.

The other superlative honor went to Odessa Permian senior outfielder Marlee Gabaldon, who has signed to play softball at the University of Texas.

Midland High junior Valari Sisneros was named as a first team infielder, and was also joined on the first team by outfielder Gaby Muniz. Sisneros hit better than .400 during the 12-game district season and was among the team leaders in RBI this season. Muniz, who played much of the year in center field, also hit better than .400 during the district season

Lee had four players earn first team honors as both of the Lady Rebels seniors were named to the team. Senior shortstop Jamey Lane was a first team selection after hitting .333 during district play, and senior left fielder Rebecca Long was named as an outfielder. Long hit .389 during district play.

Sophomore pitcher Emily Hardaway was also a first team selection after recording a 7-4 record in 3-5A play this season. Junior center fielder Alicia Alvarez was also named to the first team. Alvarez led the Lady Rebels in hitting during district play, hitting .448.

Midland High coach Shawnda Vines and Odessa Permian coach Lori Haltom shared Coach of the Year honors in the district.

3-5A All-District Softball Team

MVP: Kelsey Hoppel, Sr., MHS

Offensive MVP: Marlee Gabaldon, Sr., Odessa Permian

Defensive MVP: Naomi Posada, Jr., MHS

Newcomer of the Year: Ciara Sheppard, Freshman, Lee

Co-Coaches of the Year: Shawnda Vines, MHS; Lori Haltom, Odessa Permian

First Team

Pitchers: Emily Hardaway, Soph., Lee; Holly Herrington, Sr., Permian

Catchers: Lexi Lopez, Soph., Permian; Dominque Rodriguez, Jr., Odessa High

Infield: Jamey Lane, Sr., Lee; Jamye Ashley, Soph., Permian; Liz Hernandez, Jr., Permian; Mia Hignojos, Sr., Odessa High; Karian Quiroz, Sr., Odessa High; Valari Sisneros, Jr., MHS

Outfield: Rebecca Long, Sr., Lee; Alicia Alvarez, Jr., Lee; Kelley Burson, Soph., Permian; Janie Campos, Freshman, Odessa High; Vanessa Carranza, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Crystal Moreno, Jr., San Angelo Central; Gaby Muniz, Jr., MHS

Utility: Dani Brookshire, Soph., Permian; Sierra Sudberry, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Second Team

Pitchers: Alysa Allison, Sr., Odessa High; Salena Cardona, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Catchers: Kaytlyn Naff, Soph., Lee; Courtney Warren, Freshman, MHS

Infield: Shannon Meyer, Sr., Odessa High; Kristen Dees, Freshman, Odessa High; Sammie Meissner, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Shelly Picasso, Freshman, San Angelo Central; Kinzee Reeves, Jr., Abilene High; Taylor Vines, Soph., MHS

Outfield: Kylee Olivas, Freshman, Lee; Breanna Flores, Jr., Permian; Kristen Rogers, Sr., Odessa High; Natalie Goodwin, Jr., San Angelo Central; Olivia Delagarza, Soph., Abilene Cooper; Alex Perez, Sr., Abilene High; Marissa Ramirez, Jr., MHS

Utility: Lindsey Chastain, Freshman, Permian

Honorable Mention

Odessa Permian: Nikki Day, Jr.; Ashley Venegas, Freshman

Abilene High: Kristine Melchor, Soph.; Katerina Saavedra, Soph.

Midland High: Megan O'Valle, Jr.; Alexis Segovia, Soph.

Lee: Kristen Schlemeyer, Soph.; Dee Gaona, Soph.; Adrianna Berzoza, Freshman

San Angelo Central: Maddie Contreras, Soph.; Mykaela Lara, Jr.; Tess Yara, Sr.

Odessa High: Viola Catano, Sr.

Abilene Cooper: Jamie Bover, Jr.; Katie Eanes, Freshman; Afton Duttinger, Jr.

SOFTBALL

From 1C

Saturday after being swept in a Class 5A regional quarterfinal playoff series against El Paso Americas and finished with a 25-15 record. But a little over three months ago, even making the playoffs might have been considered a lofty goal for the Lady Bulldogs.

Midland High had three young, inexperienced pitchers, and a relatively young lineup to go with those arms, and it was a rough start during the tournament season. But after basketball season ended, senior Kelsey Hoppel decided to play softball her senior year and her presence made a difference.

Hoppel had a 9-1 record in 3-5A play as a pitcher, and her pitching in the circle helped turn the Lady Bulldogs from a marginal playoff team into a co-district champion with a 10-2 record. But along with Hoppel, the Lady Bulldogs' lineup began to produce runs, led by juniors Valari Sisneros and Naomi Posada, and play with confidence.

"I think they felt with (Hoppel) out there that anything was possible," Vines said.

Midland High lost a game to Lee on March 15, 2-0, but didn't lose again until a loss to Lubbock Monterey in the playoffs on May 7, which ended a 15-game winning streak. The Lady Bulldogs tied for the 3-5A title, and then won a seeding game against Odessa Permian to earn the district's top seed in the playoffs.

"It's always a goal to win district, and when you set your goals you to try to make sure you can reach them," Vines said. "It was a realistic goal for them, and a goal they set for themselve."

Lee coach Wes Overton said that even with two key seniors in Rebecca Long and Jamey Lane, he said inexperience at key positions such as pitcher, helped play a part in some of the Lady Rebels' inconsistencies.

But even with that inconsistency, Overton said he saw a number of the young players grow up in a hurry as Lee lost its opening round playoff series to Arlington Bowie.

"One of the problems that we had with so many inexperienced players was that half our team came from right out of junior high to varsity competition," Overton said. "It's vastly different. I think they started to realize that toward the end of the season, and they learned a big lesson already.

"I tell you what, though, those girls stepped up when we had to have them."

Lee, meanwhile, had three pitchers vying for time in the circle when the season started, and as the district season progressed, sophomore Emily Hardaway emerged as the starter. Hardaway was 7-4 in league play as Lee (22-13 overall) finished at 7-5 and tied for third. Overton said to expect another pitching competition next spring as Hardaway and freshman Kylee Olivas both saw time in the circle late in the season. Olivas pitched in the third-place seeding game against Odessa High, and also pitched in a playoff game against Arlington Bowie.

Now both teams look to next season as Midland High will likely return eight starters and Lee will return at least seven. That sets expectations even higher for 2012.

"We have to convince them that you can't be satisfied with what you did before," Overton said. "They have so much room to improve, and they have to understand that."

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

IN THE RIGHT POSITION Lee outfielder Rebecca Long keeps her eye on the ball as she races in to make the catch during an April 9 game against Odessa Permian at Lee High School.

SCHEDULES

From 1C

The Bulldogs (27-9) advanced to the regional quarterfinals after sweeping an area round series from Amarillo High this past weekend at Dan Law Field in Lubbock.

The Greenwood softball team will take on Central Texas power West in a Class 3A regional semifinal series, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field in Abilene. The second game will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday, with a possible third game set to start 30 minutes after Game 3.

Greenwood (16-18) advanced to the regionals semifinals for the first time since 2002 with by sweeping a regional quarterfinal series against Pecos last week in Crane.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

Baseball

Class 5A

Area

Arlington High (W4, 26-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (T2, 17-17), Game 1: Arlington High 11, Monterey 1; Game 2: Arlington High 9, Monterey 1. Arlington wins series 2-0

Amarillo High (W2, 28-6) vs. Midland High (R3, 25-9), Game 1: Midland High 9, Amarillo High 5; Game 2: Midland High 8, Amarillo High 7. MHS wins series 2-0.

Keller (F7, 20-11) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6, 27-7), Game 1: Colleyville Heritage 11, Keller 5; Game 2: Colleyville Heritage 11, Keller 0. Colleyville Heritage wins series 2-0

Hurst L.D. Bell (W6, 26-9) vs. Coppell (R7, 26-6), Game 1: Bell 15, Coppell 10; Game 2: Bell 6, Coppell 0. Bell wins series 2-0

Lee (W3, 25-10) vs. Lubbock Coronado (R2, 24-11), Game 1: Lee 6, Coronado 4; Game 2: Coronado 12, Lee 5; Game 3: Coronado 5, Lee 0. Coronado wins series 2-1.

El Paso Franklin (W1) vs. Weatherford (R4, 21-5), Game 1: EP Franklin 2, Weatherford 1; Game 2: Franklin 8, Weatherford 4. Franklin wins series 2-0

Southlake Carroll (W7, 24-6) vs. Mansfield Legacy (T5, 24-11), Game 1: Carroll 7, Mansfield Legacy 1; Game 2: Carroll 5, Legacy 1. Carroll wins series 2-0

South Grand Prairie (W5, 22-8) vs. Plano (R8, 25-6), Game 1: Plano 4, South Grand Prairie 2; Game 2: Plano 2, South Grand Prairie 1. Plano wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals

Arlington High (W4, 28-9) vs. Midland High (R3, 27-9), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Pratt Field, Mineral Wells

Colleyville Heritage (T6, 29-7) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (W6, 28-9), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Colleyville Heritage HS; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, L.D. Bell HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Grapevine HS

Lubbock Coronado (R2, 26-12) vs. El Paso Franklin (W1), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Christensen Stadium

Southlake Carroll (W7, 26-6) vs. Plano (R8, 27-6), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game (if necessary): 1 p.m. Saturday. All games at Coppell HS

Class 3A

Area

Andrews (W4, 20-9) 19, Levelland 2

Shallowater (W2, 21-8) vs. Fabens (R3, 17-7), Game 1: Shallowater 14, Fabens 4; Game 2: Fabens 8, Shallowater 7; Game 3: Shallowater 8, Fabens 1. Shallowater wins series 2-1

Kennedale (W8, 23-4) 10, **Abilene Wylie 4**

Graham (W6, 24-7) vs. Bridgeport (R7, 20-10), Game 1: Graham 7, Bridgeport 0; Game 2: Bridgeport 16, Graham 4; Game 3: Bridgeport 6, Graham 5. Bridgeport wins series 2-1

Presidio (W3, 16-4) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Christensen Stadium

Borger (W1, 16-11) vs. Pecos (T3, 15-18), Game 1: Borger 5, Pecos 4; Game 2: Borger 5, Pecos 2. Borger wins series 2-0

Mineral Wells (W7, 16-14) vs. Snyder (T5, 24-8), Game 1: Mineral Wells 5, Snyder 4; Game 2: Sndyer 10, Mineral Wells 8; Game 3: Snyder 13, Mineral Wells 1. Snyder wins series 2-1

Brownwood (W6, 19-7) vs. West (R8, 26-5), Game 1: Brownwood 7, West 3; Game 2: Brownwood 9, West 8. Brownwood wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews (W4, 20-9) vs. Shallowater (W2, 25-9), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Pirate Field, Woodrow

Kennedale (W8, 25-4) vs. Bridgeport (R7, 23-10), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Weatherford College

Lubbock Cooper (R2, 29-5) vs. Borger (W1, 18-11), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Wilder Field, Plainview

Snyder (T5, 26-9) vs. Brownwood (W6, 21-7), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Abilene Cooper HS

Class 2A

Area

Alpine (W4, 17-5) vs. Childress (R1, 15-10), Game 1: Alpine 18, Childress 3; Game 2: Alpine 15, Childress 3. Alpine wins series 2-0.

Littlefield (W2, 16-6) vs. Slaton (R3, 16-11), Game 1: Littlefield 4, Slaton 2; Game 2: Littlefield 10, Slaton 2. Littlefield wins series 2-0.

Jim Ned (R5) def. Blanco

Bangs (W6, 21-2) vs. Sonora (R7, 19-7), Game 1: Sonora 6, Bangs 5; Game 2: Bangs 7, Sonora 6; Game 3: Bangs 8, Sonora 3. Bangs wins series 2-1

Lubbock Roosevelt (W3, 20-5) vs. Idalou (R2, 13-3), Game 1: Roosevelt 9, Idalou 4; Game 2: Idalou 4, Roosevelt 1; Game 3: Idalou 10, Roosevelt 2. Idalou wins series 2-1

Bushland (W1, 18-6) vs. Forsan (20-5), Game 1: Bushland 5, Forsan 2; Game 2: Bushland 6, Forsan 2. Bushland wins series 2-0.

Wall (W7, 23-3) vs. San Saba (R6), Game 1: Wall 9, San Saba 1; Game 2: Wall 11, San Saba 4. Wall wins series 2-0

Hawley (W5) vs. Comfort (R8), Game 1: Hawley def. Comfort; Game 2: Hawley 10, Comfort 7. Hawley wins series 2-0

Regional Quarterfinals

Alpine (W4, 19-5) vs. Littlefield (W2, 18-6), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Big Spring HS

Jim Ned vs. Bangs (W6, 23-3), Game 1: 7 p.m. Wednesday; Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Hunter Field, Abilene

Idalou (R2, 15-4) vs. Bushland (W1, 20-6), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at O'Banion Field, Lubbock

Wall (W7, 25-3) vs. Hawley (W5), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Moffett Field, Snyder

Softball

Class 5A

Regional Quarterfinals

Weatherford (W4, 23-9) 4, Odessa Permian 0

Plano (W8, 33-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (T8), Game 1: Hebron 2, Plano 0; Game 2: Plano 2, Hebron 1; Game 3 (if necessary): Plano 3, Hebron 2. Plano wins series 2-1

Midland High (W3, 25-13) vs. El Paso Americas (W1, 32-2), Game 1: El Paso Americas 2, Midland High 0; Game 2: EP Americas 3, Midland High 1. EP Americas wins series 2-0.

Keller (W7, 27-5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R8, 25-8), Game 1: Keller 2, Marcus 1; Game 2: Keller 3, Marcus 2. Keller wins series 2-0.

Regional Semifinals

Weatherford (W4, 23-9) vs. Plano (W8, 35-4), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 3 (if necessary): 2 p.m. Saturday. University of Texas at Arlington

El Paso Americas (W1, 34-2) vs. Keller (W7, 29-5), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa

Class 3A

Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews (W4, 17-13) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2, 26-6), Game 1: Lubbock Cooper 3, Andrews 0; Game 2: Cooper 6, Andrews 4. Cooper wins series 2-0.

Kennedale (W8) vs. Burkburnett (W6, 27-5), Game 1: Burkburnett 10, Kennedale 3; Game 2: Burkburnett 5, Kennedale 3. Burkburnett wins series 2-0

Pecos (W3, 21-8) vs. Greenwood (R4, 14-18), Game 1: Greenwood 7, Pecos 0; Game 2: Greenwood 3, Pecos 2. Greenwood wins series 2-0.

Iowa Park (R6, 26-10) vs. West (R8), Game 1: Iowa Park 3, West 2, 9 innings; Game 2: West 11, Iowa Park 1, 5 innings; Game 3: West 7, Iowa Park 4. West wins series 2-1

Regional Semifinals

Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-6) vs. Burkburnett (W6, 30-5), 5:30 p.m. Friday, ACU's Wells Field, Abilene

Greenwood (R4, 16-18) vs. West (R8), Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at ACU's Wells Field, Abilene

Class 2A

Regional Quarterfinals

Alpine (W4, 28-7) vs. Forsan (R3, 22-6), Game 1: Alpine 14, Forsan 1; Game 2: Forsan 7, Alpine 5; Game 3: Alpine 6, Forsan 3

Jim Ned (R5) 3, Ozona 1

Colorado City (W3, 31-4) vs. Kermit (R4), Game 1: Kermit 5, Colorado City 4; Game 2: Colorado City 4, Kermit 0; Game 3: Colorado City 14, Kermit 2

Wall (W7, 29-1) vs. Clyde (W5, 30-5), Game 1: Clyde 4, Wall 1; Game 2: Wall 2, Clyde 1; Game 3: Wall def. Clyde

Regional Semifinals

Alpine (W4, 28-7) vs. Jim Ned (R5), TBA

Colorado City (W3, 33-4) vs. Wall (W7, 31-2), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Snyder HS

COLLEGE SIGNING

VARNER INKS WITH HUTCHINSON CC

College: Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College

High School: Lee

Sport: Golf

Why Varner signed with Hutchinson: "I have tons of family in Kansas, and they are literally everywhere. Hutchinson seemed like a good place to go. It's kind of a relief to know where I'm going. It's going to be different playing golf up there. I'm pretty happy about it."

Lee golf coach Blain Huddleston on Varner: "After about two weeks with me, he started working really hard and putting a lot of extra time into it because he knew he was going to get an opportunity to play college golf. In Mason, they are going to get a quality golfer that is going to work hard."

Notes: Varner is a three-year letter-winner at Lee in varsity golf. Varner finished seventh in the District 3-5A medalist standings in 2011. ... Hutchinson is participating in the NJCAA National Championship golf tournament in Odessa this week.

Varner

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TOUGH COMPETITOR Miguel Alda returns the ball during a singles match Monday against Dylan Brown during the USTA 16s National Open Tennis at Midland College.

USTA 16S NATIONAL OPEN

USTA 16s National Open
Midland College Tennis Center
Monday's Results
Boys
Singles
Final

Dylan Brown (2) Camarillo, CA def. Miguel Alda (4) Round Rock 6-4, 6-3

Playoff

Josh Silverstein Great Neck, NY def. Samuel Lam (3) Old Westbury, NY 6-1, 6-1

Girls
Singles
Final

Louisa Chirico (1) Harrison, NY def. Elizabeth Stewart (2) Oakton, VA 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

Playoff

Julia Schroeder Winnetka, IL def. Grace Tapak (3) Hinsdale, IL 7-5, 6-3

Sunday's Results
Boys
Singles
Quarterfinals

Miguel Alda (4) Round Rock def. Sam Swank Bedford, NY 6-4, 6-4

Samuel Lam (3) Old Westbury, NY def. Baker Newman MIAMI, FL 6-2, 0-6, 7-5

Dylan Brown (2) Camarillo, CA def. Grant Riechmann (5) Houston 6-4, 6-4

Josh Silverstein Great Neck, NY def. Lucas Fumagalli New Braunfels 6-3, 6-2

Semifinals

Dylan Brown (2) Camarillo, CA def. Samuel Lam (3) Old Westbury, NY 6-4, 6-1

Miguel Alda (4) Round Rock def. Josh Silverstein Great Neck, NY 6-3, 6-2

Doubles
Semifinals

Miguel Alda-Grant Riechmann (3) def. James Fojtasek-John Mee 8-6

Jack Haffey-Jeffrey MacKenzie def. Tayo Hamanaka-Josh Silverstein 8-6

Finals

Jack Haffey-Jeffrey MacKenzie def. Miguel Alda-Grant Riechmann (3) 8-6

Playoff

James Fojtasek-John Mee def. Tayo Hamanaka-Josh Silverstein 8-0

Girls
Singles
Quarterfinals

Elizabeth Stewart (2) Oakton, VA def. Kelsey Grambeau Garland 1-6, 6-2, 6-2

Julia Schroeder Winnetka, IL def. Farris Cunningham Houston 6-3, 6-3

Grace Tapak (3) Hinsdale, IL def. Kanna Traxler Rockwall 6-2, 7-5

Louisa Chirico (1) Harrison, NY def. Kassandra Orozco New Milford, NJ 6-2, 6-3

Semifinals

Elizabeth Stewart (2) Oakton, VA def. Julia Schroeder Winnetka, IL 6-2, 6-2

Louisa Chirico (1) Harrison, NY def. Grace Tapak (3) Hinsdale, IL 6-3, 6-4

Doubles
Semifinals

Alexandria Chatt-Carol Finke def. Lauren Reid-Macy Vondenschmidt 8-5

Nicole Karakis-Claire Williams def. Rachel Nelson-Anna Sanford 8-4

Finals

Nicole Karakis-Claire Williams def. Alexandria Chatt-Carol Finke 8-3

Playoff

Rachel Nelson-Anna Sanford def. Lauren Reid-Macy Vondenschmidt 8-5

Drillers complete perfect regular season, demolish Titans

From staff reports

The West Texas Drillers completed a perfect regular season with a 90-0 victory against the Amarillo Titans on Saturday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

Quarterback Joseph Clater threw four TD passes and rushed for another touchdown, and running back Chad Thompson had another stellar game with 158 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Daviian Roberts rushed for 93 yards and had three touchdowns in the blowout victory.

Devon Zimmerman returned a touchdown 44 yards as the Drillers' defense had another dominating performance. West Texas recorded its fourth shutout of the year to finish the season at 10-0.

The Drillers will next hit the field at 7:30 p.m. May 28 at Grande Communications Stadium for a second round Minor Professional Football League playoff game.

MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RANGERS 4, WHITE SOX 0: At Chicago, Colby Lewis pitched a five-hitter for his first career shutout and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 4-0 on Monday night.

Endy Chavez added three hits and scored three times for the Rangers, who have won four of their last five games. Chavez was hitless in nine at-bats since he was promoted from Triple-A Round Rock on Saturday.

RAYS 6, YANKEES 5: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Sam Fuld and B.J. Upton hit two-run homers to help Tampa Bay hand New York its sixth consecutive loss, 6-5 on Monday night.

It's the first time the Yankees have lost this many consecutive games since a seven-game skid in April 2007.

BLUE JAYS 4, TIGERS 2: At Detroit, Kyle Drabek pitched seven strong innings as Toronto snapped Detroit's seven-game winning streak.

Drabek (2-3) allowed one run despite walking six, and gave up three hits and struck out two. Frank Francisco pitched the ninth for his fourth save, allowing a solo homer to Jhonny Peralta.

RED SOX 8, ORIOLES 7: At Boston, Adrian Gonzalez smacked a two-run double off the left-field wall with one out in the ninth inning to give the Boston Red Sox an 8-7 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night.

INDIANS 19, ROYALS 1: At Kansas City, Mo., Michael Brantley's three-run homer and Travis Hafner's bases-loaded double keyed a 10-run fourth inning Monday night that sent Cleveland to a 19-1 win over Kansas City and put Vin Mazzaro in the record book as pitching the worst game in Royals history. Mazzaro, the third Royals' pitcher, was charged with 14 runs on 11 hits in 2 1-3 innings.

National League

BRAVES 3, ASTROS 2: At Atlanta, Eric Hinske had three hits, including a tie-breaking single in the seventh, and Atlanta used a makeshift lineup in the victory.

Manager Fredi Gonzalez subbed Hinske in left field and Joe Mather, who had a two-run single in the sixth, in right as the Braves were missing third baseman Chipper Jones and right fielder Jason Heyward from their starting lineup.

CARDINALS 3, PHILLIES 1: At St. Louis, Jake Westbrook allowed one run in seven innings and St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak in manager Tony La Russa's first game back from illness, capitalizing on Cliff Lee's career-high six walks to beat Philadelphia 3-1 on Monday night.

REDS 7, CUBS 4: At Cincinnati, Jonny Gomes hit his first homer in nearly a month, completing Cincinnati's seven-run rally that ended Carlos Zambrano's run of road success.

NATIONALS 4, PIRATES 2: At Washington, Danny Espinosa broke out of a slump with a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Washington extended Pittsburgh's losing streak to a season-worst seven games.

ROCKIES 7, GIANTS 4: At Denver, Carlos Gonzalez capped a five-run sixth-inning outburst with a three-run homer off an unusually wild Tim Lincecum and the Colorado Rockies rallied for a 7-4 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

MARLINS 2, METS 1: At New York, Florida reliever Burke Badenhop got his second career hit with two outs in the 11th inning, driving in Mike Stanton with the go-ahead run and the Marlins beat the New York Mets 2-1 on Monday night.

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NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1, Miami 0

Sunday, May 15: Chicago 103, Miami 82
Wednesday: Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 22: Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24: Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 26: Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 28: Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, May 30: Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Oklahoma City vs. Dallas

Today: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 21: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 23: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 25: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, May 27: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 29: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 1, Boston 0

Saturday, May 14: Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2
Today: Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Boston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 21: Boston at Tampa Bay, 12:30 p.m.
x-Monday, May 23: Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 25: Boston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 27: Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vancouver 1, San Jose 0

Sunday, May 15: Vancouver 3, San Jose 2
Wednesday: San Jose at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 20: Vancouver at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 22: Vancouver at San Jose, 2 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 24: San Jose at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 26: Vancouver at San Jose, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 28: San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

CHL Playoffs

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
Colorado 1, Bossier-Shreveport 1
(Best-of-7)

Friday, May 13: Colorado 3, Bossier-Shreveport 2, OT
Saturday, May 14: Bossier-Shreveport 5, Colorado 3
Today: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:35 p.m.
Thursday: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:05 p.m.
x-Friday, May 20: Colorado at Bossier-Shreveport, 7:35 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 25: Bossier-Shreveport at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
x-Friday, May 27: Bossier-Shreveport at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	4	2	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New England	[illegible]	3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D.C.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toronto FC	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sporting KC	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	[illegible]	[illegible]
FC Dallas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Real Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colorado	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]
Seattle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portland	4	[illegible]	2	14	12	14
Chivas USA	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
San Jose	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	[illegible]
Vancouver	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	16

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday's Score

Chivas USA 3, New York 2

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 9 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Seattle FC, 9 p.m.
New England at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Columbus at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 6 p.m.
Toronto FC at Colorado, 6 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through May 15 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Team	Record	Pvs
1. Virginia	45-6	1
2. Oregon State	37-12	2
3. South Carolina	41-11	4
4. Florida State	39-13	7
5. Texas	**38-12**	**5**
6. Florida	39-13	8
7. Vanderbilt	42-8	3
8. Arizona State	36-13	6
9. Cal State Fullerton	36-14	9
10. Texas Christian	**36-15**	**10**
11. Texas A&M	**35-16**	**11**
12. Georgia Tech	37-15	13
13. Oklahoma	39-13	14
14. Southern Mississippi	37-13	12
15. Connecticut	36-14	18
16. Miami	32-18	16
17. North Carolina	40-12	17
18. Clemson	36-16	20
19. Rice	**35-17**	**21**
20. Fresno State	36-11	22
21. Stetson	39-13	15
22. Oklahoma State	33-18	19
23. Arkansas	33-17	23
24. Florida International	35-16	NR
25. Texas State	**34-17**	**25**

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 15, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Virginia	45-6	495	1
2. Oregon St	37-12	492	3
3. South Carolina	41-11	490	4
4. Florida	39-13	489	5
5. Vanderbilt	42-8	488	2
6. Texas	**38-12**	**486**	**6**
7. Texas Christian	**36-15**	**483**	**8**
8. Georgia Tech	37-15	481	9
9. Florida St	39-13	479	10
10. Cal St. Fullerton	36-14	477	11
11. Texas A&M	**36-16**	**476**	**12**
12. Oklahoma	39-13	474	14
13. Arizona St	36-13	472	7
14. Connecticut	36-14-1	469	15
15. Miami, Fla.	32-18	464	16
16. North Carolina	40-12	462	17
17. UCLA	29-19	459	13
18. Clemson	36-16	456	20
19. U.C. Irvine	34-13	453	22
20. Fresno St	36-11	451	23
21. Southern Miss	37-13	449	18
22. Stetson	39-13	446	19
23. Oklahoma St	33-18	442	21
24. Rice	**35-17**	**440**	**27**
25. California	28-16	439	25
26. Coastal Carolina	34-17	438	24
27. Arizona	31-17	435	26
28. Kent St	36-13	434	30
29. Charlotte	38-12	432	29
30. Arkansas	33-17	431	28

AL Boxes

RANGERS 4, WHITE SOX 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
EnChvz rf	5	2	3	0	Pierre lf	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	5	1	1	0	AlRmrz ss	4	0	1	0
Kinsler 2b	4	0	1	2	A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0
MiYong dh	5	1	2	1	Konerk 1b	3	0	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	0	2	1	Quentin rf	4	0	0	0
DvMrp lf	3	0	1	0	Przyns c	3	0	2	0
Torreal c	5	0	1	0	Rios cf	3	0	0	0
C.Davis 1b	4	0	0	0	Vizquel 3b	3	0	1	0
Gentry cf	4	0	1	0	Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**Totals**	**31**	**0**	**5**	**0**

Texas 002 002 000 — 4
Chicago 000 000 000 — 0

E—E.Jackson (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 12, Chicago 5. 2B—En.Chavez (1), Mi.Young (16), Al.Ramirez (5). SB—En.Chavez (1), Mi.Young (4), Gentry (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
C.Lewis W,4-4	9	5	0	0	1	7
Chicago						
E.Jackson L,3-5	5 1-3	11	4	4	3	6
T.Pena	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Sale	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ohman	1	0	0	0	1	2

WP—E.Jackson 2.
T—2:39. A—23,048 (40,615).

INDIANS 19, ROYALS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	4	2	2	4	Aviles 2b-ss	4	0	0	0
ACarer ss	6	3	2	1	MeCarr cf	2	0	0	0
Choo rf	5	2	2	0	Dyson cf	2	0	0	0
CSantn c-1b	3	2	1	0	Gordon lf	4	1	1	0
Hafner dh	3	2	1	3	Butler dh	4	0	1	1
Dncn ph-dh	2	0	1	2	Francr rf	2	0	0	0
OCarer 2b	4	2	3	3	Maier rf	1	0	0	0
Everett ph-2b	2	0	0	0	Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0
T.Buck lf	6	3	3	1	Betemt 3b	3	0	1	0
LaPort 1b	4	1	4	4	Treanr c	1	0	1	0
Marson c	1	0	0	0	B.Pena ph-c	2	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	4	2	1	1	AEscor ss	1	0	0	0
					Getz ph-2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	**44**	**19**	**20**	**19**	**Totals**	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Cleveland 210 (10)42 000 — 19
Kansas City 000 100 000 — 1

DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Kansas City 5. 2B—A.Cabrera (9), Choo 5, C.Santana (6), Hafner (6), Duncan (5), LaPorta 2 (10), Butler (12), Hosmer (3), Treanor (3). 3B—Gordon (3). HR—Brantley (4). SB—A.Cabrera 2 (5), C.Santana (1). S—Hannahan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Tomlin W,5-1	6	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Germano	1	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Durbin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pestano	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas City						
Davies L,1-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Adcock	1 2-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mazzaro	2 1-3	11	14	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jeffress	[illegible]	3	4	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Collins	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Soria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Adcock pitched to 1 batter in the 3rd.
HBP—by Pestano (Maier). WP—Mazzaro.
T—3:02. A—12,242 (37,903).

RED SOX 8, ORIOLES 7

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ellsury cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Markks rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pedroia 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D.Lee 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	AdGnzl 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fox 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Youkls 3b	4	[illegible]	2	2
Guerrr dh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ortiz dh	4	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J.Drew rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pie lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Lowrie ss	4	2	2	[illegible]
Adlsns cf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Crwfrd lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wieters c	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Varitek c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MrRynl 3b	5	[illegible]	2	2					
Hardy ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
Totals	**36**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**Totals**	**41**	**8**	**15**	**8**

Baltimore 201 021 100 — 7
Boston 000 005 102 — 8

One out when winning run scored.
E—Scott (1), Mar.Reynolds (7). LOB—Baltimore 11, Boston 15. 2B—D.Lee (6), Guerrero 2 (9), Ad.Gonzalez (14), Youkilis 2 (11), Lowrie (9). 3B—Lowrie (2). HR—Mar.Reynolds (5). SB—B.Roberts (6), Markakis (3), Mar.Reynolds (1), Ellsbury (13), Crawford (6). SF—Hardy.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Tillman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M.Gonzalez	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Accardo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapada	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ji.Johnson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uehara	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gregg L	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston						
Matsuzaka	4 1-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atchison	1 2-3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aceves W,1-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PB—Varitek.
T—3:53. A—37,138 (37,443).

BLUE JAYS 4, TIGERS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	Avila / Jackson cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPttrsn lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dirks lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bautst rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	Raburn ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Encrnc dh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Boesch rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A.Hill 2b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	MiCarr 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
JRiver rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	VMrtnz dh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arencii c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	JhPerlt ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
RDavis cf	4	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	Avila c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
JMcDnl 3b	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Inge 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
					Santiag 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
					Kelly cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	**35**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**Totals**	**27**	**2**	**4**	**2**

Toronto 000 000 130 — 4
Detroit 100 000 001 — 2

E—Mi.Cabrera (3). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 9, Detroit 7. 2B—A.Hill (6). HR—Jh.Peralta (6). SB—A.Jackson (6). CS—Y.Escobar (1). S—Jo.McDonald, Inge. SF—Y.Escobar, J.Rivera, Arencibia, Mi.Cabrera.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Drabek W,3-2	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]
Rzepczynski	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
F.Francisco S,4-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit						
Scherzer	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Benoit L,1-3	[illegible]	4	3	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Perry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

T—2:53. A—20,444 (41,255).

RAYS 6, YANKEES 5

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	3	[illegible]	0	0	Fuld lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	2
Grndrs cf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	Zobrist 2b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teixeir 1b	4	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	Damon dh	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
AlRdrg dh	4	0	0	[illegible]	Longor 3b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cano 2b	4	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	Joyce rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swisher rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	BUpton cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Andrus / Jones lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kotchm 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gardnr pr	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Brignc ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin c	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jaso c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ENunez 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
Totals	**34**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**30**	**6**	**9**	**6**

New York 020 030 000 — 5
Tampa Bay 000 105 00x — 6

E—E.Nunez (6), Fuld (2). DP—New York [illegible]. LOB—New York [illegible], Tampa Bay [illegible]. HR—Granderson [illegible]. SB—B.Upton (6). CS—Zobrist [illegible].

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
A.J.Burnett L,4-[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ayala	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Logan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chamberlain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tampa Bay						
Price	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.Cruz W,2-1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jo.Peralta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Farnsworth S,8-9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WP—A.J.Burnett 2.
T—2:50. A—25,024 (34,078).

BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	24	17	.585	—	—	[illegible]	W-1	11-12	13-5
New York	20	19	.513	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	L-6	13-11	7-8
Boston	21	20	.512	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	W-4	12-9	9-11
Toronto	21	20	.512	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	W-6	9-8	12-12
Baltimore	19	21	.475	4½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10-11	9-10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	25	13	.658	—	—	[illegible]	W-2	15-4	10-9
Detroit	22	19	.537	4½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11-8	11-11
Kansas City	20	20	.500	6	1½	4-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	17	25	.405	10	5½	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-12	12-13
Minnesota	12	26	.316	13	8½	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-11	8-15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	22	19	.537	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas	22	19	.537	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	W-2	15-9	[illegible]
Oakland	20	20	.500	1½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seattle	16	23	.410	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	25	15	.625	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	13-7	12-8
Florida	24	16	.600	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlanta	24	19	.558	2½	[illegible]	6-4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington	20	21	.488	5½	4½	6-4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	19	22	.463	6½	5½	6-4	[illegible]	8-12	11-10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	24	17	.585	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	W-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Louis	23	19	.548	1½	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	4½	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	18	23	.439	6	6½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	17	22	.436	6	6½	4-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston	15	26	.366	9	9½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	22	18	.550	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colorado	21	18	.538	½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Los Angeles	19	22	.463	3½	5½	4-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arizona	17	22	.436	4½	6½	[illegible]	W-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Diego	17	23	.425	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	W-2	[illegible]	[illegible]

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 4, Detroit 2
Boston 8, Baltimore 7
Cleveland 19, Kansas City 1
Texas 4, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late
Minnesota at Seattle, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Nova 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-1), 6:40 p.m.
Toronto (Litsch 4-2) at Detroit (Porcello 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Britton [illegible]) at Boston (Wakefield 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (C.Carrasco [illegible]) at Kansas City (O'Sullivan 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Harrison 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Danks [illegible]), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Chatwood [illegible]) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 4-[illegible]), 9:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Liriano 2-[illegible]) at Seattle (Fernandez 4-[illegible]), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Florida 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 11 innings
Atlanta 3, Houston 2
Colorado 7, San Francisco 4
San Diego at Arizona, late
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Houston (W.Rodriguez 2-[illegible]) at Atlanta (Lowe 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 4-1) at Washington (Zimmermann 2-4), 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez [illegible]) at Colorado (Jimenez [illegible]), [illegible] p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-4) at Cincinnati (Volquez 3-1), 6:10 p.m.
Florida (Nolasco [illegible]) at N.Y. Mets (Niese [illegible]), [illegible] p.m.
Philadelphia (Oswalt [illegible]) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 5-[illegible]), [illegible] p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer [illegible]) at Arizona (Enright [illegible]), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf [illegible]) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 4-[illegible]), 9:10 p.m.

NL Boxes

BRAVES 3, ASTROS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Prado lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barmes ss	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	McLouth cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pence rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	McCann c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ca.Lee lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Uggla 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Towles c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hinske rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wallac 1b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	DRoss / Freeman 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hall 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kimbrel p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.Lopez p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	AlGnzlz ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bogsvc ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Freeman 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MDwns 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	CMartinez 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quintero c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hanson p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Myers p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
Abad p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
AngSnc 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Houston 000 010 100 — 2
Atlanta 000 002 10x — 3

E—Myers [illegible]. DP—Houston [illegible]. LOB—Houston 4, Atlanta [illegible]. 2B—M.Downs [illegible]. HR—M.Downs [illegible]. [illegible] Hanson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abad L,1-4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.Lopez	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlanta						
Hanson W,5-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
O'Flaherty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimbrel S,11-14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WP—Hanson.
T—2:44. A—[illegible] (49,586).

REDS 7, CUBS 4

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Fukdm rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Stubbs cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barney 2b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Renteria ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCastro ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Votto 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ArRmr 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	BPhllps 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASoriano lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bruce rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Byrd cf	4	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	Rolen 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.Pena 1b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Janish / Gomes lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
K.Hill c	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cordero p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zambrn p	3	[illegible]	0	0	Hanigan c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mateo p	0	0	0	0	HBaily p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
JRussll p	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	Cairo ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Soto / DeWitt ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Heisey / Bray p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**7**	**8**	**6**

Chicago 000 022 000 — 4
Cincinnati 000 007 00x — 7

E—[illegible]. DP—Chicago [illegible], Cincinnati [illegible]. LOB—Chicago [illegible], Cincinnati [illegible]. 2B—[illegible]. HR—[illegible].

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Zambrano	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mateo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
J.Russell	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marshall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cincinnati						
H.Bailey W	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NATIONALS 4, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Washington	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCutchen cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bernadina cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Desmond ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Werth rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Doumit c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	W.Ramos c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paul lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ad.LaRoche 1b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pearce 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Morse lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overbay 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nieves c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Espinosa 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	**33**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**4**	**6**	**4**

Pittsburgh 100 000 100 — 2
Washington 100 010 20x — 4

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Maholm [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington						
Lannan [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clippard / Burnett	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Storen [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CARDINALS 3, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Theriot ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Victorino / Martinez cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jay cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polanco 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pujols 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ibanez lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Holliday lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Howard 1b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Berkman rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mayberry rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Schumaker 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BFrancisco / Ruiz c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Descalso 3b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Valdez 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Y.Molina c	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cl.Lee p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Westbrook p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stutes p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	ESnchz p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gload ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Salas p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Romero p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**26**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Philadelphia 010 000 000 — 1
St. Louis 000 200 10x — 3

DP—Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 2. LOB—Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 8. 2B—Rollins (8). SB—Mayberry (3). S—Jay, Lohse.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Cl.Lee L,2-4	6 1-3	6	3	3	6	4
Stutes	2-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
J.Romero	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
St. Louis						
Westbrook W,[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
E.Sanchez	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salas S,4-4	1	0	0	[illegible]	0	[illegible]

HBP—by J.Romero (Berkman).
T—2:37. A—34,884 (43,975).

ROCKIES 7, GIANTS 4

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Torres cf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fowler cf	[illegible]	2	2	[illegible]
FSnchz 2b	4	0	3	0	Herrer 2b	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	0
Huff 1b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	CGnzlz lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	3
Posey c	4	[illegible]	2	0	Tlwtzk ss	4	[illegible]	1	[illegible]
Schrhlt rf	[illegible]	1	1	2	Helton 1b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.Ross lf	[illegible]	0	0	0	S.Smith rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Affeldt p	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]	Lopez 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burrell ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	JMorls c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Runzler p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	Mrtnsn p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
DeRosa 3b	4	0	[illegible]	0	Amezg ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tejada ss	4	[illegible]	2	0	Belisle p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincecm p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	MtRynl p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rowand lf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	RBtncr p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
					Lindstr p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
					Splrghs ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
					Street p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	**31**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**30**	**7**	**10**	**7**

San Francisco 001 003 000 — 4
Colorado 000 025 00x — 7

E—Lincecum (1). DP—Colorado 4. LOB—San Francisco 5, Colorado 8. 2B—Tejada [illegible], Jo.Lopez 2. HR—Torres (1), Schierholtz 3, C.Gonzalez (5), S.Smith (4). SB—C.Ross [illegible], S.Smith [illegible]. CS—Schierholtz (3), Fowler 2 (5). [illegible] C.Gonzalez [illegible], Lincecum, Herrera.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Lincecum L,[illegible]-4	5 2-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	6
Affeldt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Runzler	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]
Colorado						
Mortensen W,[illegible]	6	[illegible]	4	4	[illegible]	4
Belisle	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mat.Reynolds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R.Betancourt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lindstrom	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Street S,13-14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

HBP—by Mortensen (C.Ross). WP—Mortensen.
T—[illegible]. A—[illegible] (50,449).

MARLINS 2, METS 1, 11 INNINGS

Florida	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Coghln cf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	JosRys ss	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R.Webb p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Harris lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dobbs 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hu [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Badnhp p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Beltran rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bay lf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	DnMrp 2b	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Murphy 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Turner 3b	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pagan cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dobbs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	RPaulino c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Helms ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Thole c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stanton rf	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pridie ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buck c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Harris ph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hayes c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Byrdak p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Igarashi p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	FRdrgz p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Parnell p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Isringh p	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Niese / Nickeas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	**40**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**39**	**1**	**9**	**1**

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New York 000 100 000 00 — 1

[illegible]

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

HBP—by F.Rodriguez (J.Buck). WP—[illegible].
T—[illegible]. A—[illegible] (41,800).

Am. Association

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Wichita	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Fort Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gary	[illegible]	[illegible]	.500	[illegible]
Kansas City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

North Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Winnipeg	[illegible]	[illegible]	.800	—
St. Paul	[illegible]	[illegible]	.600	[illegible]
Fargo-Moorhead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sioux Falls	[illegible]	4	.200	[illegible]

South Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Grand Prairie	[illegible]	[illegible]	.600	—
Shreveport-Bossier	[illegible]	[illegible]	.600	—
Lincoln	[illegible]	[illegible]	.400	[illegible]
Amarillo	[illegible]	[illegible]	.250	1½
El Paso	[illegible]	[illegible]	.250	1½

Monday's Scores

Shreveport-Bossier [illegible], Sioux City [illegible], [illegible] innings, 1st game
Fargo-Moorhead 3, St. Paul [illegible]
Wichita 12, Fort Worth 4
Winnipeg 6, Sioux Falls 4
Grand Prairie 5, Lincoln 3
Sioux City at Shreveport-Bossier, late
Amarillo at El Paso, late

Today's Games

Sioux City at Shreveport-Bossier, 10:35 a.m.
Lincoln at Grand Prairie, 11:05 a.m.
St. Paul at Fargo-Moorhead, 12:02 p.m.
Wichita at Fort Worth, [illegible] p.m.
Gary at Kansas City, [illegible] p.m.
Winnipeg at Sioux Falls, [illegible] p.m.
Amarillo at El Paso, 8:05 p.m.

RODEO

Through May 15
All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $104,108
2. Cody Ohl, Hico, $30,924
3. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $23,767
4. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $21,315
5. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. $21,180
6. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $20,394
7. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $19,130
8. Jesse Sheffield, Austin, Colo. $17,594
9. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $14,771
10. Derick Fleming, Roosevelt, Utah $13,237
11. Jack Vanderlans, Temecula, Calif. $12,930
12. Rhett Kennedy, Chowchilla, Calif. $12,902
13. Clint Singleton, Medina, $11,628
14. Cade Swor, Winnie, $10,750
15. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $10,665

Bareback Riding

1. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $50,514
2. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $44,363
3. Will Lowe, Canyon, $43,973
4. Clint Cannon, Waller, $28,158
5. Chris Harris, Itasca, $27,800
6. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $27,408
7. Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D. $26,713
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta, $24,798
9. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, $24,593
10. Bo Casper, Fort Scott, Kan. $23,686

Steer Wrestling

1. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $39,309
2. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. $34,269
3. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D. $29,326
4. Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla. $26,990
5. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $25,849
6. Darrell Petry, Beaumont, $25,312
7. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $25,184
8. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D. $24,632
9. Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla. $23,723
10. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $22,179

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $35,537
2. Chad Masters, Clarksville, Tenn. $34,976
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $32,255
4. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif. $27,842
5. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $27,205
6. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $26,803
7. Joel Bach, Millsap, $26,266
8. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $23,111
9. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $22,034
10. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $22,011
11. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $21,323
12. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $20,942
13. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla. $19,726
14. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $18,161
15. Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont. $16,046

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $37,950
2. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $35,537
3. Patrick Smith, Midland, $32,255
4. Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif. $27,842
5. Allen Bach, Weatherford, $25,226
6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, $23,881
7. Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz. $23,111
8. Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo. $22,647
9. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $22,158
10. Rich Skelton, Llano, $22,034
11. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $21,960
12. [illegible], Ashburn, Ga. $2[illegible]
13. [illegible] $14,126
14. [illegible], Stephenville, $18,521
15. Dakota Kirchenschlager, [illegible] $17,663

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $44,414
2. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $34,403
3. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, $32,166
4. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $30,611
5. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $29,681
6. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, $26,867
7. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $26,235
8. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. $25,667
9. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $20,001
10. Tyler [illegible], Hastings, Minn. $19,987
11. [illegible], College Station $18,393
12. Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D. $16,971
13. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $16,805
14. Jesse Kruse, Great Falls, Mont. $15,730
15. Ty Atchison, Jackson, Mo. $14,738

Tie-down Roping

1. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $42,075
2. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $41,797
3. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $40,974
4. Adam Gray, Seymour, $28,543
5. Cody Ohl, Hico, $27,200
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $25,305
7. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga. $25,047
8. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $24,845
9. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $24,298
10. E.J. Roberts, Stephenville, $23,536

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $46,548
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $23,586
3. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla. $21,350
4. Walter Priestly, Robstown, $17,339
5. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $14,872
6. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, $14,708
7. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, $14,608
8. Will Gasperson, Decatur, $13,569
9. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $12,874
10. Lawson Plemons, Axtell, $10,240

Bull Riding

1. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $66,637
2. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $46,054
3. Cody Whitney, Asher, Okla. $41,295
4. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $37,461
5. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo. $33,548
6. Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, $31,738
7. Jacob O'Mara, Prairieville, La. $31,626
8. Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo. $29,658
9. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. $29,556
10. Ardie Maier, Timber Lake, S.D. $29,188
11. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $28,523
12. Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo. $28,304
13. Clayton Williams, Carthage, $28,290
14. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo. $24,939
15. Chance Smart, Philadelphia, Miss. $23,076

Barrel Racing

1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $73,362
2. Jody Sheffield, South Weber, Utah $57,014
3. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore. $47,715
4. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $40,145
5. Jill Moody, Letcher, S.D. $39,411
6. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $35,824
7. Jane Melby, Backus, Minn. $27,230
8. Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D. $26,083
9. Tana Renick, Kingston, Okla. $25,849
10. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif. $25,821

'Hounds Watch

Monday's Score

Frisco 3, Midland 2

Today's Game

Midland at Frisco, 11 a.m.
Dr Pepper Ballpark

Records

Midland 17-20, Frisco 19-18

Radio/Internet

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KMCK 96.1 FM

Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
San Antonio 11, Midland 2	Frisco 3, Midland 2		Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

CYCLING

Tour of California, stage 3, Auburn to Modesto, Calif., 4 p.m., Versus

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Regional coverage, Philadelphia at St. Louis or Texas at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., MLB Network

Texas at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., FSS

NBA

Draft Lottery, at Secaucus, N.J., 7:30 p.m., ESPN

Playoffs, conference finals, game 1, Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Playoffs, conference finals, game 2, Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m., Versus

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

NJCAA National Tournament, Odessa Country Club Links Course, 7:30 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

MLB—Named John Allen assistant monitor of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Suspended New York Mets minor league RHP Edgar Ramirez (Binghamton-EL) 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP John Lackey on 15-Day DL. Recalled RHP Scott Atchison from Pawtucket (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed OF Grady Sizemore on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Recalled OF Travis Buck from Columbus (IL).

SEATTLE MARINERS—Released OF Milton Bradley.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed 1B Adam Lind on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 8. Purchased the contract of OF Eric Thames from Las Vegas (PCL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed LHP Aroldis Chapman on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Jordan Smith from Louisville (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS—Announced owner Drayton McLane agreed to sell the team to a group led by Houston businessman Jim Crane.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Roy Oswalt from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Vance Worley to Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Claimed RHP Jess Todd off waivers from the N.Y. Yankees. Transferred RHP Bryan Augenstein from 15-day to 60-day DL.

American Association

FORT WORTH CATS—Released LHP Nolan Chestnut. Signed INF Derek Kinzler.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Traded INF Louis Ott to Winnipeg for cash and a player to be named.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Signed C Zane Chavez.

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed INF Justin Snyder.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed RHP Barry Fowler.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Andy Yawger and RHP Michael Mastogiovanni.

PITTSFIELD COLONIALS—Released RHP Matt Salvato. Signed OF Angel Molina, RHP Mike Zenko, OF Rafael Cabreja and INF Danny Bomback.

WORCESTER TORNADOES—Signed INF Boomer Blanchard, LHP Zach Zuercher, LHP Davis Bilardello and OF Alex S. Fernandez.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Released SS Nick D'Amico, RHP Chad Edwards, RHP LaDale Hayes, OF David Kahn and C Nathan Thompson.

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Released RHP Kevin Asselin, RHP Brandon Barrow, 3B Matt Brown, INF John Dzombia, LHP Clayton McMillan, 1B Donald Reese and C Sean Toomey.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Released OF Matt Miraldi.

JOLIET SLAMMERS—Released INF Sean Rockey and RHP Trevor Vermillion.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed INF Kyle Bok. Placed RHP Eric Gonzalez and SS Jordan Rivera on the suspended list. Released RHP Nolan Burnett, RHP Austin Coan, OF Adam Heisel and RHP Ricky McGraw.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Released RHP Josh Hildebrand, OF Daniel Carter and RHP Adam Ostrom.

RIVER CITY RASCALS—Released C John Febrer, RHP Tyler Garrett and OF Kyle Mihaly.

ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Released OF Greg Hunt, RHP Greg Stolzenburg, C Kent Wright and 3B-RHP Jordon Post.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Placed RHP Justin Edwards on the 14-day injured list. Placed C Greyson Schram on the suspended list. Released RHP Zach Groff, OF Joel Hartman, LHP Blake Herrington and OF Jeremy Richter.

North American League

RIO GRANDE VALLEY WHITEWINGS—Signed OF Welington Dotel, OF Leo Delgado and INF Brandon Decker.

SAN ANGELO COLTS—Signed RHP Chandler Barnard, RHP David Parker and LHP Jordan Kendall.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Matt Brockelman senior vice president, chief financial and administrative officer.

Canadian Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Signed DL Lindsey Witten and DL Torrey Davis.

GYMNASTICS
International Gymnastics Federation

FIG—Suspended Cyprus, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Macau, Macedonia, Paraguay, Seychelles, Syria, Tajikistan and Yemen for failing to pay money owed to the sport's ruling body.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Promoted Jay Feaster to general manager.

SOCCER
United Soccer Leagues

USL—Entered into an agreement to operate the Major Indoor Soccer League.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA—Announced basketball G Lamont Jones announced will transfer.

GEORGE MASON—Named Rodney Houston men's assistant basketball coach. Retained director of men's basketball operations Scott Lombard.

ILLINOIS—Announced the retirement of athletic director Ron Guenther, effective June 30.

MARIST—Promoted men's assistant basketball coach Jevin Budde to basketball coach.

NEW JERSEY CITY—Named Amy Mulligan women's basketball coach.

RUTGERS—Announced the resignation of men's lacrosse coach Jim Stagnitta.

VIRGINIA TECH—Announced junior G F. Manny Atkins will transfer following the spring semester.

WRIGHT STATE—Named Keenan Flynn men's soccer goalkeepers coach.

XAVIER—Announced the resignation of associate men's basketball coach Pat Kelsey.

TENNIS

WTA Brussels Open Results
Monday
At Primerose Royal Tennis Club
Brussels, Belgium
Purse: $618,000 (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Shahar Peer (5), Israel, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. An-Sophie Mestach, Belgium, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.

Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Maria Kirilenko (5), Russia, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, 6-2, 6-3.

Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-1, 6-1.

Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Daniela Hantuchova (6), Slovakia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-4.

Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-2, 6-1.

ATP World Tour Open de Nice Cote d'Azur Results
Monday
At The Nice Lawn Tennis Club
Nice, France
Purse: $561,450 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Pere Riba, Spain, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 6-2.

Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-0, 6-1.

Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 5-0, retired.

Andrea Seppi, Italy, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

WTA Internationaux de Strasbourg Results
Monday
At Centre Sportif de Hautepierre
Strasbourg, France
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Anabel Medina Garrigues (7), Spain, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

ATP World Team Cup Results
Monday
At Rochusclub
Duesseldorf, Germany
Purse: $1.13 million
(World Championship)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Blue Group
Germany 3, Serbia 0
Singles

Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles

Christopher Kas and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Janko Tipsarevic and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 5-7, 6-3, 10-7 tiebreak.

Russia 2, Spain 1
Doubles

Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez, Spain, def. Viktor Baluda and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Red Group
United States 2, Sweden 1
Singles

John Isner, United States, def. Christian Lindell, Sweden, 6-4, 6-1.

Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

Doubles

Mardy Fish and John Isner, United States, def. Simon Aspelin and Robin Lindstedt, Sweden, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 10-4 tiebreak.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP POINTS LEADERS
Through May 15

1. Carl Edwards	416
2. Jimmie Johnson	392
3. Kyle Busch	379
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	364
5. Kevin Harvick	362
6. Matt Kenseth	342
7. Ryan Newman	340
8. Clint Bowyer	336
9. Kurt Busch	336
10. Tony Stewart	328
11. Mark Martin	324
12. Greg Biffle	311
13. Denny Hamlin	304
14. Jeff Gordon	299
15. Juan Pablo Montoya	296

NATIONWIDE POINTS LEADERS
Through May 14

1. Elliott Sadler	379
2. Reed Sorenson	369
3. Jason Leffler	364
4. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	363
5. Justin Allgaier	361
6. Aric Almirola	339
7. Kenny Wallace	317
8. Brian Scott	286
9. Steve Wallace	282
10. Josh Wise	274

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK POINTS LEADERS

Through May 13
1. Matt Crafton, 225.
2. Johnny Sauter, 220.
3. Cole Whitt, 218.
4. Ron Hornaday Jr., 217.
5. Timothy Peters, 212.
6. Austin Dillon, 203.
7. Max Papis, 173.
8. Clay Rogers, 169.
9. Todd Bodine, 165.
10. Brendan Gaughan, 164.

NHRA

Through May 15

TOP FUEL: 1. Del Worsham, 547. 2. Antron Brown, 477. 3. Larry Dixon, 468. 4. Tony Schumacher, 449. 5. Spencer Massey, 410.

FUNNY CAR: 1. Mike Neff, 496. 2. Jack Beckman, 476. 3. Robert Hight, 412. 4. Cruz Pedregon, 399. 5. Matt Hagan, 356.

PRO STOCK: 1. Jason Line, 515. 2. Greg Anderson, 465. 3. Mike Edwards, 429. 4 (tie). Vincent Nobile and Greg Stanfield, 420.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE: 1. Karen Stoffer, 278. 2. Andrew Hines, 263. 3. Eddie Krawiec, 244. 4. LE Tonglet, 240. 5. Hector Arana, 197.

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through May 8

1. Sebastian Vettel	93
2. Lewis Hamilton	59
3. Mark Webber	55
4. Jenson Button	46
5. Fernando Alonso	41
6. Felipe Massa	24
7. Nick Heidfeld	21
8. Vitaly Petrov	21
9. Nico Rosberg	20
10. Kamui Kobayashi	8

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through May 2

1. Will Power	188
2. Dario Franchitti	154
3. Oriol Servia	110
4. Mike Conway	102
5. Ryan Briscoe	101
6. Tony Kanaan	90
7. Alex Tagliani	85
8. Scott Dixon	84

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through May 15

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Bubba Watson	1,383	$2,948,790
2. Luke Donald	1,354	$3,344,867
3. Mark Wilson	1,207	$2,482,885
4. Phil Mickelson	1,190	$2,382,152
5. Nick Watney	1,169	$2,791,733
6. K.J. Choi	1,161	$2,915,049
7. Martin Laird	1,085	$2,177,563
8. Rory Sabbatini	1,052	$2,082,644
9. Gary Woodland	1,050	$2,047,680
10. Aaron Baddeley	1,046	$2,265,691
11. Jonathan Byrd	1,034	$2,142,248
12. Brandt Snedeker	975	$2,031,100
13. Webb Simpson	956	$1,870,758
14. Hunter Mahan	888	$1,870,969
15. Matt Kuchar	859	$1,910,083
16. Charl Schwartzel	850	$1,833,554
17. Steve Marino	833	$1,672,180
18. Jhonattan Vegas	816	$1,499,350
19. D.A. Points	773	$1,578,856
20. Bill Haas	760	$1,415,728
21. Jason Dufner	741	$1,509,080
22. David Toms	729	$1,726,215
23. Spencer Levin	723	$1,487,436
24. Vijay Singh	701	$1,439,240
25. Brendan Steele	684	$1,333,319
26. Justin Rose	680	$1,342,182
27. Dustin Johnson	672	$1,502,757
28. Jason Day	665	$1,581,675
29. Tommy Gainey	649	$1,250,407
30. Lucas Glover	641	$1,315,037
31. Steve Stricker	621	$1,338,234
32. Kevin Na	619	$1,208,465
33. Charley Hoffman	596	$999,154
34. J.B. Holmes	591	$1,353,462
35. Y.E. Yang	581	$1,223,596
36. Brian Gay	503	$839,509
37. Adam Scott	487	$1,143,257
38. Chris Kirk	479	$795,323
39. Brendon de Jonge	474	$618,086
40. Rickie Fowler	455	$753,353
41. Ryan Moore	447	$868,035
42. Jimmy Walker	445	$811,829
43. Charles Howell III	444	$836,114
44. Robert Allenby	442	$782,412
45. Fredrik Jacobson	438	$706,342
46. Marc Leishman	434	$716,749
47. Ben Crane	434	$733,639
48. Robert Garrigus	432	$868,748
49. Ryan Palmer	430	$781,082
50. Pat Perez	422	$800,274
51. Chris Couch	420	$698,739
51. Jim Furyk	420	$738,070
51. Graeme McDowell	420	$858,041
54. J.J. Henry	418	$843,388
55. John Senden	408	$544,955
56. Stewart Cink	407	$704,386
57. Johnson Wagner	405	$846,290
58. Geoff Ogilvy	403	$788,927
59. Paul Goydos	398	$849,923
60. Michael Bradley	394	$771,861
61. Scott Verplank	389	$743,898
62. Zach Johnson	386	$708,173
63. Ricky Barnes	378	$891,677
64. Brian Davis	370	$691,978
65. Matt Bettencourt	364	[illegible]
66. Jerry Kelly	361	[illegible]
67. Carl Pettersson	351	[illegible]
68. Troy Matteson	348	[illegible]
69. Brandt Jobe	342	[illegible]
70. Keegan Bradley	342	$597,540
71. Hunter Haas	336	$586,477
72. Chad Campbell	**334**	**$487,877**
73. Jeff Overton	331	$516,654
74. Ian Poulter	313	$523,201
75. Matt Jones	308	$571,312

LPGA

Money Leaders
Through May 1

Rank, Player	Trn	Money
1. Yani Tseng	6	$570,478
2. Karrie Webb	6	$492,863
3. Stacy Lewis	6	$425,405
4. Sandra Gal	5	$328,015
5. I.K. Kim	4	$271,144
6. Maria Hjorth	5	$270,980
7. Michelle Wie	5	$258,881
8. Morgan Pressel	6	$228,693
9. Na Yeon Choi	5	$220,551
10. Jiyai Shin	5	$217,112
11. Cristie Kerr	6	$217,029
12. Paula Creamer	6	$197,306
13. Angela Stanford	6	$194,753
14. Suzann Pettersen	5	$183,496
15. Song-Hee Kim	6	$178,374
16. Sun Young Yoo	6	$169,484
17. Brittany Lincicome	6	$169,159
18. Amy Yang	6	$146,749
19. Juli Inkster	6	$133,194
20. Katie Futcher	4	$128,610
21. Mika Miyazato	5	$117,984
22. Mindy Kim	4	$104,440
23. Anna Nordqvist	5	$100,738
24. Katherine Hull	6	$95,[illegible]
25. Catriona Matthew	4	$92,844
26. Shanshan Feng	6	$80,037
27. Stacy Prammanasudh	6	$73,039
28. Hee Kyung Seo	5	$70,125
29. Karen Stupples	6	$66,777
30. Paige Mackenzie	4	$62,916
31. Sophie Gustafson	5	$62,464
32. Ai Miyazato	5	$62,227
33. Beatriz Recari	6	$61,692
34. Jimin Kang	6	$60,841
35. Se Ri Pak	5	$59,671
36. Kristy McPherson	6	$57,864
37. M.J. Hur	6	$56,954
38. Amanda Blumenherst	6	$51,559
39. Karine Icher	6	$51,533
40. Julieta Granada	4	$50,608
41. Christina Kim	6	$50,390
42. Inbee Park	4	$50,280
43. Chella Choi	4	$49,519
44. Marcy Hart	4	$48,585
45. Momoko Ueda	4	$46,376
46. Alena Sharp	5	$45,474
47. Natalie Gulbis	6	$43,807
48. Christel Boeljon	3	$42,970
49. Seon Hwa Lee	6	$42,311
50. Candie Kung	5	$41,630

Nationwide Tour

Money Leaders
Through May 8

Rank, Player	Trn	Money
1. Mathew Goggin	5	$192,475
2. Daniel Chopra	4	$120,709
3. Brenden Pappas	6	$116,578
4. Ted Potter, Jr.	2	$114,950
5. Troy Kelly	3	$107,642
6. Brett Wetterich	3	$103,825
7. Bubba Dickerson	6	$102,131
8. Darron Stiles	6	$87,664
9. Matt Every	2	$71,058
10. Erik Compton	5	$65,380
11. Matt Hendrix	2	$64,025
12. Russell Knox	3	$62,528
13. Luke List	6	$60,620
14. Alistair Presnell	5	$59,000
15. Matt Davidson	5	$58,539
16. Rob Oppenheim	6	$53,253
17. Tommy Biershenk	6	$51,235
18. Charles Warren	2	$50,250
19. Won Joon Lee	6	$49,489
20. Mark Anderson	6	$49,228
21. Cliff Kresge	6	$48,780
22. Will Wilcox	1	$48,400
23. Danny Lee	4	$43,536
24. Rich Barcelo	6	$41,123
25. Brad Elder	5	$39,841

Champions Tour

Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through May 8

Rank, Player	Points	Money
1. Tom Lehman	772	$1,151,595
2. John Cook	560	$633,081
3. Nick Price	536	$682,943
4. Russ Cochran	493	$584,367
5. Jeff Sluman	408	$494,487
6. Olin Browne	330	$345,700
7. Michael Allen	316	$497,013
8. Joe Ozaki	302	$322,710
9. David Frost	295	$405,339
10. Mark McNulty	281	$349,870

CHAPS AT NATIONALS

MIDLAND COLLEGE HISTORY AT NATIONALS

This is the 24th consecutive year Midland College has qualified for the NJCAA Men's Golf Championship Tournament. Here is the history of how the Chaparrals placed with first team all-Americans in parentheses.

Year	Finish
1988	12th
1989	6th
1990	3rd (Dean Robertson)
1991	2nd (Darren Eckhardt, Andrew Coltart)
1992	Champion (Steve Armstrong, Grant Thompson)
1993	3rd
1994	2nd (Chad Campbell)
1995	Champion (Derrick Pursley, Graham Davidson)
1996	4th (Davidson)
1997	6th
1998	3rd
1999	4th
2000	2nd (Ernie Rose)
2001	6th
2002	5th
2003	4th
2004	5th
2005	3rd
2006	Champion (Kevin Carrigan, Nils Bjorling)
2007	2nd (Leroux Ferreira)
2008	Champion (David Thomas, medalist champion; Patrick Solberg)
2009	Third (Tommy Sikes, medalist champion)
2010	Tied for 11th

OTHER MIDLAND COLLEGE ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS

Second team — Van Snyman (2007, 2006), Hamilton Wheeler (2003), Andrew Lanahan (2003), Lee Rhind (2001), Kenneth Ferrie (1999, 1998), Derrick Pursley (1996), Euan Little (1995), Jason Brooks (1994), Stephen Dundas (1993), Shawn Savage (1993), Mark Kochan (1990), Dean Robertson (1989)

Third team — Heinrich Frylinck (2009), J.R Reyes (2001), James Clive (1996), Jason Garduno (1995)

Honorable mention —Kevin Carrigan (2007), Greg Bowden (2005), Lane Branum (2003), Kevin Hofer (2000), Russell Wrentz (2000), J.C. Hernandez (1992), Mike Johnson (1989)

Runners-up — Rose (2000), Pursley (1995), Thompson (1992), Coltart (1991) and Robertson (1990)

NJCAA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FAST FACTS

When/where: Today through Friday, Odessa Country Club, Links Course

Course facts: The course is an 18-hole championship and features mounded fairways and the style of fast greens suited to the more advanced golfer, according to the Golf Channel's website description.

Top contenders to watch (NJCAA national ranking in parentheses): (5) Odessa College, (1) New Mexico Junior College, (8) Midland College, (15) Western Texas College, two-time defending national champion (7) McLennan Community College, (2) Meridian (Miss.) Community College, (4) Central Alabama, (6) Brevard (Fla) Community College and (3) Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College

Qualifying teams: District 1, Eastern Arizona College, Pima (Ariz.) CC, North Idaho College, Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC, Trinidad State (Colo.) JC, individual qualifier from Estrella Mountain (Ariz.) CC; District 2, New Mexico JC, McLennan CC, Midland College, Odessa College, Western Texas College, Ranger College; District 3, Dodge City (Kan.) CC, Hutchinson (Kan.) CC, Indian Hills (Iowa) CC, Iowa Western CC, Kansas City Kansas CC; District 4, Darton College (Ga.), Meridian (Miss.) CC, Central Alabama CC, Brevard (Fla.) College, Cape Fear (N.C.) CC, Wallace State (Ala.) CC, Faulkner State (Ala.) CC, individual qualifier from Wake Technical (N.C.) CC

Keys for the Chaps: MC coach Delnor Poss said the winner will come down to which team hits the greens and putts the best. ... "The Links Course at Odessa Country Club challenges players because you have to hit a lot of different kinds of shots as far as the way the course is designed," Poss said. "It's going to be important how we follow the game plan as far as how we play each hole and how the players perceive each hole. If they do follow that, I think we can be successful."

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

NJCAA TEE TIMES

NJCAA National Championship
Odessa Country Club, Links Course
Today's Tee Times
All participants will tee off at No. 1

7:30 a.m.: Oscar Borda, NMJC; Adam Monser, Meridian CC; Matt Solis, Indian Hills CC

7:38 a.m.: Gage Mruphy, NMJC; Easton Key, Meridian (Miss.) CC; Zach Steffen, Indian Hills CC

7:46 a.m.: Willy Hogan, NMJC; Clemens Dvorak, Meridian CC; Steven Irmi, Indian Hills CC

7:54 a.m.: Jordan McCall, NMJC; Jake Strong, Meridian CC; Jon Paul Blumpied, Indian Hills CC

8:02 a.m.: Roberto Sebastien, NMJC; Brandt Garon, Meridian CC; Dan Dawson, Indian Hills CC

8:10 a.m.: Nick Ward, Central Alabama CC; Mac Wairath, OC; Louis Dunn, Brevard CC

8:18 a.m.: Zac Love, Central Alabama CC; Jordan Hamblin, OC; Wes Fidler, Brevard CC

8:26 a.m.: Christian Humber, Central Alabama CC; Antonio Moraes, OC; Bill Anderson, Brevard CC

8:34 a.m.: Paul Harris, Central Alabama CC; Chris Bell, OC; Kyle Martin, Brevard CC

8:42 a.m.: Chase Seiffert, Central Alabama CC; Stanton Tondre, OC; Taylor Johnson, Brevard CC

8:50 a.m.: Jeff Hageman, McLennan CC; Chance Nichols, MC; Ryley Haas, Hutchinson CC

9:04 a.m.: Chase Chapman, McLennan CC; Luke Richardson, MC; Mike Muller, Hutchinson CC

9:12 a.m.: Tyler Russell, McLennan CC; Richie Farmer, MC; Nick Seiler, Hutchinson CC

9:20 a.m.: Greyden Bievins, McLennan CC; Neil Gowan, MC; Sam Schulve, Hutchinson CC

9:28 a.m.: Nate Anderson, McLennan CC; Marc Dobias, MC; Craig Howell, Hutchinson CC

9:36 a.m.: Brandon Beasley, Wallace State CC; Sean Mullen, Pima CC; Trent Specht, Dodge City CC

9:44 a.m.: Conner Godsey, Wallace State CC; Sean Mullen, Pima CC; Trent Specht, Dodge City CC

9:52 a.m.: Deane Rikard, Wallace State CC; Mark Ontiveros, Pima CC; Ross Mine, Dodge City CC

10 a.m.: Andrew Lowry, Wallace State CC; Anthony Grijalva, Pima CC; Alex Tiong, Dodge City CC

10:08 a.m.: Blaise Wilson, Wallace State CC; Robert Perrott, Pima CC; Chen-Hau Tan, Dodge City CC

10:24 a.m.: Austin McNeil, Darton College; Kenan Steele, Scottsdale CC; Guillermo Saldana, Western Texas

10:32 a.m.: Spenser Farrell, Darton College; Jake Allen, Scottsdale CC; Jason Pearce, Western Texas

10:40 a.m.: Shad Tuten, Darton College; Kevin Parkhurst, Scottsdale CC; Matthew Whitaker, Western Texas

10:48 a.m.: Joe Shakupoophaisan, Darton College; Colton Tuttle, Scottsdale CC; Mathias Boesmans, Western Texas

10:56 a.m.: Tavor Welborn, Darton College; Juan Fernandez, Scottsdale CC; Kyle Lucas, Western Texas

11:04 a.m.: David Donovan, Cape Fear CC; Wes Apple, Iowa Western CC; Eli Bowen, Northern Idaho

11:12 a.m.: Jake Barge, Cape Fear CC; Tyler Erwin, Iowa Western CC; Ben Johnson, Northern Idaho

11:20 a.m.: Colby Averitte, Cape Fear CC; Mark Stowe, Iowa Western CC; Jake Erickson, Northern Idaho

11:28 a.m.: Scott Novick, Cape Fear CC; Zach Christianson, Iowa Western CC; Kris Brett, Northern Idaho

11:36 a.m.: Clayton Woody, Cape Fear CC; Lance Lawson, Iowa Western CC; Jeremy Jensen, Northern Idaho

11:52 a.m.: Kyle Grap, Falkner State CC; Conner Nelson, Eastern Arizona; Gill Williams, Kansas City CC

Noon: Thomas Pearson, Faulkner State CC; Craig Miller, Eastern Arizona; Josh Bean, Kansas City CC

12:08 p.m.: Jeffrey O'Dell, Faulkner State CC; Arturo Vazquez, Eastern Arizona; Luke Gordon, Kansas City CC

12:16 p.m.: Jared Burleson, Faulkner State CC; Ryan Pitzer, Eastern Arizona; Patrick Shaw, Kansas City CC

12:24 p.m.: Paul McClure, Faulkner State CC; Joey Ryan, Eastern Arizona CC; Cole Murrin, Kansas City CC

12:32 p.m.: Dustin Martin, Trinidad State JC; Matt Roberson, Ranger College; Ian Dunn Allen, Estrella Mountain CC

12:40 p.m.: Kyle Roll, Trinidad State JC; Tyler Norton, Ranger College; Hugo Alvarez, Wake Technical CC

12:48 p.m.: Jake Maily, Trinidad State JC; Caegan Allen, Ranger College

12:56 p.m.: Kaelen Gunderson, Trinidad State JC; Jordon Holloway, Ranger College

1:04 p.m.: Ricco Tapia, Trinidad State JC; John Dukes, Ranger College

CHAPS

From 1C

to win a national championship."

Longtime Midland College golf coach Delnor Poss was a little more cautious to claim his team as one of the favorites. He said the team that has the most advantage is Odessa College because it has played on that course more than any other team going into the tournament. However, he added that Odessa College and Midland College aren't going to be the only teams to watch for.

"There's usually about eight or nine teams that are legitimate national championship contender," Poss said. "It may be expanded a little this year because if you look at the national rankings, there are six teams from our region and five from our conference that could win it. For example in 2009, our region finished one, two, three in the nation. Here in West Texas, that would improve the opportunities for the teams involved like ourselves. Odessa College, New Mexico Junior College, Western Texas College and McLennan Community College. All of those are legitimate contenders for a national championship."

With that in mind, Poss had a tough decision to make as to who would make the national team. In the end it came down to which players consistently shot around par. That group includes Nichols, Gowan, fellow sophomore Marc Dobias and freshmen Richard Farmer and Luke Richardson.

"We've found out (last Wednesday) who made the team and we're pretty happy about it because everyone's playing pretty good," Farmer said. "It was a tough decision to make for the team because everyone has been playing so well. We definitely have a great opportunity to win it. A lot of guys played well the last time we played there."

The Chaps have had their ups and downs this spring to the point where Poss questioned their mental toughness during the their own Omega Treating Chemicals Inc. Invitational at Green Tree in March. But the Chaps seemed to have turned things around down the stretch and that included a second place finish during last month's NJCAA District 2 Golf Championships, which qualified them for nationals for the 24th consecutive year.

"It's been a little bit up and down but that's the way golf is," Dobias said. "You've got to know that when you get down you've got to get up at the right time. I think we've all got a good week of practice and I think we're ready."

Richardson, who finished third individually at the District 2 tourney, said the key for his team at that tournament was consistency.

"We just didn't do anything wrong. Everyone shot really low," he said. "We just have to take it one step further (this week). Everyone is capable."

Nichols also seems to think the team is coming together at the right time.

"I think we've showed a lot of togetherness and started playing a lot better," Nichols said. "Here in the past few weeks we've really clicked, and that's why we're going to win the national championship."

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Watson, Jennings to be inducted in NJCAA HOF

From staff reports

ODESSA — The NJCAA Golf Hall of Fame will induct current PGA Tour player Bubba Watson and current Central Alabama Community College head coach Dave Jennings today at NJCAA National Golf Tournament in Odessa.

Both men were selected through a nationwide vote of NJCAA Division I golf coaches.

Watson attended Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minnette, Ala., and transferred to the University of Georgia, where he completed his college degree as well as helping the Bulldogs win the 1999 NCAA team championship. Watson is a two time winner on the PGA Tour (2010 Framers Insurance Open and 2011 Travelers Championship). He was also a member of the 2010 Ryder Cup team.

Jennings has been the men's golf coach at Central Alabama Community College since 2001. His accomplishments include four NJCAA Region Championships, three NJCAA District Championships, three NJCAA All-Academic Teams, four NJCAA Region Coach of the Year honors and four NJCAA District Coach of the Year honors. Eight of his former players achieved All-American status. Since 2008 Jennings has been the NJCAA Division 1 Golf Coaches Association president.

ASTROS

From 1C

League Baseball, a process officials said could take at least 30-60 days. Upon approval, his group will become the fifth ownership group in charge of a team founded in 1962.

The sale price trails only the $845 million purchase of the Chicago Cubs by the Ricketts family two years ago. The $660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox in 2002 currently is second. Like the Astros' deal, the Cubs and Red Sox transactions included related entities.

A major selling point was the Astros' share in a new deal with the NBA's Houston Rockets to create a regional sports network that will begin airing Rockets games in 2012 and the Astros in 2013. Crane said the team's 30-year-lease at Minute Maid Park, which is owned by the Harris County Houston Sports Authority, will remain intact under his ownership.

Crane wanted to buy the Astros three years ago, but that didn't stop him from trying again when McLane put the team for sale. He was a bit overwhelmed by the reality of finally reaching his goal when he was introduced by McLane and presented with a black Astros baseball cap that he wore for maybe a minute before removing it and clutching it as he spoke.

"I got a little emotional up there," he said afterward. "It's going to be a lot of fun and we're going to do our very best to put a good product out there. It's a dream come true."

Mendonca's homer sinks 'Hounds

From staff reports

FRISCO — Frisco's Tommy Mendonca hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to provide the difference in a 3-2 victory for the RoughRiders against the Midland RockHounds on Monday at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Hernandez

Mitchell

Midland starting pitcher Carlos Hernandez and Frisco starter Martin Perez pitched brilliantly through the game's first seven innings. Neither pitcher allowed a run and combined to allow a total of nine hits.

Overall, Perez had 10 strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings and Hernandez gave up five hits and had four strikeouts in seven innings.

But in the eighth, both team's offenses began to put runs on the board.

Midland (17-20) scored two in the top half of the eighth as Jermaine Mitchell hit his 10th triple of the season to score Adam Heether. Then Mitchell scored on a Tyler Ladendorf single with two outs.

But the inning ended when Ladendorf was caught stealing.

Frisco (19-18) answered in the bottom of the eighth, though, when Nelson Cruz hit a double that scored Leonys Martin. One batter later, Mendonca hit his 10th home run of the season, a two-run shot that scored Cruz for the difference in the game.

Mendonca was 2 for 4 on the night with two RBI. Ladendorf was the only RockHound with multiple hits as he was also 2 for 4.

The two Texas League South Division rivals will play the second game of a four-game series at 11 a.m. today in Frisco.

RoughRiders................3
RockHounds.................2

TL Standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
NW Arkansas	19	14	.576	—
Tulsa	20	16	.556	1/2
Arkansas	15	18	.455	4
Springfield	15	21	.417	5 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	24	13	.649	—
Frisco	19	18	.514	5
Midland	17	20	.459	7
Corpus Christi	14	23	.378	10

Monday's Scores
Frisco 3, Midland 2
Corpus Christi 5, San Antonio 1
Northwest Arkansas 5, Tulsa 4
Springfield 12, Arkansas 6

Today's Games
Midland at Frisco, 11 a.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Mitchell cf	4	1	1	1	Martin	3	1	1	0
Ladendorf ss	4	0	2	1	Osuna 2b	3	0	1	0
Parker 3b	4	0	0	0	Cruz dh	3	1	1	1
Spina 1b	4	0	0	0	Mendnca 3b	4	1	2	2
Barfield rf	4	0	0	0	Bianucci lf	3	0	0	0
Sulentic dh	3	0	1	0	Ruiz 1b	4	0	1	0
Heether 2b	2	1	0	0	Beltre rf	4	0	0	0
Walton lf	2	0	1	0	Felix c	3	0	1	0
Paramore	3	0	0	0	Rodriguez ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	30	2	5	2	**Totals**	30	3	8	3

Midland 000 000 020 —2
Frisco 000 000 030 —3

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 3, Frisco 7. 2B — Sulentic (7), Mendonca, Cruz (1). 3B — Mitchell (10). HR — Mendonca (10). S — Walton. SB — Martin (3). CS — Martin, Ladendorf.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Hernandez	7.0	5	0	0	3	4
Ortiz L 1-1	0.2	2	3	3	1	0
Barham	0.1	1	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Perez	7.2	4	2	2	1	10
Snyder W 3-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	1
Mobley S 1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Hernandez. Balk — Hernandez.
T — 2:22. Att — 4,395.

Kennedy says Aggies gig a 'destination job'

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION – David Loubeau and his teammates were in the midst of finals when Texas A&M started a search for a basketball coach. So the A&M players added an extra dose of studying.

Kennedy

"We started researching the candidates," Loubeau said Monday of the intrepid Aggies' Internet exploration.

In the end, Loubeau said, athletic director Bill Byrne passed the test — perhaps even earning an "A" — with his hire of Murray State's Billy Kennedy.

"I really like his offensive style, it's very fast paced," Loubeau said of Google's revelation. "I think it's going to be a great year."

Byrne slid a maroon coat on Kennedy on Monday in Reed Arena's Cox-McFerrin Basketball Center during an introductory press conference.

"It fits," Kennedy said, smiling.

The 47-year-old Louisianan, too, appeared an ideal fit for what might have been a sticky situation in Aggieland, after Mark Turgeon bolted the program last week when the Maryland gig opened following Gary Williams' sudden retirement.

"This is a destination job for me," said Kennedy, with about 150 supporters gathered in the center's lobby. "I plan on retiring here."

Byrne said he wanted to hire someone who related to players, understood A&M's culture and had A&M ties.

"This man fits the bill," Byrne said.

Kennedy served as an A&M assistant 20 years ago under then-coach Kermit Davis, who left the school after one season because of NCAA rules violations. Byrne said Kennedy's files then and since are clean.

"You always do due diligence with the NCAA with any hire," Byrne said. "There are a variety of checks that you go through, and there are no issues at all, or any other (place) he's been. He has an absolute clean bill of health."

Kennedy, who led the Racers to the NCAA tournament's second round in 2010, thanked Turgeon for leaving him a program on solid ground. A&M, which has played in six consecutive NCAA tournaments under Turgeon and current Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie, returns its top two scorers in Loubeau and Khris Middleton, and seven of its top 10 players from a season ago.

"It's very rare as a coach that you take over a college program that's in good shape," Kennedy said.

Turgeon and Gillispie built A&M's reputation on tight man defense, and Kennedy said he intends to continue that tradition, adding he learned defense the "old-school Hank Iba" way.

"Pressure and man and trying to speed things up," he said. "If your personnel allows that – and I think we have personnel allowing that."

Kennedy, who'd recently agreed to a contract extension worth $225,000 annually at Murray State, will make about $1 million annually over five years, a program insider said. Gillispie and Turgeon both split A&M for schools with more basketball tradition in Kentucky and Maryland, respectively, but Kennedy said fans shouldn't fret should he continue A&M's recent success.

"This is a dream for me," said Kennedy, who added that he loves football since he's from South Louisiana. "There is no Maryland, Kansas or Carolina or wherever."

MAVERICKS

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onship. They have plenty of guys who've come close to a title, including a few holdovers from the 2006 team that interrupted the collection of conference titles piled up by the Spurs and Lakers.

With strong defense and so many scoring options they never know who'll share top billing with Nowitzki, Dallas swept the two-time defending champion Lakers in the second round. The reward was a nine-day wait for Game 1 on Tuesday night.

Or maybe that was a punishment.

"That's a looong layoff," Mavs center Tyson Chandler said Monday. "Yesterday, the scrimmage got a little chippy, so it was obvious we were ready to play somebody else."

Dallas had to keep waiting because the Thunder had its hands full with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Oklahoma City went the full seven games and then some, playing three overtimes in one game and one extra period in another. While most clubs would've wanted some down time, the Thunder might be the exception. With their age and exuberance, a lone day off between series may have felt like an eternity.

"We have a young, energetic, athletic team that loves to play and wants to play every night," coach Scott Brooks said. "We're excited about being in the position that we are in. We're not 'just happy to be here' and just 'whatever happens happens.'"

Without the Lakers, and with the Eastern Conference finals featuring the newly crowned MVP and newly crowned Coach of the Year against the glitzy guys from South Beach, this series could be considered the undercard. Having clubs located 200 miles apart in the south, central part of the country certainly doesn't bode well for television ratings.

Maybe Mavs owner Mark Cuban will break his recent self-imposed silence and take shots at Oklahoma. He's lived in Texas long enough to know the enmity between Longhorns and Sooners. It's worth noting he was one of two owners to vote against the SuperSonics moving from Seattle to Oklahoma City.

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low 58

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 94 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming southwest. Tonight's forecast calls for isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. and partly cloudy conditions with a low around 62 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 92, a low around 63 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 92 and a low around 58.

The high on Monday reached 86 while the low dropped to 52. The record high for May 16 is 102 set in 1996 and 2000. The record low is 42 set in 1945.

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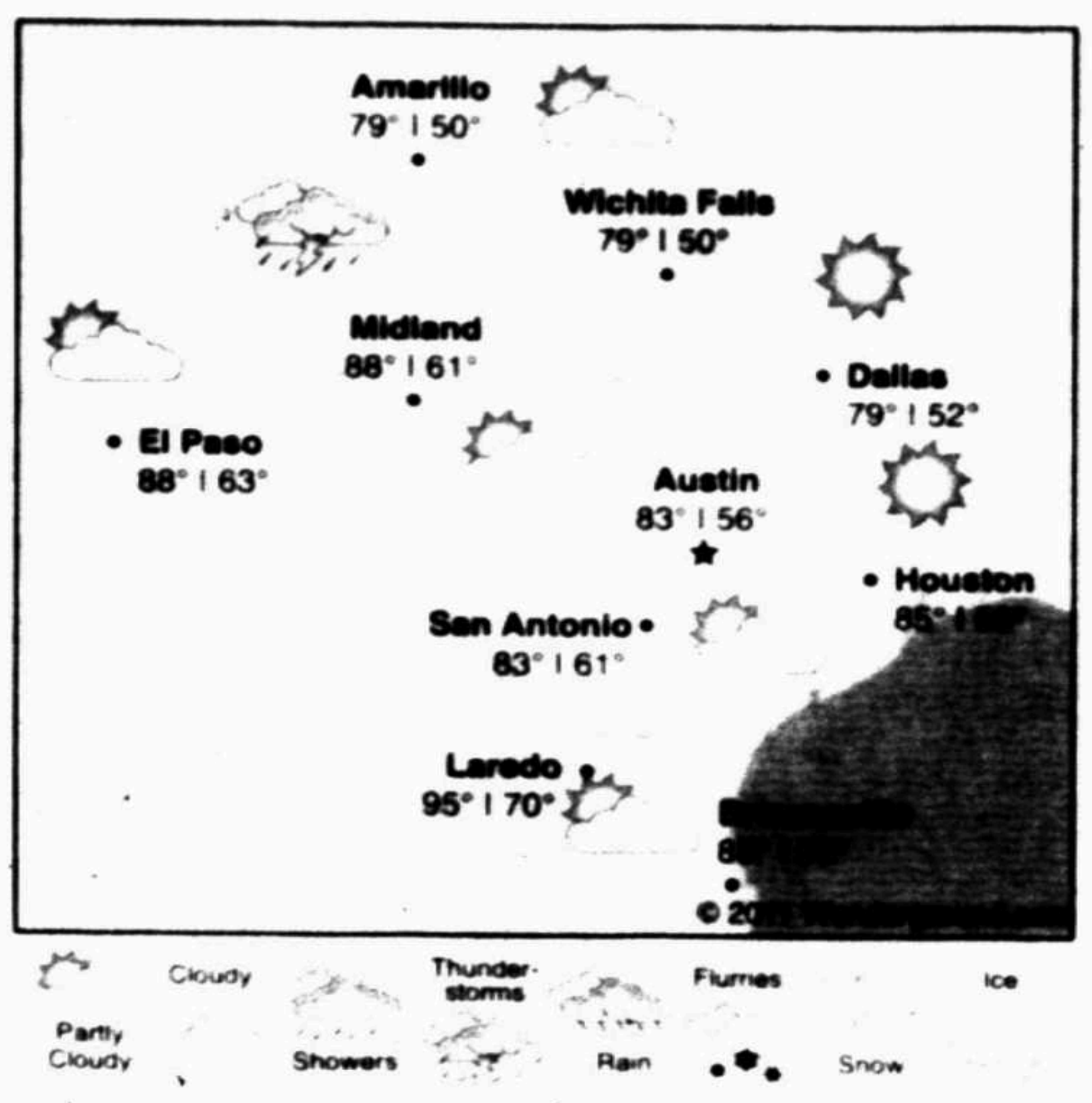
A large and slow-moving storm will continue to direct plenty of moisture onto the Atlantic Seaboard today. Heavy rain will fall in some areas, leading to flash flooding. More serious flooding is possible if tropical moisture is drawn into the storm in the days ahead. A strong onshore flow, combined with the full moon, will lead to above-normal tides and coastal flooding, as well.



Precipitation

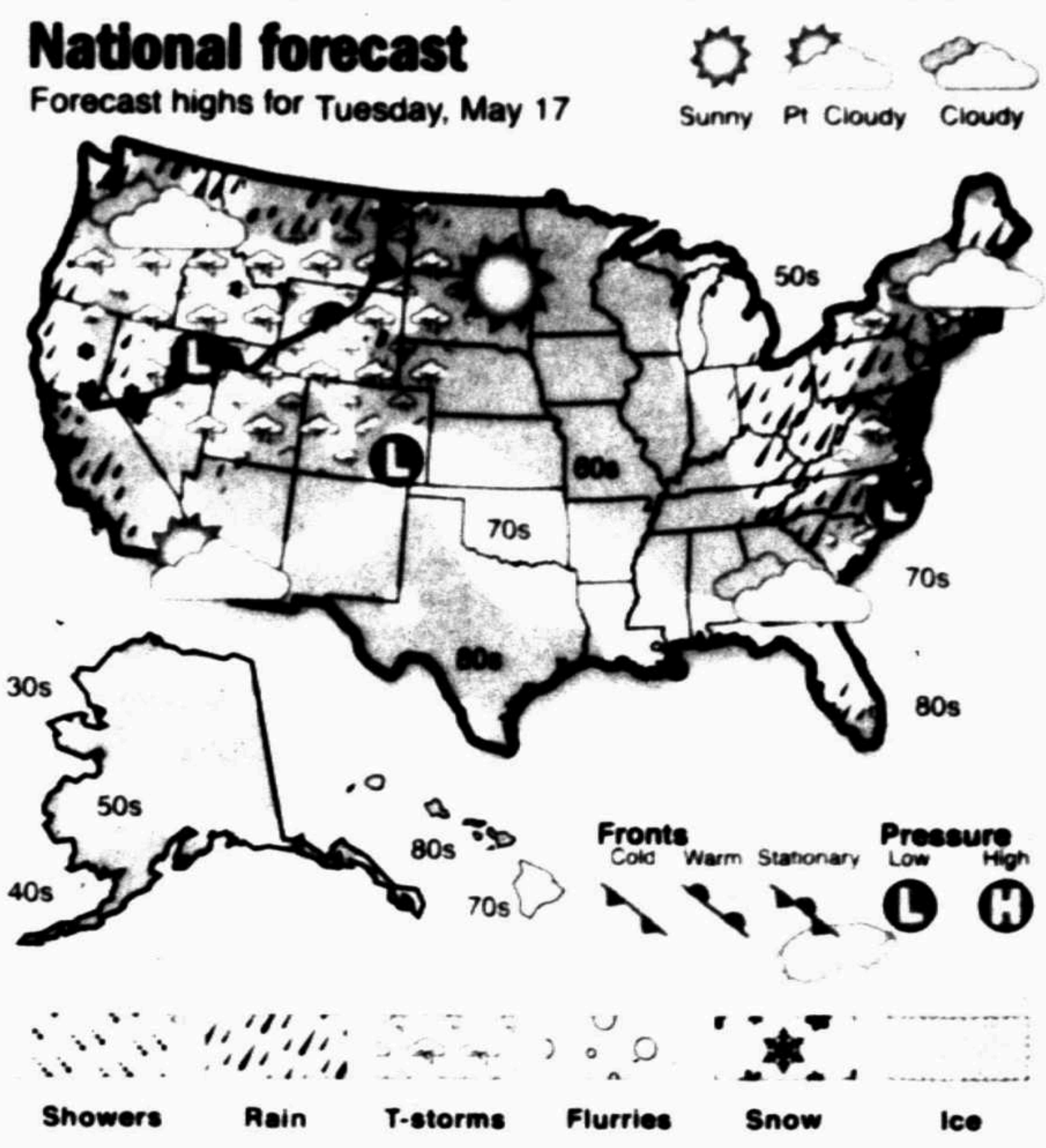
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.15 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	86
Low	52
Normal high	87
Normal low	59
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:40 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 17



Daughter lacking life skills plays blame game with mom

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old graduating senior, "Renee," has told me I have taught her nothing about living life. Furthermore, she informed me that her school counselor agrees with her, saying I have failed to teach her the skills needed to be successful in life.

At first I was angry and denied everything my daughter said. Now I am beginning to doubt myself and the way I have raised her. Have I taught her the necessary skills to live her life? Does she lack what it takes to make it through the good and bad parts of life?

How can I know my Renee will be able to "fly out of the nest" because there is no safety net to catch her? — DOUBTING MOM IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DOUBTING MOM: Before you second-guess yourself any further, check with Renee's school counselor to make certain he or she was quoted correctly. Does your daughter know how to save money? Balance a checkbook? Hold a job? Does she know right from wrong and how to assert herself?

Many of life's survival skills are learned by imitation, the rest from experience. You can't protect your daughter from everything. Like most parents, you should cross your fingers and pray, and avoid blaming yourself for anyone else's poor choices.

DEAR ABBY: I am part of a circle of five guy friends. We're all around 30. Some of us date regularly, looking for the right girl. One of us, "Ian," is with "Jenny," who we're concerned about. They are now living together.

Jenny doesn't abuse Ian or cheat on him. We just think he could do better. She's pushy and materialistic, and it's impossible to have a two-way conversation with her. This isn't just my opinion. Some of Jenny's friends describe her the same way.

Because we're all so close to Ian, we hate to see this relationship progress. We worry he'll be forced to give her what she's aiming for — a ring. I know he's a grown man and can make his own decisions. Would it be wrong for one of us to tell Ian what we think of her? We hate watching what we consider a slow train wreck that's bound to get worse. — GOOD BUDDY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GOOD BUDDY: It wouldn't be wrong, but it might be unwise for one of you to tell Ian what you think of Jenny. He might get the message better if you ALL tell him during a boys' night out. It may be difficult to extricate himself from the relationship now that they're living together — providing he even wants to. (Some men like overbearing women.) But at least he will know that his friends have second thoughts about her, and that may open his eyes.

DEAR ABBY: I had a falling out with my oldest son and his wife two years ago. They have two daughters whom I dearly love, and I know they love me.

I wrote my son and daughter-in-law to beg for forgiveness. I messed up partly out of hurt and anger, and also because of the medications I was taking.

I asked my son if they really want to take away the only grandma the girls have left. I also wondered if two years of not being able to see my granddaughters was punishment enough for them and me.

I have held out the olive branch, but apparently they're not ready. Can you think of anything else I can do? — HOLES IN MY HEART IN KANSAS

DEAR HOLES IN YOUR HEART: Consider asking another family member or religious adviser to intercede for you. However, if that fails, then there is nothing else you can do. Hope and pray that time will bring reconciliation. You have my sympathy.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

10 Minus 1 Equals 9

Both vulnerable North deals

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              NORTH
              ♠ J 7
                8 5
                8 6 4 2
              ♣ Q 10 7 6 3
WEST                        EAST
♠ 6 5 3                     ♠ 8
  2                           K J 10 9 7 3
  A J 5 3                     K 10 9
♣ K 9 8 5 2                 ♣ A J 4
              SOUTH
              ♠ A K Q 10 9 4 2
                A Q 6 4
                Q 7
              ♣ Void
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The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1	4♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Two of

The late Terence Reese, arguably the greatest player/writer in the history of the game, once watched helplessly as his partner, declaring four spades, frittered away trick after trick and, instead of making 11 tricks, ended up with just eight.

"Could I have done better?" his partner inquired. "Well," retorted Reese, "double dummy you could have gone down three!" North must have had similar feelings as he watched South butcher this deal.

South's jump overcall of four spades was impeccable. West's double was a trifle feisty, but might have paid a handsome dividend had the South hand been a little different.

West led the deuce of hearts and East made the technically correct play of the nine. (Since West was certainly not underleading the ace on this auction, the play of the nine was made to reveal the location of the queen — that might have been important later in the play.) Declarer won with the queen and, anxious to ruff a couple of heart losers, attempted to cash the ace. West ruffed and returned a trump and there was no way declarer could avoid losing two diamond tricks and another heart — down one.

This type of situation crops up more often than one might think, and there is a simple maneuver to guarantee the contract. At trick two declarer must lead a low heart, and the defenders are helpless. Declarer can then ruff a heart, draw trumps and concede two diamonds, making exactly 10 tricks.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 17, 2011:

This year, you will make a difficult situation work or you will walk away from it. During 2011, you enter a new life cycle in which you need to release what isn't working. New opportunities will come forward. Relating and how much to give could be key issues, but also areas of tremendous growth. If you are single, you might date several different people until you find the right one. If you are attached, the two of you might take a workshop or class to improve your bond and interactions. SAGITTARIUS often pulls you in very close.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Look for an original idea or solution. In the process, you could be so distracted that you get nothing done! Reality hits like a bolt of lightning. Tonight: Now allow your mind to roam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ After as much uproar as you have experienced lately, a partner might be justified in seizing control. Be honest about that fact. Actually, you might like getting off the hot seat for a while. Tonight: Accept an invitation for a chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Whatever interrupts your sleep — be it a dream or an actual event — could set you off on the wrong foot this morning. By the afternoon, you'll see a solution. Allow others to handle the issues. They always want to anyway. Tonight: Just go along with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Moving from an emotional plane to a more intellectual one needs to happen soon. You cannot count on detaching and seeing the big picture otherwise. You know there is a hot issue brewing. Avoid a confrontation. Tonight: Remain nurturing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Pressure might be rather intense in the morning, but it changes radically once you are on track. Creativity, brainstorming and being open to unusual ideas all lead to your ability to move past a situation. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Today's Full Moon shoves you into the limelight. How effective is your method of dealing with many demands? You will find out today. If you are to accomplish anything, you will need to isolate yourself, to a degree. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be aware of your finances when making choices today. Sometimes what looks like it's free could carry a far heavier but less obvious cost. Several conversations have a unique and exciting tone. Explore a different idea or approach. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Events highlight you. Whether you want to move on or do something different, you could trip yourself up financially. You might take on an unexpected side job or accept a one-time project offer. Wanting to build on your security is normal. Tonight: Buy a token of affection or a card for a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You weigh the pros and cons of a situation in the morning. You might not want to discuss it. You bloom in the afternoon, perhaps feeling better than you have in a long time. Realize what is happening with a dear friend or loved one. Pitch in. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Use the morning to the max. Zero in on a goal. A meeting could bring unusual or surprising information forward. Pull back and think about what has occurred in the afternoon. Spontaneity draws a great deal of excitement. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your style and approach could be very different than anticipated. Pressure from others could force a review of what has happened. You are heading in a new direction, possibly a more successful one. Tonight: Express what you are thinking and feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ New information comes forward that might be unanticipated. Listen well. You might opt to go on a fact-finding mission and take a strong stand if information supports it. Tonight: In the limelight.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Enya (1961), actor Bill Paxton (1955), blues musician Taj Mahal (1942)

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Half a '60s pop quartet
6 Trail mix
10 Messes (with)
14 Precise
15 Roman love god
16 "... pretty maids all in __"
17 Formal rulings
18 It's usually returned after ordering
19 Irene of "Fame"
20 Built like George on "Seinfeld"
23 Fed. disease research org.
24 Mediocre
25 Golfer's concern
26 Noun modifier: Abbr.
29 "The Matrix" hero
31 "Absolutely!"
33 Three-term New York governor
37 One-named Irish singer
38 Kwik-E-Mart guy on "The Simpsons"
39 Beef-and-veggies concoction
43 Sport played on 58-Downs
48 Opt not to be a state of the Union
51 "Lil'" rapper
52 Corrida cry
53 Script or text ending
54 Comply
57 One of a matching pair
59 Coors Field player
64 Hurried
65 Adidas rival
66 Country star Travis
68 43,560 square feet
69 Change for a five
70 Mink cousin
71 "Survey __...": game show phrase
72 Tammany Hall cartoonist Thomas
73 Bright signs

DOWN
1 T-shirt size: Abbr.
2 Allies' opposition
3 Speed ratio
4 Heed, as advice
5 Transfixed
6 Lisbon's Vasco da __ Bridge
7 Portents
8 Sonata's last movement, perhaps
9 Frederick the Great's realm
10 Tijuana treat
11 Prophet at Delphi
12 Terrier type, familiarly
13 Went back and forth
21 You, way back when
22 Honky-__
26 Grow up
27 Home computer site
28 Elation
30 October birthstone
32 Computer insert
34 Bloody at the steakhouse
35 Goon
36 The NBA's Mehmet Okur, e.g.
40 Decision when the ref stops the fight
41 Snaky fish
42 Ex follower
44 Polecat's defense
45 It borders Israel to the north
46 Sunshine cracker
47 Pi preceder
48 For example
49 Beethoven's Third
50 Bloody Mary stalk
55 Twin Cities suburb
56 Joins, as oxen
58 Enjoy the ice
60 Poems sometimes beginning with "To a"
61 Take a break
62 "He's Just Not That __ You": 2009 film
63 Garden site
67 12-mo. periods

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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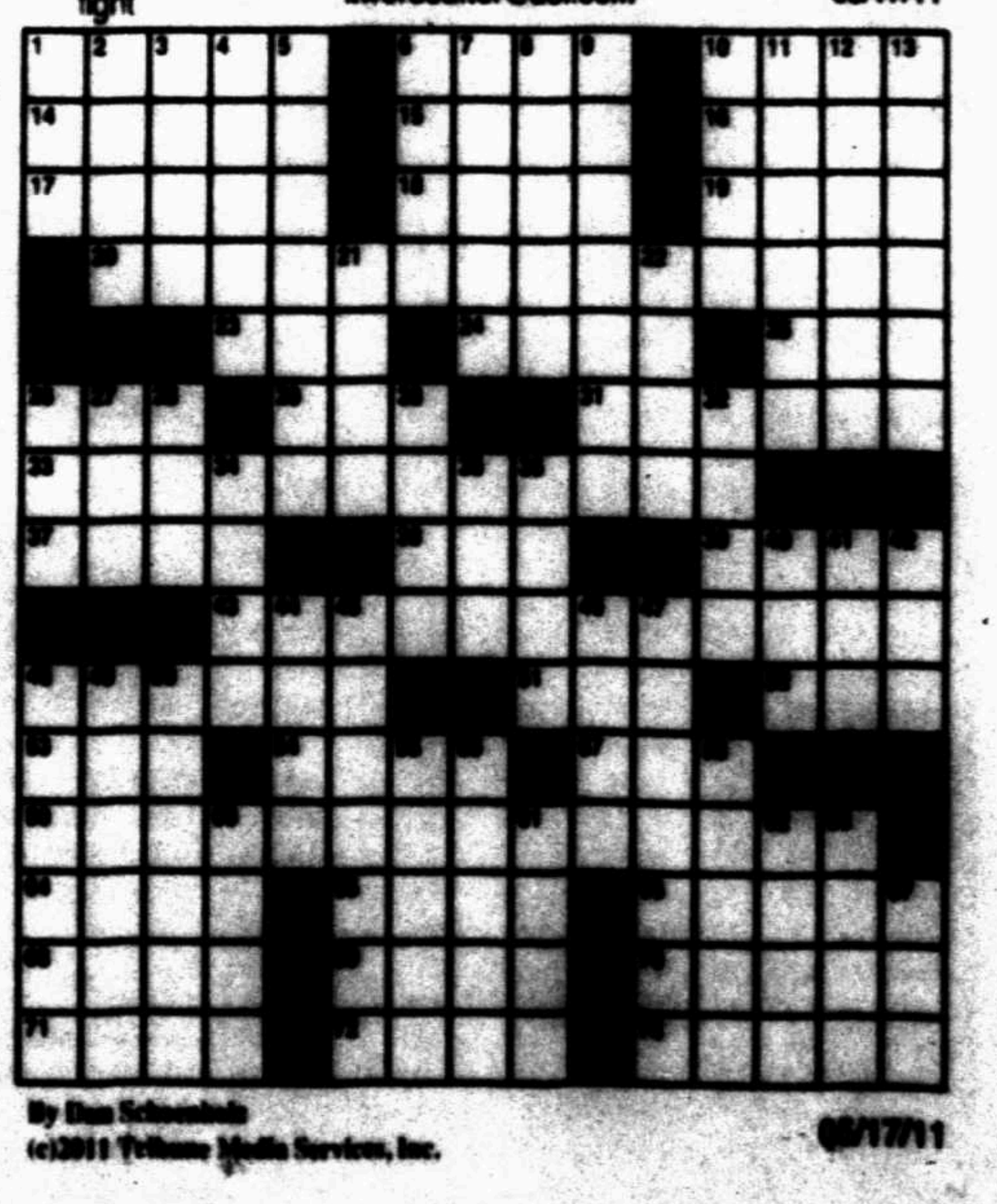

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A DAY ON WALL STREET

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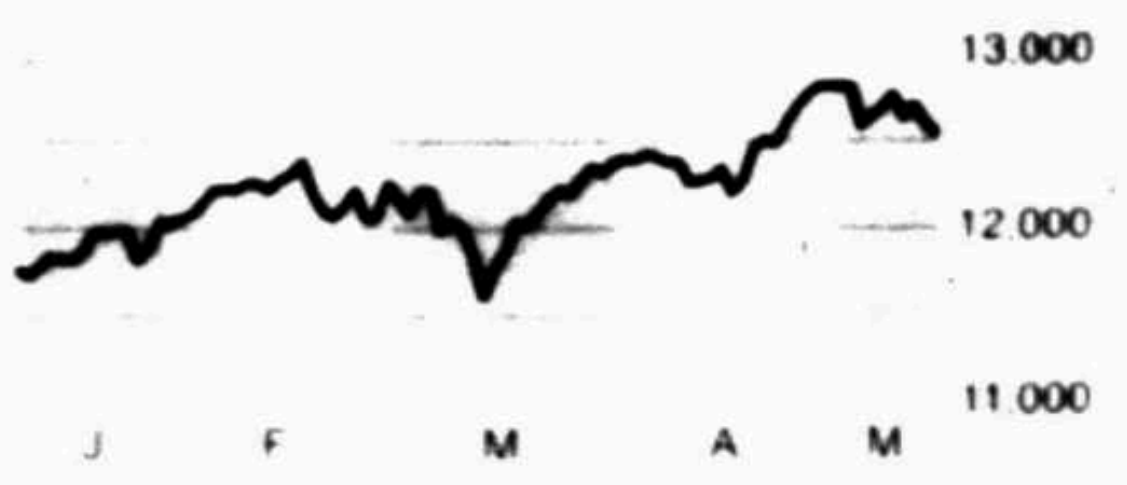

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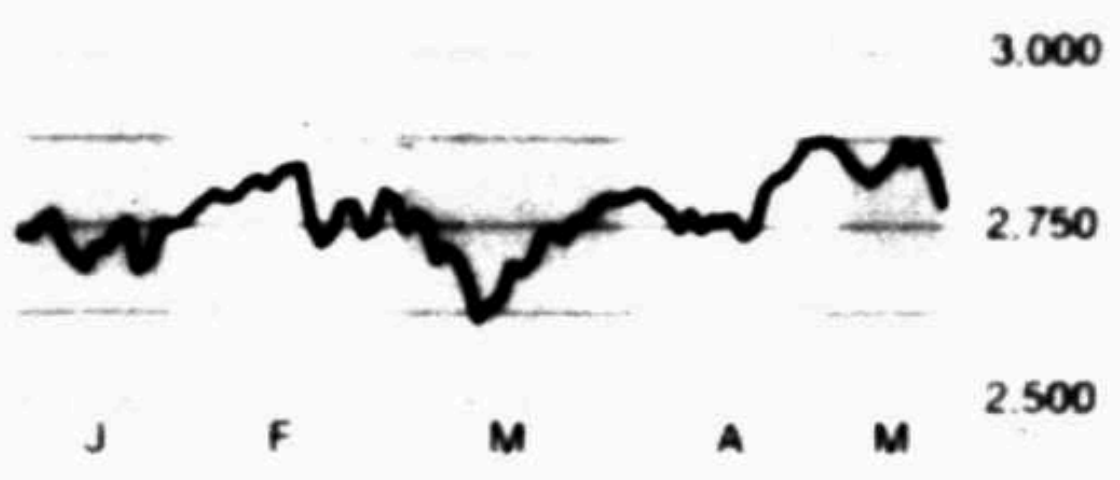

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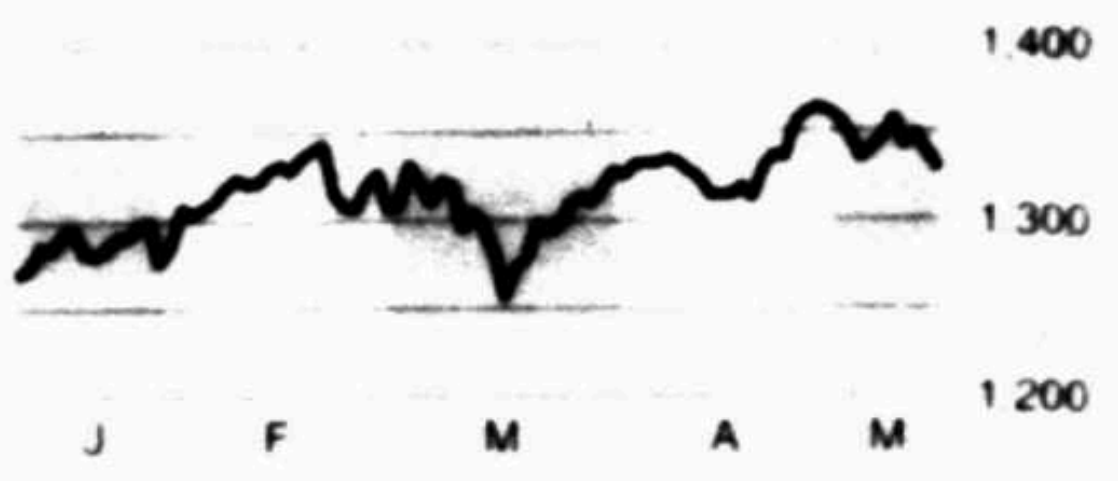

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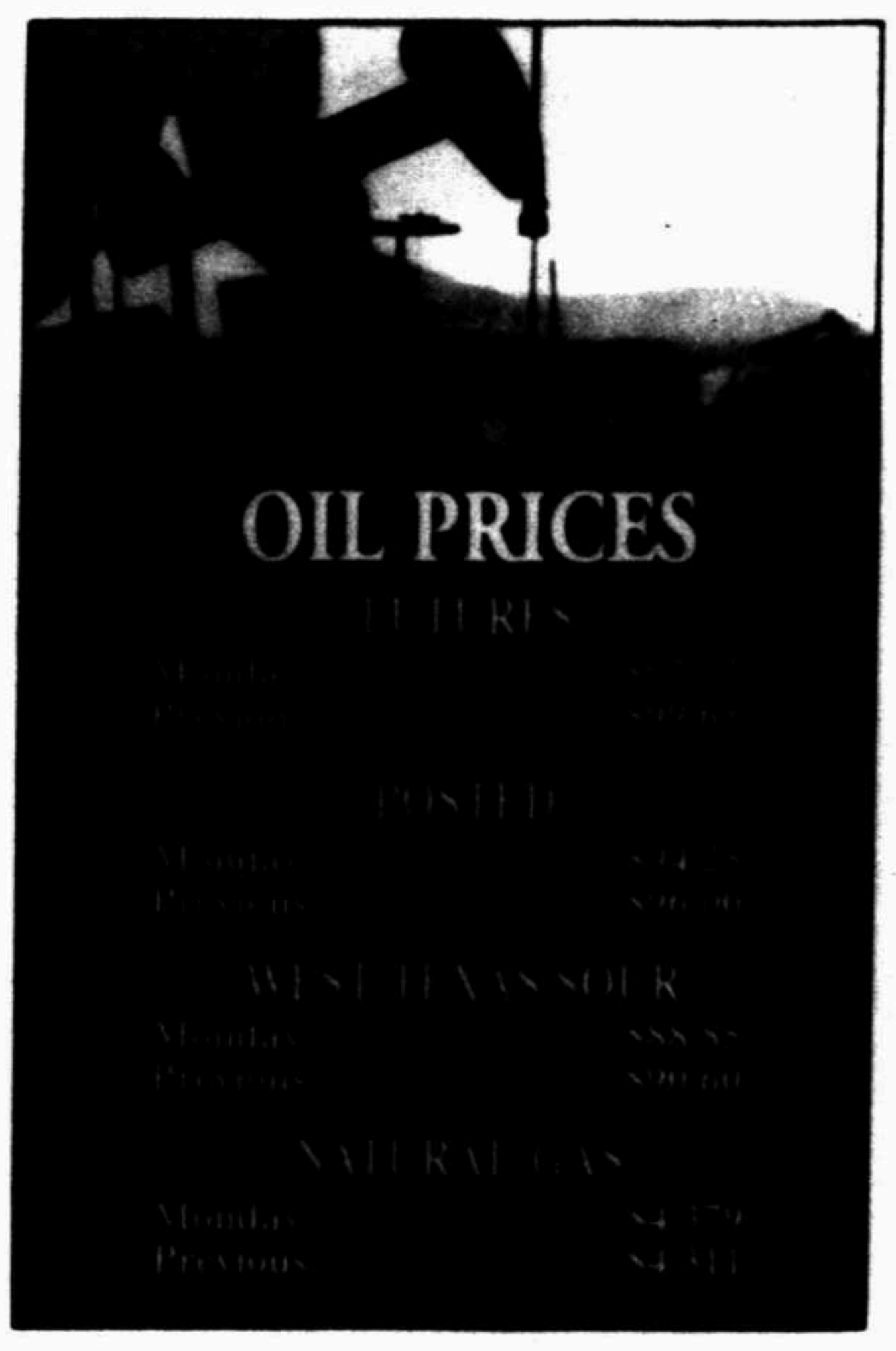

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

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ShSilver	[illegible]	32.85	-1.54
SPDR Fncl	[illegible]	15.75	[illegible]
ShEMkts	593334	46.85	[illegible]

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

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Primedia	7.02	+2.64	+60.3
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IndepHld	[illegible]	+.97	[illegible]
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LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

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NYSE Eur	35.73	[illegible]	[illegible]
KV PhmA	2.84	[illegible]	[illegible]
SouFun	20.20	[illegible]	[illegible]

DIARY

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Declined	[illegible]
Unchanged	[illegible]
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New Lows	35
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DIARY

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Declined	[illegible]
Unchanged	[illegible]
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New Highs	[illegible]
New Lows	[illegible]
Volume	115,867,999

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

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SiriusXM	1056366	[illegible]	[illegible]
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GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

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TopImage	[illegible]	+.86	+42.0
Orthovita	3.83	[illegible]	+40.3
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DIARY

Advanced	535
Declined	[illegible]
Unchanged	98
Total issues	[illegible]
New Highs	39
New Lows	65
Volume	[illegible]

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PROFIT QUESTIONS A pump jack, also known as a nodding donkey, operates above a Chevron Corp. oil well in the Midway-Sunset oil field near Taft, Calif., in Feb. 2010. A National Association for Business Economics survey released Monday indicates lowered expectations for U.S. economic growth and oil prices to remain more than $100 a barrel through 2012.

Economists: Lower growth, higher oil prices coming

By Christina Rexrode
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Economists are dialing back their expectations for U.S. economic growth this year.

A survey from the National Association for Business Economics predicts GDP will grow 2.8 percent this year — down from the group's February prediction that it would grow 3.3 percent. Their outlook for consumer spending and the housing market also weakened, in part because they expect oil prices to remain above $100 a barrel through 2012.

In a survey the NABE released Monday, a panel of 41 economists also said they "remain highly concerned" about the growing federal deficit and said that growth in the first three months of the year had been weaker than expected.

The predictions of the economists reflect the jitteriness of a public that is still recovering from the financial crisis and now getting squeezed by rising prices for gas, groceries and other household items. Retailers of all stripes are paying more for the raw materials they need to make and transport their products, such as fuel, cotton and wood pulp, and saying they have no choice but to pass along the price increases to customers.

The NABE's outlook survey is released every quarter. For this report, the poll was conducted April 13 to May 1. For the last report, released in February, the economists were polled Jan. 25 to Feb. 9. Since then, unrest has spread in parts of the Middle East and North Africa, which has played a role in the higher prices for raw materials and gas.

The economists said they expect GDP to grow at 2.8 percent in 2011 — a decrease from the 3.3 percent prediction they made when surveyed in late January and early February. They also lowered predictions for consumer spending growth this year (2.8 percent, down from 3.2 percent), and housing starts (610,000, down from 660,000). They also expect housing prices to fall 1.5 percent, after saying earlier that they would rise 0.4 percent.

Oil will average $105 per barrel this year, the economists said, up from $93 predicted in the last survey. They expect oil prices to remain elevated at $103 a barrel through 2012.

Oil closed at $99.65 a barrel on Friday. A gallon of regular gas averaged $3.96 a gallon that day, according to AAA.

Business spending was the bright spot in the NABE predictions. The economists expect spending on business equipment and software to rise 11.9 percent this year, partly because of pent-up demand after businesses cut back on spending during the recession. Corporate profits will rise by 8.5 percent, they predict.

Whataburger plans recruitment fair in Midland

From staff reports

Whataburger hopes to hire 60 team members, including 20 managers, in the Permian Basin during a daylong recruitment effort. The burger icon, planning to increase its area work force by nearly 15 percent, will host on-site interviews at each of its seven Permian Basin locations, with all applicants receiving a free Whataburger.

On-site interviews will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Midland restaurants at 800 Andrews Highway, 1905 N. Big Spring St., 3205 Midkiff Road and 2517 E. Interstate 20.

Oil drops below $98

Oil prices dropped Monday, a good sign for drivers who are finally seeing a little relief at the gas pump.

The average price for a gallon of regular fell 3 cents over the week to $3.955 nationally. That's still nearly 14 cents more than it was a month ago, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service.

Oil futures settled down 2.3 percent and gasoline futures dropped 4.7 percent Monday as investors returned their attention to weakening demand for gasoline in the U.S. Both contracts had gained slightly last week amid concerns that Mississippi River flooding could disrupt refineries and supplies in the Gulf region.

Oil is now down about 15 percent in May, while gasoline futures are about 14 percent lower. Those declines haven't yet reached the nation's gas stations, though analysts say prices could fall as much as a quarter or more by Memorial Day.

Benchmark oil for June delivery fell $2.28 to settle at $97.37 a barrel on the New York Stock Exchange. In London, Brent crude for June delivery lost $2.44 to settle at $110.84 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Euro recovers

The euro recovered from early declines Monday triggered by fears that the weekend arrest of International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn could hinder the organization's role in helping Europe dig out of its debt crisis.

The euro rose to $1.4192 Monday afternoon in New York from $1.4168 Friday. The shared currency had fallen as low as $1.4046 earlier because of worries about the absence of Strauss-Kahn from key negotiations on European aid for the region's most indebted countries.

On Monday, the European Union signed off on a $110 billion aid package to Portugal. Some concerns eased after the IMF released a statement saying the organization is still fully functional. But talks continued about a second round of aid for Greece that could help avert a debt restructuring. Such a default could harm Europe's banks, which hold lots of Greek bonds. Talks continue today.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $25.02 Down 0.72

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $72.33 Down 1.82

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $89.66 Down 0.87

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $32.37 Down 0.97

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.16 Down 0.58

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.75 Down 0.31

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.01 Down 0.18

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AMR			6.69	[illegible]	-14.1
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	31.06	.35	+5.7
Abraxas	...	...	**3.98**	-.16	-12.9
AdamsEx	51e		**11.18**	-.06	+4.1
AMD		9	8.67	.23	+6.0
AlcatelLuc			5.92	.18	+100.0
Alcoa	.12	24	16.92	.18	+9.9
AlonUSA	.16		10.97		+83.4
Amgen	...	12	**59.86**	-.61	+9.0
Anadarko	36	...	**73.40**	-.66	-3.6
Apache	60	13	**122.27**	-1.98	+2.5
Apple Inc		16	333.30	-7.20	+3.3
ApldMatl	32f	14	**14.52**	-.28	+3.3
ATMOS	1.36	15	**33.65**	-.40	+7.9
AutoData	1.44	22	53.58	.43	+15.8
AvanirPhm			3.97	-.11	2.7
BP PLC	42e		**42.46**	-.47	-3.9
BakrHu	60	28	68.77	.50	+20.3
BkofAm	04	22	11.86	.07	11.1
Bar iPVix rs			24.17	-.54	35.7
BasicEnSv			25.02	.72	+51.8
BerkHa A	...	151	**19100.00**	-393.00	-1.1
BerryPet	30	29	**45.75**	-.48	+4.7
BlkHillsCp	1.46	19	**30.85**	-.47	+2.8
BostonSci		20	6.85	+.01	-9.5
BrMySq	1.32	15	**28.79**	-.02	+8.7
BrownFA	1.28e	22	**70.50**	...	+1.6
BrownFB	1.28e	22	**71.93**	-.15	+3.3
CVS Care	50	16	38.35	+.22	+10.3
Cameron		22	48.89	.76	-3.6
Caterpillar	1.76	19	106.09	-.24	+13.3
Celestic g		12	10.07	-.19	+3.8
CntryLink	2.90	13	42.27	-.15	-8.4
ChesEng	30	10	29.62	-.16	+14.3
Chevron	3.12f	10	**101.65**	-.74	+11.4
Chicos	20	24	15.12	-.17	+25.7
Cimarex	40f	16	91.24	-1.38	+3.1
Cisco	24	13	16.60	-.28	-17.9
Citigrp rs	04	14	41.19	-.34	-12.9
ClayEng	...	71	**72.33**	-1.82	-13.9
CocaCola	1.88	13	**67.83**	-.35	+3.1
ColgPal	2.32f	18	**85.95**	-.60	+6.9
Comcast	45	18	24.71	-.42	+13.0
CompPrdS		18	29.37	-.21	-.6
ConAgra	.92	17	**25.47**	-.05	+12.8
ConchoRes	...	...	**89.66**	-.87	+2.3
ConocPhil	2.64	10	**71.43**	...	+4.9
CrackerB	88	13	51.97	-.71	-5.1
CrosTim	2.53e	14	**40.66**	-.36	+2.0
DCP Mid	2.50f		40.13	.46	+7.3
DTE	2.35f	15	52.05	.49	+14.8
Dataram h			1.85	.03	+17.8
Dawson	...	...	**32.37**	-.97	+1.5
Dell Inc		11	16.00	.37	+18.1
DevonE	.68f	9	**81.78**	-.24	+4.2
DrSCBr rs			36.65	-1.54	-21.7
DrxFnBull			27.63	-.08	-.8
Disney	.40f	18	**40.93**	-.59	+9.1
DowChm	1.00f	20	**37.71**	-.66	+10.5
DryShips		7	4.09	-.31	-25.5
EMC Cp		30	27.42	-.18	+19.7
EOG Res	.64	...	**104.70**	-.74	+14.5
EmpDist	1.28	20	**22.85**	-.17	+2.9
Energen	54	15	57.16	.16	+18.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	41	47.68	.03	-8.0
EnPro	...	13	**43.25**	-.49	+4.1
EntPrPt	2.39f	35	40.16	-.66	-3.5
EricsnTel	37e		15.03	+.15	+30.4
ExterranH	...	...	**19.94**	-.46	-16.7
ExxonMbl	1.88f	11	**80.24**	-.63	+9.7
FordM		7	15.13	+.05	-9.9
ForestOil		21	30.23	-.71	-20.4
FMCG s	1.00a	9	47.35	-.92	-21.1
FrozenFd	...	...	**3.63**	-.15	-17.7
GATX	1.16	24	**39.13**	-.40	+10.9
GabGloM	.80	...	**7.90**	-.10	-3.8
GAInv	.43e	...	**28.77**	-.14	+7.3
GenElec	.60f	17	**19.76**	-.13	+8.0
Golfsmith		...	4.53	-.19	+87.2
Goodrich	1.16	22	**90.41**	-.36	+2.7
GtPlainEn	.83	14	**20.95**	-.10	+8.0
Hallibrtn	.36	19	**45.43**	-.57	+11.3
Heinz	1.80	18	**52.46**	-.04	+6.1
HewlettP	.32	10	**39.80**	-.61	-5.5
Hitachi	...	...	**56.79**	-.40	+4.6
iShJapn	.14e	...	**10.18**	-.06	-6.7
iShSilver	...	...	**32.85**	-1.54	+8.8
iShEMkts	.64e	...	**46.85**	-.07	-1.7
iS Eafe	1.42e		60.50	-.11	+3.9
iShR2K	89e		82.29	-1.22	+5.2
IntegrysE	2.72	17	53.20	-.69	+9.7
Intel	.84f	11	**23.64**	+.23	+12.4
InterDig	40	16	44.58	-.69	+7.1
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	42.88	-.27	+1.1
JohnJn	2.28f	15	**66.37**	-.25	+7.3
KimbClk	2.80	15	**68.09**	-.20	+8.0
KindME	4.56f	44	72.09	-.47	+2.6
KindMM	4.56t	62	62.58	-.29	-6.4
LVSands		50	41.06	-1.54	-10.6
LegacyRes	2.12f		30.16	-.58	+5.0
Level3			1.85	-.04	+88.9
Lowes	44	17	24.84	-.92	-1.0
Lubys	...	...	**5.19**	+.07	-17.2
MGM Rsts			14.35	-.37	-3.4
MarvellT		11	14.19	-.41	-23.5
MassMCp s	1.20f	...	**16.98**	-.25	+11.1
McDnlds	2.44	17	81.14	+.40	+5.7
Merck	1.52	16	37.30	+.22	+3.5
MeritMed s	...	46	**18.91**	-.13	+49.3
MexcoEn		75	9.75	-.31	+27.5
MicronT		7	10.55	+.15	+31.5
Microsoft	.64	6	24.57	-.46	-12.0
NYSE Eur	1.20	16	35.73	-5.16	+19.2
Nabors	...	80	26.36	-.38	+12.4
NatGrid	7.04e	...	**49.98**	-.53	+12.6
NOilVarco	.44	17	66.86	-1.16	-.6
NewsCpA	.15	14	17.22	-.23	+18.3
NokiaCp	.55e	...	8.61	+.07	-16.6
NvMAd	.99	...	**13.54**	-.04	+3.5
NvPMI	.87	...	**13.27**	+.06	+1.7
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NSTFI3	.84	...	**13.45**	+.06	+2.7
NTXQI	.86	...	**15.12**	-.04	+1.3
Nvidia	...	43	17.70	-.56	+14.9
OcciPet	1.84	16	**101.00**	-1.38	+3.0
Oracle	.24f	23	**34.18**	-1.01	+9.2
Orthovita	...	...	**3.83**	+1.10	+90.5
ParTech	...	21	**4.34**	-.02	-24.0
ParkDrl	...	...	**5.49**	-.01	+20.1
PattUTI	.20	23	**27.32**	-.37	+26.8
Penney	.80	22	**37.21**	-1.23	+15.2
PenRE	.60	...	**15.70**	-.15	+8.1
Prmian	1.38e	15	**20.21**	-.23	-10.8
Petrobras	1.28e		33.62	+.58	-11.2
Pfizer	.80	20	**20.98**	+.06	+19.8
PioNtrl	08	15	89.95	-2.20	+3.6
PlainsAA	3.88f	24	**60.18**	-.75	-4.2
PwShs QQQ	.39e		57.40	-1.01	+5.4
Praxair	2.00	25	**103.03**	+.18	+7.9
PrmEgy	...	...	**27.29**	...	+41.1
PrUShS&P			20.63	+.24	-13.2
ProUSSlv rs			21.46	+1.76	-45.4
ProctGam	2.10f	18	**66.94**	+.08	+4.1
RAM Engy			1.55	-.01	-15.8
RangeRs	16		51.60	-.46	+14.7
Rowan	...	19	**37.96**	-.08	+8.7
RoyDShllA	3.36	18	69.03	-.60	+3.4
SpdrDJIA	3.00e		125.47	-.49	+8.5
S&P500ETF	2.34e		133.19	-.85	+5.9
SabnR	3.77e	18	64.46	+.19	+8.3
SanderFm	.68	7	**47.68**	-.08	+21.8
SandRdge	...	...	**10.02**	-.02	+36.9
Sapient	...	39	**14.07**	-.45	+16.3
Schlmbrg	1.00	23	82.19	-.52	-1.6
SigmaAld	.72	21	**68.85**	-.03	+3.4
SiriusXM	...	...	2.18	-.06	+33.7
Smucker	1.76	18	75.22	-.22	+14.6
SprintNex	...	...	5.11	+.01	+20.8
SP Matls	1.23e	...	38.51	-.14	+.3
SP Engy	1.05e		73.23	-.56	+7.3
SPDR Fncl	16e		15.75	-.02	1.3
SP Inds	64e		37.54	-.14	+7.7
SP Tech	33e		26.08	-.38	+3.5
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	82.08	-1.21	-1.8
TelefEsp s	1.90e	...	**23.71**	-.14	+3.9
Tesoro		13	23.45	+.02	+26.5
3M Co	2.20	16	95.46	-.55	+10.6
Trchmrk	.66f	11	**66.66**	+.67	+11.6
TriContl	.28e	...	**14.85**	-.03	+7.9
TylerTech	...	33	**24.13**	-.53	+16.2
UBWV	1.20	15	**24.29**	-.30	-16.8
Vale SA	90e		29.40	-.29	-15.0
ValeroE	20	31	26.23	-.40	+13.5
VangEmg	82e		47.41	-.01	-1.5
VulcanM	1.00	...	**40.32**	+.34	-9.1
Walgrn	.70	19	**45.12**	+.15	+15.8
WeathfIntl			19.32	-.85	-15.3
WellsFargo	48f	11	27.86	-.07	-10.1
WstnRefin		53	15.33	-.40	+44.9
WhitingPt s		36	62.28	-.11	+6.3
WmsCos	50	22	29.78	-.48	+20.5
XcelEngy	1.01	15	**25.01**	+.06	+6.2
Xerox	.17	21	**10.17**	-.04	-11.7
Yahoo		19	15.81	-.74	-4.9

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,548.37	-47.38	-.38	+8.39	+18.09
5,565.78	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,372.48	-11.43	-.21	+5.20	+19.95
440.97	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	436.59	-.32	-.07	+7.80	+15.05
8,718.25	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,336.59	-35.08	-.42	+4.68	+18.02
2,490.51	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,328.48	-21.80	-.93	+5.44	+27.08
2,887.75	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,782.31	-46.16	-1.63	+4.88	+18.18
1,370.58	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,329.47	-8.30	-.62	+5.71	+16.93
14,562.01	15.80	Wilshire 5000	14,079.73	-107.21	-.76	+5.39	+17.82
868.57	587.66	Russell 2000	822.91	-12.76	-1.53	+5.01	+18.28

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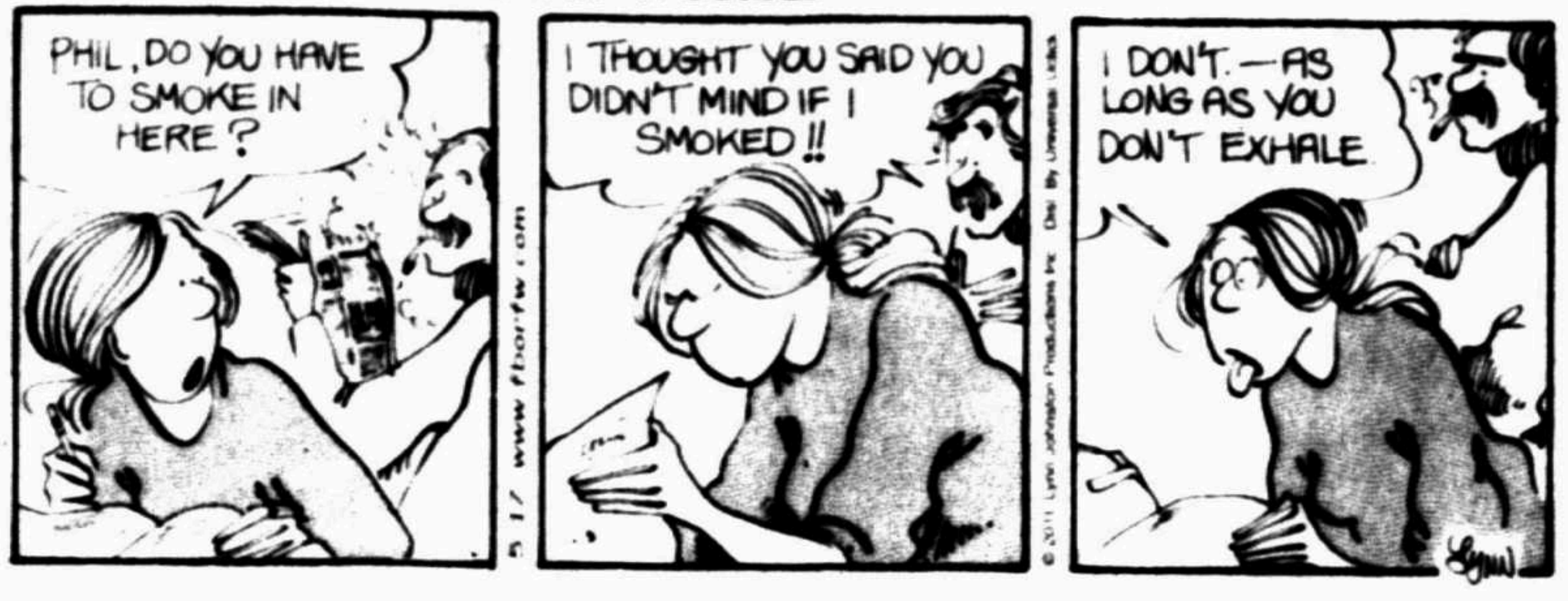
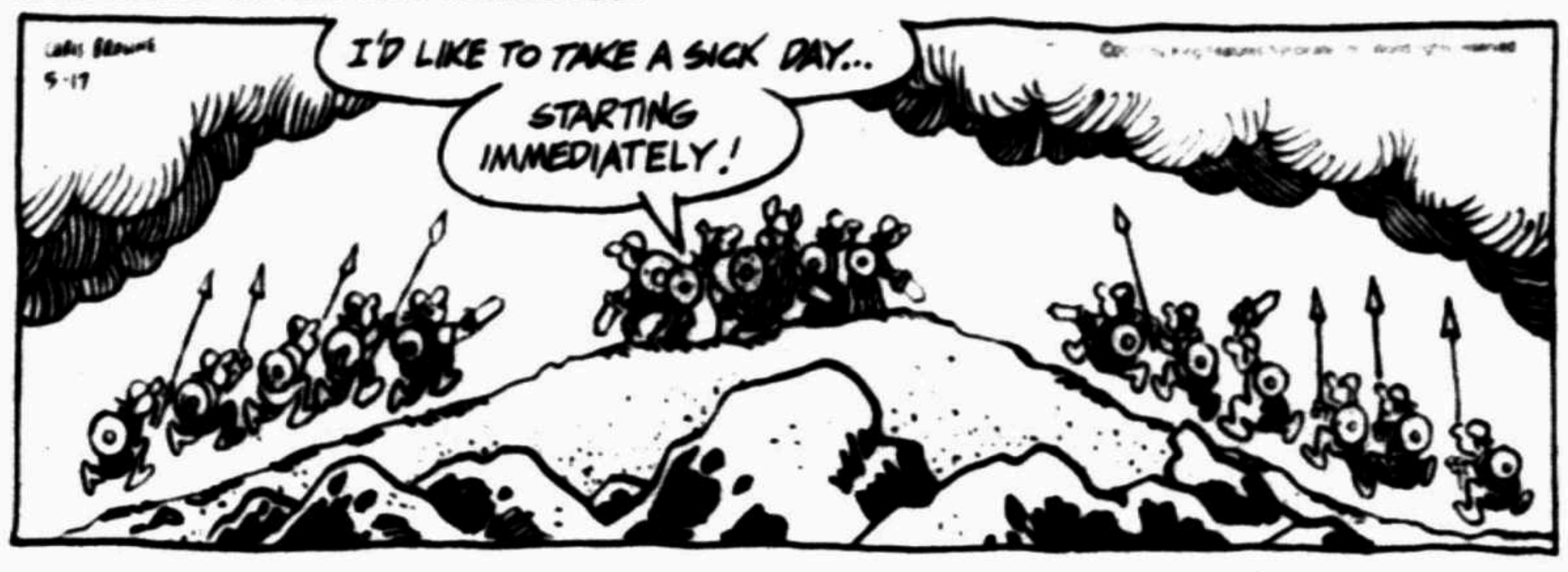
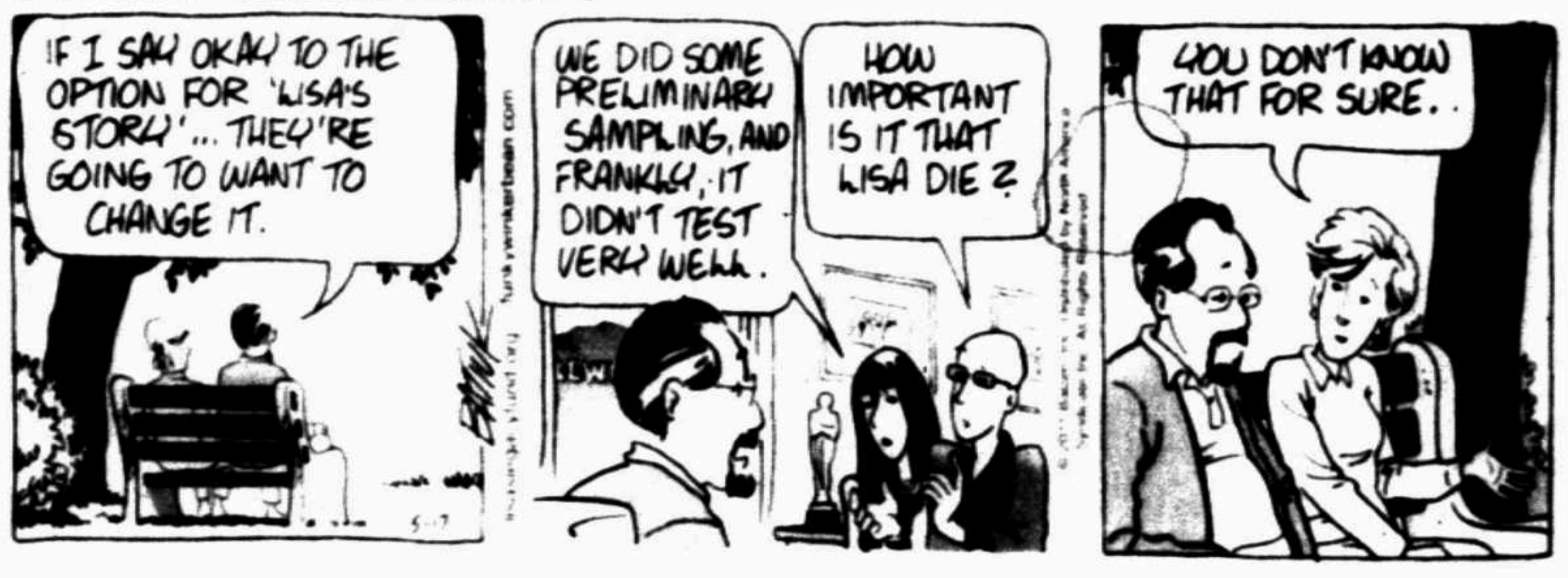

PHIL, DO YOU HAVE TO SMOKE IN HERE?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T MIND IF I SMOKED!!
I DON'T. — AS LONG AS YOU DON'T EXHALE.

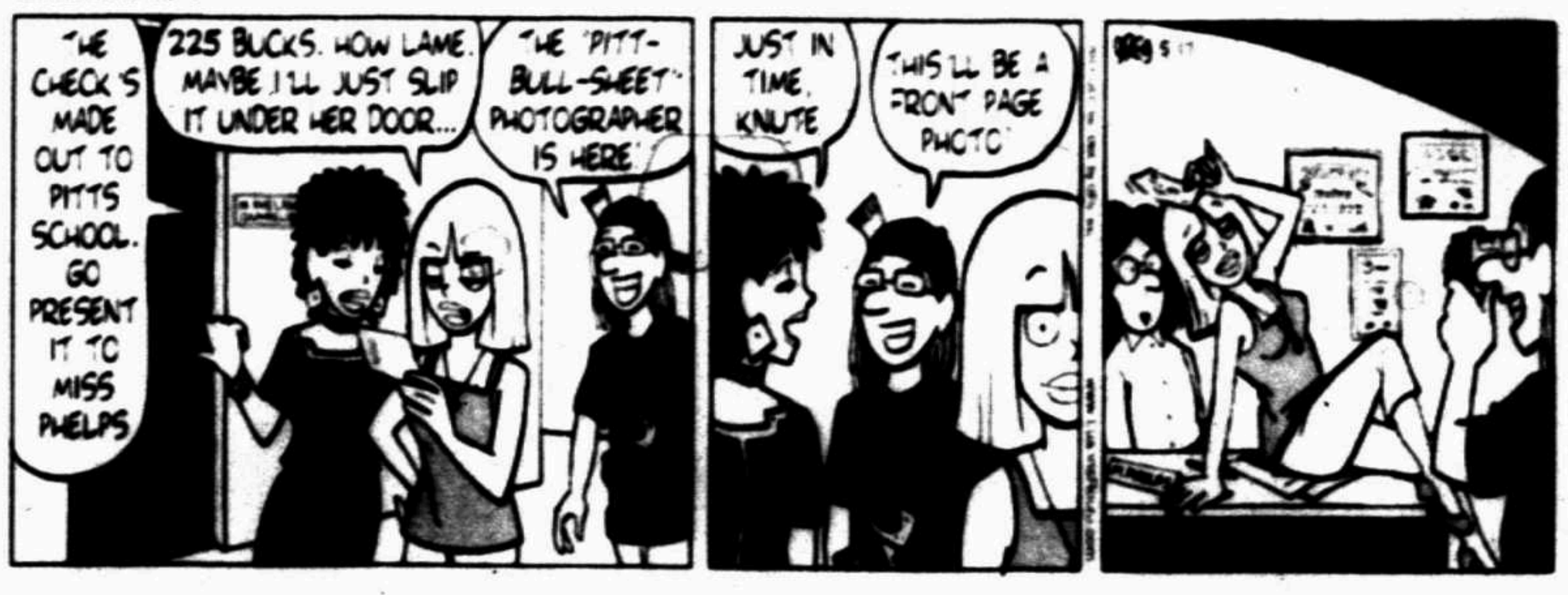
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I'D LIKE TO TAKE A SICK DAY...
STARTING IMMEDIATELY!

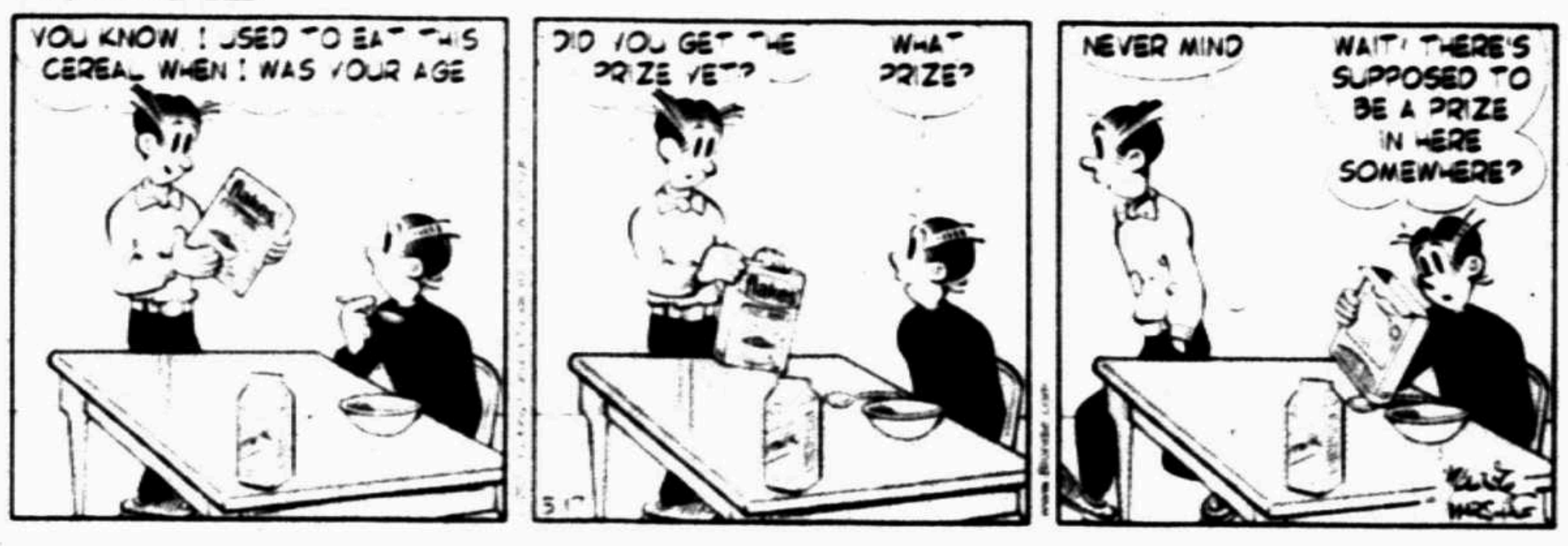
FUNKY WINKERBEAN


IF I SAY OKAY TO THE OPTION FOR 'LISA'S STORY'... THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO CHANGE IT.
WE DID SOME PRELIMINARY SAMPLING, AND FRANKLY, IT DIDN'T TEST VERY WELL.
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT LISA DIE?
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE..

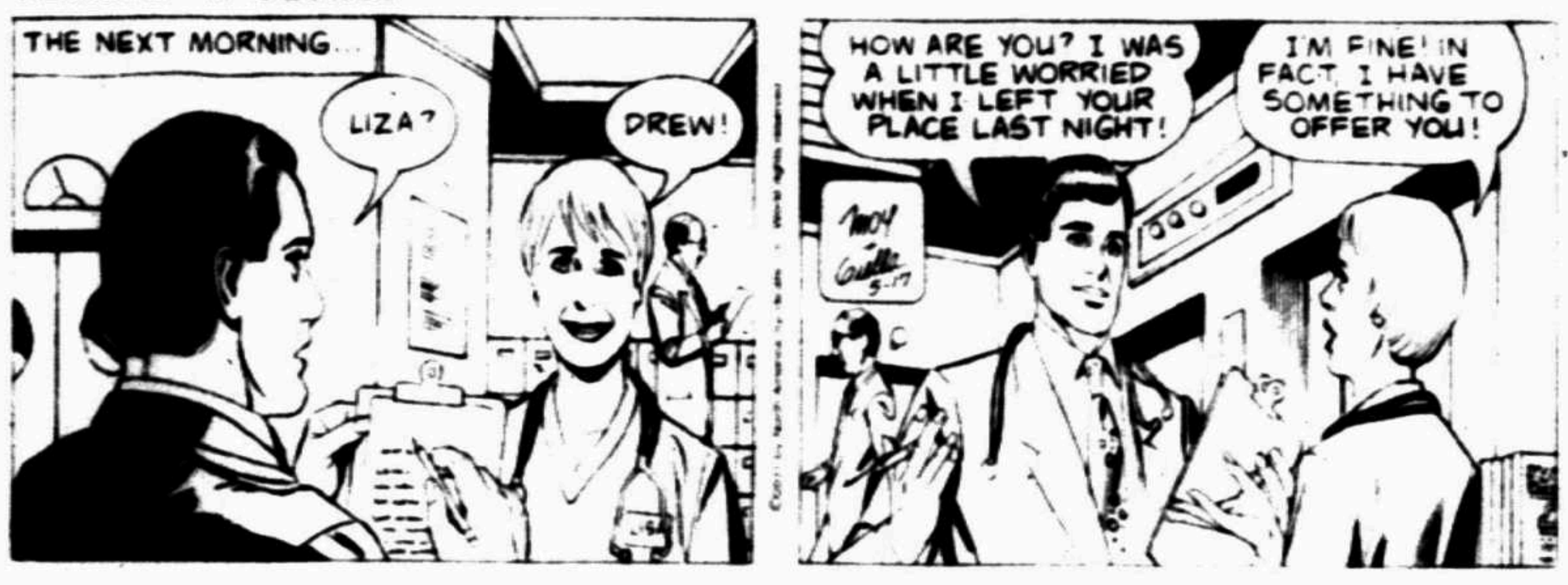
LUANN


THE CHECK'S MADE OUT TO PITTS SCHOOL. GO PRESENT IT TO MISS PHELPS
225 BUCKS. HOW LAME. MAYBE I'LL JUST SLIP IT UNDER HER DOOR...
THE 'PITT-BULL-SHEET' PHOTOGRAPHER IS HERE.
JUST IN TIME, KNUTE
THIS'LL BE A FRONT PAGE PHOTO

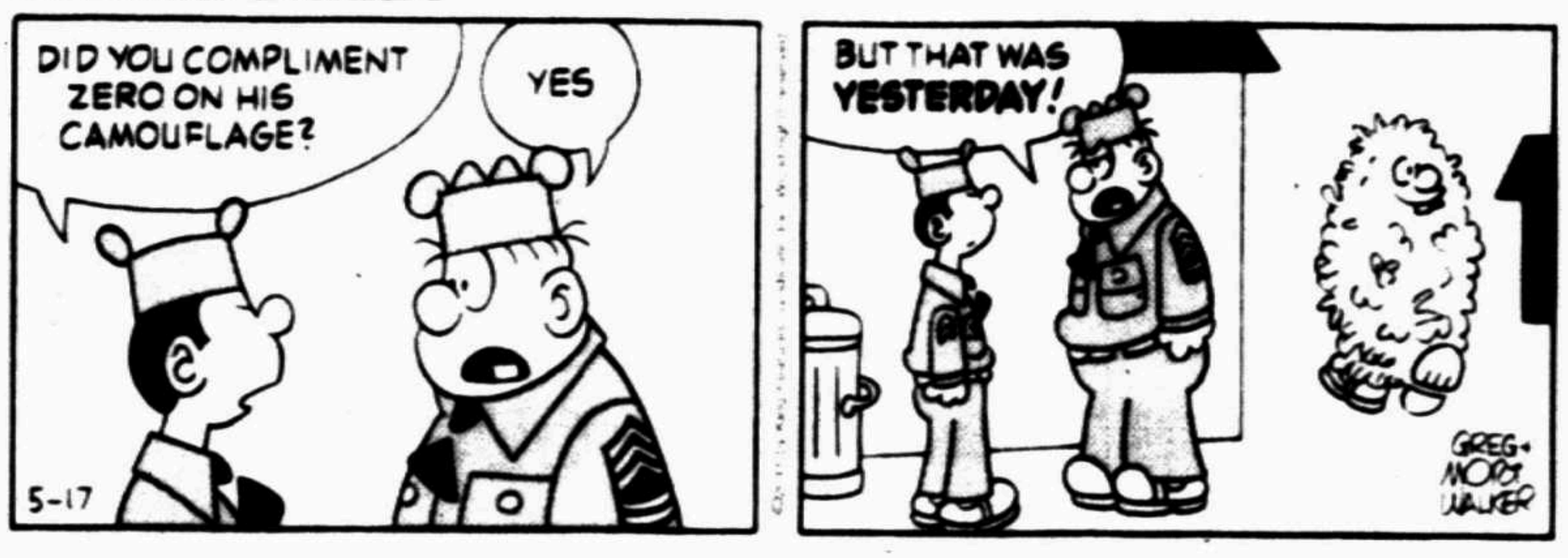
BLONDIE


YOU KNOW, I USED TO EAT THIS CEREAL WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
DID YOU GET THE PRIZE YET?
WHAT PRIZE?
NEVER MIND
WAIT! THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A PRIZE IN HERE SOMEWHERE?

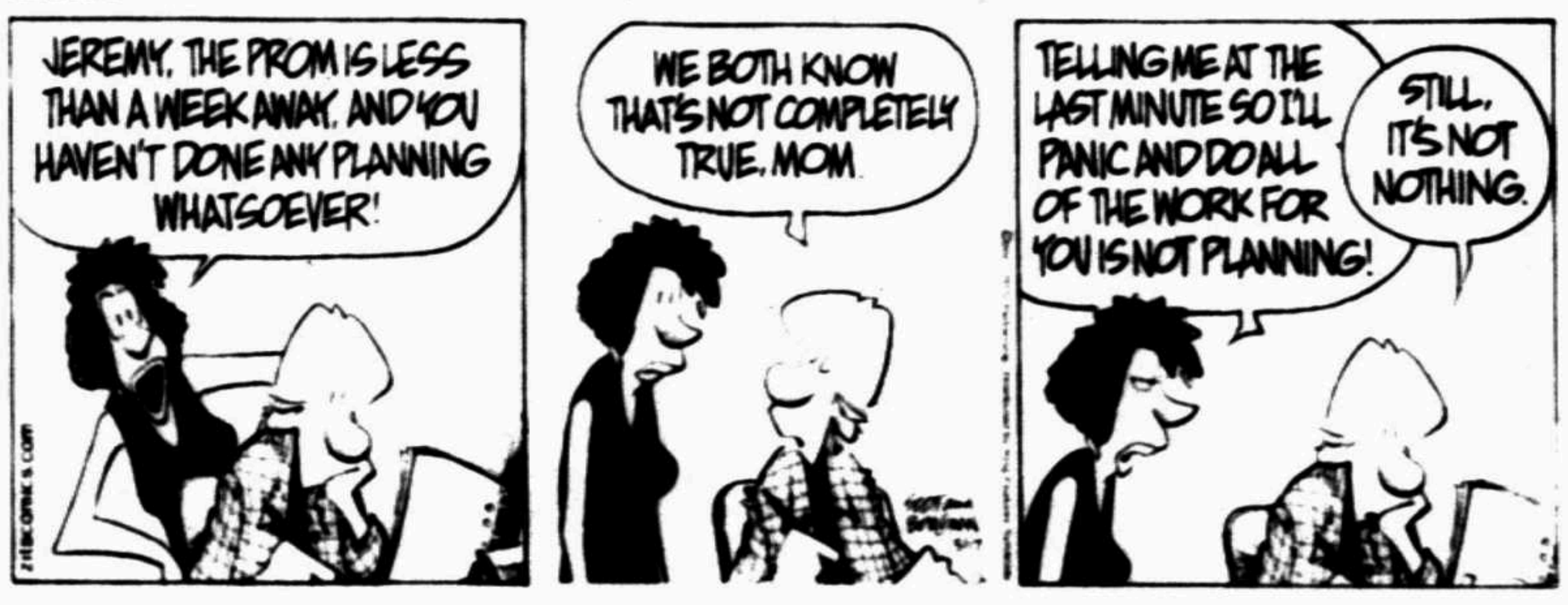
MARY WORTH


THE NEXT MORNING...
LIZA?
DREW!
HOW ARE YOU? I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED WHEN I LEFT YOUR PLACE LAST NIGHT!
I'M FINE! IN FACT, I HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER YOU!

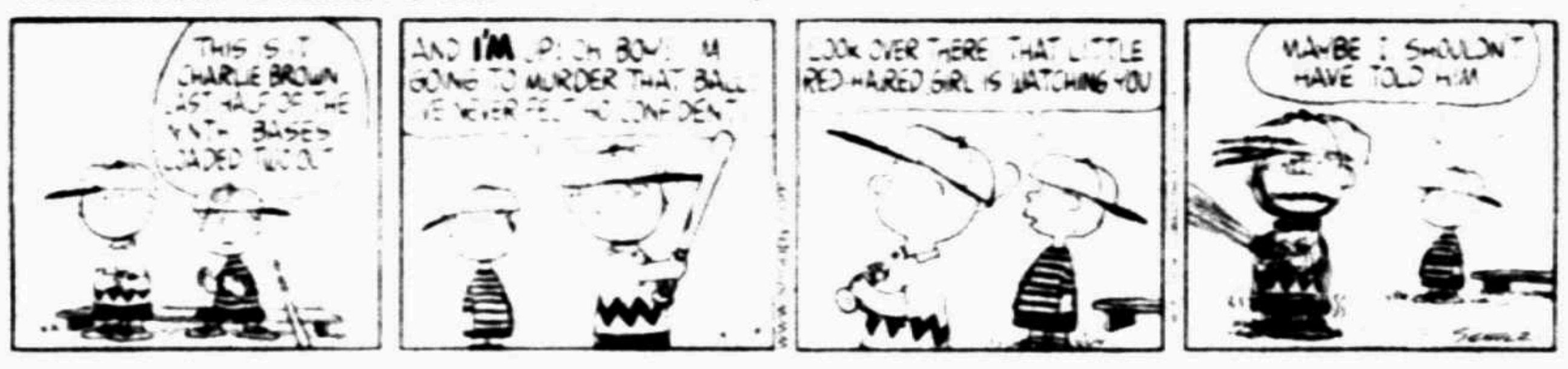
BEETLE BAILEY


DID YOU COMPLIMENT ZERO ON HIS CAMOUFLAGE?
YES
BUT THAT WAS YESTERDAY!
GREG + MORT WALKER

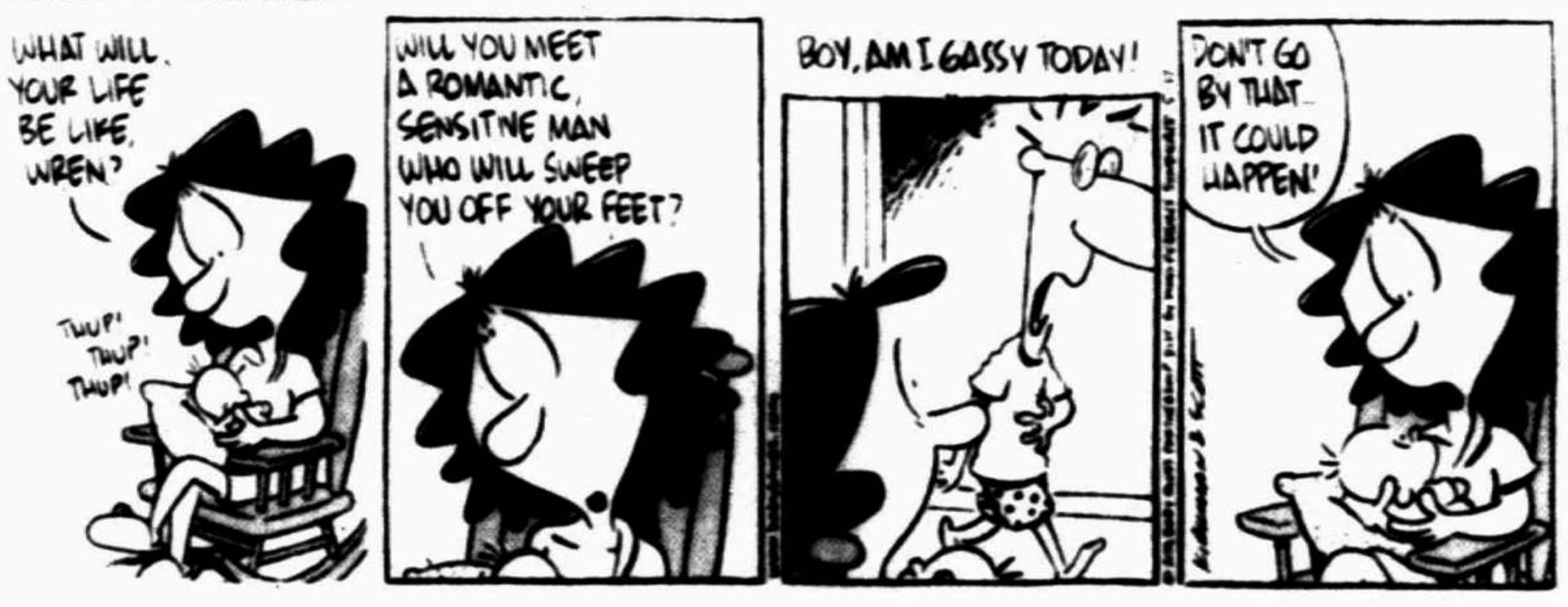
ZITS


JEREMY, THE PROM IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY, AND YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY PLANNING WHATSOEVER!
WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT COMPLETELY TRUE, MOM
TELLING ME AT THE LAST MINUTE SO I'LL PANIC AND DO ALL OF THE WORK FOR YOU IS NOT PLANNING!
STILL, IT'S NOT NOTHING.

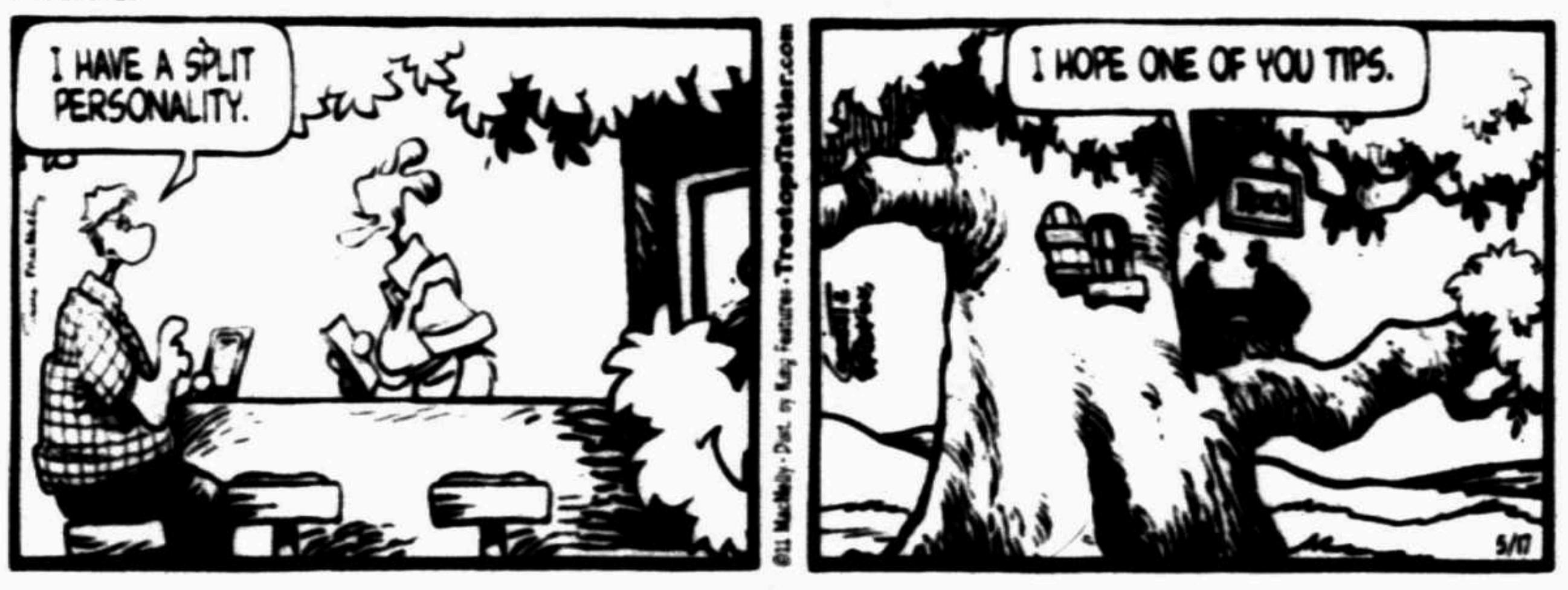
CLASSIC PEANUTS


THIS IS IT, CHARLIE BROWN LAST HALF OF THE NINTH... BASES LOADED TWO OUT
AND I'M UP! OH BOY! I'M GOING TO MURDER THAT BALL I'VE NEVER FELT SO CONFIDENT
LOOK OVER THERE! THAT LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL IS WATCHING YOU
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HIM

BABY BLUES


WHAT WILL YOUR LIFE BE LIKE, WREN?
THUP! THUP! THUP!
WILL YOU MEET A ROMANTIC, SENSITIVE MAN WHO WILL SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET?
BOY, AM I GASSY TODAY!
DON'T GO BY THAT. IT COULD HAPPEN!

SHOE


I HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY.
I HOPE ONE OF YOU TIPS.
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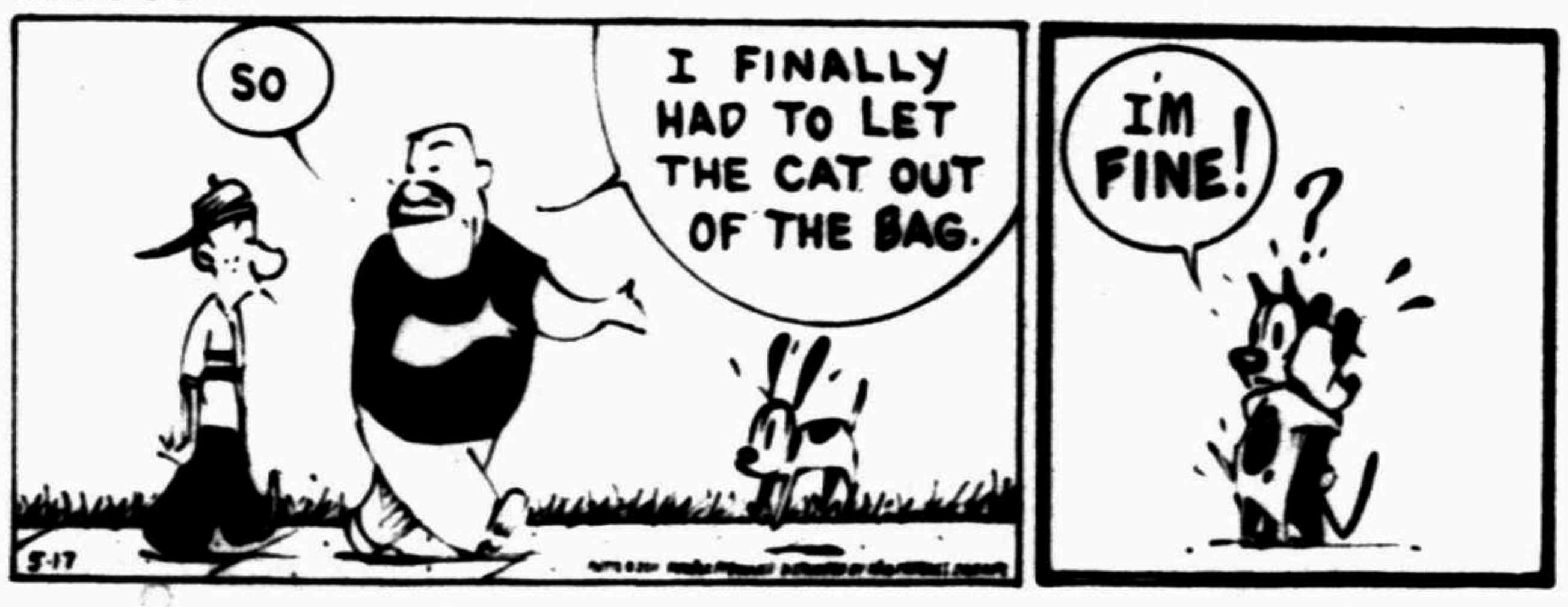
MUTTS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I FINALLY HAD TO LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.
I'M FINE!
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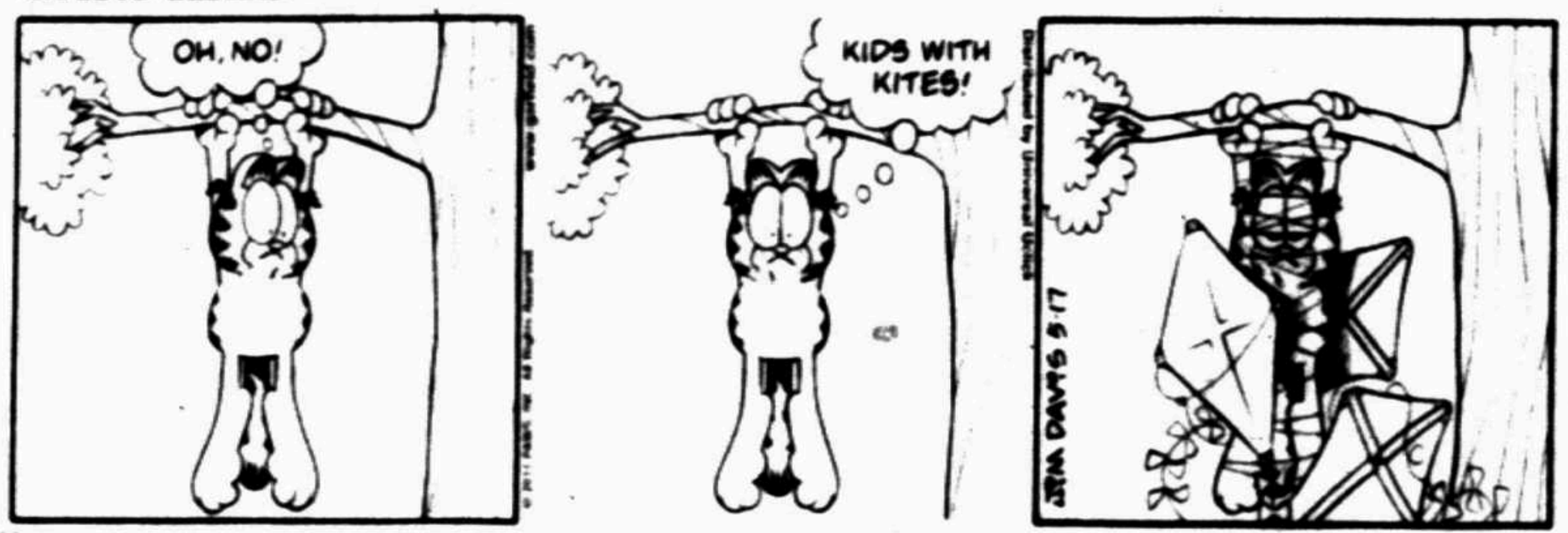
GARFIELD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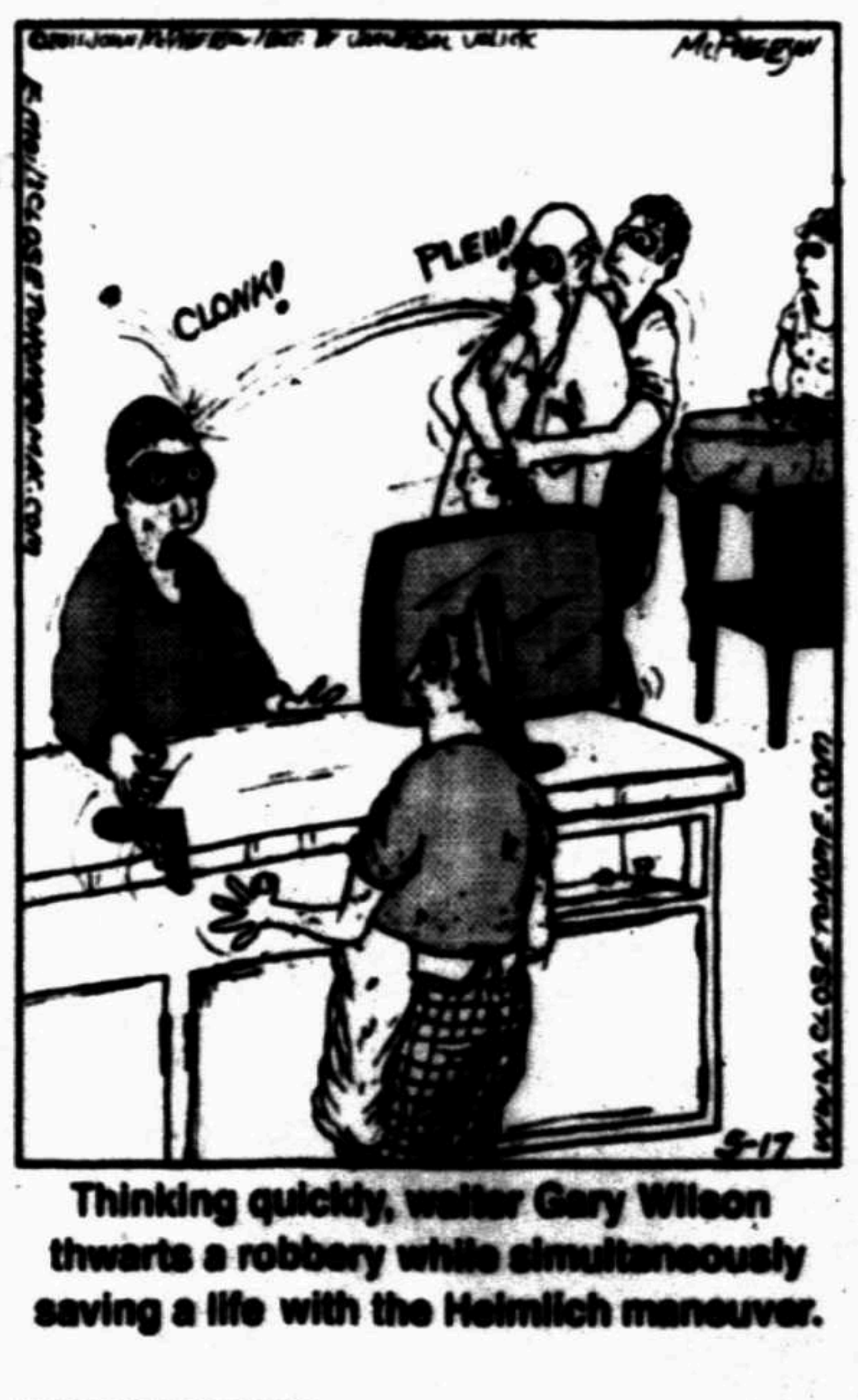
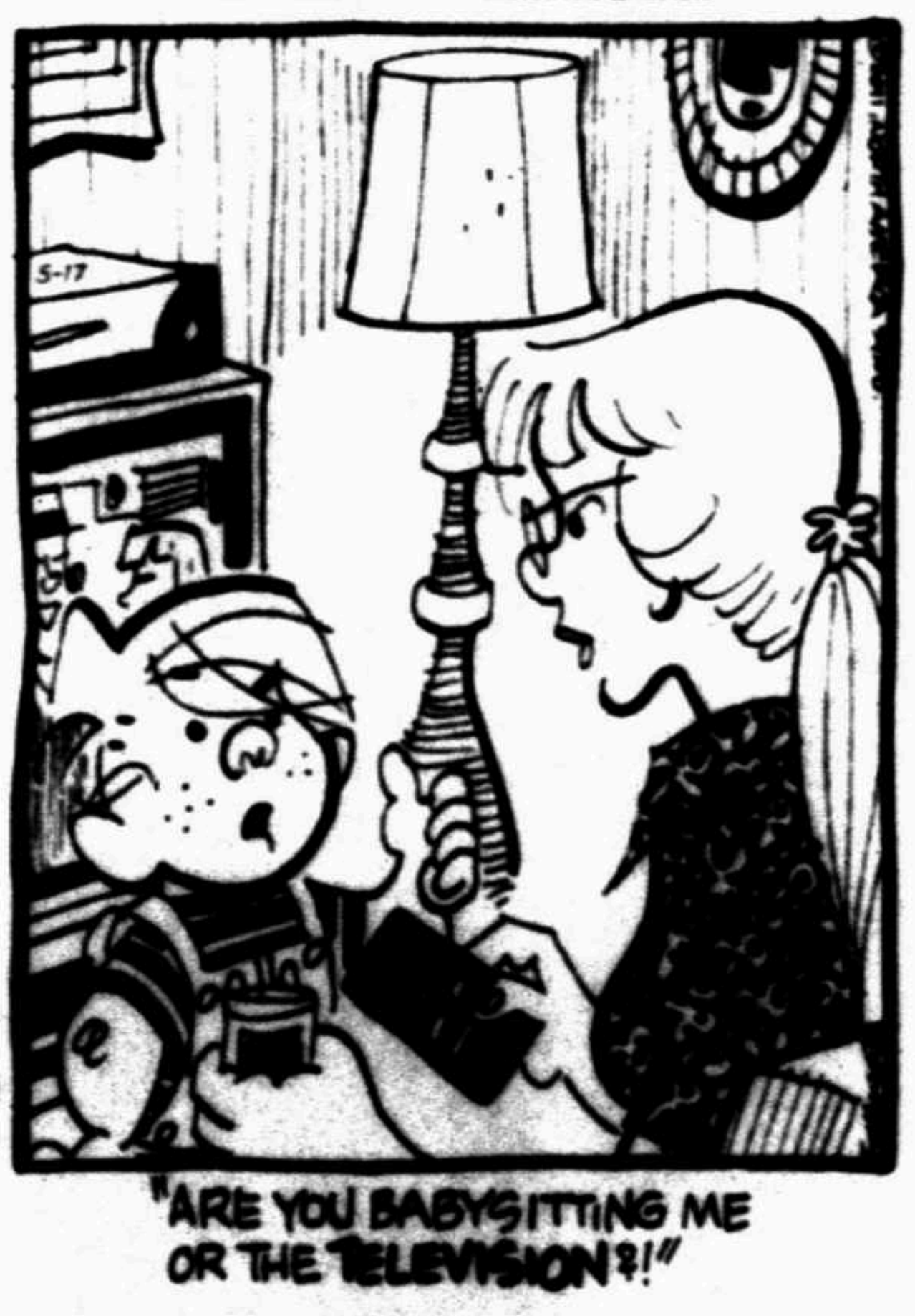
KIDS WITH KITES!
JIM DAVIS 5-17

CLOSE TO HOME



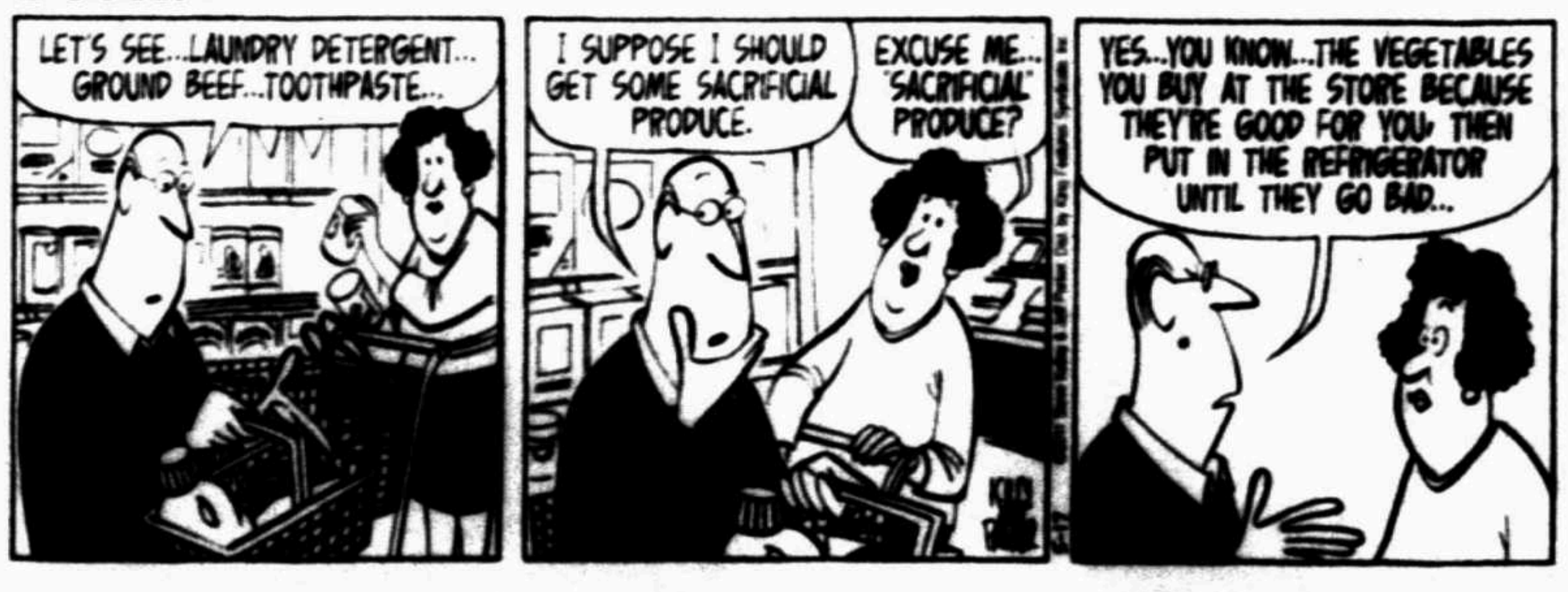
Thinking quickly, waiter Gary Wilson thwarts a robbery while simultaneously saving a life with the Heimlich maneuver.

DENNIS THE MENACE

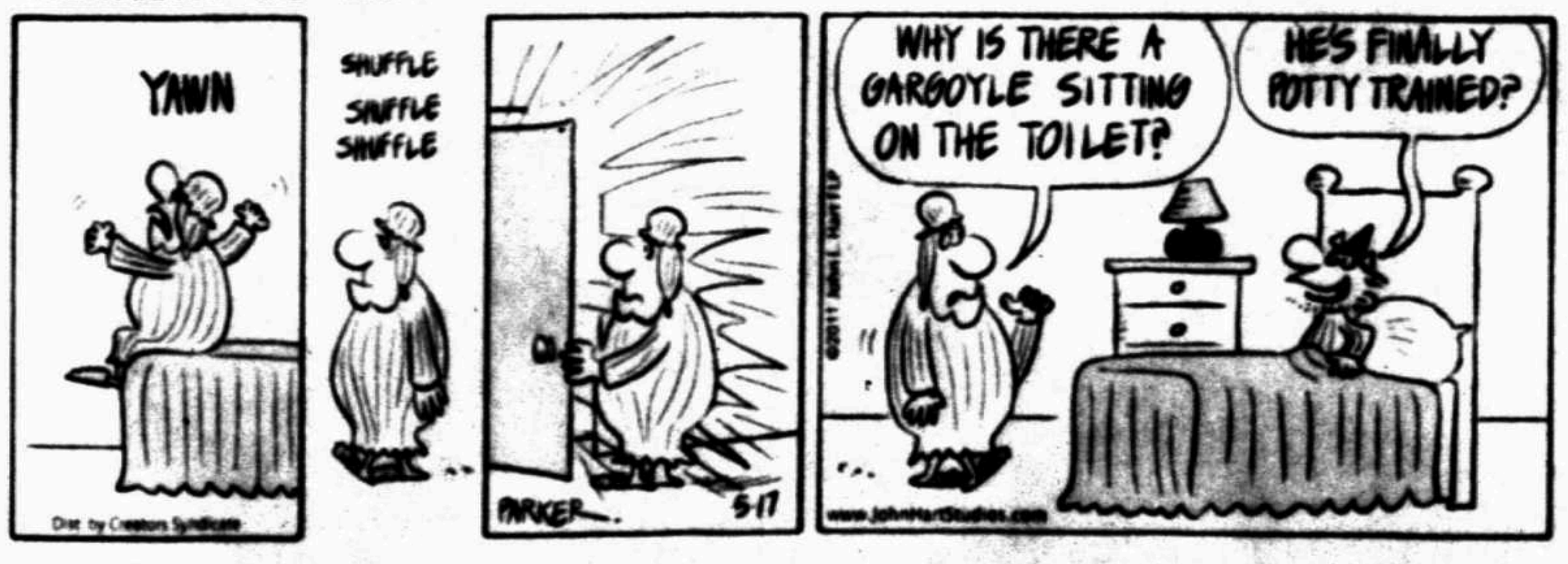


"ARE YOU BABYSITTING ME OR THE TELEVISION?!"

DUSTIN


LET'S SEE...LAUNDRY DETERGENT... GROUND BEEF...TOOTHPASTE...
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD GET SOME SACRIFICIAL PRODUCE.
EXCUSE ME... "SACRIFICIAL" PRODUCE?
YES...YOU KNOW...THE VEGETABLES YOU BUY AT THE STORE BECAUSE THEY'RE GOOD FOR YOU. THEN PUT IN THE REFRIGERATOR UNTIL THEY GO BAD...

WIZARD OF ID


YAWN
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
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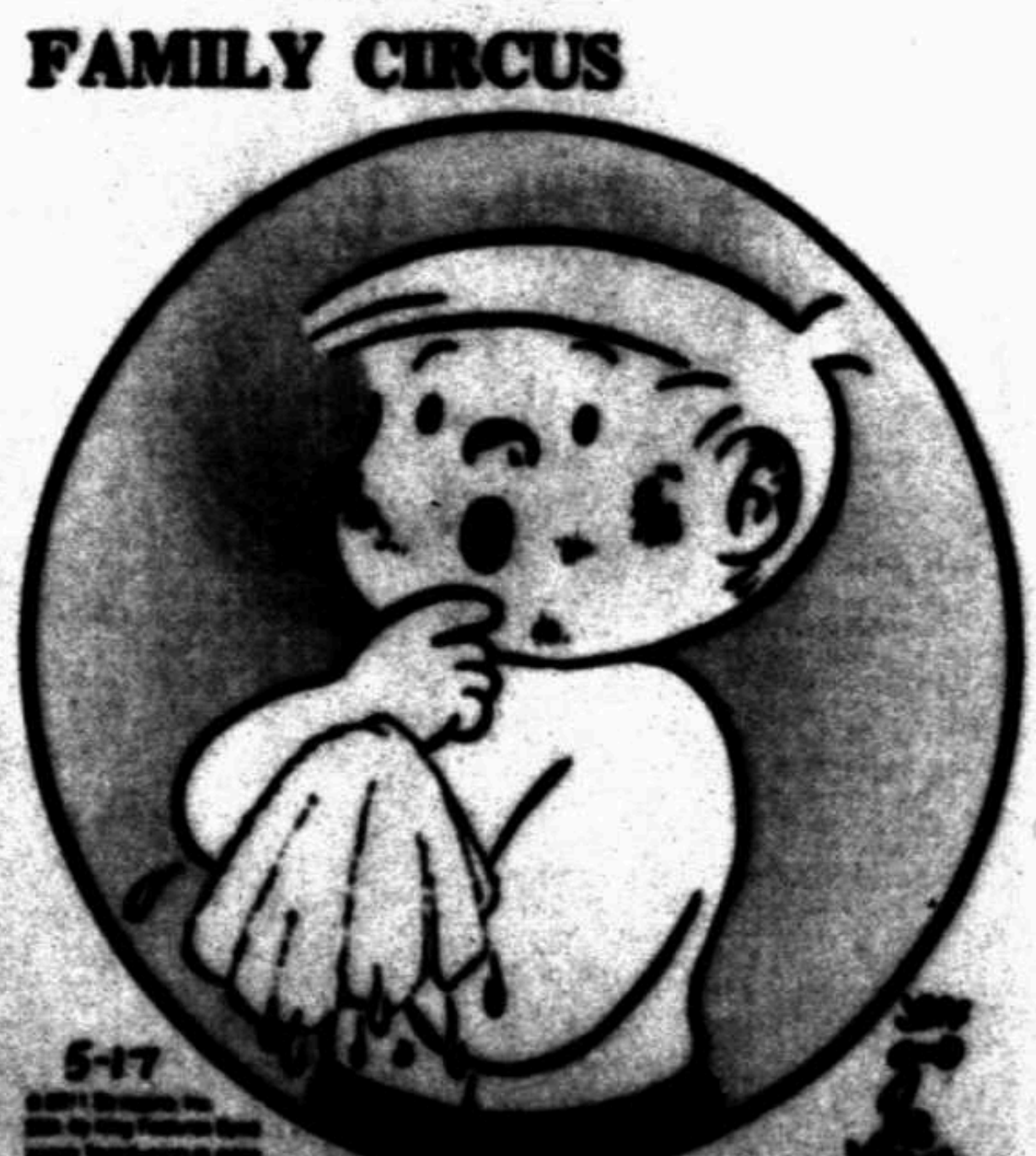
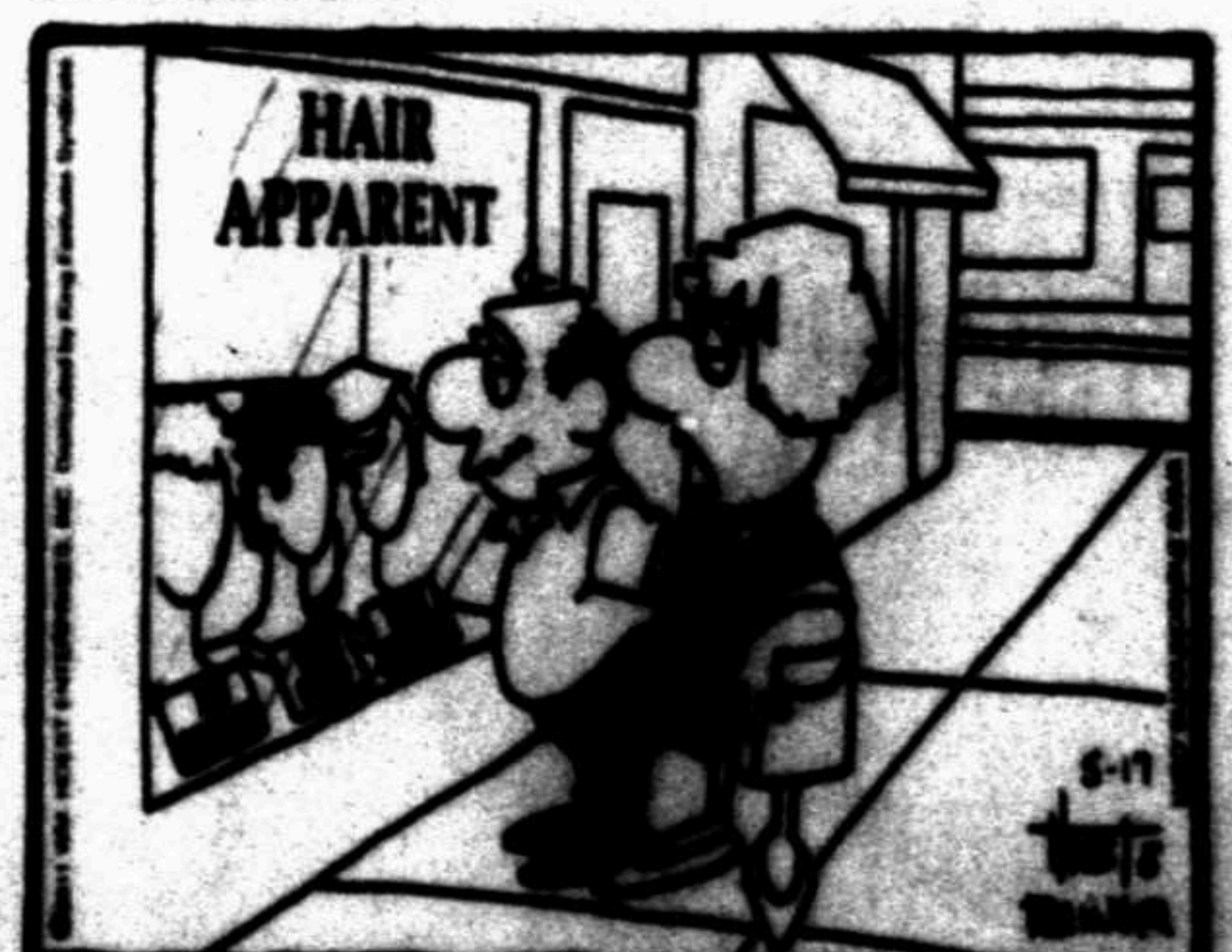
HE'S FINALLY POTTY TRAINED?
PARKER

FAMILY CIRCUS



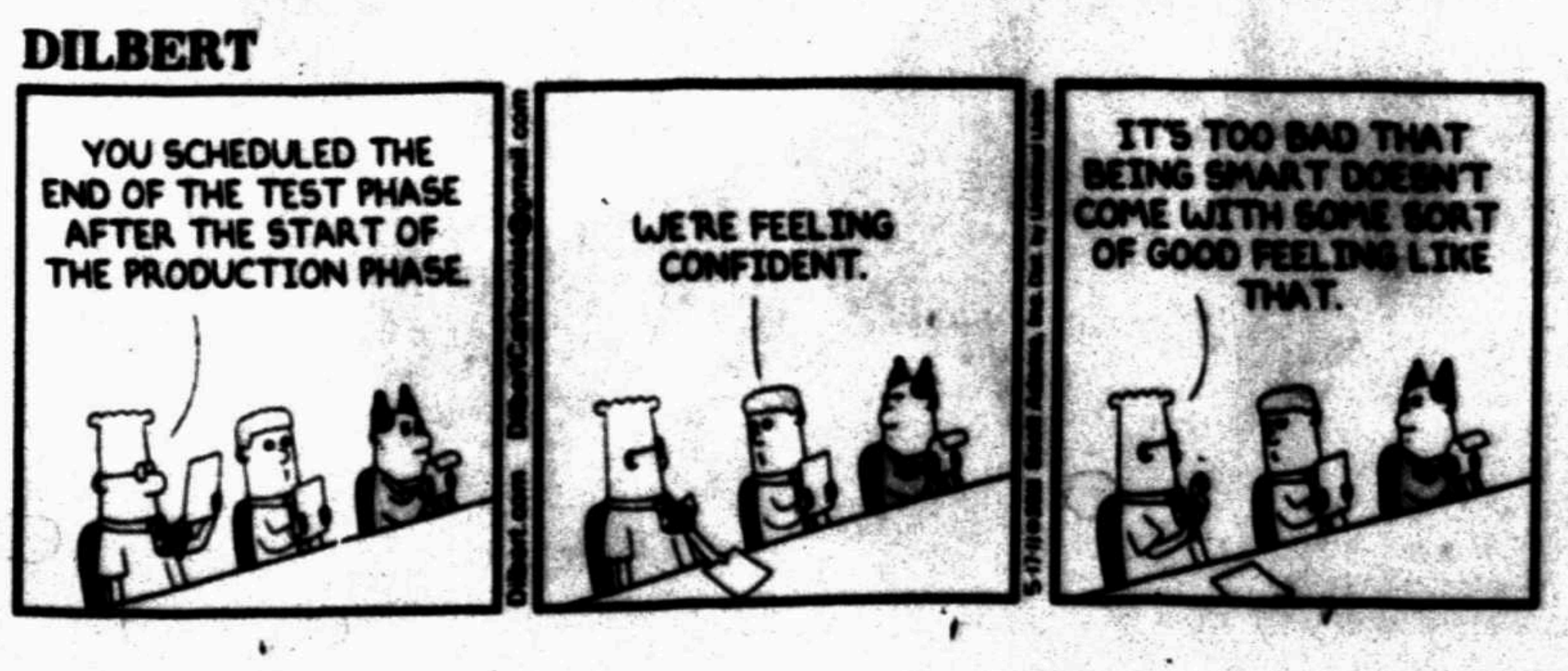
"Does washing my face include my ears?"

LOCKHORNS


HAIR APPARENT

"FORGET IT, LEROY . . . IF I CAN'T HAVE A NEW FUR, NEITHER CAN YOU."

DILBERT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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by the Midland International Airport for approval to lease mineral rights in and around Midland Airpark Airport

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 Beth Mosley, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989

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Amy Turner, MMC
City Secretary

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Odessa
Contract 2224-01-075 for MILLING, HMAC, & STRIPING in ECTOR County will be opened on June 07, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 36523

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Odessa District
District Engineer
3901 E. U.s. Hwy 80
Odessa, Texas 79761
Phone: 432-332-0501

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Midland Surgical Associates, P.A. **FT**

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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P.O. Box 97
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Housekeeper needed for private home. 20 hours per week. $12/hour, Monday-Friday. Send resume including references to **M-33** c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

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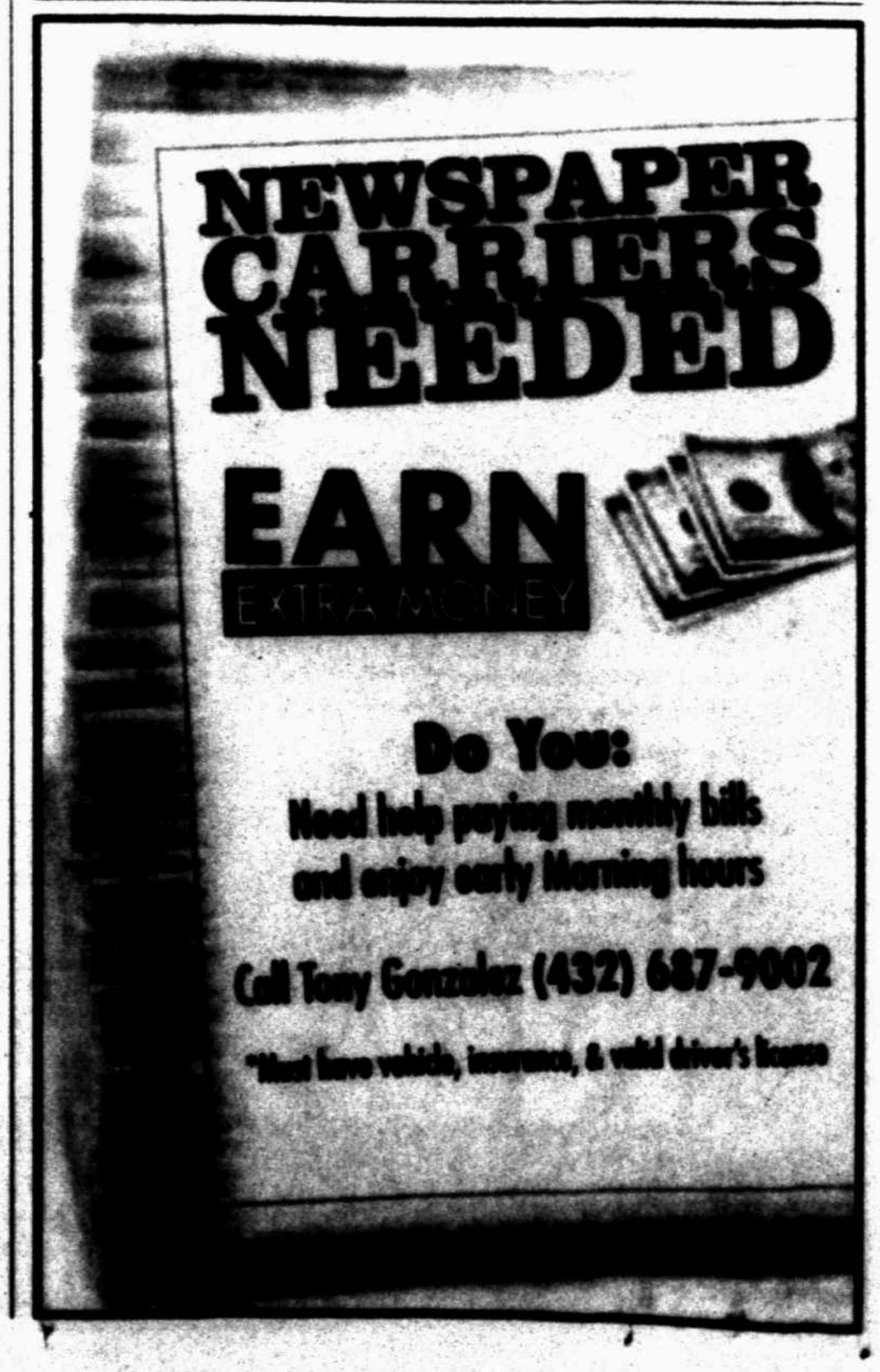

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
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Midland Pure Air FT
Midland Pure air is looking for air conditioning/heating service tech, who is interested in working for an established growth oriented local company, also a helper/installer. We provide a great working environment, signing bonus will be available to all new hires, please apply in person at Midland Pure Air 3241 Franklin Ave or call us at 432-570-1117

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HVAC Duct Installers and Experienced Helpers needed for work on local job. Salary depending on experience. Call 432-686-0002 for interview.

SKILLED LABOR

Dozer Operator
Confidential FT
Need experience Dozer Operator with CDL. Must have experience with oilfield locations. Must be able to pass drug test. Work close to home for a Big Spring oil company. Competitive pay and benefits. Call 432-238-7650 or send resume to: PO BOX 1888, Big Spring, TX 79721

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Must have oilfield pumping experience, willing to work extended hours, weekends and able to travel. Prefer CDL but not necessary. Physical and drug screen required. We offer excellent salary and benefits. Apply in person at TGARR Tower, 24 Smith Road, Suite 200, Midland, or call 432-683-1881

Gel-Tec

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2 years minimum experience preferred. Also hiring personnel with inspection experienced to be trained in becoming Level 2 Inspectors. In house inspections, good pay, great benefits. Must be able to pass background check, drug test and pre-employment physical. Interested person should fax resume to: **432-530-0784**.

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Confidential
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Minimum Requirements
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Must Have
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- Pass pre employment physical and drug alcohol screen
- References will be required

Please mail resumes to: P-116 Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Midland Tower Construction, LP FT
Top Hand tower climber needed in the West Texas Region. Must have experience in maintenance and repairs to cell phone towers. A valid driver's license, a pre-employment, and random drug screens will be required. Please email Resume to: randyrandolph@midlandtower.com or call 432-238-9630

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Confidential FT
Assembly and repairs of valves and actuators in the field and in Midland Shop. Solid mechanical aptitude & electrical experience required. Shipping and receiving and product control. Must be able to lift 50+ lbs. Drug test & references required. Send resume to: P- 140 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

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Silverline

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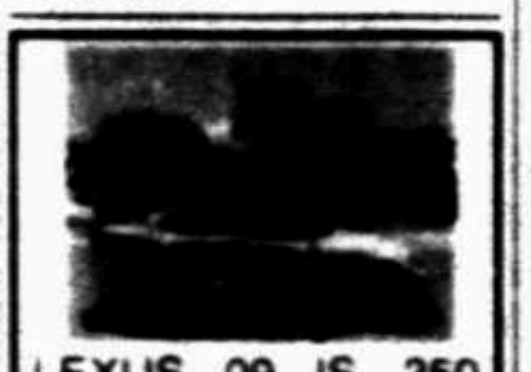

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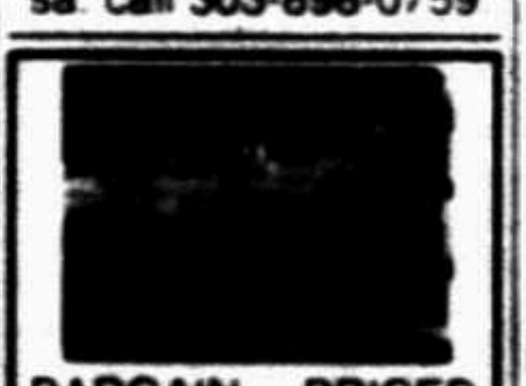

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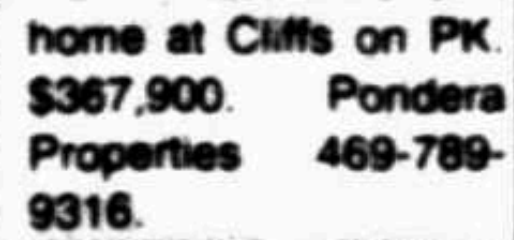

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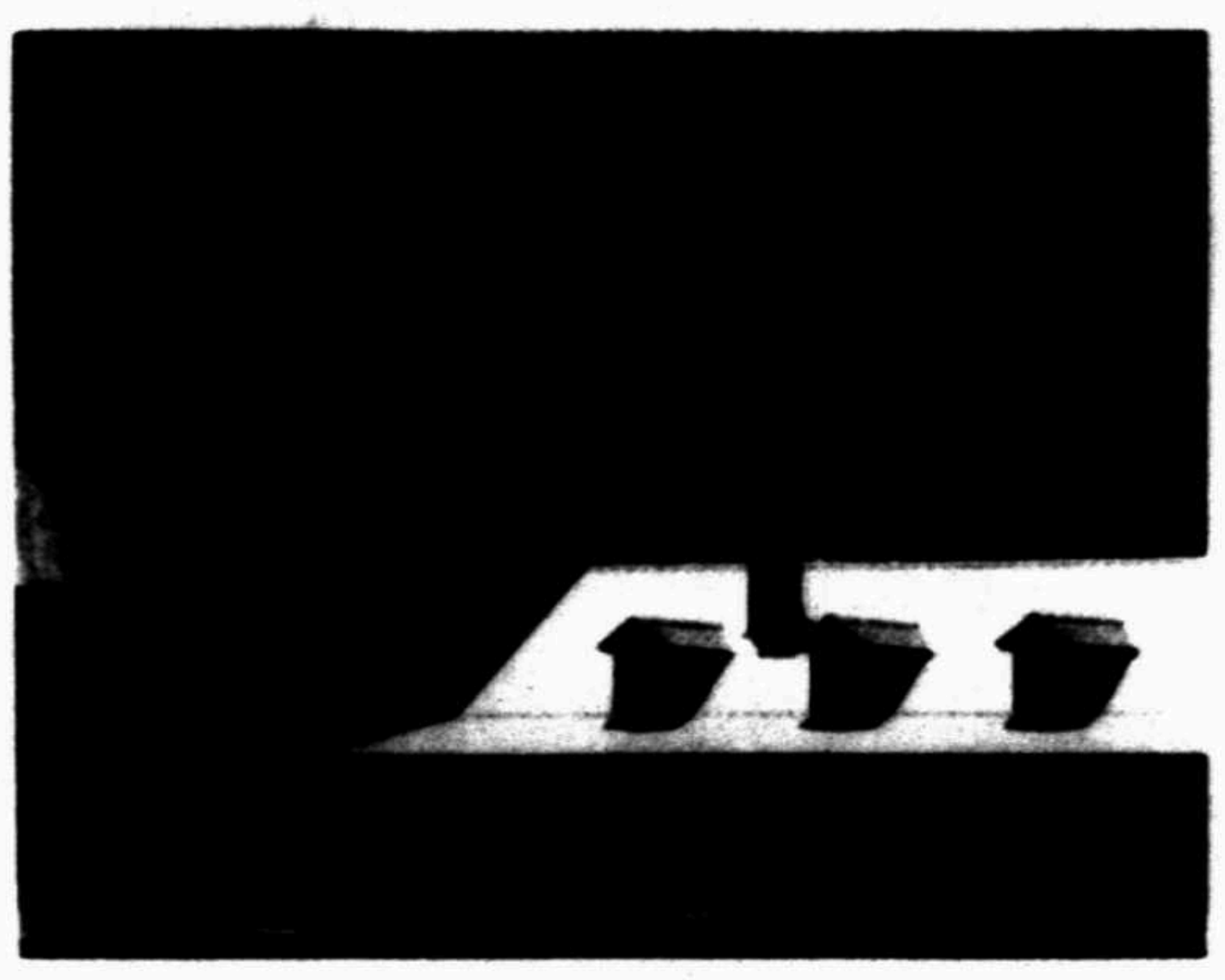

Fire and rain: Fed scientists point to wild April

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — April was a historic month for wild weather in the United States, and it wasn't just the killer tornado outbreak that set records, according to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

April included an odd mix of downpours, droughts and wildfires. Six states — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia — set records for the wettest April since 1895. Kentucky, for example, got nearly a foot of rain, which was more than three times its normal for the month, NOAA reported.

Yet the U.S. also had the most acres burned by wildfire for April since 2000. Nearly 95 percent of Texas has a drought categorized as severe or worse, exacerbated by the fifth driest April on record for the Lone Star state.

Add to a record 305 tornadoes from April 25-28, which killed at least 309 people and the most tornadoes ever for all of April: 875. The death toll and total tornado figures are still being finalized.

Much of the southern and eastern United States were near record hot for April, while northwestern states were cooler than normal. Overall, the month was warmer than normal for the nation, but not record-setting.

The odd mix of massive April showers and bone-dry drought can be blamed on the cooling of the central Pacific Ocean, which causes storm tracks to lock in along certain paths, said Mike Halpert, deputy director of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

"It's very consistent with La Nina; maybe we've had more extremes," Halpert said. "It's a shift of the jet stream, providing all that moisture and shifting it away from the south, so you've seen a lot of drought in Texas."

U.S. scientists also looked for the fingerprints of global warming and La Nina on last month's deadly tornadoes, but couldn't find evidence to blame those oft-cited weather phenomena.

NOAA research meteorologist Martin Hoerling tracked three major factors that go into tornadoes — air instability, wind shear and water vapor — and found no long-term trends that point to either climate change or La Nina. That doesn't mean those factors aren't to blame, but Hoerling couldn't show it, he said.

Climate models say that because of changes in instability and water vapor, severe thunderstorms and maybe tornadoes should increase in the future. But it may take another 30 years for the predicted slow increase to be statistically noticeable, said NOAA research meteorologist and tornado expert Harold Brooks.

But Kevin Trenberth, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, said the preliminary study that Hoerling conducted was flawed and too simplified. He said there is evidence of an increase in instability in the atmosphere happening now.

Online

NOAA on April weather:
http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/national/
The NOAA study on the tornado outbreak:
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Small, single-step (one-click) payments via the web are sometimes called micro-payment systems. The Apple iStore is an example of one in action. Some newspapers are introducing micro-payments for their content. They are also well-suited for contributions and tips.

This is becoming a hot topic. The industry is scrambling to find a safe, convenient method to accept small payments. These services make their money by taking a small cut. Lots of small cuts can equal big money, so the stakes are high.

The issue is that typical payment systems are too expensive and cumbersome for a small transaction. Micro-payment systems typically work by combining transactions using a balance account to help manage this. This is a bit tricky. It sure looks like there is a need, but apparently it's difficult to make it work, to make it easy to adopt, and to make money doing it.

Amazon.com used to have a micro-payment service, called Amazon Honor System. It was used for small payments, tips, and contributions, but it was discontinued in 2008. PayPal (paypal.com) has since entered this arena with their micro-payment system.

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