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Natural gas fire costs only 13 cents per hour

ADVERTISING FEATURE

HOME & GARDEN

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THE LARGEST UNINSULATED AREA IN MOST HOUSES IS THE BASEMENT

"An amazing 20 to 35 per cent of most homes' heat loss comes from uninsulated areas of the basement. Contrary to common belief, earth is a very poor insulator.

"And, since very few basements have any insulation at all, insulating the basement can dramatically improve your home's energy efficiency," said Huggard.

Keep the following in mind when

you're insulating your basement:

✓ Before insulating, be sure to look for structural problems, such as water leaks, dampness or active cracks. These problems won't go away even if they're hidden by insulation.

✓ There are two ways to insulate a basement - inside or outside.

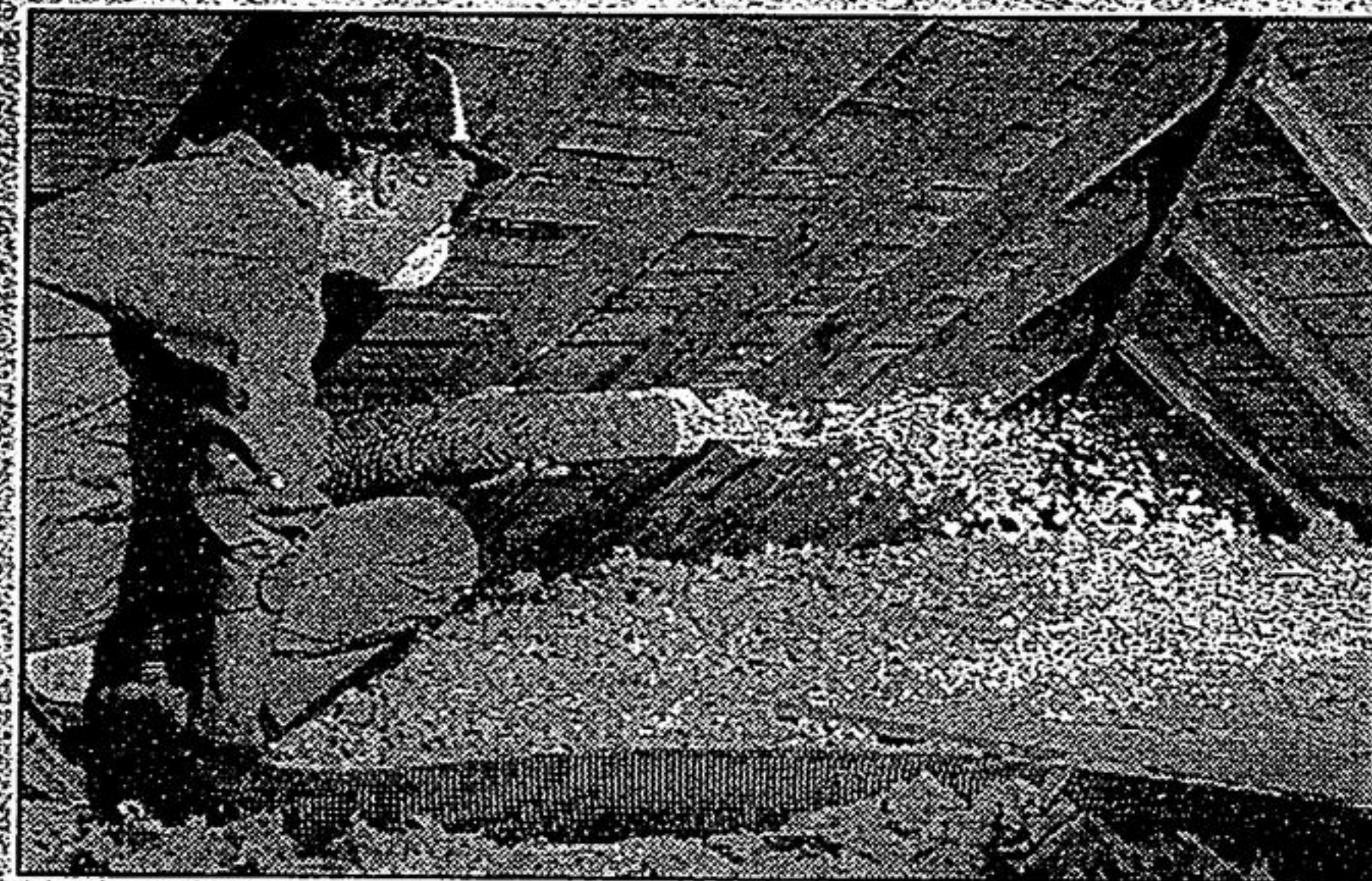
Insulating the outside of a basement is technically more efficient, but involves excavating around the foundation and installing rigid insulation.

Practical and economic considerations often mean that insulating inside your basement is the better choice.

✓ Insulating a basement can be tied in to other types of renovation, such as damp-proofing or finishing the basement.

WARMTH AND COMFORT AT THE FLICK OF A SWITCH

"These days of having to lug armloads of wood are long gone, now all you have to do is flick a switch to have an amazingly authentic blazing (natural gas) fire - some models even have remote control," said Huggard.



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Warm air rises. As much as 15 per cent of your home's heat loss could go through the roof if your attic is not properly sealed and insulated.

"Natural gas is also less expensive to operate and cleaner than burning wood. In fact, cozying up to a natural gas fire costs only 13 cents per hour.

DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

Home safety is always a concern, and the wise homeowner should always consider the dangers of carbon monoxide.

"Properly installed and maintained natural gas equipment will not release carbon monoxide into your home."

Huggard suggested people have their furnaces check regularly.

People should also install a carbon monoxide detector.

HOW TO KEEP THE OUTDOORS...OUTDOORS.

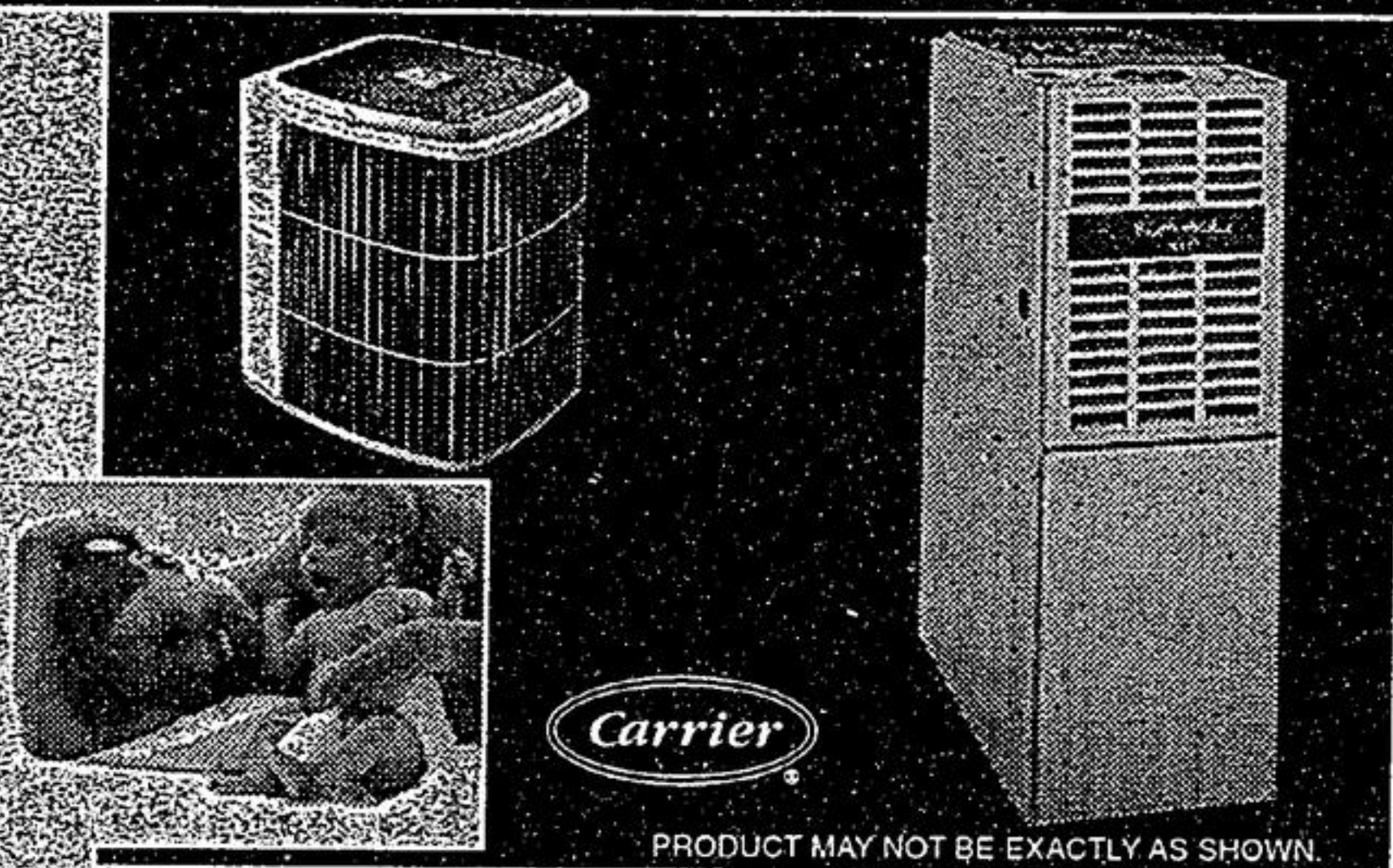
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See below for all the details!

Deadline for entries is Mon., Oct. 19

Halloween Spooky story Picture Contest

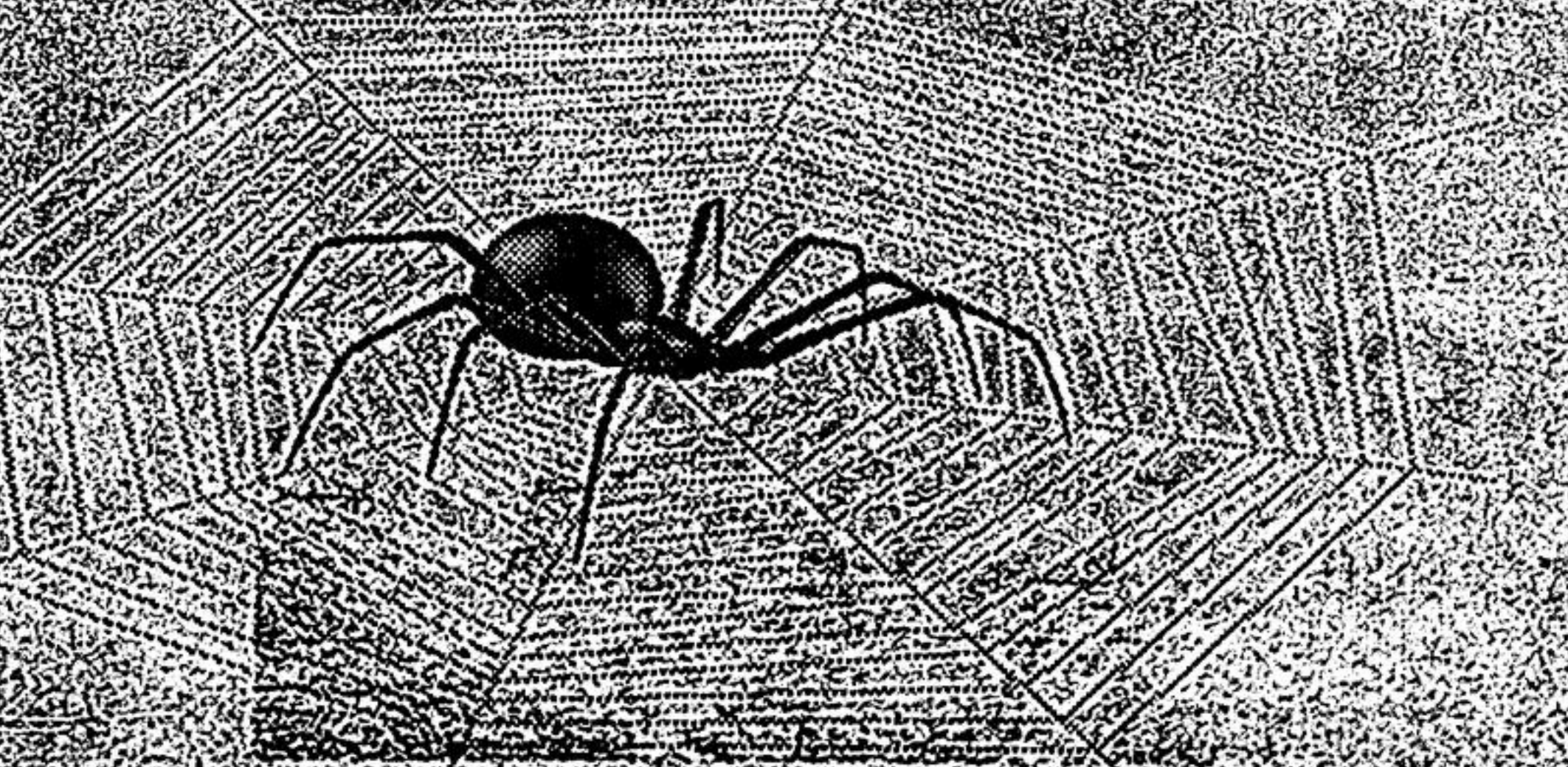
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