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Some retro gadgets are coming back stronger than ever.

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ON TO MINNEAPOLIS

The New England Patriots defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars 24-20 in the AFC title game. They will take on the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles, who defeated the Minnesota Vikings 38-7.

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Can Chevron, other majors take Permian to next level?

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

Chevron Corp. has owned land and leases in the Permian Basin for 100 years. In the 1980s and 1990s, when the basin was deservedly viewed as dried-up, Chevron stayed.

It almost didn't, though. At times, when the company needed to cut costs, its old Permian land came up. But some Chevron chiefs cautioned against selling. They knew the shale held a lot of oil and someone would figure out how to get it out of the ground.

Fast-forward two decades: Chevron is neck-deep in the Permian, and that old land is playing a key role.

While independent oil companies were out drilling, the California major was watching, and co-developing sections with other companies.

Some say the majors missed the boat. Chevron says the delay was good for a few reasons.

First, it was getting paid. Thanks to its $45 billion merger with White Plains, N.Y.-based Texaco in 2001 and its $18 billion purchase of Los Angeles-based Unocal Corp. in 2005, it controlled about 2 million acres of Permian drilling rights.

And, for much of that land, it actually owned the mineral rights.

That meant its partners were paying Chevron for the rights to drill.

"Their strategy has been to take the royalties and let everyone else take the risk," said IHS Markit analyst Sven Del Pozzo.

A HUGE HAUL

Perhaps more importantly, co-developing the land put Chevron on the metaphorical rig floor in each of those projects, allowing the company access to data, operations, technique and everything else its partners were learning — at little cost to Chevron.

In 2014, Chevron began to develop on its own. In 2016, it stepped on the gas.

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SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders pray the rosary Friday at Choose Life Midland. Today is the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

Conaway introduces legislation to expand I-14

From staff reports

Congressman Mike Conaway introduced legislation last week that would include expanding Interstate 14 through San Angelo and to Midland.

Information from the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) indicated there is still information not known about House Resolution 4823 — also called "Connecting the Rest to the West" — but Conaway's office in a press release stated, "This expansion through San Angelo to Midland will not only provide a safer route for travelers and economic boom in the area, but will also directly connect the Permian Basin — one of the top oil and gas producing regions in the world – with one of the largest ports in the country. Allowing our producers to more quickly and safely move their products to market will further shore up our nation's energy independence."

MOTRAN, a regional transportation organization, has pushed to change the congressionally approved western route of I-14, also known as the Forts to Ports Highway and the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

Forts to Ports aims to connect Fort Bliss in El Paso with Fort Hood in Central Texas and Fort Polk in Louisiana. The plan also connects to military deployment ports at Corpus Christi and Beaumont through various north-south feeder roads.

The key feature of Forts to Ports is the construction of I-14, which already has been designated with physical signage in Killeen. The western terminus would be at I-10 and U.S. Highway 190, near Iraan, and will stretch to Brady, according to a May article. The eastern terminus is at Natchez, Louisiana.

MOTRAN has pushed for I-14 to begin in western Ector County and

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MISD: Bigger class size can provide opportunity

By Stewart Doreen
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The need for Midland ISD to ask for additional class-size waivers didn't stop at a fall board meeting or even in November or December.

At last week's school board meeting, Midland ISD leaders approved a plan to ask the state's governing board for waivers that would bring the district's total to 118. In the fall, the Midland ISD board had approved a plan for 96. Trustees followed up in November with a net increase of five to 101. In December and January, 21 new classrooms exceeded the required 22-student-to-1-teacher ratio, required by the Texas Education Agency for grades kindergarten through fourth.

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Amazon will debut a cashier-less store in downtown Seattle today. Page 4A

The big number
$20 million. That's how much the movie "Jumanji" brought in this past weekend. Page 5A

Word of the Day: acrimonious
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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STATEBRIEFS

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MPD: Alcohol a factor is motorcycle crash

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in a motorcycle crash that sent two people to the hospital on Saturday, according to the Midland Police Department.

There was a single-vehicle wreck at Loop 250 and Midland Drive at about 7 p.m.

The driver of a motorcycle lost control, according to a press release from MPD. The driver and a passenger were taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and are in "critical but stable condition," according to the release.

SAN ANTONIO

Woman killed, abducted child recovered

San Antonio police say a 37-year-old man suspected of fatally shooting his estranged wife or girlfriend and then fleeing with their 18-month-old son is being treated for a self-inflicted gunshot wound and the missing child has been found safe.

Authorities say Richard Concepcion is in grave condition. The couple's son, Aaron Joseph Concepcion, was found unharmed in the back seat of Concepcion's pickup truck in Guadalupe County, immediately east of San Antonio.

Police Chief William McManus said earlier that officers responding to a Sunday morning call to assist with a child custody exchange received a second call before arriving that there had been a shooting. They found the woman dead on the doorstep at her home.

McManus says police had responded previously to domestic trouble calls at the home.

MISD

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That resulted in a net increase of 15, according to Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones.

The 116 waivers is more than the previous two years combined —72 in 2016-17 and 41 in 2015-16. In 2014-15, Midland ISD requested 18.

In Midland, with its increased population and difficulty recruiting teachers, class size waivers may become part of the education process. District officials have called for an exemption from asking for class-size waivers as part of the District of Innovation process.

Such an exemption, Jones said, will provide local flexibility and give the community and school district control to make the decisions that best meet the needs of MISD students, teachers and community.

"We want to continue transparency to ensure our board remains informed," Jones said when asked if classes with a ratio higher than 22:1 will still be reported to the board on a monthly basis if DOIs are implemented.

But for Midland ISD officials, larger class sizes can provide opportunities, especially in schools of choice such as the magnet schools and Carver Center — the elementary school for Midland's gifted and talented students — Superintendent Orlando Riddick said at last week's meeting. He said making available seating in great buildings can be something for the community to embrace because it can put more students in front of teachers making an impact.

He called for adapting processes to make sure the district can "backfill" seats if students leave the district before the end of the school year and to identify students who transfer into the school district with a background that would be ideal for a school of choice.

Current schools of choice, according to Jones, include Carver Center, Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Pease Communications and Technology Academy, Washington STEM Academy, Early College High School at Midland College and Coleman High School. The district might have its seventh as early as the 2018-19 school year, if a plan for Sam Houston Elementary is approved by the Texas Education Agency this spring.

"We are at the very beginning stages of designing implementation for schools of choice," Jones told the Reporter-Telegram in an email. "I can say that we want more students in quality seats in great schools."

CHEVRON

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Last year, it talked about a "manufacturing" model for drilling. This year, it will spend $3.3 billion on its Permian program, running 20 rigs — among the most in the basin — by year's end, and promising a huge haul, as much as 700,000 barrels of oil and gas per day in a decade.

"I've heard people say the majors missed it," said Bruce Niemeyer, vice president of Chevron's North America Exploration and Production. "It's worked to our advantage to let the rest of the industry figure it out."

'The early innings'

Analysts are not entirely sold on Chevron's claims.

"Chevron has a lot less experience than everyone else," said Del Pozzo. "They're just getting started. The number they're throwing out 10 years from now is huge. But they still need to do it."

Others, however, say Chevron and other big oil companies have time to catch up. "Anyone who said the majors are late to the game, you have to understand this is a multi-decade inventory," said Jackson Sandeen, a former Permian analyst for the energy research firm Wood Mackenzie. "In that, we're still in the early innings." The independent oil companies were great at trial-and-error experimentation, said Tommy Inglesby, managing director of consulting firm Accenture's energy industry group. But well production has been plateauing and experimentation hitting a limit without more science. That puts the majors in a position to lead. The majors will take more time and apply more science, data analysis and integration, said Vance Scott, senior managing director at the accounting and consulting firm Ernst & Young. "I'm not sure it's in the mindset or style," Scott said, "of some of the independents."

I-14

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to run in dual-designation with I-20 until State Highway 158, at which point I-14 would run south to Brady along SH 158 and US 87, passing through San Angelo along the way.

I-14 would go through Brady and toward I-10, providing direct routes to San Antonio and Corpus Christi. If amending the interstate designation gains congressional support, the hope is that it will then be attached to the upcoming infrastructure bill.

"In addition to the economic benefits felt in West Texas, the route will also provide our military with a clear route connecting larger military installations in Texas, including to Fort Bliss and Fort Hood, to the strategic seaports on the Gulf Coast," said Conaway in a press release.

"I'm hopeful that this legislation will provide our growing district and country with the infrastructure it needs to continue to prosper."

Obituaries

Bessie Louise Guthrie

Bessie Louise Guthrie was called home on January 18, 2018. She was born September 25th 1935 to Joseph Marvin and Florence Manuel Franks in Midland, Texas. Bessie loved her family, cherished her children; adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to play Skipbo with anyone that was up for the challenge, at any time, for any occasion. With a heart of gold, Bessie always cared for others before herself. She was a wonderful wife, sister and aunt. She lived a full and uccessful life and will be missed dearly by all the many whose lives and hearts she touched.

Bessie was preceded in death by her parents Joseph Marvin and Florence Manuel Franks and her husband John P. Guthrie.

She is survived by her two sons; Lloyd Horrell (Dorothy), Marvin Guthrie (Annamarie) of Midland, Texas and her daughter Opal Patterson (Jeff) of Brunsville, Minnesota. Sister: Ila Marie North of Crane, Texas. Her eight grandchildren: Phillip and Daniel Horrell, Marjorie, Thiana, Tiffany, Chrystal Rogers, Ashley Jackson and Johnathan Paterson. Nine great-grandchildren: Zachary, Joshua, Jearemie, Jazminn, Alexandria, Brayden, Tianna, Theia and Don Franks all of Midland, Texas. Her nephew: Bill Franks of Lubbock, Texas and niece; Carol Traweek of Dallas, Texas.

Viewing will be Wednesday January 24, 2018 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Funeral service will be Thursday January 25th, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel with Pastor Robby Murphy officiating an interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park .

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
1000 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3700

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

Darlene Holliman Chambers

Memorial services for Darlene Holliman Chambers, under the direction of Frank Wilson Funeral Directors, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 6409 S. SH349, Midland, TX with Pastor Rick Holeman officiating.

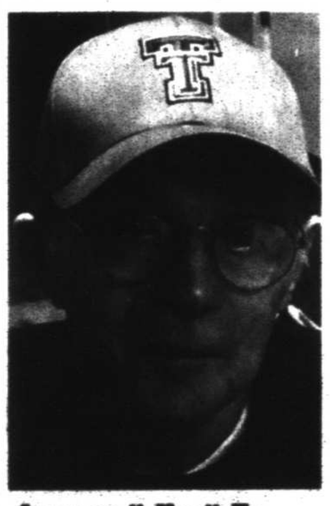
Mrs. Chambers was born in Brownwood, TX on May 21, 1935 to George Emmanuel Jordy and Thelma Elizabeth (Lincecum) Jordy. She went to be with our Lord on Friday, January 19, 2018 after a brief illness.

She is preceded in death by her son, Billy Charles Holliman, and stepson David Chambers.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Rambo Jr., Linda Moreland, Shari Beesley, and Michael Holliman and their respective spouses; who have blessed her with 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her husband of the last 23 years, Carl Arnold Chambers, and his children, Terry Allmon and Guy Chambers; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.



James "Jim" E. Farmer, Jr.

James "Jim" E. Farmer, Jr., 89, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 9, 1928 in Twin Falls, Idaho, the eldest of three children, to James and Marvel Farmer. He spent his childhood on a ranch in Hagerman, Idaho, where he developed a love for animals. Jim graduated high school from New Mexico Military Institute and received his undergraduate degree in Animal Husbandry from the University of Idaho. While there, he was the captain of the swim team and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Following graduation, he served in the Korean War as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry from January 1951 to August 1952.

Upon returning home, he married his college sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Helen Hays. They raised three children together, Kit (Empson), Bo (Farmer), and Mary Anne (Benton). Jim ranched with his father for two and a half years and served as a Special Forces Captain in the United States Army Reserves before returning to school at Utah State University where he earned a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition.

After graduation, he began his career as a computer engineer working for Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, Computer Science Corporation in Kennewick, Washington, and Texas Instruments in Austin and Dallas, Texas and Cornwall, New York. Jim's proudest professional achievement was helping develop the guidance system for the Tomahawk missile.

Jim and Helen retired in 1992 to Mabank, Texas, where they enjoyed 24 years living on the lake as "Grandad and Nana." Jim's passions in life were family, snow skiing, sailing, and water skiing, so he spent his retirement enjoying these activities with his family. In 2016, Jim and Helen moved to Midland to be closer to family. Jim will be remembered for his integrity and honor as well as being a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Eugene and Marvel Hill Farmer; and his sister, Patricia West.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Farmer of Midland; his brother, Garry Farmer and his wife Sandra, of Valley Center, California; his daughter, Kit Empson and her husband Richard of Hico, Texas; his son, Bo Farmer and his wife Susan of Midland, Texas; his daughter, Mary Anne Benton and her husband Greg of Midland, Texas; and his eight grandchildren, their spouses, and four great-grandchildren: Brooke and Matt Mahaffey, Katie and Drew Winston, J.D. Benton, Alex Empson, Ariel Watson, Adam Watson, Christopher Empson, Hays Farmer, Tukker and Brekkon Mahaffey, and Ella and Graham Winston.

Services will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Anglican with Reverend Henry Pendergrass officiating.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to a charity of your choice.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

John Clarence Foster

John Clarence Foster, Jr., age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Midland. John was born on November 9, 1926 in Haskell, Oklahoma to John C. and Lillie Mae Foster.

John was one of nine children, five brothers and three sisters. John worked for a number of years for Chevron Oil before owning and operating Foster Roofing with his son Craig. John is survived by his loving wife of 69 years Carla Mae Foster; son, Craig W. Foster; daughters, Debra K Holt; Priscilla A. Hazen and husband Scott.

John was blessed with nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. John and Carla were Charter members of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Graveside services are planned for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland and Midland Memorial Hospital for the loving and compassionate care received.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials may be donated to Midland Christian School.

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Death Notices

Cecily Maile Kaluhea Gascon

Cecily Maile Kaluhea Gascon, 55, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Family is handling private services at a later date in Hawaii.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Gascon; children, Laura Hokunani Ka'akua, Sean Michae Ho'okoa Valdriz, Genevieve Mahealani Gascon and Gary Martin Gascon, Jr., four grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Area bridges taking hard hits, causing more traffic

By Paul Wedding
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A number of bridge strikes have caused closures on highways around Midland and Odessa the past few weeks, creating additional traffic and conflict points.

Texas Department of Transportation Spokesman Gene Powell said TxDOT has seen 13 bridge strikes since Nov. 1, and around 100 bridge strikes in total in the past six years.

The most recent of these have been two bridge closures east of Midland: The Business Interstate 20 west interchange bridge over I-20 at mile markers 154 and 155 on the west side of Stanton and the bridge carrying County Road 1150 across I-20 east of Midland suffered severe damage from oversized loads. They also have repairs being done at I-20 and Loop 250 due to a bridge strike two years ago.

Passing lanes have also been closed at Interstate 20 and Crane Avenue while construction of a crossover is completed due to bridge strikes from two years ago, and Powell said they are also adding a bridge rail upgrade at I-20 and East Loop 338, with various ramp and lane closures over the next 10 weeks as bridge rails are updated.

Powell said TxDOT is seeing three things behind the cause for these bridge strikes: People who have oversized loads who are not bothering to get permits, people who get permits for their loads but ignore the route they are told to go and those who have their loads not restrained properly, such as a track hoe that is not tied down, causing the arm to extend.

Powell said the oil industry picking up over the last few years may also have a hand in the uptick in bridge strikes.

"Any time you have more traffic, you have more accidents," Powell said. "The frustrating part is all this is preventable."

Powell said every bridge is marked clearly with how tall it is, and all of the bridges in the area are well over 14 feet. He said if drivers would just follow the rules, most of the problems would be eliminated.

"If you go through the process of getting that permit, that'll eliminate 95 percent of the problem," Powell said. "If you just do what you're supposed to do."

Powell said it would take weeks to get estimates on the bridge strikes in Stanton and Midland, but that the strike in Stanton could reach seven figures pretty easily. The costs of the repair may not be astronomical, he added, but the costs of the traffic control could create more spending.

The work on Crane Avenue is costing around $3.5 million to repair two bridges, Powell said, and a little more than $2 million of that is traffic control — they have to build a traffic barrier and a median.

"Part of the problem at Crane Avenue is there is no service road," Powell said. "So we have to build a crossover across the median. It's the same kind of thing over at Loop 250."

Powell said there's no real way to predict these kinds of hits, so TxDOT can't plan for them. They have a small contingency fund, but Powell said it's not enough for the number of strikes they have seen. Sometimes they have to keep bridges closed while they find funding for repairs, Powell said, and they always try to pursue reimbursement if they can, but it usually still has to come out of TxDOT's budget initially to get the repairs done while they attempt to recoup the costs.

Like in the case of the bridge hits in Stanton, Powell said they found the person responsible and would attempt to pursue reimbursement for the damage.

Powell said that for major repairs, they would often get money from the bridge division of TxDOT in Austin, and for minor repairs they have contracts with several repair companies.

"The reality is that sometimes, good repair projects can sit for more than a year while we pursue funding, because we don't want to delay other projects," Powell said.

Powell said these closures can cause backups with work to be done on road issues such as potholes.

"We have had a lane closure on Loop 250 for two years," Powell said. "We don't recoup the frustration and back-ups, there's no way to quantify that stuff. There are costs involved we can't recoup."

What would really help the situation are efforts to improve safety on the road from industry leaders, Powell said. The Permian Roads Safety Coalition is one such group, formed by leaders in the oil and gas industries, who are attempting to plan better transportation safety practices to lower the leading cause of death in their industry: fatal transportation crashes.

"Commercial vehicle drivers and commercial vehicle companies have to put this as a priority where we don't have these kinds of hits," Powell said. "Drivers have to make it personal as well."

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[ak-ruh-moh-nee-uh s]
adjective
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Things to do

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on/lapidary projects.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall, 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

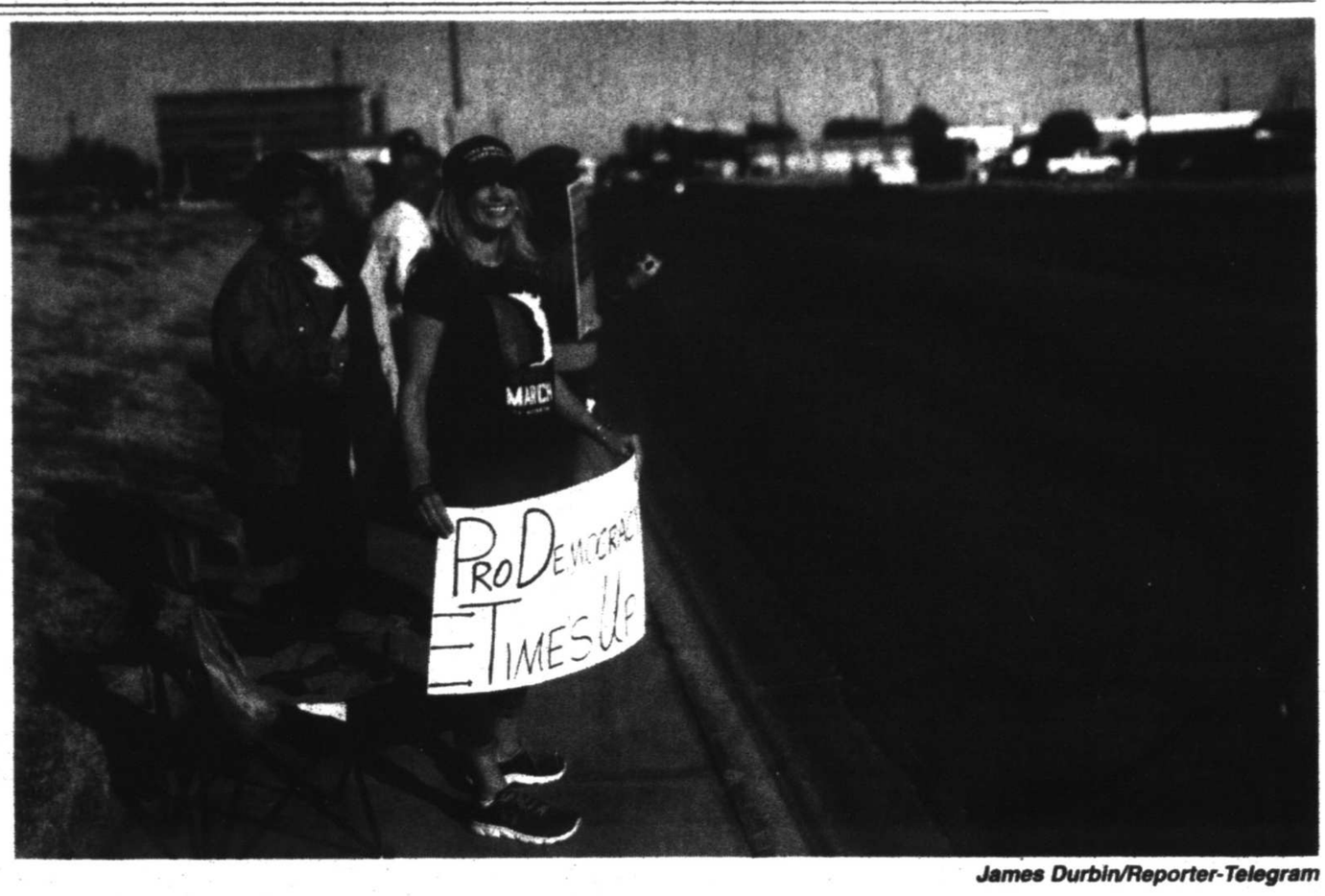
■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773. The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 685-7278 to schedule this service. City of Midland



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Midlanders held a peaceful protest on the anniversary of the Women's March on Saturday at the corner of Big Spring Street and Wadley Avenue.

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This date in Texas

On Jan. 22, 1973, former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at his Texas ranch at age 64.

Source: Associated Press

Today in history

Today is Monday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2018. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1968, the fast-paced sketch comedy program "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered as a weekly series on NBC-TV.

On this date:

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson, in an address to Congress, pleaded for an end to the war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible," set during the Salem witch trials, opened on Broadway.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High 63
Low 38
Normal high 58
Normal low 30

Jan. 21's records
Record high: 84, set in 1974
Record low: 5, set in 1966

Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.01 in.
Year total ..... 0.01 in.

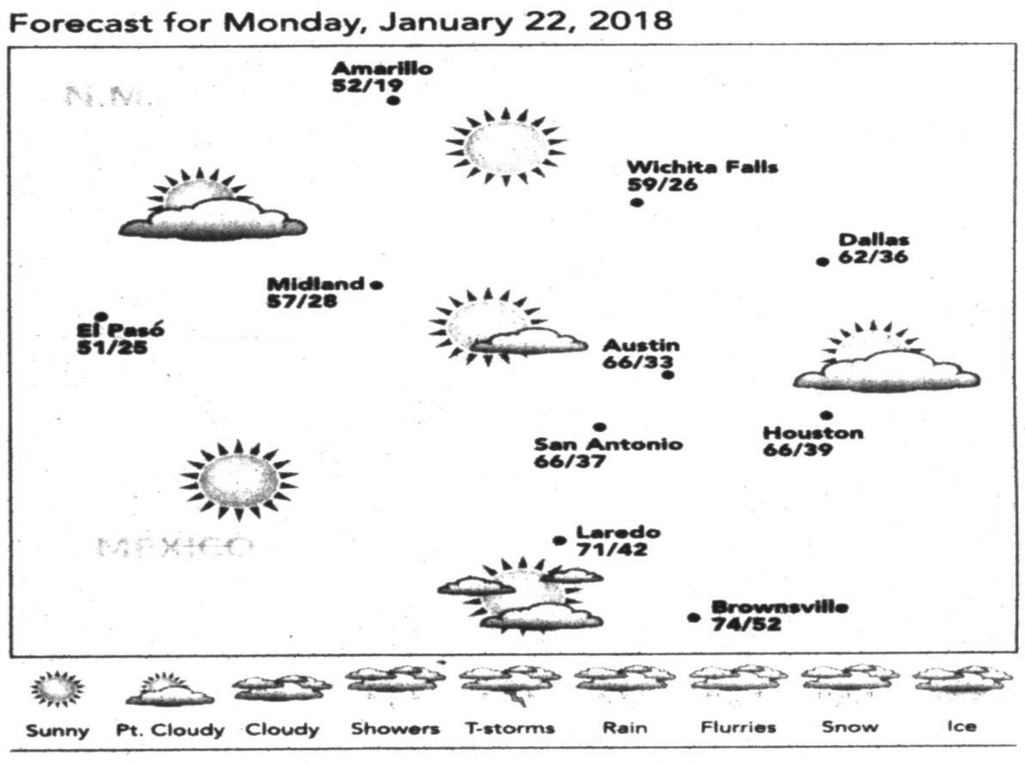
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.33 in.

Winds
Average Wind speed: 17.7 mph
Wind speed: 46 mph
Gust speed: 57 mph

Today's forecast
High: 57
Low: 29,
Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: none
Sunrise ..... 7:47 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:14 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, January 22, 2018



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

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A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Pisces if born before 12:27 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Monday, Jan. 22, 2018:**

This year you open up new doors just by being yourself. You often feel restrained or as if a certain complication is putting pressure on you. You probably need to release these feelings in order to change the situation. If you are single, you are likely to open up to some very different people, only to discover that you don't really mix well with them. Consider pulling back some. If you are attached, you tend to want to distance yourself, as you could be coming from a place of insecurity. Confide in your significant other, and you'll be happy you did. ARIES offers provocative ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have pushed hard to have more control than you have in the past. A situation involving your community might be tiring in some way. Others seem to drop responsibility after responsibility on you. Be willing to say the word "no" more often. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Don't allow news from a distance to get the best of you. What you are hearing is hearsay and not necessarily true; let it go until you have all the facts. Focus on what is going to happen with a key loved one who seems a bit off. **Tonight:** Allow yourself to be entertained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is a high priority for you. Do not allow your friends to distract you or change your mind. Express your concern for a dear loved one. You have had enough of someone's frugality; help this person to loosen up. **Tonight:** Go where crowds can be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seem to be unusually touchy and perhaps even difficult. Relax, and know that this negativity will transform fast enough. Listen to a loved one's feedback. Let go and celebrate. Create more good times, and you will be happier in general. **Tonight:** Keep it exciting and upbeat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You easily could feel a bit off-kilter. Try to walk in someone else's shoes, and you are likely to come to an understanding. A fresh perspective allows you to find a middle road. You also will find others much friendlier and more amenable. **Tonight:** Don't hesitate to test out a new idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You will want to defer to an associate or partner about a financial matter. This person seems to have a broader vision of what is possible. A new friend might distance him- or herself some. Understand that this person could be feeling insecure. **Tonight:** Roll with the punches.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If an associate wants to dominate, let him or her; otherwise, you could find yourself in an ugly situation. Understand your limits, but also pay attention to this person's agenda. As you observe, keep smiling. Avoid having a knee-jerk reaction. **Tonight:** Sort through possibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might have had a difficult time dealing with an important matter as of late. Let go of the recent past, and start looking at the issue differently. You might not have all the answers yet, but you will, given some time. You will come to the right conclusion. **Tonight:** Just be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your creativity might be called upon by others, but first you need to handle a personal matter. Brainstorm with someone who always seems to come up with good solutions. Be more forthright in how you approach a loved one. **Tonight:** Express how you feel about an issue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You seem to be more serious than you have been in quite a while. Know that you cannot keep pushing as hard as you have been. Touch base with a roommate or loved one before making a decision. This person needs to be heard. **Tonight:** Buy a gift for a friend on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your softer nature speaks for itself. You could find that you keep returning to the same thoughts. Perhaps you need to act on your feelings in order to clear out these redundant inner conversations. How you deal with a situation is likely to change. **Tonight:** At a favorite haunt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be more possessive than you realize. As a result, you are likely to push a loved one away. Try to loosen up and not be so concerned. You could be going through a period of feeling undesirable, which probably is the cause for your behavior. **Tonight:** Call it early.

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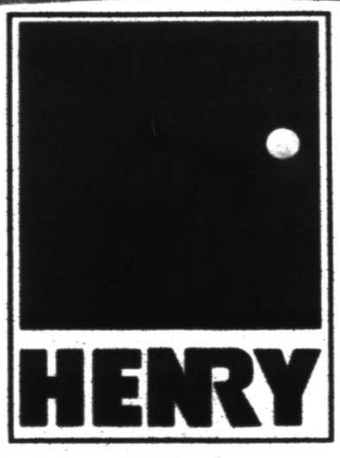

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Highway IH-30 traffic with the Dallas skyline in the background in 2011. Dallas is one of the many cities vying to land Amazon's second headquarters. While Texas cities vying to land the new headquarters have been vocal about why they think they should win, they've resisted releasing copies of their proposals.

Crunch time: What Amazon wants for its new HQ

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just 20 cities are left standing in the competition for Amazon's second headquarters and the 50,000 jobs it will bring.

Now comes the hard part for the finalists — and for Amazon. Based on the cities that made the cut, and what the company told some of the cities that didn't, the company will likely scrutinize six key criteria when making its final call. It plans to announce its decision later this year.

The 20 cities include Austin, Texas; Atlanta; Boston; New York City; Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles; and Nashville, Tennessee.

Here's what's important:

Talent, talent, talent

Among all of Amazon's needs, high-skilled workers are at the top of the list. The company has ventured far beyond retail and shipping into cutting-edge technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics, drones and voice recognition for its home speaker, the Echo.

That's likely to give a leg up to cities that already have large tech sectors, such as Boston, New York, Washington D.C. and Raleigh, North Carolina, all of which were on Amazon's list.

"They're going to want to see that in the current workforce, but will also want a community that can come together and marshal that in short order," said Alan Berube, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Project. That means strong relationships between area businesses, community colleges and universities.

Amazon executives bluntly told officials from Kansas City, Missouri, that the region's lack of highly-skilled technology workers cost it a spot on the final list, according to Tim Cowden, CEO of the Kansas City Area Development Council.

Size matters

The state of Connecticut applied for HQ2, including proposals for Hartford and Stamford. But it was told the cities weren't big enough.

"We received positive feedback from Amazon officials, but at the end of the day did not have a large enough metropolitan area for this particular proposal," Governor Dannel Malloy said.

Smaller cities on the list, such as Raleigh, Nashville and Indianapolis might be challenged by the sheer size of Amazon's expected needs. Nine of the nation's 10 largest metros are on Amazon's list.

"Even among the largest places on the list, the market for tech workers would be transformed by the new demand for 50,000 workers," said Jed Kolko, chief economist at Indeed, a job listing website.

Denver, Pittsburgh, Austin, Indianapolis, Nashville, Raleigh and Columbus, Ohio — all among the top 20 — all have populations smaller than Seattle's roughly 3.8 million. That could make it harder for those areas to provide enough top-notch technical, managerial and financial talent.

Quality of life

Not all those 50,000 workers have to be located right now in whatever site Amazon chooses. The company said its 50,000 hires will occur over 10 to 15 years, and it clearly expects to pull in talent from elsewhere. Amazon says it wants a city with amenities that its future employees will want to move to.

That includes everything from bike lanes to fast Internet and mobile phone connections to "recreational opportunities," according to Amazon's request for proposals.

That could help Nashville, with its music scene, or Denver, with its proximity to the Rocky Mountains. But it could also benefit cities with cheaper housing and lower overall costs, such as Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Atlanta and Philadelphia.

"The thing that will attract people more than anything else is an engaging job at a high wage, especially if their high wages aren't eaten up by high housing costs," Kolko said.

Higher ed

To ensure a supply of highly-skilled labor in the future, Amazon said in its request for proposals that "a strong university system is required."

Most cities on the list can fulfill that demand, Berube and other economists said, with the possible exception of Indianapolis.

Columbus is the home of Ohio State, while Nashville has Vanderbilt. Pittsburgh boasts Carnegie Mellon, which houses leading programs on artificial intelligence and robotics.

Planes, trains and buses

One thing Indianapolis does have going for it, Berube noted, is that city residents recently approved an additional tax to pump millions of dollars into buses and light rail. Most of the other finalists have extensive public transit systems, said Tom Stringer, a managing director at BDO Consulting, who leads the firm's site selection practice.

A large, international airport within 45 minutes is also critical, particularly for frequent flights to Seattle and beyond. That could be a roadblock for smaller cities such as Columbus, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh.

Goodies

It won't all depend on objective criteria, to be sure. Newark may very well have landed on the list at least partly because it and the state of New Jersey offered $7 billion in tax breaks and other incentives.

"They're not a half-trillion dollar company for nothing, and they are going to see what they can extract," Berube said.

That might inflict pain in the Washington, D.C. region, which has three locations on the list: The city of Washington itself, suburban Montgomery County, Maryland, and Northern Virginia, a collection of counties to the south of the city. The company could play all three against each other, Berube said.

Toronto, the only city outside the United States to make the cutoff, has said it won't offer tax breaks or other subsidies.

How does Dallas stack up among Amazon HQ2 finalists?

By Melissa Repko
The Dallas Morning News

And then there were 20.

Dallas is one of two Texas cities still in the mix, after Amazon narrowed the field for its second headquarters. Its bid for the online retail giant's HQ2 includes numerous sites in North Texas, from a campus in downtown Dallas to a suburban campus in Frisco.

Texas is one of only two states that are home to multiple contenders with Austin and Dallas. Pennsylvania also has two: Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The D.C.-area also has a strong showing with three regional representatives on the list: Northern Virginia, Montgomery County, Md. and Washington, D.C.

Some smaller metro areas are in the game, too. Columbus, Nashville and Denver may be dwarfed in size by the competition, but they may be an attractive counterbalance to Amazon's urban hub in Seattle.

How does Dallas, home to 7.2 million people, measure up among the top 20? We look at some of the qualities that may edge out North Texas and where it has an advantage.

Atlanta

Population of metro area: 5.8 million

How it compares to Dallas: Atlanta has many similarities to Dallas. It's got a major airport, a mild climate, low cost of living and numerous Fortune 500 headquarters, including Delta, Coca-Cola and Home Depot. It edges out Dallas as the home of three major research universities: Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State, but it's also got worse traffic. It ranked fourth as a congestion hot spot in 2016, according to INRIX Roadway Analytics.

Austin

Population of metro area: 2.1 million

How it compares to Dallas: Austin is the hipper Texas city (at least if you ask most out-of-staters) and an affordable tech hub. It draws thousands to Austin City Limits and South by Southwest each year. It has a huge university and a big park in downtown. It's earned the nickname "Silicon Hills" because of its many start-ups and tech companies, including Dell's headquarters and Apple's second largest campus. And it has an inside track as the home of Whole Foods, which Amazon recently bought. But with severe traffic, a housing shortage and a small airport, it may not be able to handle a flood of Amazon employees.

Boston

Population of metro area: 4.8 million

How it compares to Dallas: Boston's bragging rights include a star-studded crop of colleges, including Harvard and MIT, and a great public transit system. It's already got a strong relationship with Amazon, which is looking to add up to 1 million square feet in office space in the city's Seaport District. Boston has been more upfront than Dallas about sweetening the deal, by saying it'd give $75 million for Amazon employee housing. But if Amazon's looking for sunshine instead of snow, it may pass on Beantown.

Chicago

Population of metro area: 9.5 million

How it compares to Dallas: Similar to Dallas, Chicago has a central location and a major airport. It is the third largest metro area in the country, after New York and Los Angeles, but is more affordable than both of them. It has good public transit and walkable neighborhoods. But Chicago is troubled by deadly crime and is part of a cash-strapped state that's on the verge of bankruptcy.

Los Angeles

Population of metro area: 13.3 million

How it compares to Dallas: Los Angeles has a huge talent base, as the second largest metro in the U.S. and the home of USC and UCLA. It's got Dallas' warm weather, with an enviable bonus: the beach. But Dallas' central location and time zone could be a better counterpoint to Amazon's Seattle headquarters. Between LA's horrendous traffic and the state's recent weather calamities, Amazon may want to steer clear of California.

Montgomery County, Md., Northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Population of metro area: 6.1 million

How it compares to Dallas: Amazon appears infatuated with the nation's capital— or at least the region around it. Three contenders in the D.C. area made the list. They each submitted their own bid. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos already has local ties to the area as the owner of the largest private home in D.C. and The Washington Post. Unlike in Dallas, though, it may take moving to the 'burbs to find land for Amazon's campus or affordable housing for its employees.

New York

Population of metro area: 14.4 million

How it compares to Dallas: New York, unlike Dallas, inspired its own Frank Sinatra song. It is a financial center with Wall Street, a business and tourist destination with a giant subway system and three nearby airports and a fine arts mecca with Broadway and Carnegie Hall. But everything in the city, from groceries to real estate, comes at an eye-popping price. The bustling city can be crowded, dirty and cold, especially compared to Dallas' charm and southern hospitality.

Philadelphia

Population of metro area: 6.1 million

How it compares to Dallas: Philadelphia is just a quick train ride or flight away from cities along the East Coast, but it's cheaper than New York and D.C. It has strong talent base from the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. It could end up feeling like the mushy middle, though, when Amazon tries to recruit. Like Dallas, it may struggle with its cool factor when compared to a New York, Denver or Austin.

Amazon to debut cashier-less store in downtown Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Amazon employees have been testing it, but is the public ready for a cashier-less store?

More than a year after it introduced the concept, Amazon is opening its artificial intelligence-powered Amazon Go store in downtown Seattle today.

The store on the bottom floor of the company's Seattle headquarters allows shoppers to scan their smartphone with the Amazon Go app at a turnstile, pick out the items they want and leave.

By combining computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors, the online retail giant can tell what people have purchased and charges their Amazon account. If someone puts an item back, they aren't charged.

The store is not without employees — Amazon says there will be people there making food, stocking shelves and helping customers. The store will offer ready-to-eat breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks, as well as some grocery staples like bread, milk, cheese and chocolates. It'll also have Amazon Meal Kits.

At about 1,800 square feet, the Amazon Go store adds to the company's growing physical store presence and its expansion into groceries after its purchase last year of organic grocer Whole Foods and its 470 stores.

Amazon now has more than a dozen Amazon Books stores, which also sell toys, electronics and small gifts. It has space in some Kohl's stores. Amazon also has small shops in several malls.

The company had announced the Amazon Go store in December 2016 and said it would open by early 2017, but it delayed the debut as it worked on the technology and company employees tested it out.

Convenience stores getting squeezed by fast food, dollar stores

By Sandrine Rastello
Bloomberg

The U.S. convenience store industry is facing an inconvenient truth: Americans are changing the way they shop for snacks and drinks.

The nation's 154,500 convenience stores are getting squeezed by competition from all sides. Fast-food restaurants and supermarkets are slugging it out in price wars, while dollar stores keep popping up everywhere. And Amazon.com offers quick delivery for basic items. That's putting pressure on gas-station retail chains to merge.

The $550 billion convenience store industry last year recorded its weakest merchandise sales growth since 2013, and businesses are rushing to improve loyalty programs, offer better food and let customers order online. Some are even testing delivery. In a sign of the changing times, Circle K owner Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., a Canadian company with 7,700 stores in the U.S., hired its first-ever chief marketing officer.

"They're just facing a lot more competition for convenience than ever before, whether it's for coffee, food service, whether it's for gasoline," said Todd Hale, a consultant and former senior vice president of consumer and shopper insights at Nielsen Co. "Now they have to figure out what they're going to do in the world of e-commerce."

That means more consolidation could be on the way for the fragmented industry, where chains make up less than 40 percent of the market. After a recent shopping spree by market leaders Couche-Tard and Seven & I Holdings Co.'s 7-Eleven Inc., supermarket giant Kroger Co.'s 784 convenience stores are now up for grabs. Some investors, frustrated with the earnings and stock price of Casey's General Stores, have urged the Iowa-based chain to also consider a sale.

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Part of the industry's difficulties are rooted in economics. Couche-Tard, which is grappling with slowing same-store merchandise sales, has blamed "anemic" real-wage growth for the struggles of its lower-income customers, while also citing fewer visits by Hispanics. As the income gap between top and bottom earners continues to widen, retailers and restaurants catering to cash-strapped customers are more likely to succeed, according to research by Cowen & Co.

That trend is pitting convenience stores against dollar chains, which have been beefing up their food offerings, including eggs and milk, according to Jennifer Bartashus, a retail analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. And as fast-food restaurants race to announce value menus, convenience stores are finding it harder to get customers to grab a slice of pizza or a sandwich after filling their tank.

While gasoline drives about 60 percent of sales at a typical C-store, what customers buy inside accounts for about two-thirds of profit. In addition to snacks and beverages, companies have been adding more lucrative prepared food, which also provides a cushion against long-term threats such as the rise of fuel-efficient cars and falling cigarette consumption.

At QuikTrip Corp., an Oklahoma-based chain with more than 700 stores, shoppers can choose from everything from wraps and salads to made-to-order flatbreads and burritos. Wawa Inc.'s hoagies drew crowds to its new location in Washington last month. And after adding Swirl World frozen dessert bars a few years ago, Georgia-based RaceTrac Petroleum Inc. now makes sandwiches on demand in 95 of its 475 outlets across the Southeast.

"We're giving them an alternative so they don't have to make another stop in their day," said Dayna Reed, RaceTrac's executive director of reporting and insights. "The entire industry is looking at what food service means and how we can grow the food-service business."

The strategy shift is proving volatile for some. Casey's lowered its same-store sales predictions for prepared food last month after a weak quarter, which analysts at Barclays said coincided with an advertising push by Yum Brands's Pizza Hut.

Convenience stores have responded to competition with price cuts, rewards and private-label products. Casey's is offering a discount on gas to customers who buy pizza, while Couche-Tard is doing "strategic promotions" at stores it bought from CST Brands Inc. Meanwhile, Arkansas-based Murphy USA Inc., which operates more than 1,400 gas stations in 26 states, is launching a pilot loyalty program.

Amazon's foray into food and its virtual convenience store Amazon Go is also pushing the industry to improve digital tools and adjust to e-commerce. Customers can order online from Casey's or Pennsylvania-based Wawa, with limited delivery options. 7-Eleven is testing a delivery platform in Dallas after experimenting with drones, and has lockers for Amazon and UPS parcels in 10 percent of its 8,900 stores.

Still, convenience stores' assortment of single-serve products such as energy drinks and ice cream, which can be consumed right away, offers them some protection from online retail, according to Rob Wilson, a managing director at L.E.K. Consulting in Chicago.

"I would expect Amazon and e-commerce growth to have more of an impact on channels outside of C-stores," he said. "They're going to take away the planned purchase a lot faster than they're going to take away the impulse and gratification purchase."

One of the industry's biggest assets remains the time it saves customers, who spend an average of 3 minutes and 33 seconds for their purchase from the moment they leave their car to when they return, according to the National Association of Convenience Stores.

To build on that advantage, C-stores need to better curate their selection with more healthful or locally made products in order to keep up with consumer tastes, said Bloomberg Intelligence's Bartashus. The quality of prepared food or coffee will also matter as fast-food restaurants tout improvements such as antibiotic-free chicken, she said.

"If they don't try to evolve at least a little bit, there is a risk that they could be left behind as the rest of the retail industry evolves," she said.

'Jumanji' tops box office for third straight weekend

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" outdid another weekend's worth of newcomers to top the North American box office for the third straight weekend, making the surprise hit the fifth-highest grossing film of all time for Sony Pictures.

"Jumanji," starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart, sold $20 million in tickets, according to studio estimates Sunday, bringing its five-week domestic total to $317 million. That makes Sony's reboot the studio's best non-Spider-Man movie domestically, not adjusting for inflation.

The film's unexpectedly strong staying power has lent a boost to the January box office but kept new releases from reaching the top of the box-office chart. "Jumanji" has also reigned overseas, where it has grossed $450.8 million and topped all films internationally for three straight weeks.

The war drama "12 Strong," starring Chris Hemsworth, debuted in second with $16.5 million in ticket sales. The Warner Bros. release, produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, is a fact-based tale, adapted from Doug Stanton's best-seller "Horse Soldiers," about a group of Special Forces soldiers sent into northern Afghanistan just weeks after Sept. 11.

"12 Strong" appealed largely to an older crowd. Seventy-nine percent of its audience was over the age of 25, said Warner Bros.

The heist thriller "Den of Thieves" slotted in at third place with an opening weekend of $15.3 million. The STXfilms release stars Gerard Butler and Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson.

Though "Paddington 2" disappointed last weekend in its debut, the acclaimed sequel slid just 25 percent in its second week. "Paddington 2," which has set a new record for the most widely reviewed 100-percent fresh movie on Rotten Tomatoes, grossed $8.2 million in its second week of domestic release thanks in part to good word of mouth. Warner Bros. acquired the film's North American distribution from The Weinstein Co. in November.

Also showing unexpected legs was "The Greatest Showman," the Hugh Jackman-led musical about P.T. Barnum. It dipped just 12 percent in its fifth week of release. With another $11 million, "The Greatest Showman" has now grossed $113.5 million for 20th Century Fox.

Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread" expanded nationwide, taking in $3.4 million from 896 theaters. The Focus Features release, starring Daniel Day-Lewis in what the actor has said will be his final performance, has grossed $6.2 million.

Also notable: "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" crossed the $600 million mark domestically with $6.6 million in its sixth week of release. The Disney release stands at $604.3 million domestically — or no. 9 all-time, not accounting for inflation — and $1.296 billion worldwide.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final four-day domestic figures will be released today.

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OPINION

'Brownout' fuels media's trek to irrelevance

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The last few weeks of wall-to-wall coverage of the immigration debate by newspapers, talk radio and TV news convinced me of three things:

■ The ignorance about immigrants in the East Coast media capitals of New York and Washington D.C. is widespread and profound;

■ The debate is crying out for more honesty, nuance and common sense, and less partisan cheerleading; and

■ Latinos, most notably Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, often have a deeper understanding of the immigration issue than non-Latinos.

Let's kick around that last one for a bit. And before you take offense, maybe you'd also like to argue that women don't have a better grasp than men of sexual harassment and other issues involved in the #MeToo movement. While we're at it, anyone want to suggest that African-Americans don't have special insight into the #BlackLivesMatter crusade?

Now that we've settled that, why do you suppose Latinos have such a firm grasp of the realities in the immigration debate?

According to research by the Pew Hispanic Center, we're more likely to know — and, in some cases, even be related to — individuals who are undocumented or who have been deported. We know firsthand how hard immigrants work, and we have no illusions as to how grueling these jobs can be — either because we've done them ourselves or we saw our parents do them. We also know that — when it comes to racism, nativism and anti-Latino bigotry, both subtle and overt — the struggle is real.

Which raises an obvious question: If the media really values "experts" as much as it claims, why aren't more Latino journalists, pundits and policymakers invited onto talk radio, TV shows or newspaper op-ed pages to discuss immigration?

I've lost count of how many roundtable discussions I've seen on television news programs where immigration is being discussed and there is not a single Latino at the table.

I get calls every week from frustrated Latino professionals who have noticed the same thing. They say much of the media is either blind or engaged in something more malicious: a "brownout."

Oh, here and there, you'll find a few Latino faces on television — Fox News contributor Steve Cortes and CNN contributors Ana Navarro and Maria Cardona among them. But their views are often predictable, and fall in line with what producers are expecting when they book them.

Believe it or not, the nation's 58 million Latinos — representing America's largest minority — are complicated. They're not as one-dimensional as you would think from hearing the extreme views of a handful of pundits on cable news.

It may make for good television to have Fox News host Tucker Carlson — who has abandoned what used to be moderate views and morphed into one of the most openly anti-immigrant voices on television — bicker with Univision anchor Jorge Ramos, an activist impersonating a journalist who seems comfortable with the idea of an open border and zero deportations. But the debate — and the nation — gain nothing.

A Latino policy analyst, and former television commentator, told me the media brownout is a result of producers, bookers and editors not having enough colors in their crayon boxes.

"This is a black-and-white world," he said. "There is no room for us. I blame white liberals for that, because they're the ones who run the media. It's to the black community that they feel their strongest connection because that's where they feel their greatest guilt — over how blacks have been treated."

It doesn't help that Latinos, he said, are used to being ignored, neglected and passed over. So we don't make a fuss.

"We were taught growing up to go along to get along," he said. "We're a quiet, hardworking group that you don't notice when you walk into a room. We're cleaning up, and serving drinks. But guess what? They'll sure notice us when we're gone."

That's not bad. But I have another theory: When it comes to the media, Latinos are trapped in a Catch-22. A lot of the people who decide who goes on the air, or onto newspaper op-ed pages, think that Latinos can only talk about immigration. Of course, they also think we're not so good at talking about immigration because we're too close to the subject, too emotional and too biased. We can't win either way.

Thus, Americans can expect the brownout to continue for a while longer, along with traditional media's gradual descent into the darkness of total irrelevance.

OPINION EXTRA

When it comes to civil rights, who's looking out for the unborn?

It has become en vogue to say — when issues are discussed — that this has become the biggest civil rights issue of our lifetime or of a particular era.

I have never been a fan of this type of hyperbole. I always thought it took away from the plight of African-Americans in our country, particularly in the 1950s and '60s. But there it is. Health care, immigration, education, gay marriage and other battles from the LGBTQ community — in just about each case, we have been told that at some time each is the most important or among the most important civil rights issues of our lifetime. Whether or not any of those really measure up, I guess, is in the eye of the beholder, but I would be reluctant to compare them. Images of fire hoses, integration being enforced and burning crosses just stand out in their significance to me.

Today is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that — according to website "Landmark Decisions of the Supreme Court" — invalidated any state laws that prohibited first trimester abortions. The court stated that government restrictions on a woman's right to choose were subject to the highest standard of review, that of strict scrutiny. This level of review requires that in order to be enforceable, a government regulation of this right must be shown to be narrowly tailored to a meet a compelling state interest.

The state's interests in regulating this decision, according to an interpretation of the ruling, aren't nearly compelling in the second and certainly not during the first trimester as they are in the third. One reason, according to the website, is that the fetus doesn't have rights, according to the court. They don't consider a person to include the unborn.

On that day, life lost.

The result over the ensuing 45 years hasn't been much better than on Jan. 22, 1973. An estimated 59 million abortions have taken place, according to numbers from the Alan Guttmacher Institute and projections after 2014. Life has been destroyed, and the reasons include inadequate finances, not being ready for the responsibility, a mother's life would change too much, problems with a relationship, the mother being too young and a woman already has grown children and doesn't want any more. Those were the "most important reasons" listed for 86 percent of those surveyed of 1,209 women surveyed in 2003 and 2004, according to a Guttmacher Institute study.

The health of the unborn child or mother combined for 7 percent. Those who had been raped were less than 0.5 percent.

What's the connection, you might ask? The next time you hear someone spouting off about the next "civil rights issue of our lifetime," maybe offer this question: Does the right to marry, come across a border or even buy a cake at the place of one's choosing really measure up to the right to exist?

In the grand scheme of things, it would seem if we really need to establish a new civil rights issue of our lifetime, the unborn have it won hands down.

Today is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, and it is my hope that no matter what side you fall on politics' most-contested argument, that you offer a prayer for the loss of life that has and will continue to take place in our country. Next stop: 60 million.

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Abortion debate will not be settled

■ It is the pro-life movement that appeals to inclusion; it argues for a more expansive definition of the human community

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Forty-five years after Roe v. Wade was decided, the right to abortion that the Supreme Court discerned remains controversial and disputed.

The expectation of legal abortion is deeply embedded in American law and practice. Many states were lifting restrictions on the procedure even before Roe. Justice Blackmun's landmark decision seized upon an existing social trend. According to a 2017 Gallup poll, 79 percent of Americans think abortion should be legal in some or all circumstances. A constitutional amendment against abortion — favored by many social conservatives — is a practical impossibility.

But the Supreme Court created a legal regime more extreme than the general consensus. The dogged pro-life activists who return to Washington each year to protest Roe during the March for Life are not alone. In the same Gallup poll, 49 percent of Americans agreed that abortion is "morally wrong" (compared with 43 percent who find it "morally acceptable"). Just 29 percent believe abortion should be legal in every circumstance. A number of states have moved to restrict abortion at the edges — requiring abortion clinics to meet the standards for ambulatory surgical centers, ensuring that abortion providers have visiting privileges at local hospitals, restricting the procedure after the fetus can feel pain.

Why does this issue refuse to fade from our politics? One reason concerns Roe itself, which was (as Justice Byron White put it in his dissent) "an exercise in raw judicial power." Blackmun's ruling does not hold up well on rereading. His system of trimesters and viability was (and is) arbitrary and medically rootless — a fig leaf covering an almost limitless abortion right. Blackmun's weak argument largely substituted for the democratic process in 50 states. Fiat replaced deliberation and democratic legitimacy. This was a recipe for resentment and reaction.

But judicial fiat can't be a sufficient explanation. The Obergefell decision legalizing gay marriage in every state was also sweeping. It has produced almost no political reaction. The contrast to Roe could hardly be starker. And the explanation is rather simple. All the great Civil Rights movements have been movements of inclusion. The first modern Civil Rights campaign — militating for the end of the British slave trade — set the pattern with its slogan: "Am I not a man and a brother?" Susan B. Anthony asked: "Are women persons?" The most rapidly successful Civil Rights movement of our time — the gay rights movement — used the strategy of coming out to reveal gay people as friends and family members. All these efforts expanded the circle of social welcome and protection.

The pro-choice movement, in contrast, is a movement of autonomy. Its primary appeal is to individual choice, not social inclusion. And the choice it elevates seems (to some people) in tension with the principle of inclusion. A fetus is genetically distinct from the mother, biologically human and has the inherent capacity to develop into a child. This makes it different from a hangnail or a tumor. At what point does this developing human life deserve our sympathy and protection? When neurological activity develops? When the fetus can feel pain? When a child is born? When an infant can think and reason? All these "achievements" are, in fact, scientifically and ethically arbitrary. They don't mark the start of a new life, just the development of an existing life.

It is the pro-life movement that appeals to inclusion. It argues for a more expansive definition of the human community. It opposes ending or exploiting one human life for the benefit of another. There are heart-rending stories that prevent the simplistic application of this approach. But most of the pro-life men and women I know have the genuine and selfless motivation of trying to save innocent lives.

An appeal to choice is undeniably powerful in our time. It seems to be the age of autonomy on both left and right, from abortion rights to right-to-die laws to marijuana legalization. The assertion of a right is often enough to end an argument. But there is an ethical and political alternative, emphasizing an inclusive concern for the common good and solidarity with the most vulnerable members of the human family. Martin Luther King Jr. called this "the beloved community." It emerges not through the assertion of autonomy, but through the acceptance of our shared humanity and of the loyalty we owe each other.

Both of these priorities — autonomy and inclusion — are strongly present in American history. The abortion debate falls along this enduring divide, producing a social conflict that will only be managed, not settled.

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Trump is driving away young Republicans

By Katie Glueck
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump refused to explicitly blame white supremacists for violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, Republican Emmanuel Wilder couldn't help but take it personally.

"I try not to let my feelings get ahead of the facts, but in this circumstance, it hurts," the 30-year-old Wilder, a North Carolina-based African-American involved in GOP outreach efforts, told McClatchy at the time.

Five months later, it's Trump's Republican Party that is hurting — with young voters, and significantly, with young Republicans like Wilder, who may like Trump's tax plan but are deeply bothered by his routinely divisive tone.

As the Trump presidency hits the one-year mark, the Republican Party confronts a yawning generational gap that has been exacerbated in recent months by Trump's incendiary comments on race-related issues and the party's official support for an accused child molester in Alabama's Senate race.

Now, as few as a quarter of voters under the age of 30 approve of Trump's job performance. And among young Republicans, Trump's approval rating has plummeted 12 percentage points since the spring, according to Harvard's Institute of Politics poll released last month, down to 66 percent. That's certainly robust, but well below Trump's overall GOP approval rating that hovers around 80 percent.

"In a sentence, they are certainly not doing well," said John Della Volpe, the polling director at the Institute of Politics. "That would be an understatement."

It's not that young Republicans are suddenly turning into progressives. To the contrary, those who choose to stay involved on college campuses often rally around Trump, and there is widespread conservative distaste for the protest-happy "resistance" movement.

But interviews with more than a dozen young Republican activists around the country reveal that one year into the Trump era, the party's long-standing challenges with the next generation of voters are, in many cases, only getting worse.

After Mitt Romney lost to Barack Obama in 2012, the College Republican National Committee authored its own "autopsy" report, warning that the party had a perception problem with young people in part because of "outrageous statements made by errant Republican voices."

Now, Republicans hold the White House, but some young conservatives fret that the most "outrageous statements" come from the president himself — especially on issues related to race and diversity.

Trump has expressed a preference for immigrants from countries such as Norway, and demanded, "Why are we having all these people from s--- countries come here" — a reference, according to reports, to Haiti, El Salvador and Africa. He later said that "this was not the language used," but several U.S. senators with knowledge of the meeting stood by the original characterization of his message.

"There are many preconceived notions about Republicans, and hearing words like this ... it is attached to the brand," said Wilder, an activist with the Young Republican National Federation, who said Trump's comments were shocking and "hard to hear." "It doesn't really help in outreach. ... Certain situations like this push more Republicans away, push more conservatives away."

And indeed, according to Della Volpe, in the Harvard IOP survey last month, only 55 percent of Republicans 18-29 approved of Trump's handling of race relations, while 42 percent disapproved (for voters under age 30 overall, a mere 22 percent approved).

Race "seems to be one of the most significant drivers" of Trump's faltering numbers with young Republicans, Della Volpe said, "with race being the wedge to open up greater divisions in the country."

The violent August white supremacist march on Charlottesville has faded from the news cycle amid a host of other explosive stories. But young voters remember Trump's insistence that there was blame for violence "on many sides," and "both sides," remarks many in his party saw as shocking instances of false moral equivalence. Several young activists pointed to that moment when asked for their theories on Trump's struggling poll numbers.

"The Charlottesville situation, that was a big moment," said Artemio Muniz, who works on outreach with Wilder through the Young Republican National Federation, also known as the Young Republicans. "We were texting each other, figuring out, what can we do as Republicans to show that's not the Republican Party brand? Even though we understand the microphone President Trump has, we thought, what can we do as young Republicans to explain that's not the brand we believe in?"

Asked for comment on this story, a Republican National Committee official pointed to RNC programs aimed at young professionals and students, and said that interest in those efforts is growing. But the official did not comment on the idea that Trump is struggling with that demographic overall in part because of race-related controversies. A White House spokesman was given nearly a week to respond to requests for comment on this story, but did not reply.

Chandler Thornton is aware of the difficulties his party faces with young voters.

"You're labeled as someone who doesn't like diversity, is not very open-minded," said Thornton, the national chairman of the College Republican National Committee, describing the challenges conservatives confront on campus.

But the blame for that faulty perception, in his view, lies not with Trump's rhetoric but with ultra-leftist campus environments that shut down free speech, stymie civil dialogue and are institutionally biased, problems that have worsened as the progressive movement has grown more energized.

"It's not really about being liberal, it's about not being willing to hear the other side," he said, noting that at some schools, protests over conservative speakers have veered toward violence. "When you look at the younger demographic, it's very challenging for the party to break through that preexisting bias on campus."

Still, he said, participation in College Republicans overall is up since the election: "It's definitely not easy right now to be a College Republican on campus, but it's an exciting time for those who are."

Strategists and activists say Republican-leaning young voters are excited about the tax bill that passed late last year, and they can tick off a host of GOP role models aside from Trump who spark enthusiasm, from Florida Sen. Marco Rubio to United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Hints of the GOP's generational challenges that have bubbled up in polls and campus anecdotes turned into tangible consequences in last month's Alabama Senate race.

Despite bipartisan backlash, Trump and the RNC stood by the GOP nominee, Roy Moore, who faced allegations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls. But the Young Republican Federation of Alabama, comprising Republicans between the ages of 18 and 40, abandoned him.

It was a move that reflected young voters' attitudes across Alabama: While Obama landed only 48 percent of young voters in Alabama in 2012, Moore's Democratic opponent, Doug Jones, won a resounding 60 percent in one of the reddest states in the nation. He went on to win the seat.

The laws of political gravity may not apply to Trump when it comes to his devoted base, but they do to everyone else, warned Zach Weidlich, the chairman of the College Republican Federation of Alabama.

"For (Trump's) sake, for the party's sake, we could serve ourselves better without quite so much bombastic style, but at the same time, that's what electrifies his base, it works for him," he said. "But long term, it's not the best plan for growth and success. I don't think other Republican candidates and officials would be very smart to fully embrace that kind of Trump style. With Moore, it didn't really work for him."

As the midterms heat up and Trump-related controversies continue to overshadow other political messaging, some young Republicans are ringing the alarm bells as they seek to bring new voters into the fold — while trying to keep current members from breaking away in an uncertain and volatile environment.

"There are some individuals that believe the best way to help the party is to always advocate for the party, no matter what," said Muniz, Wilder's Young Republicans colleague. "Me? I'm looking to win."

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Deportation fears have legal immigrants avoiding health care

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

MIAMI — The number of legal immigrants from Latin American nations, who access public health services and enroll in federally subsidized insurance plans has dipped substantially since President Donald Trump took office, many of them fearing their information could be used to identify and deport relatives living in the U.S. illegally, according to health advocates across the country. Trump based his campaign on promises to stop illegal immigration and deport any immigrants in the country illegally, but many legal residents and U.S. citizens are losing their health care as a result, advocates say.

After Trump became president a year ago, "every single day families canceled" their Medicaid plans and "people really didn't access any of our programs," said Daniel Bouton, a director at the Community Council, a Dallas nonprofit that specializes in health care enrollment for low-income families. The trend stabilized a bit as the year went on, but it remains clear that the increasingly polarized immigration debate is having a chilling effect on Hispanic participation in health care programs, particularly during the enrollment season that ended in December.

Bouton's organization has helped a 52-year-old housekeeper from Mexico, a legal resident, sign up for federally subsidized health insurance for two years. But now she's going without, fearing immigration officials will use her enrollment to track down her husband, who is in the country illegally. She's also considering not re-enrolling their children, 15 and 18, in the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, even though they were born in the U.S.

"We're afraid of maybe getting sick or getting into an accident, but the fear of my husband being deported is bigger," the woman, who declined to give their names for fear her husband could be deported, said through a translator in a telephone interview.

Hispanic immigrants are not only declining to sign up for health care under programs that began or expanded under Barack Obama's presidency — they're also not seeking treatment when they're sick, Bouton and others say.

"One social worker said she had a client who was forgoing chemotherapy because she had a child that was not here legally," said Oscar Gomez, CEO of Health Outreach Partner, a national training and advocacy organization.

My Health LA provides primary care services in Los Angeles County to low-income residents and those who lack the documents to make them eligible for publicly funded health care coverage programs, such as state Medicaid. According to its annual report, 189,410 participants enrolled in the program during Fiscal Year 2017, but 44,252, or about 23 percent, later dis-enrolled. It's not clear how many of those who dropped out are Hispanic; the report did not describe ethnicity.

Enticing Hispanics to take advantage of subsidized health care has been a struggle that began long before Trump's presidency.

Hispanics are more than three times as likely to go without health insurance as are their white counterparts, according to a 2015 study by Pew Research Center. Whites represented 63 percent, or 3.8 million, of those who signed up for Affordable Care Act plans last year compared to 15 percent, or just under a million, Hispanics, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The reasons vary, but some have always feared deportation, regardless of who is in office.

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

EXHIBIT C-3

Data Control Codes		199 General Fund	240 National School Breakfast/Lunch Program	599 Debt Service Fund	699 Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES						
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	$ 209,059,960	$ 3,032,199	$ 14,909,873	$ 28,956	$ 131,769	$ 227,162,757
5800	State program revenues	19,542,875	58,646	229,382	-	1,222,175	21,053,078
5900	Federal program revenues	2,539,273	8,624,251	-	-	10,052,263	21,215,787
5020	Total revenues	231,142,108	11,715,096	15,139,255	28,956	11,406,207	269,431,622
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	112,719,107	-	-	-	5,764,918	118,484,025
0012	Instructional resources and media services	2,128,626	-	-	-	72,796	2,201,422
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	3,176,512	-	-	-	3,059,617	6,236,129
0021	Instructional leadership	3,057,557	-	-	-	436,091	3,493,648
0023	School leadership	11,678,462	-	-	-	162,145	11,840,607
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	6,183,225	-	-	-	1,491,990	7,675,215
0032	Social work services	255,109	-	-	-	-	255,109
0033	Health services	2,079,715	-	-	-	-	2,079,715
0034	Student transportation	6,113,871	-	-	-	119,220	6,233,091
0035	Food service	-	11,774,905	-	-	43,383	11,818,288
0036	Extracurricular activities	3,911,366	-	-	-	-	3,911,366
0041	General administration	4,009,435	-	-	-	3,631	4,013,066
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	20,239,382	-	-	-	-	20,239,382
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,261,458	-	-	-	-	1,261,458
0053	Data processing services	4,236,305	-	-	-	-	4,236,305
0061	Community services	290,098	-	-	-	185,990	476,088
	Debt service:						
0071	Principal on long-term debt	-	-	7,190,000	-	-	7,190,000
0072	Interest on long-term debt	-	-	9,575,314	-	-	9,575,314
0073	Issuance costs and fees	-	-	320,778	-	-	320,778
	Capital outlay:						
0081	Facilities aquisition and construction	-	-	-	2,327,206	-	2,327,206
	Intergovernmental:						
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	45,806,661	-	-	-	-	45,806,661
0093	Payments related to shared service arrangements	156,500	-	-	-	-	156,500
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	1,467,585	-	-	-	-	1,467,585
6030	Total expenditures	228,770,974	11,774,905	17,086,092	2,327,206	11,339,781	271,298,958
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under)expenditures	2,371,134	(59,809)	(1,946,837)	(2,298,250)	66,426	(1,867,336)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
7901	Refunding bonds issued	-	-	26,000,000	-	-	26,000,000
7915	Transfers in	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,500,000
7916	Premium or (discount) on issuance of bonds	-	-	1,564,732	-	-	1,564,732
8911	Transfers out	(1,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(1,500,000)
8940	Payment to refunded bonds escrow agent	-	-	(27,231,417)	-	-	(27,231,417)
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,500,000)	1,500,000	333,315	-	-	333,315
1200	Net change in fund balances	871,134	1,440,191	(1,613,522)	(2,298,250)	66,426	(1,534,021)
0100	Fund balances - beginning	41,905,685	1,541,751	4,190,832	3,380,563	86,641	51,105,472
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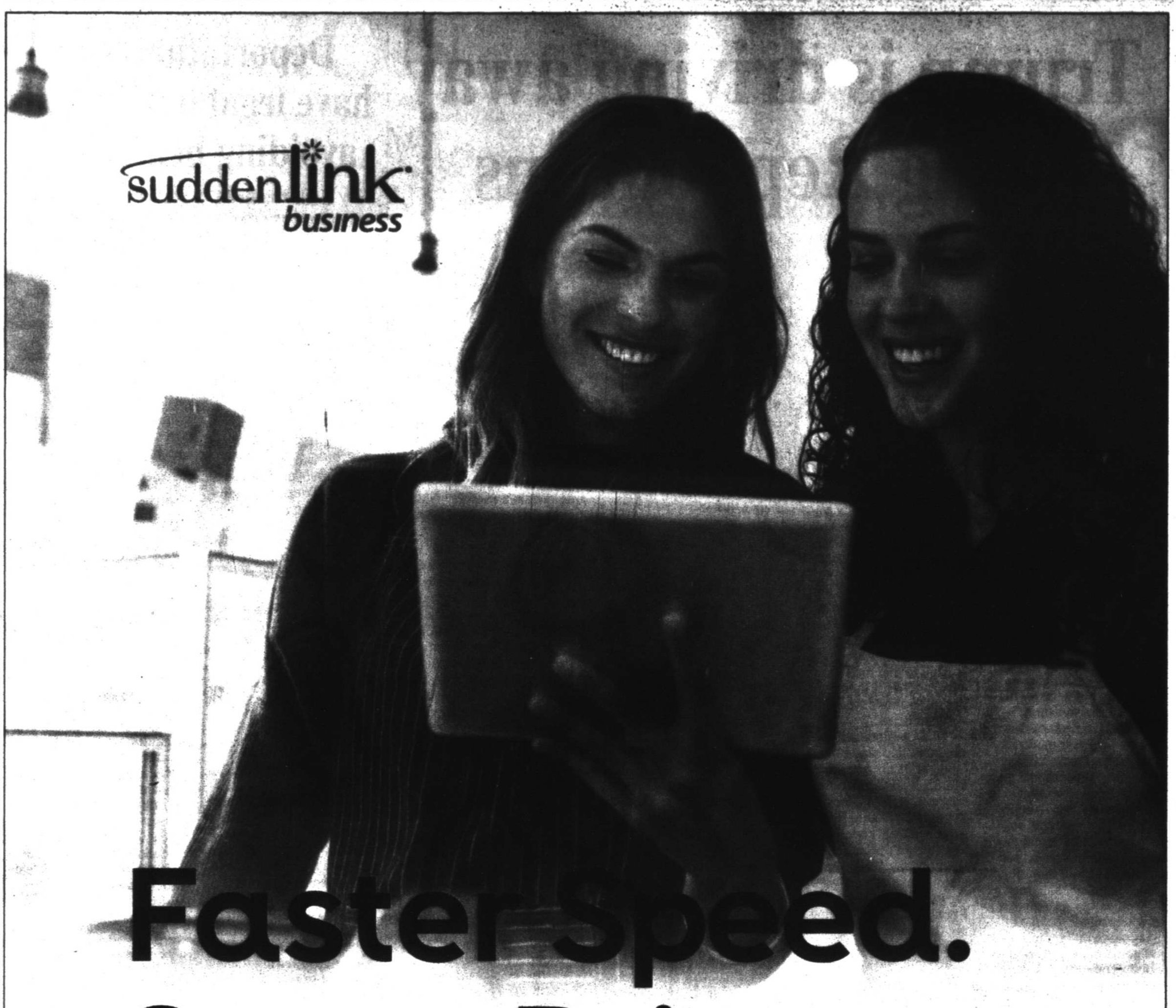

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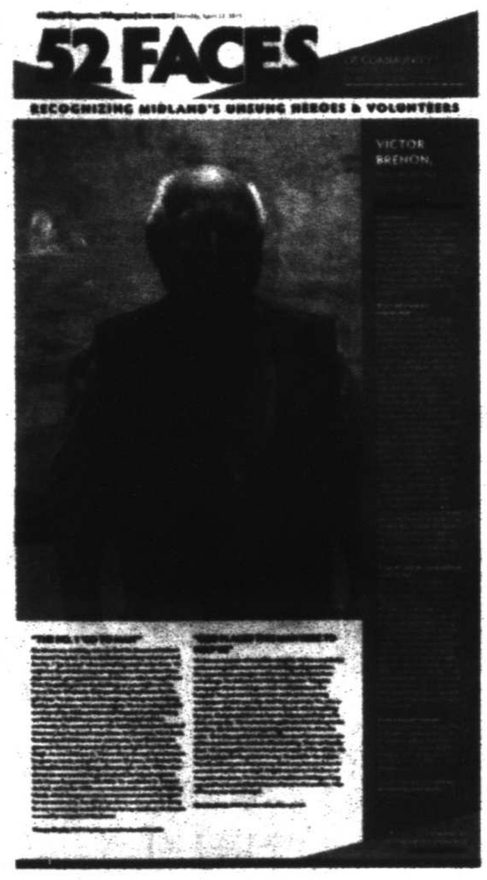

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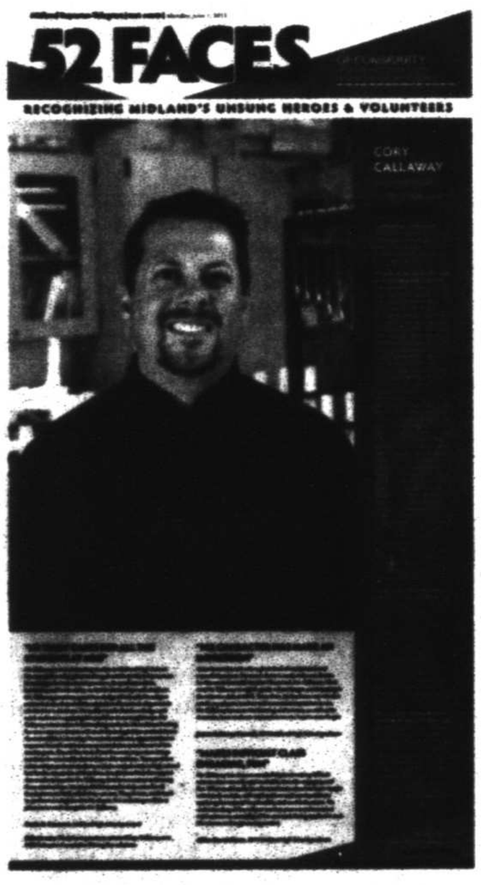

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Floor sensors rise as retail data source

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The next phase in data collection is right under your feet.

Online clicks give retailers valuable insight into consumer behavior, but what can they learn from footsteps? It's a question Milwaukee-based startup Scanalytics is helping businesses explore with floor sensors that track people's movements.

The sensors can also be used in office buildings to reduce energy costs and in nursing homes to determine when someone falls. But retailers make up the majority of Scanalytics' customers, highlighting one of several efforts brick-and-mortar stores are undertaking to better understand consumer habits and catch up with e-commerce giant Amazon.

Physical stores have been at a disadvantage because they "don't have that granular level of understanding as to where users are entering, what they're doing, what shelves are not doing well, which aisles are not being visited," said Brian Sathianathan, co-founder of Iterate.ai, a small Denver-based company that helps businesses find and test technologies from startups worldwide.

But it's become easier for stores to track customers in recent years. With Wi-Fi — among the earliest available options — businesses can follow people when they connect to a store's internet. One drawback is that not everyone logs on so the sample size is smaller. Another is that it's not possible to tell whether someone is inches or feet away from a product.

Sunglass Hut and fragrance maker Jo Malone use laser and motion sensors to tell when a product is picked up but not bought, and make recommendations for similar items on an interactive display. Companies such as Toronto-based Vendlytics and San Francisco-based Prism use artificial intelligence with video cameras to analyze body motions. That can allow stores to deliver customized coupons to shoppers in real time on a digital shelf or on their cellphones, said Jon Nordmark, CEO of Iterate.ai.

With Scanalytics, Nordmark said, "to have (the sensors) be super useful for

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REVOLUTIONIZED RETRO

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Attendees sit on top of a model of a Impossible BV Polaroid Original OneStep 2 camera at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Jan. 11. A robot named Pepper stands in the lobby of the Mandarin Oriental on Nov. 15, 2017, in Las Vegas. Pepper is programmed to interact with guests and answer pre-programmed questions.

Super 8 cameras among retro gadgets made modern

By Rachel Tepper Paley
Bloomberg

Even as we flirt with "Jetsons"-style bathrooms hooked up to digital assistants, breakneck races of flying "cars" and ever-improving technology, one thing remains clear: Our nostalgic minds remain glued to the rear-view mirror. Kodak made that abundantly clear when it recently revealed footage from its hotly anticipated reboot of the Super 8 camera, which revolutionized amateur filmmaking when first released in 1965.

It's part of a movement that Kodak describes as an "analog renaissance." The film-format camera-Kodak's first since 1982-will cost $2,500 to $3,000, have a 3.5-inch LCD screen, variable speed control and C-mount lens support. An online platform will let you purchase film, processing and shipping. You'll mail the goods to Kodak, which will process the film and scan it digitally before sending the files to your Darkroom account.

"Just as vinyl is making a comeback in music, film is being embraced by more and more amateur and professional filmmakers," Brian Cruz, Eastman Kodak Co.'s vice president and general manager of consumer products, said. "There are many digital solutions out there. We aspire to balance the best of both worlds: the ease of capture and editing afforded by digital, with the luxurious color and texture offered by real film."

Kodak isn't alone as now more than ever, consumers seem to be looking toward retro tech. One national movie theater chain is even renting VHS videos. Who knows — maybe smartphone-assisted 18th-century chandeliers are just around the corner.

Here are seven other retro gadgets that are coming back stronger than ever.

Ultra Game Boy

We hope you saved all your old Game Boy cartridges. Gaming outfit Hyperkin.com plans to unveil its revamped version of the classic hand-held system late this summer for less than $100. Housed in aluminum, the scratch-resistant Ultra Game Boy will have a backlit LCD display with full RGB spectrum capability, a pair of stereo speakers, left and right audio-out connections, and a USB-C charging port. No need to bother with AA batteries that always seem to die when you're finally about to crush a crucial game level: This baby has a built-in six-hour battery.

Polaroid OneStep 2

On its 80th birthday in September, Polaroid unveiled the OneStep 2, a $99 "instant analog camera" that shoots re-engineered, classic Type-600 and i-Type film. It's part of a rolling effort started by the Impossible Project, now called Polaroid Originals, to bring back instant photos in all their offline glory.

Nokia 3310

Last year, Finnish company HMD Global brought us back to the early days of the new millennium with the re-release of the Nokia 3310, a lower-cost phone that first hit shelves in September 2000. The $60 throwback comes in four colors-and yes, you can play the Snake.

BlackBerry KeyOne

Not to be left behind (again), BlackBerry finally decided to grant Kim Kardashian her dream of the phone's comeback with the launch of its KeyOne phone in April 2017. BlackBerry has since been tinkering with the wrapping: In August, the company announced a "Black Edition" and last month unveiled a bronze-colored model to be made available in overseas markets. The phones, which cost more than $550, all have 4 gigabytes

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Social media contacts help with yard makeover

By Chris Ross
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Anyone who wants to accomplish a water-wise yard renovation on a small budget should take a lesson from Happy Aston. When her family purchased a home in the College Area in 2015, Aston knew she'd need to make the front yard makeover a priority. The yard was filled with dying grass, weeds, yellow nutsedge and an ornamental pear tree.

Friends and the family's real estate agent told her there were rebates available for removing turf and planting a low-water-use landscape.

"I am an avid gardener and wanted to replace the ugly, dead (water-thirsty) grass with water-wise plants that were edible, provided some shade options for the house, and had a mix of color and texture," Aston said via email.

And she did it all for around $2,500. What's her secret? Social media.

"We have about $4,000 worth of plants and paid about $300 for them, thanks to a little planning and a lot of generous neighbors," Aston said. "I got 90 percent of my plants — and pots to root them in — for free through social media and online San Diego gardening groups. We are paying that forward now."

Making a plan

Aston says she didn't want a "desert-y" look, because that isn't her style, plus she has young children, "so sharp, pokey plants aren't a good choice for us." She created the new design herself, after attending a Sustainable Landscapes Program workshop on turf removal and water collection, sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority. She also drew inspiration from attractive yards in her neighborhood and at The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

The details

She looked for free succulent clippings on social media sites such as Nextdoor, Buy Nothing and the San Diego Gardener Group on Facebook, then created a Pinterest board to organize the infomation about the plants she wanted to use. Aston told friends about the project and they offered clippings and connected her with other people who also had succulents to share.

"In all, I spent about six months casually gathering our plants and leaving them in pots in our side yard," she said.

Aston said she got stones for the landscape for free through the Nextdoor app, and estimates the savings on those at $1,500. She discovered she could also

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Google artwork app raises privacy concerns

■ Selfies are matched to famous works of art

By Hamza Shaban
The Washington Post

A Google app that matches people's selfies to famous works of art and encourages users to share the side by sides on social media leaped to the top spot on the iTunes App Store charts last weekend, ahead of YouTube, Instagram and Facebook's Messenger, but it has also drawn concerns from some that the privacy of the users may be at risk.

The latest version of the Google Arts & Culture app allows users to match their selfies against celebrated portraits pulled from more than 1,200 museums in more than 70 countries. The find-your-art-lookalike feature has been available since mid-December, but the app has rocketed to viral status as more users shared their matches on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram over the holiday weekend, in a mix of implausible, absurd and "spot-on" comparisons. People have also tested out the app using their dogs and pictures of celebrities and President Donald Trump.

But not everyone was willing to snap away. Some people expressed skepticism over the privacy of the facial information users have been sending to Google.

Alyssa Milano tweeted "I mean, this google app that matches your face to a piece of fine art. Anyone suspicious of just surrendering your facial recognition to google or are we confident they already have that at this point?"

The app works by using machine learning to recognize a person's face in the selfie, including the position of the head. It then compares the face to a bank of selected artwork to find matches.

Google says that the selfies are not being used to train machine learning programs, build a database of faces or for any other purpose. "Google is not using these selfies for anything other than art matches," Patrick Lenihan, a company spokesman, said.

The Arts & Culture app also says in one of its prompts that Google "will only store your photo for the time it takes to search for matches."

The Arts & Culture app is one of the latest examples of how tech companies are implementing facial recognition technology. Google already uses it in its Photos service, which 500 million people use every month. Photos sorts pictures by people, places and things, and includes a feature that nudges users to share photos they have taken of their contacts, which the service recognizes.

In another example of the development of Google's image recognition, a feature was added to Photos in October that lets users sort pictures of their pets, even differentiating between dog breeds. In December, Facebook began flagging users who appeared on the social network without being tagged. While that feature was designed to enhance user's privacy and control, it also highlighted how well Facebook's platform recognizes people's faces without much input from users. And in September, Apple's Face ID, introduced alongside its latest mobile phone, the iPhone X, sparked debate over the privacy and security of using a person's face to unlock the device and enable applications, including mobile payments.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Bachelor (N)				The Good Doctor "Seven Reasons" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	Donuts (N)	9JKL (N)	Scorpion "Lighthouse of the Rising Sun" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Malicious Mariner"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer "All About Her" (N)		The Resident (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	The Wings of Truth	Update News	Mani Erfan	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Housecall	Aleph Course	Sounds of Shofar
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Wall "Brooke and Cody" (N)		Better Late "Matador Training" (N)		The Brave "Close to Home: Part 1" 1/2 (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night (N)
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antique "Harrisburg (Hour Three)" (N)		Independent Lens "The Force"			Ribbon of Sand	Amanpour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SVU "Theater Tricks"		SVU "Official Story"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(4:55) ▼ Heartbrea...		▼ ★★ Beverly Hills Ninja				▼ ★ Delta Force Bill Engvall.		▼ ★★ Primeval Brooke Langton.			Movie
	HBO	300	550	14	14		BillMaher	News (N)	Mosaic	Divorce	(:20) ▼ Unforgettable Rosario Dawson.				Mosaic		(:55) ▼ Kong: Skul...	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) ▼ Elizabeth: ...		▼ ★★ Fifty Shades Darker Dakota Johnson.				Crashing	Crashing	HighMain	Divorce	▼ ★★★★ Get Out	
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:15) ▼ ★★ Proof ('05, Dra) Gwyneth Paltrow.				▼ ★★★ A Monster Calls Lewis				▼ ★★★ The Hours ('02, Dra) Nicole Kidman.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:45) ▼ Now You Se...		▼ ★★ The Bodyguard Whitney Houston.				(:10) ▼ CHIPS ('17, Act) Dax Shepard.				(:55) ▼ Reno 911!:...	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:40) ▼ ★★★ Jersey Boys John Lloyd Young.		▼ The Layover					▼ ★★ Yes Man Jim Carrey.			(:45) ▼ Charlie's An...	
	PLEX			96			(5:15) ▼ Agent Cody...		▼ ★★ Sneakers ('92, Act) Robert Redford.				(:10) ▼ The Naked Gun 2 1/2:...		(:35) ▼ The Reluctant Astronaut			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:45) ▼ The Interpr...		Shameless		The Chi "Ghosts"		Shameless		The Chi "Ghosts"		▼ Zack & Miri Ma...	
	TMC	336	579	22	155	26	(5:15) ▼ ★ Bad Moms		▼ ★★★★ People Like Us ('12, Dra) Chris				▼ ★★★ Mother's Day Britt Robertson.				▼ Secret in Their ...	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Undercover High "Would You Go Back?"		Undercover High "Race to the Finish"		60 Days In "Party Off"		60 Days In "Party Favors"		(:05) Underco "Would You Go Back?"		(:05) Undercover High "Race to the Finish"	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ▼ The Day Af...		▼ ★★ Enemy of the State ('98, Act) Gene Hackman, Will Smith.						▼ ★★★ The Day After Tomorrow			
	BET	58	-		40		▼ ★★★ Loan on Me ('89, Dra) Robert Guillaume. Morgan Freeman.						▼ Madea's Big Happy Family (2011, Drama) Bow Wow, Tyler Perry.					
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R. (N)		Summer House (N)		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		SumHouse
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		Profit "Detroit Denim"		The Profit	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Outlaws "Bad Beets"		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		OutlawsMemphis (N)		Street Outlaws		OutlawsMemphis	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Underc.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Underc.	StuckMid.	Underc.	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball UNC/Vir.T (L)				NCAA Basketball West Virginia at TCU (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarter-final Site: Melbourne Park (L)							
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News ⊕ Night		Tucker Carlson	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped Junior		Baking "Lemon BFFs"		Kids Baking (N)		Cakes (N)	Cupcake	Cake Wars		Kids Baking	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ▼ ★★ The Last Song		▼ ★★★ The Age of Adaline ('15, Dra) Blake Lively.						The 700 Club		▼ ★★★ The Lucky	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Xterra	Cowboys Legends	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	HS Spotlight	NBAGL Basketball Memphis vs Texas	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	▼ ★★ Lucy ('14, Act) Scarlett Johansson.				▼ ★★ Lucy ('14, Act) Scarlett Johansson.				▼ ★★★ Interstellar Matthew			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Home Town (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House (N)	Home Town	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "Going Down?"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Rooster & Butch		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	The First 48		The First 48 "Breaking Point"		The First 48 "Under One Roof"		The First 48 "Silent Rage"		The First 48 "Ashes and Snow"		The First 48 "Breaking Point"	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				Rally	NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Tampa Bay vs Chicago (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Super High Roller	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ▼ Men in Black		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	FamilyGuy "PTV"	The Alienist "The Boy on the Bridge" (N)		American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan (N)		Brooklyn 99	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) ▼ Cannery Row		▼ ★★★ The Black Stallion Kelly Reno.				(:15) ▼ ★★★ Wings of Desire ('88, Fant) Bruno Ganz.					Movie
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el princi		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Body Bizarre "Born With Four Legs"		Body Bizarre "My Face is Rapidly Aging"		Bizarre "My Body Is Covered With Tumors"		Body Bizarre "My Extra Large Head"		Body Bizarre "Born With Four Legs"		Body Bizarre "My Face is Rapidly Aging"	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ▼ ★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15, Act) Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr...				The Alienist "The Boy on the Bridge" (P) (N)		The Alienist "The Boy on the Bridge"		Law & Order "Dining Out"		Law & Order "Sects"	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) NFL Fanatic	(:35) NFL Fanatic	(:20) CSI: Crime Scene "Unbearable"	
	WGN	19	85				▼ ★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington. A disillusioned mercenary seeks vengeance when a girl in his care is kidnapped.						▼ ★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington. A disillusioned mercenary seeks vengeance when a girl in his care is kidnapped.					

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Job applicant is devastated when dream falls through

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I recently was rejected for a job that would have turned into a career. I put all my eggs in one basket, so to speak, and told everyone around me during the process that it was looking good. I am humiliated because I now have to tell my peers and co-workers that it didn't work out.

My confidence is shaken, and I don't know what to do. In my middle school years, I used to know what I wanted to do, but somewhere in high school up to this point (25 years old), I've lost my vision, my dream. How can I find my way again? — IN A SLUMP OUT EAST

DEAR IN A SLUMP: The path to success is rarely straight. Most of us learn more from our mistakes than our successes, so take heart. While this experience has been disappointing, you have learned valuable lessons from it.

If you do not wish to stay in your current job, finding your way again may be as simple as inquiring if career counseling is available at your nearest community college. Ask whether aptitude tests are offered, then research what kinds of jobs are available for someone with your qualifications and interests. And when you are again in the running for a new position, keep it to yourself until you have officially accepted it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter married into a wealthy family. Since the beginning, her mother-in-law has used money to control her. Although it bothered me, I didn't say anything.

We now have a granddaughter, and the mother-in-law is controlling how much time we get to see her. Unfortunately, my daughter allows her to do this. What can I do? I am heartsick. — THE OTHER GRANDMA

DEAR OTHER GRANDMA: Your mistake was in not speaking up when you first noticed what was going on. If you haven't expressed your feelings, you should. Whether it will lead to any improvements, I can't guarantee. But if it doesn't, and your daughter continues to allow herself to be ruled by her MIL's checkbook, you will have to accept that the daughter you raised has seriously misplaced values.

You are obviously someone with a lot of love to give. A program that has been mentioned before in my column — and that might interest you — is Foster Grandparents, which is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The website is nationalservice.gov. Click on "Programs" and you will find it listed under "Senior Corps."

DEAR ABBY: My son is going to have his first communion soon. We don't have the money to have a party — even an inexpensive one — and invite the whole family. I would like to restrict the celebration just to my husband, myself and my child's grandparents. However, I feel bad not inviting his godparents, their siblings and other extended family. How do I tell them they are welcome to stop by the church, but aren't obligated to come, and we won't be having a party? — TRYING TO KEEP IT SIMPLE

DEAR TRYING: I don't think it would be rude to explain to your son's godparents and extended family that they are welcome to come by the church for your child's first communion, but because of financial constraints there will be no celebration afterward. It's the truth.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 9 6 4 ♡ Q 10 9 ◊ 8 6 4 ♣ A 8 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2◊*	2♠	?

*Weak

What call would you make?

A — You are badly out-gunned. You don't want to encourage partner and you don't want a diamond lead unless partner chooses it all by himself. Pass.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 8 6 5 4 ♡ 10 4 ◊ Q 9 8 ♣ 9 4 3

Partner opens one spade and right-hand opponent bids two clubs. What call would you make?

A — Bid four spades. It would be too timid to bid less at this vulnerability.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 7 5 ♡ 10 5 ◊ K J 7 5 ♣ A K Q J 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	1♡	Dbl*	Pass

*Negative, values with no clear bid

What call would you make?

A — Bidding two diamonds, effectively a reverse, would show extras. We think this hand can deliver them. Bid two diamonds.

Q 4 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 6 3 ♡ 10 4 ◊ Q 6 ♣ A 10 9 5 4

Partner opens one no-trump, 15-17. What is your plan?

A — This hand is suitable for play in no-trump, so don't worry about your club suit. Bid two clubs, Stayman, looking for a spade fit. Bid three no-trump if you don't find one.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Jan. 14:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. Getting Over It, Bennett Foddy
4. Minds On Physics the App - Part 1, Physics Classroom, LLC
5. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
6. NBA 2K18, 2K
7. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
8. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
9. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
10. iSchedule, HotSchedules

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Google Arts & Culture, Google, Inc.
2. Sweatcoin - Coin For Sweat App, Sweatco Ltd
3. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
4. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
5. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
6. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
8. Balls Race, Ketchapp
9. Finger Driver, Ketchapp
10. Bitmoji, Bitstrips

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
4. Notability, Ginger Labs
5. Toca Life: Pets, Toca Boca AB
6. Getting Over It, Bennett Foddy
7. The Game of Life, Marmalade Game Studio
8. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
9. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
10. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon.

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
2. Run Sausage Run!, Crazy Labs
3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
4. Kick the Buddy, Chill Fleet
5. UNICORN - Color by Number Game, AppsYouLove
6. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
7. Color by Number: Coloring Book, Fun Games For Free
8. Pixel Art - Color by Number, Easybrain
9. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

David James/ Universal Pictures via AP

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Tom Cruise as Barry Seal in a scene from "American Made."

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Jan. 7:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. American Made
2. It (2017)
3. The Foreigner (2017)
4. Dunkirk (2017)
5. Battle of the Sexes
6. Home Again (2017)
7. Kingsman: The Golden Circle
8. Megan Leavey
9. The Mountain Between Us
10. Marshall

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Home Again (2017)
2. Marshall
3. Wind River (2017)
4. Brad's Status
5. The Beyond
6. Kedi
7. The Killing of a Sacred Deer
8. Stronger
9. Freak Show
10. Lucky

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Jan. 18

Top Songs
1. Havana (feat. Young Thug), Camila Cabello
2. The Champion (feat. Ludacris), Carrie Underwood
3. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
4. Meant to Be (feat. Florida Geo..., Bebe Rexha
5. Finesse (Remix) (feat. Cardi B), Bruno Mars
6. rockstar (feat. 21 Savage), Post Malone
7. Thunder, Imagine Dragons
8. Tequila, Dan + Shay
9. Filthy, Justin Timberlake
10. Bad at Love, Halsey

Top Albums
1. The Greatest Showman (Original..., Various Artists
2. M A N I A, Fall Out Boy
3. Camila, Camila Cabello
4. Vale, Black Veil Brides
5. Stars: The Best of 1992-2002, The Cranberries
6. Encore, Anderson East
7. ÷, Ed Sheeran
8. reputation, Taylor Swift
9. Blue Madonna, BORNS
10. Revival, Eminem

Source: Apple Inc.

Ivan Moreno/Associated Press

Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin holds a smart floor sensor his company creates that track people's movements Dec. 5, 2017 in Milwaukee. The sensors are among the tools retailers are using to gain insights on consumer habits.

SENSORS

From 2B

someone like a retailer, they may need to power other types of things," like sending coupons to customers.

Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin said that's what his floor sensors are designed to do. For instance, the sensors read a customer's unique foot compressions to track that person's path to a digital display and how long the person stand in front of it before walking away, he said. Based on data collected over time, the floor sensors can tell a retailer the best time to offer a coupon or change the display before the customer loses interest.

"Something that in the moment will increase their propensity to purchase a product," said Scanlin, 29, who started developing the paper-thin sensors that are 2-square feet as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2012. He employs about 20 people.

Wisconsin-based bicycle retailer Wheel and Sprocket uses Scanalytics' sensors — which can be tucked under utility mats — to count the number of customers entering each of its eight stores to help schedule staff.

"That's our biggest variable expense," said co-owner Noel Kegel. "That sort of makes or breaks our profitability."

Kegel wants to eventually have sensors in more areas throughout his stores to measure where customers spend most of their time and what products are popular, but he said it's too expensive right now.

The cost of having the sensors ranges from $20 to $1,000 per month, depending on square footage and add-on applications to analyze data or interact with digital signs, Scanlin said. He said he's working with 150 customers in the U.S. and other countries and estimates that about 60 percent are retailers.

The emergence of tracking technologies is bound to raise concerns about privacy and surveillance.

But Scanlin noted his sensors don't collect personally identifying information.

Jeffrey Lenon, 47, who was recently shopping at the Shops of Grand Avenue mall in Milwaukee, said he wasn't bothered by the idea of stores tracking foot traffic and buying habits.

"If that's helping the retailer as far as tracking what sells and what no, I think it's a good idea," Lenon said.

These technologies have not become ubiquitous in the U.S. yet, but it's only a matter of time, said Ghose Anindya, a business professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

"In a couple of years this kind of conversation will be like part and parcel of everyday life. But I don't think we're there yet," he said.

Stores use various tracking methods

Associated Press

Brick-and-mortar retailers are using different tracking technologies to better understand their customers and keep up with e-commerce giant Amazon. Here is a sampling of the different tracking methods available to stores:

Floor sensors

Paper-thin tiles developed by Milwaukee-based Scanalytics measure foot compressions to analyze people's movements over time so stores know what products displays draw customers' attention and for how long. That allows businesses to study what sells, know when to schedule staff for busy times, and what store layout is most effective. The technology might still be too pricey for smaller retailers, however.

Intelligent video cameras

Companies such as Toronto-based Vendlytics and San Francisco-based Prism use artificial intelligence with video cameras to analyze body motions. That can allow stores to deliver customized coupons to shoppers in real-time on a digital shelf or on their cellphones on an app.

Motion sensors

Sunglass Hut and fragrance maker Jo Malone are using laser and motion sensors from Perch Interactive to tell when a product is picked up but not bought. The technology can also make recommendations for similar items on an interactive display.

Wi-Fi beacons

Wi-Fi beacons can track customer movements — as long as they connect to the store's internet. Because not everyone opts in, stores have a smaller sample size to analyze. Another drawback is that it's not possible to tell whether a customer is inches or feet from a product.

YARD

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get mulch for free through ChipDrop.org, a service that connects homeowners who want mulch with arborists who are trying to keep green waste out of landfills.

The original ornamental pear tree is part of the new landscape design, along with scores of new water-wise plants. Included are a Kadota fig tree and an Eversweet pomegranate tree, several varieties of kalanchoe (common names Napoleon's hat, panda plant, flapjack), aeonium (pinwheel plant, kiwi aeonium, whistlepipe variegated, 'Zwartkop') euphorbia (Tiny Tim, silver spurge) and aloe (aloe barbadensis, blue elf, aloe brevifolia), Leonotis leonurus (lion's tail), Agave attenuata and kangaroo paw.

Costs

She estimates the cost of the makeover at slightly more than $2,500. That included $800 in labor to remove the turf, dig swales, place rocks, install drip irrigation and spread soil and mulch. The balance was spent on materials such as soil, mulch, drip irrigation emitters and tubing, as well as some plants. Through the Sustainable Landscapes Incentive Program of the San Diego County Water Authority, she received a rebate of nearly $1,700.

Water saved

Aston hasn't seen a big change in her water bill, because she wasn't watering the front lawn before the renovation.

Now, she runs drip irrigation a few times a week in summer and not at all in winter.

Lessons learned

"Social media can be very useful for learning about (and getting) water-wise plants," said Aston.

She suggests joining these groups: San Diego Gardener on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/SDGardener), Pinterest (www.pinterest.com/happyaston/garden), your local Buy Nothing group (buynothingproject.org), and Nextdoor (nextdoor.com).

"Our new yard is proof that xeriscaping can be beautiful, environmentally responsible AND delicious — and can be done very inexpensively," said Aston.

She is "paying it forward" now by sharing her own plant clippings with friends, neighbors and even parents at her children's school, as well as people she meets on the various gardening social media sites.

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Apple will let you choose between phone's speed, battery life

By Hayley Tsukayama
The Washington Post

Apple chief executive Tim Cook said Wednesday that you'll soon be able to make the decision between your iPhone's performance and its battery life, following controversy over the company's decision to do it for you.

Cook said that an upcoming version of Apple's mobile iOS operating system will allow iPhone owners to turn off the part of your iPhone's software that slows it down to preserve its battery life, in an interview with ABC News. But he wouldn't recommend it, as the company slowed down the phones to prevent other problems, he said. Apple has previously said that turning off the performance throttling could tax your battery and make your phone shut down unexpectedly.

The update is expected in the coming months, and will roll out first to developers.

Apple keeps a famously tight grip over its software, but was forced to be more transparent than normal after some iPhone owners noticed late last year that their phones became noticeably faster with a new battery. The company faced customer outcry after then confirming that its software limits the speed of some iPhones with older batteries, in order to preserve battery life. Negative reaction to that revelation eventually prompted a rare apology from Apple. The company also offered a discounted $29 battery replacement to people with phones affected by the software — the iPhone 6, iPhone 6s, iPhone SE and iPhone 7.

While many iPhone owners were upset about the performance drop, many were also outraged that Apple didn't give customers a choice and was not upfront about what it was doing — sparking a slew of lawsuits around the world.

Cook said that Apple could have handled the situation better, apologized and tried to put to rest suspicions that Apple was slowing down older iPhone models in order to sell new ones.

"Maybe we weren't clear," he said. "We deeply apologize for anyone who thinks we have some other kind of motivation."

RETRO

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of memory and 64 GB of internal storage, plus that signature keyboard Kardashian is so fond of.

NES and SNES Classic Editions

First there was the NES Classic Console, a reimagining of the hit gaming platform that launched in 2016 to great fanfare. Loaded with 30 classic games (among them Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda, and Donkey Kong Jr.), the console has the look and feel as the original with one key difference: It's been shrunk to miniature size for your gaming convenience. Then, in September of last year, another hit-a mini, revamped version of the SNES preloaded with 21 games. The $80 consoles are so popular they sell out everywhere almost immediately, so keep your eyes peeled.

Luciano Speaker

There may be few living people nostalgic for the phonograph, but that didn't stop the innovators at New Black from inventing a ceramic bluetooth speaker inspired by one. Constructed in the Italian town of Nove, famous for a ceramic industry dating to the 1700s, the Luciano speaker includes components normally found in hi-fi stereo systems. They're not cheap, with most models going for about $720. If money is no object, you can splurge on the 24-carat gold-plated version for $1,700.

Lofree Four Seasons Retro Mechanical Keyboard

Love the clack-clack-clack of a classic typewriter? Keyboard maker Lofree wants you to enjoy that sound with its Four Seasons Retro Mechanical Keyboard without sacrificing Mac compatibility. At $74, these are cheaper (and more reality-based) than a time machine. Still in the final stage of development, the product is estimated to commence shipping in April.

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Brady leads Patriots back to Super Bowl

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Give 'em a hand: Tom Brady and the New England Patriots are heading back to the Super Bowl.

Brady shook off a hand injury and threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Danny Amendola with 2:48 remaining , rallying the Patriots to a 24-20 comeback victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in the AFC championship Sunday.

Brady, wearing a black bandage on his right hand after hurting it during practice earlier in the week, showed no signs of being hampered.

And, with the game — and possibly the season — on the line, the Patriots star came up big again.

"I've had a lot worse," Brady said. "I didn't know that on Wednesday. It was a crazy injury. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday was a little scary. Then I started getting some confidence and today we did just enough to win."

Brady finished 26 of 38 for 290 yards and two touchdowns for the Patriots (15-3), who'll play the winner of Sunday night's game between Minnesota and Philadelphia in Minneapolis on Feb. 4.

It's the eighth Super Bowl appearance for Brady and coach Bill Belichick, who have won five times — including last year's 34-28 overtime rally against the Atlanta Falcons.

The Jaguars (12-7) led 20-10 early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold against the defending champions.

Jacksonville — looking to reach the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history — had one more shot, but Bortles' throw on fourth-and-15 to Dede Westbrook was knocked away by Stephon Gilmore.

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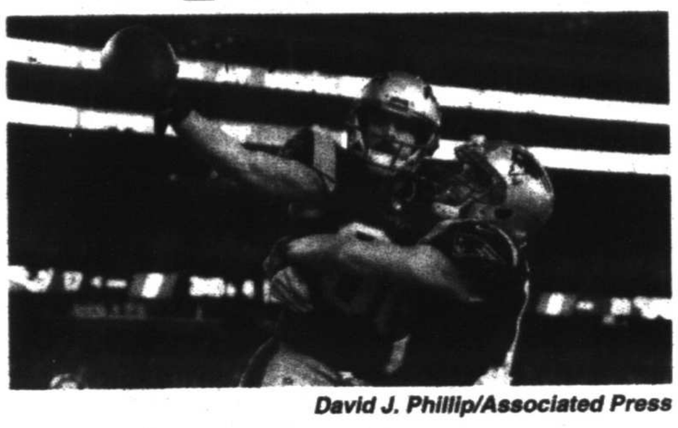

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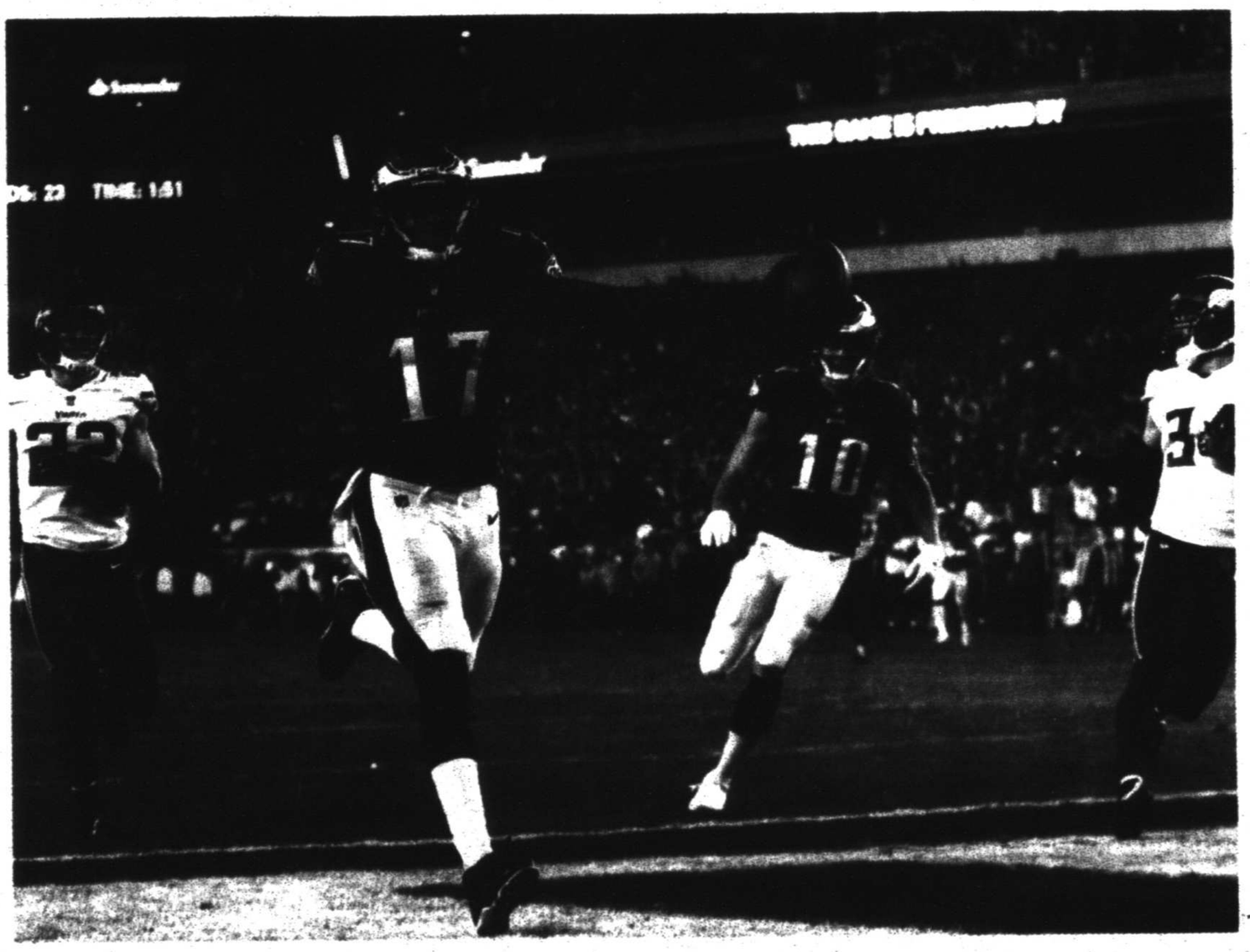
New England Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola, left, celebrates his touchdown catch with Chris Hogan, right, during the second half of the AFC championship NFL game against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

SUPER BOWL BOUND



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Philadelphia Eagles' Alshon Jeffery catches a touchdown pass during the first half of the NFL NFC championship game against the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Foles, Eagles fly into Super Bowl, rout Vikings 38-7

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hey Philly, maybe it's time to forget Carson Wentz. Nick Foles might be good enough to win the Eagles their first Super Bowl.

Foles was on fire Sunday night against the stingiest scoring defense in the NFL. Philly made big play after big play on both sides of the ball in a stunning 38-7 rout of the Minnesota Vikings for the NFC championship.

Next up after their most-lopsided playoff victory: the Eagles' first Super Bowl appearance since 2005, against the team that beat them then, AFC champion New England.

Foles replaced the injured Wentz in Game 13 and finished off a rise from last place to first in the NFC East. There were plenty of doubters entering the playoffs, but the former starter in Philadelphia (15-3) under another regime has been brilliant.

His best work might have come against Minnesota (14-4) and its vaunted defense that was torn apart in every manner. Foles threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns, showing poise, escapability and moxie in going 26 for 33.

In doing so — helped greatly by the Eagles' domination on defense and a spectacular weaving 50-yard interception return TD by Patrick Robinson — Foles ruined the Vikings' hopes of being the first team to play in a Super Bowl in its own stadium

Instead, the Eagles will seek their first Super Bowl crown in Minnesota on Feb. 4; their last championship came in 1960.

OVER AT HALFTIME: Minnesota made it look easy at the outset, driving 75 yards on nine plays, each of which gained yardage. The payoff was a 25-yard throw from Case Keenum to Kyle Rudolph well behind linebacker Najee Goode as Philadelphia's defense looked confused on the play.

That didn't happen again for Philly. Defensive end Chris Long had a huge hand in Robinson's 50-yard interception return. Long burst in from the left side and got his arm on Keenum to disrupt the throw for Adam Thielen. The ball went directly to Robinson, who sped down the left side, then made a sharp cut to the right and got a superb block from Ronald Darby to reach the end zone.

Inspired, Philly's D forced a three-and-out, the Foles led the Eagles on a 12-play, 75-yard masterpiece of a drive. LeGarrette Blount showed all his power and escapability on an 11-yard surge up the middle for a 14-7 lead.

Turnovers, something Minnesota rarely committed with an NFC-low 14 during the season, hurt again and not only ended a solid drive, but set up more Philly points. On third down from the Eagles 15, Keenum was blindsided by rookie Derek Barnett, and the ball bounced directly to Long.

It was only the second strip-sack the

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TOP 25 REWIND: No. 7 Shockers stumble for 1st time in AAC

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Wichita State has hit its first bump in its new American Athletic Conference home.

Coach Gregg Marshall now gets a chance to see how his seventh-ranked Shockers handle it.

The Shockers were one of five AP Top 25 teams to lose twice this week, joining No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 8 Texas Tech as top-10 teams in that group.

First came an 83-78 home loss to SMU on Wednesday — snapping a 27-game home winning streak and giving Wichita its first lost in AAC play — followed by Saturday's 73-59 loss at Houston.

This is part of the Shockers' first go-around through the American after moving from their 72-year home in the Missouri Valley Conference, where they won four straight regular-season titles with a 68-4 record from 2013-17.

Wichita State (15-4, 5-2) had not lost consecutive conference games since the 2012-13 season before this week.

The problems hit both sides of the court. SMU shot nearly 64 percent in its win. Against Houston, though, Wichita State's most glaring troubles came in a 33-percent,

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Scott Morgan/Associated Press

Texas Tech head coach Chris Beard holds his head in his hands as they are down double digits while playing Iowa State during the first half of an NCAA basketball game on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Oladipo leads Pacers, snapping Spurs' home streak

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Victor Oladipo scored 19 points and the Indiana Pacers defeated San Antonio 94-86 on Sunday night, snapping the Spurs' 14-game home winning streak.

Darren Collison added 15 points for Indiana, which snapped a three-game losing streak in San Antonio.

The Spurs lost at home for the third time this season and the first since Nov. 10 against Milwaukee.

Pau Gasol had 14 points to lead San Antonio.

With Manu Ginobili, Rudy Gay and Kawhi Leonard out with injuries, the Spurs opted to bring Tony Parker off the bench for just the 14th time in 1,165 career games.

Parker responded with 12 points and five assists, but LaMarcus Aldridge struggled without the veteran point guard.

The Pacers stymied Aldridge offensively even without the injured Myles Turner, limiting the Spurs forward to a season-low 10 points. Aldridge started 1 for 4, with his only basket coming on a put-back of Danny Green's missed jumper, and finished 5 for 14 from the field.

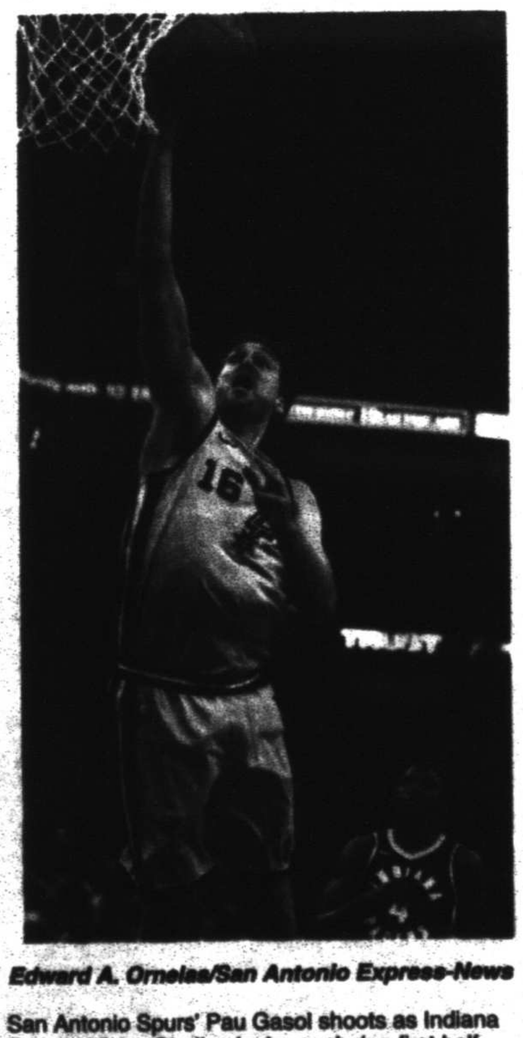
San Antonio pulled within 83-76 with 5:03 remaining on Davis Bertans' 3-pointer, but the Spurs committed two turnovers on the next two possessions.

Indiana led by as many as 17 points.

TIP-INS

Pacers: Turner missed his seventh straight game with an injured right elbow. He high-stepped halfway down the baseline in celebration after Al Jefferson dunked on Pau Gasol early in the fourth quarter. ... The Pacers concluded their longest trip of the season, going 3-2. ... Indiana came in averaging 106.5 points per game, which was 10th in the league.

Spurs: Ginobili was a late scratch after being listed as questionable with bruised right thigh. ... San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said he is still not sure when Leonard will return as he continues to rehabilitate right quadriceps tendinopathy. ... Spurs players have missed 123 games collectively because of injuries and sat out 10 games for rest. ... Aldridge's previous low was 11 points against at Boston on Oct. 30.



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San Antonio Spurs' Pau Gasol shoots as Indiana Pacers' Victor Oladipo looks on during first half action on Sunday at the AT&T Center.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf
Web.com: Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, 2nd Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

Hockey
ECHL: 2018 ECHL All-Star Classic, Noon, NHL

Men's College Basketball
North Carolina at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN
Iowa State at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Maryland at Indiana, 6 p.m., FS1
Holy Cross at American, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Nebraska at Ohio State, 7 p.m., BTN
West Virginia at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPN
Kansas State at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Michigan State at Illinois, 8 p.m., BTN
UAPB at Texas Southern, 8 p.m., ATTSW+

Men's Soccer
Serie A: Juventus FC vs. Genoa CFC, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: SD Eibar vs. Malaga CF, 1:50 p.m., beIN E
PL: Swansea City vs. Liverpool, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
Copa Libertadores: Montevideo Wanderers vs. Club Olimpia, 4 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Oriente Petrolero vs. Universitario de Deportes, 7 p.m., FXDEP
Friendly: Nacional vs. Penarol, 7 p.m., GolTV

National Basketball Association
Miami at Houston, 7 p.m., NBAtv
Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Minnesota at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Australian Open, 2 a.m., ESPN2

Women's College Basketball
UAPB at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m., ATTSW+
Ohio State at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN2
LSU at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., SEC

Women's Soccer
CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship: Trinidad & Tobago vs. Costa Rica, 3:30 p.m., UDN

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Transferred G Josh Magette to Erie (NBAGL). Recalled Fs DeAndre' Bembry and Tyler Cavanaugh and G Isaiah Taylor from Erie.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled D Joe Hicketts from Grand Rapids (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Brian Gibbons and G Keith Kinkaid on injured reserve, retroactive to Saturday.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned G Eamon McAdam from Bridgeport (AHL) to Worcester (ECHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled D Matt Spencer from Adirondack (ECHL) to Syracuse (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned D Anton Cederholm from Utica (AHL) to Kalamazoo (ECHL).

American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Assigned D Mike Cornell and F Jeff Kubiak to Worcester (ECHL).
CLEVELAND MONSTERS — Assigned F Bobby MacIntyre to Jacksonville (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS — Assigned F Francois Beauchemin to Manchester (ECHL).

ECHL
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Released G Joe Spadaccini as emergency backup.
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Added G Greg Ozurko as emergency backup.
GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS — Signed G Zoltan Hetenyi and D Tyler Palmer. Released G Nolan Bowker as emergency backup.
KALAMAZOO WINGS — Released G Dave Desander as emergency backup.
NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Released D Don Oliveri.
QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Signed D Jared Nightingale.
WORCESTER RAILERS — Released F Tommy Kelley.

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Girls Soccer
Amarillo Caprock vs. Midland High, 5 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium JC Women's Basketball
Midland College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m.

JC Men's Basketball
Midland College at Western Texas College, 7:45 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	34	13	.723	—
Toronto	31	14	.689	2
Philadelphia	22	20	.524	9½
New York	21	26	.447	13
Brooklyn	18	29	.383	16
Southeast Division				
Miami	27	19	.587	—
Washington	26	20	.565	1
Charlotte	18	26	.409	8
Orlando	14	32	.304	13
Atlanta	13	32	.289	13½
Central Division				
Cleveland	27	18	.600	—
Indiana	25	22	.532	3
Milwaukee	23	22	.511	4
Detroit	22	23	.489	5
Chicago	18	28	.391	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	32	12	.727	—
San Antonio	30	18	.625	4
New Orleans	24	21	.533	8½
Memphis	16	29	.356	16½
Dallas	15	31	.326	18
Northwest Division				
Minnesota	30	18	.625	—
Oklahoma City	26	20	.565	3
Portland	25	21	.543	4
Denver	23	23	.500	6
Utah	19	27	.413	10
Pacific Division				
Golden State	37	10	.787	—
L.A. Clippers	23	22	.511	13
Phoenix	17	29	.370	19½
L.A. Lakers	17	29	.370	19½
Sacramento	13	32	.289	23

Sunday's Scores
Orlando 103, Boston 95
L.A. Lakers 127, New York 107
Brooklyn 101, Detroit 100
Indiana 94, San Antonio 86

Today's Games
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	46	31	12	3	65	164	121
Boston	45	27	10	8	62	150	112
Toronto	48	26	17	5	57	153	139
Florida	45	19	20	6	44	129	148
Montreal	47	19	22	6	44	120	148
Detroit	45	18	20	7	43	120	136
Ottawa	44	15	20	9	39	121	157
Buffalo	46	11	26	9	31	103	162
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	48	28	15	5	61	146	136
New Jersey	45	24	13	8	56	142	137
Columbus	47	26	18	3	55	126	130
Philadelphia	47	23	16	8	54	137	134
N.Y. Rangers	47	24	18	5	53	142	136
Pittsburgh	49	25	21	3	53	142	149
N.Y. Islanders	48	24	20	4	52	168	176
Carolina	47	21	18	8	50	130	146
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Winnipeg	46	28	13	7	63	156	128
Nashville	45	28	11	6	62	139	119
St. Louis	49	28	18	3	59	142	129
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	148	129
Colorado	45	26	16	3	55	150	130
Minnesota	47	25	17	5	55	138	133
Chicago	46	22	18	6	50	139	130
Pacific Division							
Vegas	46	31	11	4	66	157	123
San Jose	45	25	14	6	56	128	120
Calgary	46	25	16	5	55	132	127
Los Angeles	48	24	17	5	53	131	112
Anaheim	47	22	18	9	53	129	129
Edmonton	47	21	23	3	45	131	149
Vancouver	47	23	18	6	42	121	153
Arizona	48	11	28	9	31	114	188

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Scores
Philadelphia 2, Washington 1, OT
Vegas 1, Carolina 5
Winnipeg 1, Vancouver 0
San Jose at Anaheim, late
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Detroit at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 8 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Jan. 27
At Riga, Latvia; Oleksandr Usyk vs. Mairis Briedis, 12, for Usyk's WBO and Briedis' WBC World cruiseweight titles (World Boxing Super Series semifinals).
At The Forum, Inglewood, Calif. (HBO), Lucas Matthysse vs. Tewa Kiram, 12, for the vacant WBA World welterweight title; Jorge Linares vs. Marcito Gesta, 12, for Linares' WBA World lightweight title; Yoshihiro Kamegai vs. Cristian Fabio Maidana, 10, junior middleweights.

Feb. 3
At Winnstriped Casino & Resort, Sioux, Iowa (SHO), Ronald Gavril vs. Jamie Younan, 10, for the vacant USBA super middleweight title.

Feb. 3
At Atlar, Russia, Murat Gassiev vs. Yunier Dorticos, 12, for Gassiev's IBF and Dorticos' WBA World cruiseweight titles (World Boxing Super Series semifinals).
At Bank of America Center, Corpus Christi, Texas (ESPN), Gilberto Ramirez vs. Habib Ahmed, 12, for Ramirez's WBO super middleweight title; Austin Trout vs. Ivan Gonzalez, 12, for Arreola' IBF super lyweight title; Jason Hart v Thomas Ashbrand, 10, super middleweights.

Feb. 4
At Nahd, Japan, Daigo Higa vs. Moises Fuentes, 12, for Higa's WBC flyweight title.

Feb. 10
At Copper Box Arena, London, Zolani Tete vs. Omar Narvaez, 12, for Tete's WBO bantamweight title.
At Alamodome, San Antonio (SHO), Sergey Lipinets vs. Mikey Garcia, 12, for Lipinets's IBF junior welterweight title; Rances Barthelemy vs. Kiryl Relikh, 12, for the vacant WBA World super lightweight title; Richard Commey vs. Alejandro Luna, 12, lightweights; Ray Robinson vs. Yordenis Ugas, 12, welterweights; Mario Barrios vs. Andrey Klimov, 10, junior welterweights.
At Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas (CBSSN), Tramaine Williams vs. Alexei Collado, 12, for the vacant WBO International super bantamweight title.
At Cancun, Mexico, Miguel Berchelt vs. Cristian Mijares, 12, for Berchelt's WBC junior lightweight title.

Feb. 16
At Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nev., Raymundo Beltran vs. Paulus Moses, 12, for the vacant WBO World lightweight title; Egidijus Kavaliauskas vs. David Avanesyan, 10, welterweights.

Feb. 17
At Manchester, England, George Groves vs. Chris Eubank Jr., 12, for Groves' WBA Super World and Eubanks' IBO super middleweight titles (World Boxing Super Series semifinals); Ryan Walsh vs. Isaac Lowe, 12, for Walsh's British featherweight title; Anthony Crolla vs. Simon Vallily, 10, for Vallily's English cruiserweight title.
At El Paso, Texas (FOX), Devon Alexander vs. Victor Ortiz, 12, welterweights; Caleb Plant vs. Rogelio Medina, 12, IBF super middleweight eliminator.
At Mandalay Bay Events Center, Las Vegas (SHO), Danny Garcia vs. Brandon Rios, 12, welterweights; David Benavidez vs. Ronald Gavril, 12, for Benavidez's WBC World super middleweight title.

Feb. 23
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Joseph Diaz, Jr. vs. Victor Terrazas, 12, for Diaz's NABF featherweight title.

MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAPSULE

WOMEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m., The Coliseum, Snyder
Records: Midland College 9-8, 2-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College 11-7, 3-2
Last WJCAC game: Odessa College 49, Midland College 43 (Jan. 11); South Plains College 53, Western Texas College 51;
Notes: Midland College returns to action after having last week off. MC coach Ron Jones said the week off was good for his team as the Lady Chaparrals worked on some things and healed up. Outside of those players lost for the season because of injuries, Jones said his team is as healthy as it's ever been. ... MC looks to snap a two-game losing streak, which included a loss at rival Odessa College in which the Lady Chaparrals shot just 32.7 percent and were just 2 of 10 from 3-point range. They also turned the ball over 23 times. MC was led by the inside play of Ella Tafaeono (14 points) and Paige Robinson (10). ... Western Texas is coming off a close loss at South Plains College. Jones said WTC is very similar to last year except for the fact that the Lady Westerners are a year older. "They're scrappy and they continue to play hard," Jones said. "They've had some games recently that have been really close. They're just ahead of us in the conference standings, so this will be a good game for both of us. I want to see us defend and take care of the ball. When we do those two things, we are successful." ... The Lady Westerners have three former Lee Lady Rebels in Kyra Lewis, Allison Valdez and Yaritza Rivas. WTC is led by 5-foot-7 sophomore guard Catara Samuel, who is averaging 15.6 points per game.
Next: Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	4	0	20	0
Frank Phillips	4	0	14	1
Western Texas	3	2	11	7
Midland College	**2**	**2**	**9**	**8**
Howard College	2	4	12	10
Clarendon College	1	3	17	3
Odessa College	1	3	13	6
South Plains	1	4	14	7

Thursday's Scores
Howard College 55, Odessa College 54, New Mexico Junior College 85, Clarendon College 75; South Plains College 53, Western Texas College 51; Midland College at Frank Phillips College were open

Monday's Games
Midland College at Western Texas College; Odessa College at Clarendon College; Frank Phillips College at New Mexico JC; Howard College and South Plains College are open

MEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
When/where: 7:30 p.m., The Coliseum, Snyder
Records: Midland College 5-14, 1-4 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College, 13-5, 2-3
Last WJCAC game: New Mexico Military Institute 82, Midland College 76 (Jan. 15); South Plains College 78, Western Texas College 76
Notes: Midland College looks to snap a two-game losing streak tonight against a good WTC squad. ... MC is coming off a loss at NMMI in which Marquell Fraser scored a game-high 30 points. MC turned the ball over 21 times and was just 4 of 16 from 3-point range. Erkam Kiris added 13 points and Kevin Kangu had 10 in the loss. ... MC coach Pat Rafferty said his team has struggled to be consistent to score and hold on to the ball in the halfcourt game. In addition to rebounding better, Rafferty said his team has to show grit in a tough league. "We've got to be able to grind better," Rafferty said. "We can't get transition baskets all the time. We have to show more grit offensively and defensively and on the defensive glass. Until we get there, we're going to be where we are. We've got to get stops and grind out offensive possessions. ... Rafferty added that WTC is a contender in the WJCAC. "We're capable of competing with each other. We've got to string some better halfcourt possessions together," Rafferty said. ... Three Westerners are scoring in double figures, led by 6-foot-2 freshman point guard Nigel Allen (15.8 ppg), while 6-2 sophomore guard Demarcus Hartfield is averaging 10.8 ppg. and freshman 5-11 guard Miles McDougal is chipping in with 10.1 ppg.
Next: Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	5	0	16	2
South Plains	5	1	13	5
Clarendon College	4	1	14	5
New Mexico Military	3	3	12	7
Western Texas	2	3	13	5
New Mexico JC	2	3	13	6
Howard College	2	4	14	6
Midland College	**1**	**4**	**5**	**14**
Frank Phillips	0	5	8	11

Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 70, Howard College 65; New Mexico Military Institute 69, Frank Phillips College 65; South Plains College 78, Western Texas College 76; Clarendon College 93, New Mexico JC 87; Midland College was open

Monday's Games
Midland College at Western Texas College; Odessa College at Clarendon College; New Mexico Military at Howard College; Frank Phillips College at New Mexico JC; South Plains College is open

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

EAST
Albany (NY) 83, UMBC 39
Canisius 84, Iona 82
Manhattan 98, St. Peter's 57
Mass.-Lowell 79, Binghamton 71
New Hampshire 53, Stony Brook 51
Quinnipiac 76, Siena 69
Vermont 76, Hartford 53
SOUTH
Campbell 59, Radford 56
Charleston Southern 83, Gardner-Webb 68
High Point 75, Longwood 55
Louisville 77, Boston College 69
Miami 86, NC State 81
UNC-Asheville 84, Liberty 68
Virginia 59, Wake Forest 49
Winthrop 81, Presbyterian 68
MIDWEST
Loyola of Chicago 70, Valparaiso 54
Michigan 62, Rutgers 47
S. Illinois 64, N. Iowa 53
FAR WEST
Hawaii 77, UC Davis 72
UC Santa Barbara 70, UC Irvine 5

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Tuesday.
2. Virginia (18-1) beat Wake Forest 59-49. Next: vs. No. 20 Clemson, Tuesday.
3. Purdue (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Michigan, Thursday.
4. Oklahoma (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Kansas, Tuesday.
5. Duke (17-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Tuesday.
6. West Virginia (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 TCU, Monday.
7. Wichita State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.
8. Texas Tech (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
9. Michigan State (17-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Monday.
10. Kansas (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Oklahoma, Tuesday.
11. Xavier (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
12. Cincinnati (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.
13. Gonzaga (17-4) did not play. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
14. Arizona (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
15. North Carolina (16-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Monday.
16. Arizona State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Thursday.
17. Auburn (17-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
18. Kentucky (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
19. Seton Hall (15-5) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Sunday.
20. Clemson (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Virginia, Tuesday.
21. Tennessee (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
22. Ohio State (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Monday.
23. Michigan (17-5) beat Rutgers 62-47. Next: at No. 3 Purdue, Thursday.
24. TCU (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 West Virginia, Monday.
25. Miami (14-4) beat N.C. State 86-81. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.

Women

EAST
Albany (NY) 78, UMBC 75
Binghamton 76, Mass.-Lowell 46
DePaul 78, Georgetown 62
Drexel 58, Hofstra 47
Duquesne 71, George Mason 64
Loyola (Md.) 70, Colgate 55
Marist 68, Rider 67
Marquette 87, Villanova 57
Miami 85, Boston College 43
New Hampshire 51, Stony Brook 50
Northeastern 64, William & Mary 46
Seton Hall 82, St. John's 57
Syracuse 70, Pittsburgh 52
UConn 113, Temple 57
UMass 79, VCU 75
Vermont 53, Hartford 47
SOUTH
Alabama 77, Vanderbilt 75
Elon 64, Delaware 51
Florida 81, Mississippi 60
Florida St. 50, Louisville 49
Fordham 43, Richmond 38
Georgia 60, Auburn 48
Georgia Tech 79, Wake Forest 67
James Madison 63, UNC-Wilmington 48
Mississippi St. 71, Tennessee 62
N. Kentucky 61, IL-Chicago 53
North Carolina 92, Duke 86
South Carolina 81, Kentucky 64
Towson 83, Coll. of Charleston 58
Tulane 70, Tulsa 39
Virginia 61, Virginia Tech 52
W. Kentucky 86, Marshall 66
MIDWEST
Bradley 117, Evansville 59
Butler 68, Providence 57
Cincinnati 64, Memphis 53
Dayton 66, George Washington 55
IUPUI 64, Wright St. 61
Indiana St. 52, Illinois St. 49
Minnesota 77, Iowa 72
Missouri 88, Arkansas 54
Missouri St. 75, Loyola of Chicago 36
Notre Dame 90, Clemson 37
S. Illinois 74, Valparaiso 63
Saint Louis 98, Saint Joseph's 73
Wichita St. 84, South Florida 56
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 73, Colorado 59
California 62, Southern Cal 59
Utah 80, Arizona 58
Washington 56, Washington St. 49

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (18-0) beat No. 9 Texas 75-71; beat Tulsa 78-60; beat Temple 113-57.
2. Louisville (20-1) beat Pittsburgh 77-51; lost to No. 12 Florida State 50-49.
3. Mississippi State (20-0) beat No. 6 Tennessee 71-62.
4. Baylor (17-1) beat Iowa State 79-50; beat Kansas State 75-50.
5. Notre Dame (18-2) beat No. 8 Tennessee 84-70; beat Clemson 90-37.
6. Tennessee (16-3) lost to No. 5 Notre Dame 84-70; lost to No. 3 Mississippi State 71-62.
7. Oregon (17-3) lost to No. 18 Oregon State 85-79, OT; vs. No. 18 Oregon State.
8. Ohio State (16-3) lost to No. 19 Michigan 84-75.
9. Texas (15-3) lost to No. 1 UConn 75-71; beat Texas Tech 90-38.
10. South Carolina (16-3) beat Vanderbilt 95-82; beat Kentucky 81-64.
11. Missouri (17-2) beat Mississippi 67-48; beat Arkansas 88-54.
12. Florida State (19-2) beat Wake Forest 81-79 OT; beat No. 2 Louisville 50-49.
13. UCLA (14-4) beat No. 21 California 60-52; vs. Stanford.
14. Maryland (16-3) beat Indiana 74-70.
15. Duke (15-5) beat Virginia Tech 86-75; lost to North Carolina 92-86, OT.
16. Texas A&M (15-5) beat Alabama 73-54.
17. West Virginia (16-4) lost to No. 24 Oklahoma State 79-73; beat Iowa State 69-68.
18. Oregon State (14-4) beat No. 7 Oregon 85-79, OT; at No. 7 Oregon.
19. Michigan (17-4) beat No. 8 Ohio State 84-75; beat Illinois 86-42.
20. Iowa (15-5) lost to Nebraska 79-85; lost to Minnesota 77-72.
21. California (14-5) lost to No. 13 UCLA 60-52; beat Southern Cal 62-59.
22. Arizona State (14-4) lost to Utah 55-58; beat Colorado 73-59.
23. Green Bay (17-3) beat IUPUI 80-54; beat Detroit 85-27; beat Oakland 81-48.
24. Oklahoma State (14-4) beat No. 17 West Virginia 79-73; beat Oklahoma 70-67.
25. Rutgers (17-4) lost to Penn State 70-67; vs. Nebraska.

Top25

From 1C

18-turnover offensive showing.

Wichita State had won its first four AAC games by double-figure margins, but things have been tougher starting with a 72-69 win at Tulsa on Jan. 13.

"We have to work on everything," Marshall said after the Houston loss, adding: "I have to coach better. We have to play better."

Tough league

The Big 12's teams keep beating each other up.

The Sooners and freshman star Trae Young lost twice on the road, first at Kansas State on Tuesday and then in overtime at Oklahoma State on Saturday despite Young's 48 points.

Then there were the Red Raiders with their own set of road league losses. They fell at Texas on Wednesday and at Iowa State on Saturday.

"We're going to have to fight and get back up," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "This is life in the Big 12."

Marquee win

Speaking of the Big 12, No. 10 Kansas had the week's best win by beating sixth-ranked West Virginia 71-66 on the road.

2-Loss weeks

No. 18 Kentucky and No. 19 Seton Hall were the other ranked teams to lose twice this week.

Both of the Wildcats' losses came to unranked teams, first at South Carolina and then at home to Florida to snap a 30-game home winning streak against Southeastern Conference foes. It raises the question of whether the Wildcats could slide out of Monday's new poll.

"As a team, there is no lack of confidence," Wildcats sophomore Sacha Killeya-Jones said. "We understand that we have work to do. We can't go out there and mess around. We have to go out there and fight."

As for the Pirates, they lost at Creighton — which has been ranked in four polls this season — and then at home to No. 11 Xavier in the Big East.

Boiling

No. 3 Purdue (19-2, 8-0 Big Ten) has won 15 straight games and has won three straight Big Ten games by at least 23 points for the first time in school history. The Boilermakers beat Wisconsin by 28 points and Iowa by 23 this week.

Scheduled to appear?

St. Mary's (19-2, 8-0 West Coast Conference) is rolling and could go from "Others Receiving Votes" to ranked by Monday.

The Gaels won at No. 13 Gonzaga on Thursday, then won at Pacific for a 14th straight victory — the second longest streak in school history — behind 32 points from Jock Landale, who stands as one of college basketball's top performers with Selection Sunday less than two months away.

Then there's Kansas State (14-5, 4-3 Big 12), which followed its win against Oklahoma by beating No. 24 TCU. The Wildcats rank 24th in KenPom's adjusted offensive efficiency rankings (115.7 points per 100 possessions), but held both opponents to 42 percent shooting while forcing the Sooners into 20 turnovers.

"They've grown up," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said after the TCU win. "We have good leadership. And they're guarding."

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The Patriots and Eagles will square off in Super Bowl 52

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

Tom Brady and the New England Patriots are going back to the Super Bowl in search of a sixth title.

They'll face a Philadelphia Eagles team looking for their first Lombardi Trophy.

Brady led the Patriots (15-3) back from a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Jacksonville Jaguars 24-20 in the AFC championship game Sunday.

Starting his 36th playoff game, Brady shook off an injury to his right hand and the loss of top target Rob Gronkowski to rally the Patriots to their record 10th Super Bowl appearance.

The Patriots will try to match the Pittsburgh Steelers' six Super Bowl trophies when they face the Eagles (15-3) on Feb. 4 in Minneapolis.

Nick Foles, the backup QB who was thrust into the starting role when Carson Wentz blew out his left knee last month, led the Philadelphia to a 38-7 rout of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game.

Foles threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns, showing poise and moxie in going 26 for 33.

The Vikings were hoping to become the first NFL team to serve as host to a Super Bowl in its own stadium, but they followed up their "Minneapolis Miracle " with a "Flop in Philly."

So, they'll clear out their lockers long before the Eagles and Patriots and their fans take over U.S. Bank Stadium for Super Bowl 52 in two weeks.

Oddsmakers like the chances of Brady winning a sixth Super Bowl ring , making the Patriots nearly a touchdown favorite to beat the Eagles.

The Patriots and Eagles, who last won an NFL title in 1960, several years before the first Super Bowl, met in the Super Bowl after the 2004 season with the Patriots prevailing 24-21.

Hours after Brady's game-winning 4-yard TD pass to Danny Amendola with 2:48 remaining in Foxborough, the Eagles won for the fourth time in five tries under Foles.

It started out ominously, however.

The Vikings celebrated Kyle Rudolph's 25-yard touchdown catch from Case Keenum on their opening drive by mimicking the Olympic sport of curling for their TD celebration.

It was the Eagles who had all the fun after that.

Patrick Robinson's spectacular 50-yard interception return got Philadelphia started. Then Foles and his offense tore up the league's stingiest scoring defense, with long TD throws to Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith. LeGarrette Blount had an 11-yard scoring run when things were decided in the first half, and the Eagles were headed to an NFL title game the Vikings (14-4) hoped to be in at their own stadium.

"You know everyone was against us," Foles said. "Coming out here and stick together and (we) come away with an amazing victory against a great team."

Blake Bortles and the stingy Jaguars (12-7) led New England 20-10 early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold against the defending champions.

The NFL's second-ranked defense kept Brady and the Patriots at bay for most of the game, but lost linebacker Myles Jack and defensive tackle Marcell Dareus on consecutive plays on New England's winning drive.

It was New England's 13th win in 14 games since their 2-2 start. Their only stumble since September was a 27-20 loss at the Dolphins on Dec. 11.

Brady, wearing a black bandage on his right hand after needing stitches to close a cut that happened on a play during practice earlier in the week, showed no signs of being hampered.

And, with the game — and the season — possibly on the line, the Patriots star came up big again.

"I've had a lot worse," Brady said. "I didn't know that on Wednesday. It was a crazy injury. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday was a little scary. Then I started getting some confidence and today we did just enough to win."

Brady finished 26 of 38 for 290 yards and two touchdowns to Amendola.

It's the eighth Super Bowl appearance for Brady and coach Bill Belichick, who have won five times — including last year's 34-28 overtime rally against the Falcons.

"It's pretty amazing," Brady said. "Just to be on a team that wins these kinds of games, it's just a great accomplishment."

NFL GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13

Sunday, Jan. 7
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13
Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10
New England 35, Tennessee 14

Sunday, Jan. 14
Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42
Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
New England 24, Jacksonville 20

NFC
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
At Minneapolis
New England vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

EAGLES

From 1C

Vikings have been victimized by all season.

A blown coverage — another rarity for Minnesota — on third-and-10 allowed Alshon Jeffery to get wide open for a 53-yard TD, and Philadelphia tacked on Elliott's 38-yard field goal to make it 24-3 at halftime.

DANCING IN THE LINC: Fifty seconds into the final quarter, with the score 38-7, Eagles players on the sideline and waiting to kick off on the field were dancing up a storm and fans were chanting "We want Brady."

They get Tom Brady and company in two weeks.

BACK TO THE BIG GAME: Long won the Super Bowl last year with the Patriots, as did Blount. Now they return on the other side.

QUICK DRIVE: Philadelphia got the ball with 29 seconds remaining in the first half at its 20. Foles hit passes of 11 yards to Jay Ajayi, 36 to Ertz and 13 to Ajayi before Elliott's field goal to end the half.

THIRD DOWNS: Minnesota was the league's best team defending third downs and was third in converting them. Yet Philadelphia went 10 for 14.

NEXT UP: Minnesota returns home to watch two other teams play at its stadium for the Lombardi Trophy.

With the entire stadium singing "Fly Eagles Fly" during the NFC trophy ceremony, Philadelphia can look forward to facing New England in Super Bowl 52 on Feb. 4

EAGLES 38-VIKINGS 7

Minnesota	7	0	0	0—7
Philadelphia	7	17	7	7—38

First Quarter
Min—Rudolph 25 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 10:14.
Phi—Robinson 50 interception return (Elliott kick), 6:26.

Second Quarter
Phi—Blount 11 run (Elliott kick), 13:37.
Phi—Jeffery 53 pass from Foles (Elliott kick), 1:09.
Phi—FG Elliott 38, :00.

Third Quarter
Phi—T.Smith 41 pass from Foles (Elliott kick), 10:05.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—Jeffery 5 pass from Foles (Elliott kick), 14:10.
A—69,596.

	Min	Phi
First downs	22	27
Total Net Yards	333	456
Rushes-yards	18-70	30-110
Passing	263	346
Punt Returns	0-0	1-10
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-50
Comp-Att-Int	26-48-2	26-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	1-6
Punts	3-48.3	3-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-19	4-55
Time of Possession	25:56	34:04

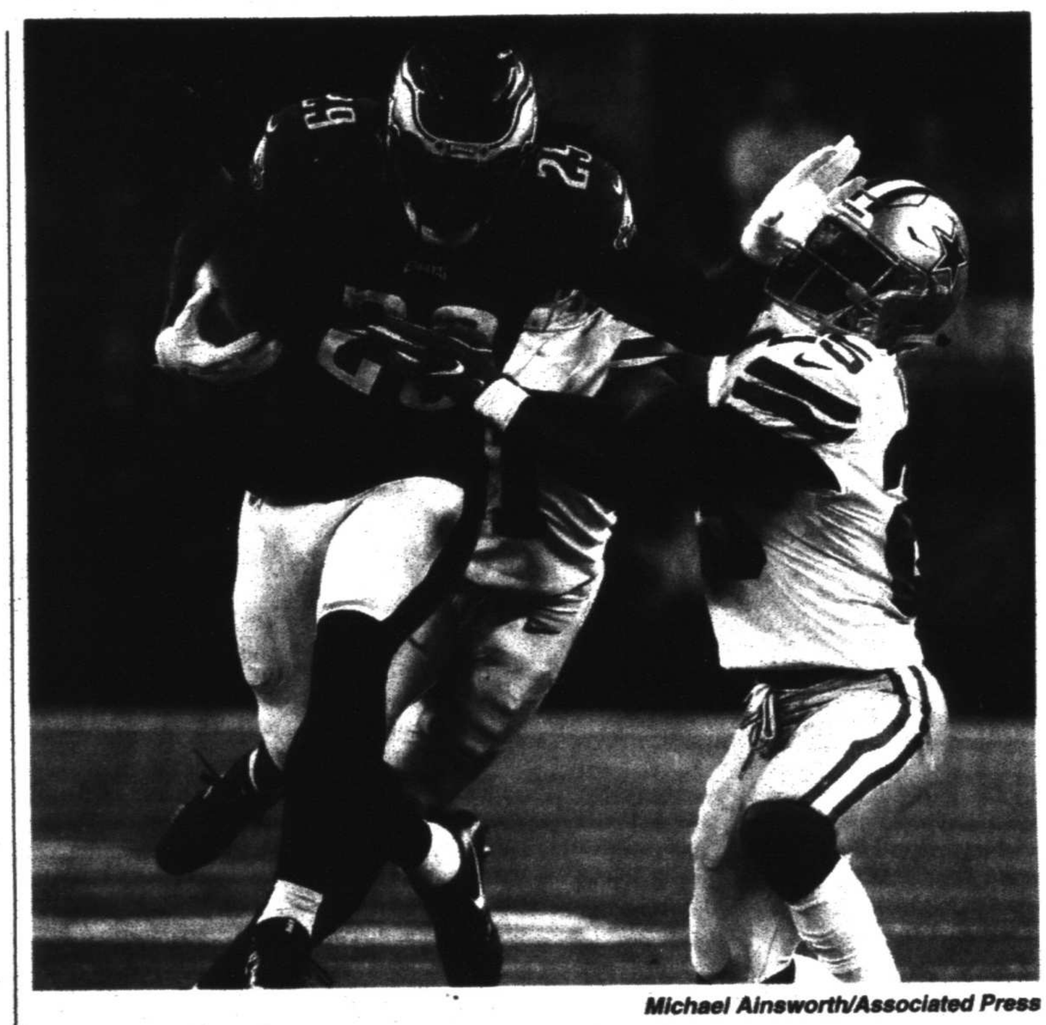
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, McKinnon 10-40, Murray 6-18, Keenum 1-8, Wright 1-4. Philadelphia, Ajayi 18-73, Blount 6-21, Clement 2-20, Agholor 1-0, Soffold 3-(minus 4).

PASSING—Minnesota, Keenum 26-48-2-271. Philadelphia, Foles 26-33-0-352.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, McKinnon 11-86, Diggs 8-70, Wright 3-51, Thielen 3-28, Murray 2-11, Rudolph 1-25. Philadelphia, Ertz 8-93, Jeffery 5-85, T.Smith 5-68, Agholor 3-59, Ajayi 3-26, Burton 1-12, Clement 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



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Philadelphia Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount (29) breaks a tackle attempt by Dallas Cowboys' Xavier Woods (25) in the second half of an NFL game in Arlington. When Chris Long and LeGarrette Blount arrived in Philadelphia after winning a Super Bowl with New England last season, they brought much-needed veteran leadership and experience. Both players have played key roles in helping the Eagles reach the NFC championship game.

BRADY

From 1C

The Patriots then ran out the clock, with Dion Lewis' 18-yard scamper with 90 seconds remaining sealing the victory. And they did it mostly without tight end Rob Gronkowski, who left the game late in the first half and didn't return.

Brady's hand was the most-scrutinized body part in Boston since the quarterback's right ankle before the 2008 Super Bowl, and Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling's right ankle tendon — the bloody sock — in the 2004 playoffs.

Brady was listed as questionable after he hurt his right hand during practice earlier in the week. He was limited Wednesday, sat out Thursday and was limited again Friday because of the injury.

That caused some panic among the Patriots faithful.

Turns out, it was nothing to fret about.

Brady came out for warmups without a glove on his hand, and he came out throwing. He completed his first six passes — including a 20-yarder to Amendola on fourth-and-1 from the Jaguars 30 — for 57 yards to march the Patriots down the field. The drive stalled when Brady was sacked by Dante Fowler Jr., and New England settled for Stephen Gostkowski's 31-yard field goal.

A wide-open Marcedes Lewis gave the Jaguars a 7-3 lead 45 seconds into the second quarter with a 4-yard touchdown catch from Blake Bortles, who was 5 for 5 for 66 yards on an impressive and efficient seven-play, 76-yard drive.

Leonard Fournette gave Jacksonville a 14-3 lead midway through the second quarter with a 4-yard TD run, hushing the crowd at Gillette Stadium.

The Jaguars made some big mistakes that hurt them just before halftime. Bortles completed a 12-yard pass to Lewis on third-and-7 from the Patriots 44, but Jacksonville was called for delay of game — after New England called a timeout.

That wiped out a first down, and Bortles was sacked by Adam Butler on the next play to force a punt.

With just over two minutes left before halftime, New England's offense took over and the fans chanted "Bra-dy! Bra-dy!"

And their quarterback delivered — with some help from the Jaguars on two long penalties.

On first-and-10 from the Patriots 40, Brady threw a long pass for Gronkowski, who was injured when he got popped by Barry Church just as the ball was arriving. Church was called for unnecessary roughness, putting the ball at Jacksonville's 45.

A.J. Bouye was called for pass interference on the next play on an incomplete throw for Brandin Cooks. The 32-yard penalty put the ball at the Jaguars 13. After a 12-yard catch by Cooks, James White ran it in from the 1 to make it 14-10 with 55 seconds left.

Josh Lambo gave Jacksonville a 17-10 lead 4:37 into the third quarter with a 54-yard field goal. He added a 43-yarder 8 seconds into the fourth quarter to make it a 10-point game.

But Brady & Co. were just getting started.

PATRIOTS 24-JAGUARS 20

Jacksonville	0	14	3	3—20
New England	3	7	0	14—24

First Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 31, 9:21.

Second Quarter
Jac—M.Lewis 4 pass from Bortles (Lambo kick), 14:15.
Jac—Fournette 4 run (Lambo kick), 7:08.
NE—White 1 run (Gostkowski kick), :55.

Third Quarter
Jac—FG Lambo 54, 10:23.

Fourth Quarter
Jac—FG Lambo 43, 14:52.
NE—Amendola 9 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 8:44.
NE—Amendola 4 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 2:48.
A—65,878.

	Jac	NE
First downs	22	22
Total Net Yards	374	344
Rushes-yards	32-101	19-46
Passing	273	298
Punt Returns	0-0	3-25
Kickoff Returns	2-41	2-34
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	23-38-0	27-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	3-12
Punts	6-42.5	6-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-46	1-10
Time of Possession	35:08	24:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, Fournette 24-76, Yeldon 5-25, Grant 1-2, Bortles 2-(minus 2). New England, D.Lewis 9-34, Burkhead 1-5, White 3-4, Amendola 1-3, Brady 5-0.

PASSING—Jacksonville, Bortles 23-38-0-293. New England, Brady 26-38-0-310, Amendola 1-1-0-20.

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Hurns 6-60, M.Lee 4-45, Grant 3-29, Cole 2-37, Fournette 3-13, Yeldon 2-6, Westbrook 1-29, Robinson 1-20, O'Shaughnessy 1-4, M.Lewis 1-4. New England, Amendola 7-64, D.Lewis 7-32, Cooks 6-100, White 3-22, Hogan 2-20, Dorsett 1-21, Gronkowski 1-21.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Blount and Long brought winning ways to the Eagles

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — When Chris Long and LeGarrette Blount joined the Philadelphia Eagles after winning a Super Bowl in New England, both players envisioned another title run with a team on the rise.

They had more faith than most, but the Eagles are two wins away from a parade.

"I knew we'd be a playoff team and that's why I decided this would be a good place to be and then what separates you is winning a game or two," Long said as Philadelphia prepared for Sunday's NFC championship game against the Minnesota Vikings.

The Eagles were 7-9 last year in the first season under coach Doug Pederson and quarterback Carson Wentz. Expectations were moderate entering 2017 with many experts projecting the team to be a year away from serious playoff contention.

But Blount saw a team that was close. The Eagles added receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith, traded for defensive tackle Tim Jernigan and signed Long before giving Blount a one-year deal in May.

"I chose the Eagles for the reason of me fitting in really good here, having a championship run, having a banner season," Blount said after he signed. "And they're a really good team. They're a really good team before I came. I just want to fit in."

He was right and he's fit in perfectly.

Wentz had an MVP-caliber season before he tore his ACL in Week 14 and the Eagles (14-3) secured the NFC's No. 1 seed. Blount was the team's leading rusher, though he's played a secondary role since Jay Ajayi was acquired in a trade in October.

Blount hasn't complained about fewer carries and has provided veteran leadership. He led the NFL with 18 touchdowns rushing last year when he earned his second Super Bowl ring in three seasons with the Patriots.

"We're winning and that's the overall goal," Blount said. "We don't care about personal success. You can't be selfish when everybody has one common goal. You have to make sacrifices for the betterment of the team. We've done that and it's gotten us this far."

Long played 65 percent of the snaps last season and posted four sacks, four tackles for loss and a forced fumble. His role has decreased in Philadelphia — he played 48 percent of the snaps — but he's been an instrumental part of the team's success and keeping a deep defensive line fresh.

"His attitude and the way he approaches things, coming from New England, coming off winning a Super Bowl, I think the biggest thing that Chris has brought here is a bunch of leadership, especially being the older guy in our room," Pro Bowl defensive tackle Fletcher Cox said. "Not being here, coming in the room with a bunch of new guys, man, he fit right in. I think the thing about Chris is when he goes out on the field, he means a lot. He doesn't play a whole lot, but when he is in the game, man, he wrecks shop."

Former NFL quarterback Dan Orlovsky said Long is the one player on Philadelphia's defense that he would be concerned with most because "he never stops."

"He has a next-level motor," Orlovsky told The Associated Press . "It's unusual."

The Eagles have other players who've won Super Bowls — Smith, Malcolm Jenkins, Corey Graham, Dannell Ellerbe, Chris Maragos, and Will Beatty — but Blount and Long did it most recently and were part of the Patriot Way so they've shared valuable experiences.

"There's a lot of good resources on this team for Super Bowl experience," Long said. "Younger players really need to stick to the script, prepare hard and don't try to do too much. The key is to take it out of your head that it's the playoffs and show up and do your work."

Blount echoed those feelings.

"You have so many things going on and it's not something you can get away from it because it's on TV, it on your phone, it' on every bit of social media," Blount said. "So you have to make sure you zoom in and zone in on what you have to do and focus on what our goal is and the task at hand."

Keys returns to Aussie Open quarters with win over Garcia

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Madison Keys has continued her strong run through the Australian Open draw, returning to the quarterfinals here for the first time in three years with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Caroline Garcia on Monday.

The U.S. Open finalist is yet to drop a set at Melbourne Park and is averaging a brisk 62.5 minutes on court through her first four rounds.

Coming into the match against Garcia, she had only dropped 14 games — the second fewest among the women through three rounds, just behind Angelique Kerber's 13 games.

Keys could meet Kerber in the quarterfinals if the 21st-seeded German beats Hsieh Su-wei of Taiwan.

Keys is seeded just 17th after undergoing wrist surgery and missing several months on tour last year, but she is playing pain-free again and looking increasingly confident as the tournament goes on.

Keys, the only American woman to reach the fourth round, said she feels like she's playing without pressure since returning from her wrist injury.

"I definitely realize how much I love it and how much pressure I put on myself" in the past, she said. "Just being really happy to be back out here and not at home in a cast."

She's reached her fourth Grand Slam quarterfinal and her first at the Australian Open since her breakout run to the semifinals in 2015 as a 19 year old.

Keys lost her serve in the opening game of the match against the eighth-seeded Garcia, but broke the Frenchwoman five times as she raced through the next two sets.

She had 32 winners to just nine for Garcia.

In the men's draw, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic also play for spots in the quarterfinals on Monday. The second-seeded Federer faces Marton Fucsovics of Hungary, while the six-time champion Djokovic meets Hyeon Chung of South Korea.

Dita Alangkara/Associated Press

United States' Madison Keys celebrates after defeating Romania's Ana Bogdan during their third round match at the Australian Open tennis championships on Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

MELBOURNE (AP) — Results Sunday from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles
Fourth Round

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Diego Schwartzman (24), Argentina, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3.

Marin Cilic (6), Croatia, def. Pablo Carreno-Busta (10), Spain, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (0), 7-6 (3).

Grigor Dimitrov (3), Bulgaria, def. Nick Kyrgios (17), Australia, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Kyle Edmund, Britain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.

Women's Singles
Fourth Round

Elise Mertens, Belgium, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Carla Suarez-Navarro, Spain, def. Anett Kontaveit (32), Estonia, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, def. Magdalena Rybarikova (19), Slovakia, 6-3, 6-0.

Men's Doubles
Third Round

Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (11), Colombia, def. Leander Paes, India and Purav Raja, India, 6-1, 6-2.

Lleyton Hewitt, Australia and Sam Groth, Australia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain and Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 3-3.

Bob Bryan, United States and Mike Bryan (6), United States, def. Fabrice Martin, France and Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan and Marcin Matkowski (15), Poland, def. Radu Albot, Moldova and Hyeon Chung, Republic of Korea.

Women's Doubles
Third Round

Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic and Lucie Safarova (4), Czech Republic, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Shuai Peng, China and Su-Wei Hsieh (8), Taiwan, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Raquel Atawo (12), United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Monica Niculescu, Romania and Irina Begu (10), Romania, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia and Nadia Kichenok, Ukraine, 4-1.

Vania King, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (13), United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Mixed Doubles
First Round

Yung-Jan Chan, Taiwan and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Rajeev Ram, United States and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9.

Michael Venus, New Zealand and Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, def. Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan and Zhaoxuan Yang, China, 6-3, 6-4.

Henri Kontinen, Finland and Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, def. Bradley Mousley, Australia and Zoe Hives, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.

Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears, United States, def. Fabrice Martin, France and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 10-6.

Rohan Bopanna, India and Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Andrew Whittington, Australia and Ellen Perez, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.

Marcel Granollers, Spain and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 10-7.

Bruno Soares, Brazil and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Yi-Fan Xu, China and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, 6-3, 5-7, 10-2.

Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands and Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia and Monique Adamczak, Australia, 7-5, 6-4.

Casey Dellacqua, Australia and John Peers, Australia, def. Marc Lopez, Spain and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.

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A. Hadwin (145), $306,800 66n-67s-67q-68—268
John Huh (145), $306,800 68n-68s-65q-66—268
Martin Piller (145), $306,800 64n-67s-67q-70—268
K. Chappell (95), $205,025 71n-64s-67q-67—269
Scott Piercy (95), $205,025 68q-65n-68s-70—269
B. Harkins (80), $171,100 64q-68n-68s-70—270
Jason Kokrak (80), $171,100 63q-67n-71s-69—270
S. Saunders (80), $171,100 70q-67n-69s-64—270
Harris English (65), $135,700 67q-68n-70s-66—271
S. Power (65), $135,700 70s-66q-65n-70—271
J. Vegas (65), $135,700 65n-69s-68q-69—271
Bud Cauley (55), $106,200 67q-68n-71s-66—272
Austin Cook (55), $106,200 63n-70s-64q-75—272
G. Murray (55), $106,200 65s-68q-67n-72—272
A. Putnam (49), $88,500 69n-66s-69q-69—273
Peter Uihlein (49), $88,500 70q-64n-70s-69—273
Aaron Wise (49), $88,500 64q-69n-72s-68—273
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Beau Hossler (38), $57,754 64q-69n-73s-68—274
Zach Johnson (38), $57,754 67q-64n-73s-70—274
Brendan Steele (38), $57,754 71s-68q-66n-69—274
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Nick Taylor (38), $57,754 68n-71s-69q-66—274
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Russell Knox (25), $36,706 69q-64n-71s-71—275
Nate Lashley (25), $36,706 67s-71q-68n-69—275
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Derek Fathauer (18), $27,189 71n-66q-70n-69—276
James Hahn (18), $27,189 68s-66q-72n-70—276
Chez Reavie (18), $27,189 67q-69n-71s-69—276
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R. Oppenheim (11), $18,983 67s-66q-70n-72—277
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Corey Conners (7), $14,025 69n-68s-69q-73—278
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Kevin Kisner (7), $14,025 67n-68s-67q-76—278
Sean O'Hair (7), $14,025 68s-70q-69n-71—278
Sam Ryder (7), $14,025 67n-71s-70q-70—278
Nick Watney (7), $14,025 65s-67q-72n-74—278
Robert Garrigus (5), $13,039 72s-65q-71n-71—279
Tom Hoge (5), $13,039 69n-73s-66q-71—279
David Lingmerth (5), $13,039 71s-65q-71n-72—279
Ben Martin (5), $13,039 69s-67q-71n-72—279
Trey Mullinax (5), $13,039 70s-64q-70n-75—279
Brett Stegmaier (5), $13,039 71s-66q-67n-73—279
Scott Brown (4), $12,449 70s-69q-69n-72—280
Wesley Bryan (4), $12,449 65n-75s-68q-72—280
Brice Garnett (4), $12,449 74s-68q-66n-72—280
Sung Kang (4), $12,449 68s-69q-69n-74—280
Talor Gooch (4), $12,095 65n-72s-69q-75—281
Tom Whitney, $12,095 69n-68s-71q-74—281
Matt Every (3), $11,623 66n-74s-67q-75—282
Billy Hurley III (3), $11,623 73s-67q-66n-76—282
Smylie Kaufman (3), $11,623 69q-66n-70s-75—282
Keith Mitchell (3), $11,623 70q-66n-72s-74—282
Rory Sabbatini (3), $11,623 69n-69s-66q-78—282
Chris Stroud (3), $11,623 70s-68q-70n-74—282
John Peterson (3), $11,210 70s-68q-69n-76—283
Abraham Ancer (2), $11,092 69n-67s-71q-77—284
Ben Silverman (2), $10,974 67q-71s-70s-84—292

US hockey GM dies unexpectedly at home

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

Longtime USA Hockey executive and U.S. Olympic men's hockey general manager Jim Johannson died unexpectedly Sunday at age 53, shocking the sport less than three weeks before the start of the Pyeongchang Games.

Johannson died in his sleep at his home in Colorado Springs, according to USA Hockey. His death came in the midst of the most high-profile role in his career: putting together the U.S. men's Olympic hockey team without NHL players going to South Korea, a position he relished after doing so at several world junior and world championships.

"He had a couple of the greatest days of his life at USA Hockey recently to be able to call all these guys that never thought in their lives they'd play on a U.S. Olympic hockey team, and he got to tell them that they realized a dream," USA Hockey execute director Pat Kelleher said by phone. "I think that meant as much to Jimmy as it did to any of the players."

With the NHL out of the Olympics for the first time since 1994, Johannson was excited about putting together a 25-man roster that would include "25 great stories." He picked Tony Granato as coach and on Jan. 1 unveiled a diverse roster made up of players from European professional leagues, the American Hockey League and the NCAA.

Johannson was proud of the unheralded roster, one that will now try to capture a gold medal for him.

"I think it would be huge," former USA Hockey executive director Dave Ogrean said by phone. "If we ever had a 'Win one for the Gipper' moment, this is it."

It's unclear who would be in charge of choosing any potential injury replacements if needed. The U.S. opens the Olympics Feb. 14 against Slovenia.

The talent pool now and in other tournaments is deeper in part because of Johannson, who has overseen the growth of hockey in the U.S. beyond the "Miracle On Ice" in 1980. Retired American-born forward Jeremy Roenick said, "USA hockey is a world power now because of people like Jimmy Johannson."

The U.S. won 64 medals, including 34 gold, in major international competition during Johannson's tenure. The Americans in particular became a perennial threat to win the world junior championship, showing the program's improvement at the youth levels.

Carolina Hurricanes president Don Waddell said Johannson "has been a driving force in making both the USA Hockey men's and women's programs into consistent winners, and 2015 gold-medal-winning world junior coach Phil Housley said Johannson "grew our game to new heights."

"In building the teams that achieved so much success for USA Hockey, Jim Johannson had a sharp eye for talent, a strong sense of chemistry and a relentless pursuit of excellence," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said. "As we mourn his loss, we will remember the positive outlook Jim brought to his tireless efforts to advance USA Hockey."

Johannson, who played for the U.S. at the 1988 and 1992 Olympics, began working for USA Hockey in 2000 after spending five years as the general manager of the Twin Cities Vulcans in the United States Hockey League. He was promoted to assistant executive director of hockey operations in 2007, overseeing the organization's efforts in fielding teams for international competition.

He played college hockey at Wisconsin and helped the Badgers win the NCAA championship as a freshman. He was selected by Hartford in the seventh round of the 1982 draft and although he never played in the NHL, he was respected and well-liked by those all over hockey.

"We lost a true friend in Jim Johannson today," Granato said. "He was so compassionate and as loyal a friend as you could have. He was the ultimate teammate. I am deeply saddened and shocked and sorry that he is no longer with us. He was a special human being. Please pray for Jim's wife and daughter, Abby and Ellie."

Kelleher said USA Hockey would think about ways to pay tribute to Johannson at the Pyeongchang Games after grieving this loss.

"Today it's really just trying to help his family as best as we can and really just try and honestly put one foot in front of the other," Kelleher said. "We'll have to see what we can do to try and honor him in some fashion."

Medals unlikely as 22 North Koreans head to Winter Olympics

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The 22 North Korean athletes now invited to compete at the Winter Olympics next month are unlikely to bring home any medals across the border from South Korea.

Of all the athletes given late entries in five sports, only the figure skating pair met the qualifying standard on merit.

North Korea's wait for a first Winter Games medal since 1992 is expected to continue.

Still, the deal confirmed Saturday is a big win for the International Olympic Committee and officials north and south of the Korean border.

Here is a look at the athletes heading to the Feb. 9-25 Pyeongchang Olympics:

Women's Ice Hockey

The most symbolic and emotive of the North Korean entries.

The 23 players on South Korea's roster will now have 12 North Koreans added three weeks before their opening game against Switzerland.

South Korea never qualified for the tournament since women's ice hockey joined the Winter Games program in 1998. It placed fourth at the 2017 Asian Winter Games.

As the host nation, it got an automatic entry despite being the No. 22-ranked nation in an 8-team lineup where No. 9 Japan is the next lowest-ranked.

North Korea is currently No. 25, and has been promised to have at least three players ready for action in a 22-player active roster for each game.

South Korea's coach, Sarah Murray of Canada, will select the team, and be joined on her staff by one official from the North Korean Olympic body, the IOC said.

Figure Skating

Ryom Tae Ok and Kim Ju Sik won bronze in pairs at the 2017 Asian Winter Games held last February. It was North Korea's only medal at the 64-event competition in Sapporo, Japan.

At their world championships debut weeks later, in Helsinki, Finland, they finished 15th ahead of pairs from traditionally strong skating nations.

They skated to music by The Beatles and Tchaikovsky but declined to talk about their choices with reporters.

Their Olympic qualification was confirmed in September by placing sixth at the Nebelhorn Trophy in Germany.

However, the team did not enter the pair by the International Skating Union (ISU) deadline.

They have been trained by Montreal-based coach Bruno Marcotte who conveys instructions via a translator.

Short Track Speed Skating

The IOC has granted places to two North Korean skaters in short track races.

Jong Kwang Bom will enter the men's 1,500 meters and Choe Un Song is in the 500.

Neither has a formal biography in the athletes section of the ISU website.

Alpine Skiing

Two men and one woman from North Korea have been found places in giant slalom and slalom.

They should blend in easily. Olympic races through the technical gates typically have around 100 starters and many come from countries never seen on the top-tier World Cup circuit. Recall that pop violinist Vanessa-Mae skied for Thailand in giant slalom at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

The three North Koreans have little track record in racing, according to International Ski Federation (FIS) archives.

Choe Myong Gwang is listed as age 28 with only two results in the last seven seasons. He raced in super-G races in Iran last March on the third-tier FIS level. He placed 10th of 11 and last of 11.

Kang Song Il, aged 23, competed in junior races in Iran six years ago, the FIS archive says.

The female athlete, Kim Ryon-hyang, is 25 and also raced at Darbandsag, Iran, last March. She finished eighth of 10 starters and 10th of 11.

Matthias Schrader/Associated Press

Ryom Tae Ok and Kim Ju Sik of North Korea compete during the pairs free program at the Figure Skating-ISU Challenger Series on Sept. 29, 2017 in Oberstdorf, Germany.

Cross-Country Skiing

North Korea will have two racers in the men's 15-kilometer freestyle, and one in the women's 10-kilometer freestyle. All raced in Apatity, Russia last April, according to FIS.

Han Chun Gyong placed 90th of 92 finishers, and Pak Il Chol was 92nd. Both are listed as members of the Photaesan club.

In a women's race in Russia, 18-year-old Ri Yong-gum from the Jangjasan club was last of 83 finishers.

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Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reeds Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics
Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling
Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball
Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633
Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football
Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts
Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous
Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker
Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling
Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby
Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running
Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Halley, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting
Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer
Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball
Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

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COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
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For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
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What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551
Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551
Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis
West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Red-ball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com
Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Midland Women's Tennis Association Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking
Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

Miocic, Cormier defend heaviest titles at UFC 220

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

BOSTON — Stipe Miocic and Francis Ngannou had a violent history of first-round finishes.

By the time their heavyweight bout reached the fifth round, Miocic and Ngannou huffed, puffed and trudged around the cage without a knockout in sight. Miocic set the UFC heavyweight record with his third straight successful title defense, turning the anticipated slugfest against Ngannou into a methodical and masterful ground-and-pound bout to win the main event of UFC 220 at TD Garden.

Miocic won 50-44 on all three scorecards early Sunday and was never seriously tested by the raw and unrefined Ngannou.

Miocic (18-2) and Ngannou (11-2) had UFC fans buzzing with perhaps the most-hyped heavyweight title bout since Brock Lesnar was the class of the division. Both fighters built their reputations on the strength of nasty knockouts, and Ngannou was coming off a GIF-worthy KO just seven weeks ago.

Both fighters were winded by the third round and Ngannou looked sleepy as he whiffed on a few blows in the fifth.

In the first round, the fight seemed like it could reach epic slugfest proportions. Miocic and Ngannou tagged each other several times, leaving each fighter staggered and seemingly on the brink of trouble.

"He's a tough dude. Caught me in the first round but I took control," Miocic said.

The fight never really picked up from there. Miocic spent the rest of the fight just banging away as Ngannou mostly covered up, hoping for one last desperate knockout punch.

Ngannou, a Cameroon native who this week criticized President Donald Trump for his profane description of African countries, never found that reserve power.

"I think I underestimated (him) a little bit," said Ngannou, whose rise from homeless to heavyweight contender captivated a sport eager for a new star.

Miocic beat Fabrício Werdum to win the heavyweight title in May 2016, and followed with wins against Alistair Overeem, Junior dos Santos and now Ngannou to slug his way into the record book.

Miocic could lay claim as UFC's greatest heavyweight.

"I mean I'm not the scariest, but I'm the baddest," he said

Cormier defends

Daniel Cormier locked a choke hold on Volkan Oezdemir with such force that the crowd exploded when the horn sounded to end the first round, thinking the fight was over.

Not yet.

Oezdemir was saved from submission briefly. But the inevitable defeat was just moments away.

With a Boston crowd roaring and chanting his initials, Cormier showed why he's the best active light heavyweight fighter in UFC and dominated Oezdemir via TKO to retain the 205-pound belt.

Cormier raised his hands in triumph as UFC President Dana White wrapped the title belt around his waist. Cormier dropped to his knees on the canvas and said this fight was the validation he needed to prove he was worthy of being called champion.

The 38-year-old Cormier was awarded the light heavyweight title after Jon Jones was stripped of the championship when he failed his latest doping test. Cormier has failed to beat Jones in two bouts and could not shake the stigma of those outcomes.

Against Oezdemir, Cormier proved worthy of the title.

Cormier pinned Oezdemir against the canvas early in the second and finished him off with a series of shots to the face.

"I've lost twice to Jon Jones," Cormier said. "I said coming in here that I felt like I was fighting for a vacant title again. I got the job done, so I'm the UFC champion again. I can't ignore what happened in July. I'm a competitor. Even though I came in here as a champ, I needed a win to feel like one."

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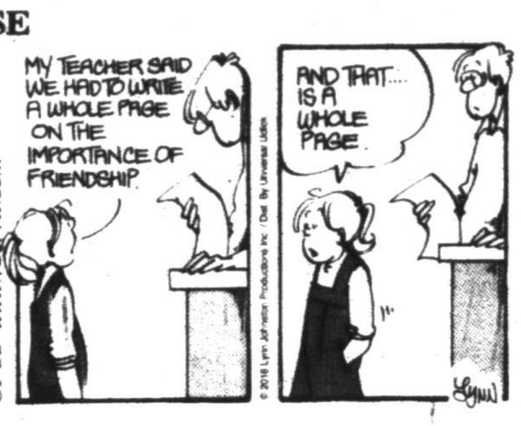

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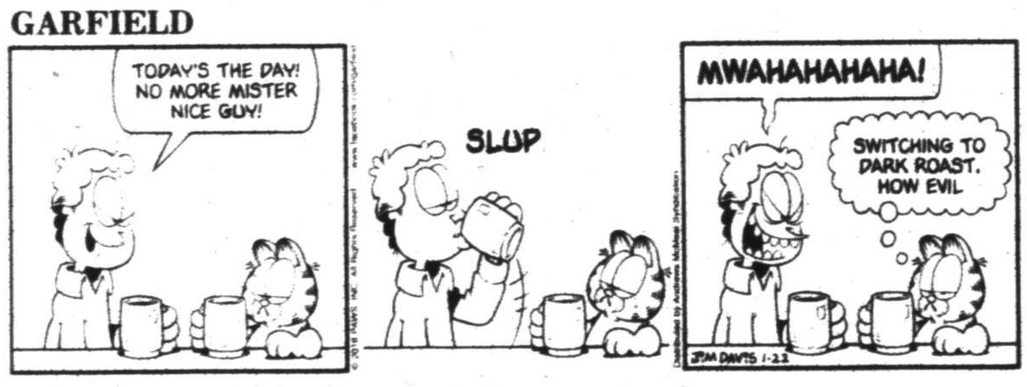

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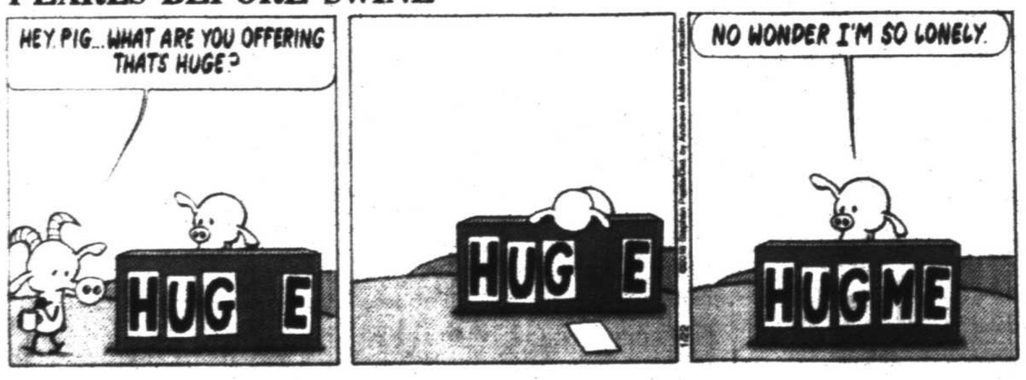

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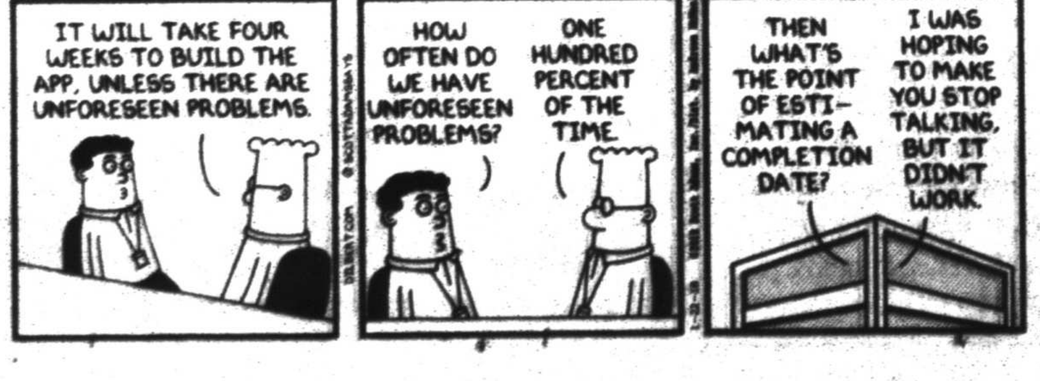

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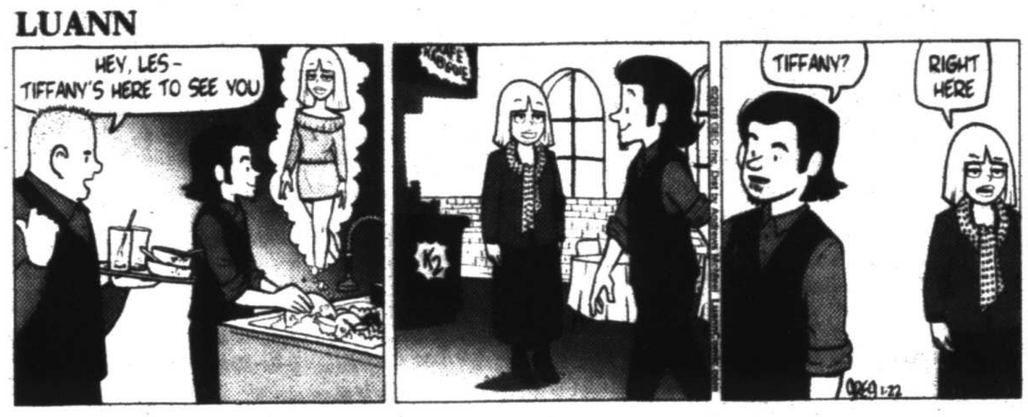

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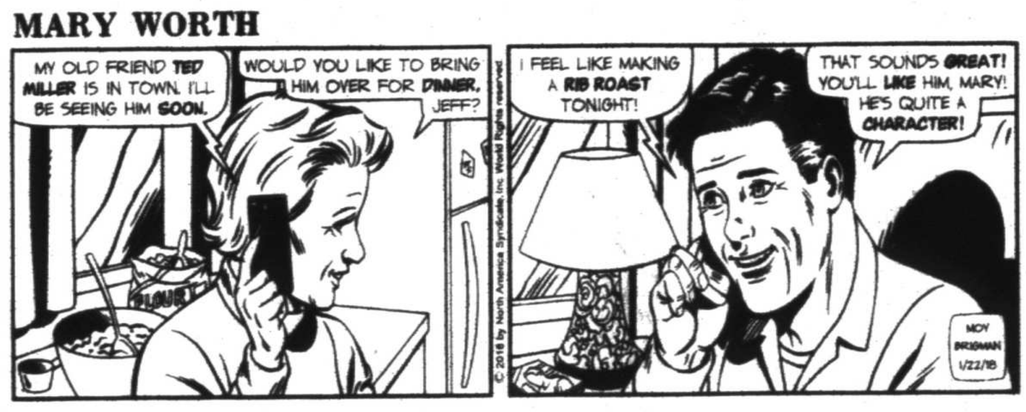

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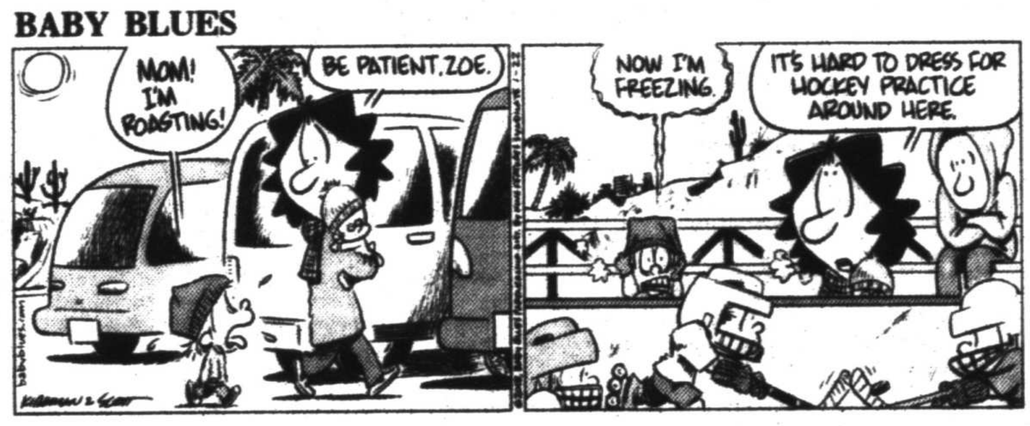

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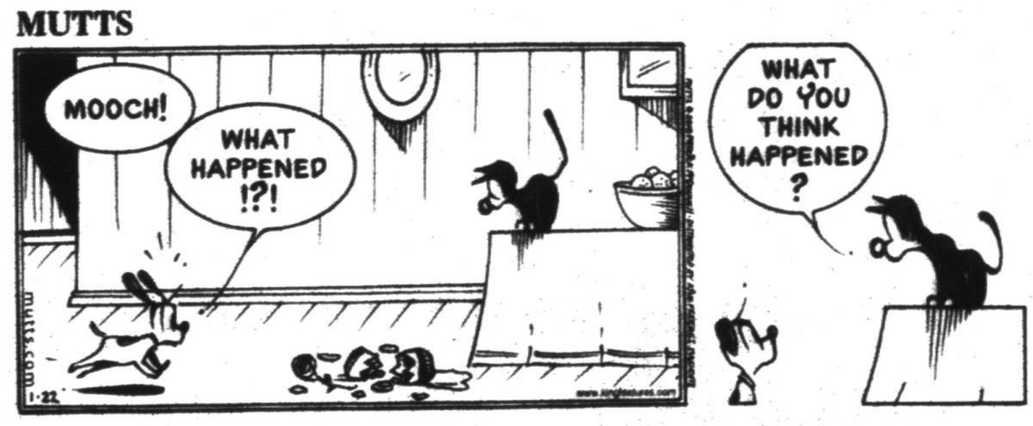

CLOSE TO HOME

"Oh brother! Amazon just bought Romania."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DOES THIS HEARING AID USE BATTERIES?"

LOCKHORNS

"DITCH THE LUCKY HAT, LEROY... IT'S ALMOST 50 YEARS SINCE THE JETS WON A SUPER BOWL."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Don't tell Daddy, but I love YOU just as much as HIM."

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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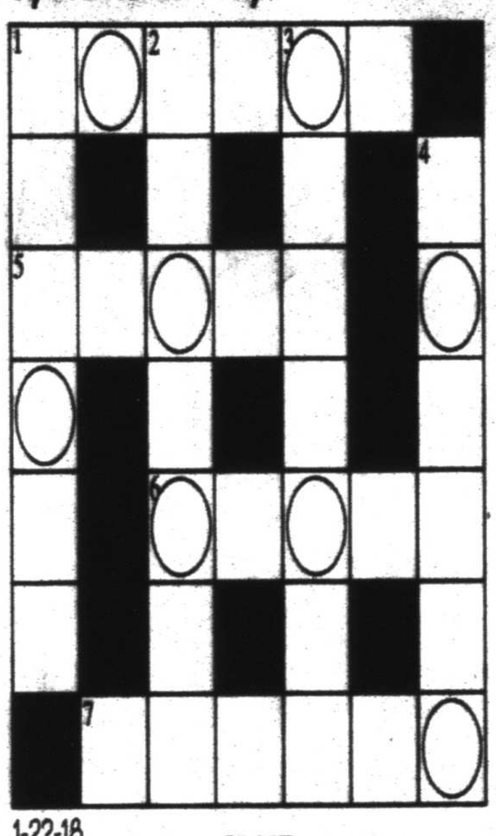

ACROSS

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1. Force	MSPOIE
5. Pass out	NATFI
6. ___ station	RATNI
7. Damaged, shattered	ENROBK

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Baby	FTNNAI
2. House ___	ATIPNRE
3. Stumbling block	BKETSCA
4. Heavyset weapon	ANOCNN

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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RIHWL

GENCAY

DAYLLG

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

Ans. here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FORCE LANKY TUXEDO WHIMSY
Answer: Being at the bottom of most maps, you need to look down to see Antarctica's — "LOW-CATION"

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Cried on cue, say
6 Nimble-fingered
10 Auntie on Broadway
14 Africa's Sierra __
15 Butterlike topping
16 Beatnik's "Understood"
17 "Grocery store
19 Join the chorus
20 Like the chains in a chain necklace
21 Camp beds
22 Swear (to)
25 Pair in a dinghy
27 Employee's reward
28 "Vessel for a cheesy dip
33 Cone-dropping trees
34 Recycling receptacle
35 Maps within maps
36 Therapists' org.
37 "Ballroom dance that's also a phonetic alphabet "F"
39 Shatner's "__War"
40 Cash in, as coupons
42 "I __ only kidding"
43 Shoulder muscle, for short
44 "All-terrain high shoe
46 Sandburg and Sagan
47 Highest in quality
48 Gives a thumbs-up
49 Wrinkle-removing injection
52 Acquires, as debts
55 State firmly
56 Stream crossing for pedestrians ... and what is literally provided by the interior letters in the answers to starred clues
60 Filet mignon order
61 World power initials until 1991
62 How contracts are signed
63 Iditarod vehicle
64 Fishing rod partner
65 Occur as a result

DOWN
1 1980s TV ET
2 Corporate VIP
3 Also
4 Tiresomely long
5 Downfall
6 Nerdy sort
7 Sommer of cinema
8 Get nourishment from
9 Trike rider
10 Applies incorrectly
11 Score after deuce
12 Ermine cousin
13 They're often scrambled
18 Tiny farm denizen
21 Main impact
22 Repetitive barking
23 Taiwan's capital
24 Rabble-rousing outburst
26 "Hasta la vista"
28 Predicament
29 Quarterback's "Snap the ball at the second 'hut'"
30 Fizzles (out)
31 Verdi opera with Desdemona
32 "You should be ashamed!"
34 Lays an egg on stage
37 UPS alternative
38 Word before or after pack
41 Nudged sharply
43 Best Western competitor
45 Lazy
46 Underwood who performs the "Sunday Night Football" opening
48 Classroom stand-in
49 Happy hour places
50 Mirror shape
51 Ran like mad
53 Smoke detector?
54 PC corner key
56 Calico coat
57 Put down
58 Oxlike antelope
59 Barely manage, with "out"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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2. That's between us

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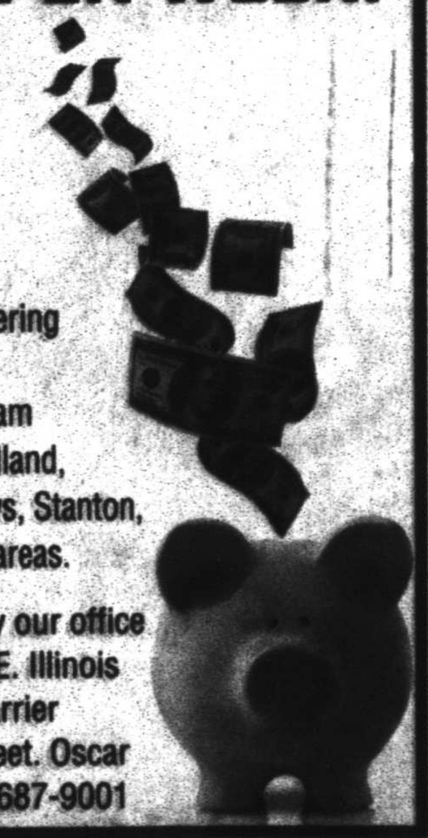

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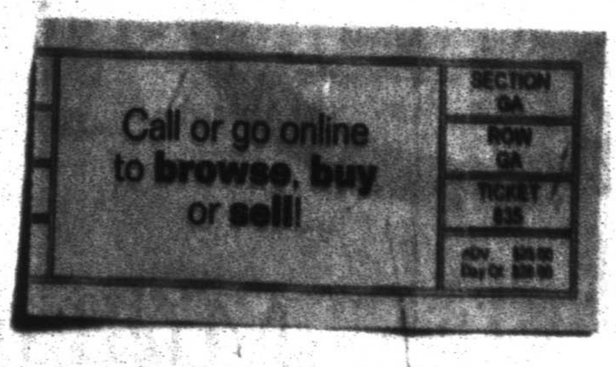

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