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Commissioners approve library renovation proposal

By Simone Jasper
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A decision Monday pushed the Midland County Public Library downtown branch renovation project one step further.

Midland County commissioners took action awarding a request for proposal for construction and remodeling of the downtown branch. The contract with MW Builders is about \$2.8 million, a lower price than the county had expected initially.

"We saw all the bids today and got the recommendation of the evaluation committee and made that decision," said County Judge Mike Bradford after the regularly scheduled meeting. "They indeed will go forth and award

Commissioner's Court fishing licenses

Tax office may be able to sell TPWD hunting and fishing licenses.

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the contract."

The bids were related to a project that calls for the downtown library to receive an open layout and a main entrance that faces south. Commissioners previously approved Feb. 16 as the last day the branch will be open to the public before the renovation.

Library staff is scheduled to start clearing items out of the building next month. Shane Danley, architect with

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, said construction will start at that time and could finish before the holiday season.

"It's going to be an exciting project," he said. "It's going to be a lot of work between now and the end of the year — a little inconvenience to some of the users. But we hope that by the end, it will be worth it all."

Danley said the architecture and engineering firm spent time studying the library building and creating design concepts. The county received five construction bids based on those designs, and Danley said the firm assisted with evaluating the information contractors provided.

"What that helps us with is, price isn't always a good determination of who's going to be the best for the project," Danley said.

Something looks out of place



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

An old Weinerschnitzel sign still stands behind the Rosa's on Midland Drive and Loop 250

City says Weinerschnitzel sign to finally be removed

From staff reports

It has been years since Weinerschnitzel occupied space in the retail area located southwest of the intersection of Loop 250 and Midland Drive.

However, signage placed high atop two poles remains behind as if the restaurant never left.

But there is an ordinance in place that requires removal of signs that are no longer advertising businesses on the

property, according to the city of Midland.

The sign seemed just to blend in with the businesses around it — which include Staples, Rosa's Cafe, Saltgrass Steak House and Fazoli's — and went unnoticed.

The issue has been turned over to code enforcement to have the sign removed, according to the city.

Weinerschnitzel left Midland for years before returning in 2016 with the location further west on Loop 250.

Trump slaps big tariffs on imported solar panels

By Evan Halper

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced Monday that it will impose hefty tariffs on the cheap, imported panels that have driven the rapid expansion of solar power in the United States, a move that industry groups warn will slow the spread of renewable energy and cost thousands of jobs.

The tariffs come as Trump has vowed to take a tough line against cheap foreign imports that are undercutting American manufacturing industries.

The administration also announced it would impose hefty tariffs on imported large residential washing machines. In both cases, inexpensive imports, mostly from China in the case of the solar panels, have undercut U.S. manufacturers, administration officials said.

Imports from China have been a particular target of Trump's rhetoric. The tariffs are the most concrete step that he has yet taken to put those words into

action.

Trump acted after the government's International Trade Commission "found that U.S. producers had been seriously injured by imports," said U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. "The president's action makes clear again that the Trump administration will always defend American workers, farmers, ranchers and businesses."

But the move also threatens some of the very types of jobs that Trump has vowed to protect. Companies that install solar panels will be faced with the prospect of having to trim their workforces, as the tariff — which starts at 30 percent on the imported panels and gradually declines each year — threatens to substantially raise the price of solar power in the United States.

The levies, said Abigail Ross Hopper, CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association, "will create a crisis in a part of our economy that has been thriving, which will ultimately cost tens of thousands of hard-working, blue-collar Americans their jobs."

California, where the renewables industry has taken off, will be among the states hardest hit by the new levies.

The industry trade group estimates the tariffs on solar panels will cost 23,000 jobs nationwide within the year, and that billions of dollars in potential investment in solar power will evaporate because of them.

The case for tariffs was filed at the International Trade Commission by two American firms which say their businesses have been crushed by cheap imports from Asia, which by now account for more than 90 percent of the solar panels installed in the U.S. The trade commission ruled that unfair competition from China had ravaged the American solar-panel manufacturing industry.

But many solar industry companies warned the move will hurt Americans at a time when growth in the American solar industry mostly does not involve the manufacturing of panels.

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Schlumberger rediscovers the American (oil) dream

COMMENTARY

Liam Denning
Bloomberg

What a difference three months, and \$10, make for Schlumberger Ltd.

The world's biggest oilfield services company kicked off earnings season for the industry on Friday morning. Three months ago, unveiling third-quarter figures, it had this to say on the outlook for North American drilling and fracturing:

"The investment appetite in North America land now seems to be moderating, driven by a growing focus from E&P companies on financial return and the need to operate within cash flow rather than the pursuit of production growth."

Since then, Brent crude oil has risen roughly another \$10 a barrel to almost \$70. With North American exploration and production companies apparently taking the opportunity to hedge more of their expected production in 2018, doubts about their professed drilling discipline have crept back into the market. And Schlumberger's tune has also changed: "In North America, 2018 shale oil production is set for another year of strong growth, as the positive oil market sentiments will likely increase both investment appetite and availability of financing."

Also on Friday, the International Energy Agency bumped up its estimate for U.S. crude oil production this year to 10.4 million barrels a day, surpassing the country's previous record in 1970. OPEC raised its own estimate the day before. So the first takeaway from

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MPD investigating murder-suicide

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department is investigating a murder-suicide, according to MPD's spokeswoman.

Officers responded to a disturbance call at the Santa Fe apartment complex, 5010 W. Loop 250 N., at about 12:30 a.m. Monday.

First responders found Shakira Vega, 21, and Steven Kuzminski, 29, dead from gunshot wounds, according to an email from Rachel Walker. Investigators believe the incident was a murder-suicide committed by Kuzminski, according to the email.

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Price of oil

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The big number

5 people are missing after a fiery explosion ripped through a drilling rig. Page 4A

Word of the Day

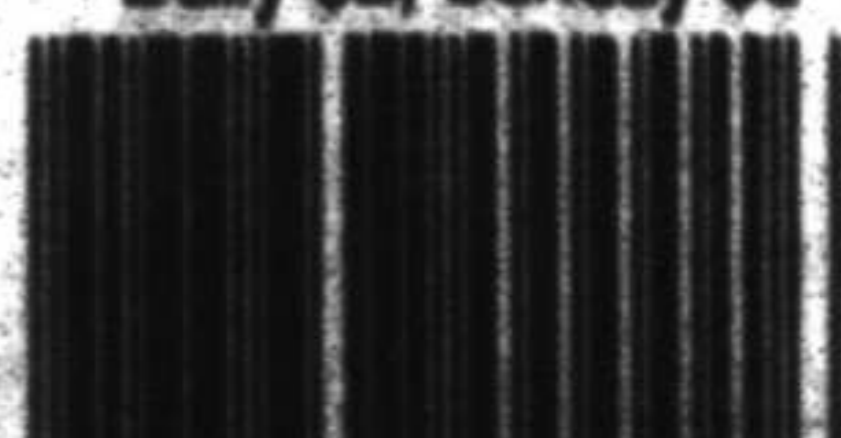
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Tax office to apply to become hunting, fishing license facility

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County residents could soon have a new place to obtain hunting and fishing licenses. County commissioners on Monday approved a proposal from the tax office to submit a license agent application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Karen Hood, tax assessor collector, said she wanted to apply in hopes of giving community members the option to purchase TPWD hunting and fishing licenses at her office.

"We currently are doing work underneath them for our boat and motor registration and titling," she said. "We've done that for several years, and this is just going to be an extension of services that we can offer Midland County."

Though the tax office mainly handles motor vehicle services, Hood said some people turn to it for TPWD boating titling and registrations.

The Commissioners' Court on Monday took action to approve the new TPWD application, subject to the county attorney's review as well as review of the department's contract. The vote came after commissioners asked Hood questions about the application and government-related information she

added to it.

"It's a retail application just like Walmart or Academy would use," Hood said. "But they do make some stipulations for government entities, and that will be addressed in the contract that they send after the application has been submitted."

After receiving a response to the application, Hood plans to present contract details to commissioners. She expects the process to take about four to six weeks.

County Judge Mike Bradford said Hood took advantage of pursuing an opportunity for her office and that he was in favor of her proposal.

"I think first of all, that's representative of innovation — some people would say thinking out of the box," he said. "It's just another public service that we can provide without increased staff to the citizens of this community to make it easier for them to do things."

The commissioners' decision was similar to one made in August, when the court approved authorizing the county judge to sign an application document for the Midland County Public Library to become a passport facility.

Obituaries

Barbara Jean Rosser

Barbara Jean Rosser, 81, of Bella Vista, Arkansas passed away at home on January 19, 2018. She was born on September 15, 1936 in Willington, Texas to Martha and Jewel Jones.

Arrangements are by Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, Bella Vista, Arkansas. On-line condolences may be made at www.funeralmation.com.



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 successful 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, Jaeremie, Jazmin, Alexandria, Brayden, Tianna, Theia and Don Franks all of Midland, Texas. Her nephew: Bill Franks of Lubbock, Texas and niece; Carol Trawek 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
2304 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3700



Oma Ogle

Oma Ogle, 89, went to be with the love of his life, Peggy Ogle, on January 19, 2018.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Chapel. The Reverend Richard Dye, Pastor of First Christian Church, Plainview will be officiating. Interment to follow at Llano City Cemetery.

He was born October 28, 1928 to Charlie Clinton Ogle and Ollie Lena Hawkins in East Grand Plains in Crosby County, Texas, and raised in Crosbyton, Texas. He married Dolores Peggy Jane Granath on February 24, 1948 in Levelland Texas, and they stated his life long career with Pan American Oil in 1949, which later became Stanolind Oil, Standard of Indiana, and retired from Amoco Oil in 1984. He and Peggy lived in Hobbs, Artesia, and Tatum, New Mexico, before moving to Llano in 1997, bringing with them their lifelong love for square dancing.

His career was only a small part of his life. While they lived in Tatum, he was a member for 18 years of the Tatum Board of Education and served in all the Board offices; lifelong Lions Club member; and fire department volunteer fighting raging grass fires across eastern New Mexico. When they came to Llano, they joined First Christian Church of Llano, where he was a deacon, Board Member, and longtime treasurer. Oma and Peggy were also founding members of the Llano Food Pantry.

After Peggy's passing he also became an active volunteer for Special Opportunities. He was a regular worker at the Llano Crawfish Open benefiting Llano charities, including his beloved Food Pantry and Special Opportunities, and of course a charter member of the morning donut shop club.

Oma was preceded in death by his dear wife, Peg-

gy, and was the last survivor of the four daughters and seven sons of Charlie and Ollie.

He is survived by all of his children; Douglas Clinton Ogle of Fritch, Debra Kay Strauss of Midland, Melba Jholene Olsen of Plainview, and Kayla Michelle Bayang of Tomball; grandchildren, Scott Alan Strauss, Gregg Patrick Strauss, Sara Katrina Olsen Wall, Richard (Eric) Leif Olsen III, Stephanie Michelle Strauss Watty, Martin Kyle Bayang, and Victoria (Vicki) Lynn Bayang; great-grandchildren, Aiden Kane Strauss, Nathan Goodwin Strauss, Natalie Paige Wall, and Carter Colby Strauss; sisters-in-law, Billie Jo Granath of Odessa, Juanda Kay Edmondson of Llano, Myrna Stark of Hobbs, and Jo Ann Heflin of Llano; brother-in-law Pat Granath of Lovington, New Mexico; and countless nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make memorial contributions to the Llano Food Pantry, 8203 West State Highway 29, or the First Christian Church 1105 Oatman, Llano, TX, 78643.

The family would also like to send out a thank you to Velma and Michelle.

Funeral arrangements made under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes, Inc. Llano, Texas. E-mail condolences may be sent to whf Funeral1@verizon.net.



Ralph Junior Webb

Ralph Junior Webb, son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away January 21, 2018.

Ralph was born on May 17, 1929 to Loyd and Dortha Webb in Everton, Arkansas.

Ralph married the love of his life, Patsy Joel Thomas, on June 10, 1950. He worked at the GMC Dealership before he enlisted in the United States Army. Ralph fought in the Korean War from 1950-1953. Upon his return, Ralph and Patsy moved to Texas in 1957 and he then worked at Sears for 17 years. Ralph bought Midland Frame & Wheel in 1974 and worked there until he retired.

Ralph and Patsy were involved in the West Texas Antique Car Club of America beginning in 1959 as charter members, as well as being involved in the Tall City Road Riders. They joined Calvary Assembly of God in 1961.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Patsy, and their four children, David Webb and

wife Gale, Brenda Holmes and husband Dwayne, and Lloyd Webb and wife Teresa, all of Midland, and Bryan Webb and Kelly Hughes of Aurora, Colorado.

He is also survived by his grandkids, Mandy Gregg and husband Jace, Matt Webb and wife Arica, Stefan Holmes and wife Christina, Braden Holmes and wife Sara, Alec Holmes and wife Dezi, and Rani Webb and Braz Webb. Great-grandkids include Westin Webb, Fiona Webb, Connor Gregg, and Ella Gregg.

The family wishes to thank all of the nurses on the 5th and 7th floors of Midland Memorial Hospital.

Pallbearers include Stefan Holmes, Braden Holmes, Alec Holmes, Jace Gregg, Matt Webb, Braz Webb, and Rani Webb.

There will be a visitation held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Reverend Butch Thomas, Reverend Brad Smith, and Reverend Gayle Reeves.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Dr. J.C. Whitaker

Dr. J.C. Whitaker, 86, of Midland, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018.

The family will receive guests from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 27, 2018 at First Baptist Church Sanctuary in Midland. There will be a private burial held at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Charlotte, and children, Brad Whitaker, Keith Whitaker, and Kimberly Whitaker Rhoads.

Margaret B. Johnson

Margaret B. Johnson passed away peacefully on Thursday January 18, 2018.

She is survived by one brother.

Robert "Bobby" G. Luna

Robert "Bobby" G. Luna of Midland, Texas passed away on January 21, 2018 in Midland.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018 at San Miguel Catholic Church in Midland.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:00 pm, Friday, January 26, 2018 at San Miguel Catholic Church in Midland. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WINNSBORO Possible tornadoes in northeast Texas cause damage

Officials say no one has been hurt during strong storms and possible tornadoes in northeast Texas that damaged some structures and dumped hail as big as golf balls.

The National Weather Service says severe weather Sunday night struck parts of Wood, Franklin and Bowie counties. Forecaster Davyon Hill says preliminary damage reports indicate there were probably tornadoes but agency personnel need to survey the area.

Hill says the storms went through the Winnsboro and De Kalb areas, with at least 20 homes losing roofs or other structural damage.

Wood County had hail the size of golf balls.

Police in Winnsboro, a town of 3,400 located 100 miles northeast of Dallas, on Monday advised drivers to avoid the west side of town amid the cleanup.

say what the investigation is about or when it began. But she confirmed Monday that the office has an open investigation.

Gymnasts preyed upon by former team doctor Larry Nassar have said he sexually assaulted them while they were training at the ranch outside Huntsville. USA Gymnastics announced last week that it had ended its agreement to have the ranch serve as the National Training Center.

SAN ANTONIO Suspect in slaying of Texas woman dies after shooting himself

Officials say a 37-year-old Army veteran suspected of fatally shooting his estranged wife or girlfriend in San Antonio and then fleeing with their 18-month-old son has died after shooting himself.

Capt. John Koch of the Guadalupe County sheriff's office tells The Associated Press that Richard Concepcion was pronounced dead Sunday at a hospital. A multi-county manhunt had ensued after the woman was shot and the child was taken earlier Sunday in San Antonio.

About two hours after an Amber Alert was issued, Concepcion and his son were found by authorities in Guadalupe County, located east of San Antonio. The child was safe in Concepcion's truck.

IRVING Police: Officer fatally shoots suspect during burglary call

Police say an officer investigating reports of a car burglary at a Dallas-area apartment complex has fatally shot a suspect.

Irving police say no officers were injured in the shooting before dawn Monday.

An Irving police statement says officers responded to an apartment complex after a witness reported seeing a man breaking into a vehicle in the parking lot.

Police say officers arrived as a suspect got into a pickup and tried to flee. Police say the suspect's truck rammed a police car and several other vehicles in the lot.

Investigators say an officer, fearing for his life, shot the suspect. The suspect died at a Dallas hospital.

ABILENE Pilot crash lands in field, isn't injured

Officials say a single-engine private plane has made a crash landing in an Abilene field shortly after takeoff on a flight to New Mexico.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the pilot reported engine trouble after takeoff Monday from Abilene Regional Airport and was trying to land at nearby Dyess Air Force Base.

Taylor County Sheriff's Sgt. Cliff Griffin says the pilot wasn't hurt in the crash landing a mile west of Dyess. Griffin says the plane was bound for Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The Beechcraft A-36 ended up on its belly.

HUNTSVILLE Karolyi Ranch, USA Gymnastics training site, under scrutiny

Authorities in Texas say they're investigating the Karolyi Ranch that was a training site for U.S. Olympic gymnasts until a sexual abuse case against a doctor cast a shadow over the facility.

Walker County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Marlette Wells would not

WASHINGTON Woman who allegedly inspired Rosie the Riveter dies at 96

LONGVIEW — A woman identified by a scholar as the inspiration for Rosie the Riveter, the iconic female World War II factory worker, has died in Washington state.

The New York Times reports that Naomi Parker Fraley died Saturday in Longview. She was 96.

Multiple women have been identified over the years as possible models for Rosie, but a Seton Hall University professor in 2016 focused on Fraley as the true inspiration.

James J. Kimble published his findings in the journal Rhetoric & Public Affairs, saying a photo of Fraley at work was the basis for a widely seen poster of a woman flexing with the caption, "We can do it!"

Fraley was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she went to work at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, among the first

women to do war work there.

NEVADA Weather Channel co-founder dies

LAS VEGAS — John Coleman, who co-founded The Weather Channel and was the original meteorologist on ABC's "Good Morning America" during a six-decade broadcasting career but who later drew people's anger for his open skepticism about climate change being man-made, has died. He was 83.

Coleman died Saturday night at home in Las Vegas, said his wife, Linda Coleman, who did not give the cause of his death.

The Texas native got his first TV job while still a student at the University of Illinois. He worked at several local stations in Chicago and the Midwest before joining "GMA" when it launched in 1975, staying with the program for seven years.

He served as CEO of The Weather Channel for about a year after helping launch it in 1981.

Two years later the American Meteorological Society named Coleman its

broadcast meteorologist of the year.

Coleman went to work at TV stations in New York and in Chicago before landing at KUSI-TV in San Diego, where he spent 20 years as a weatherman before retiring in 2014. Jason Austell, an anchor for the station's "Good Morning San Diego," tweeted that Coleman was "a beloved meteorologist."

National Weather Service forecaster Alex Tardy said Coleman's death was "a big loss for the weather community."

"He brought a lot of energy and color and enthusiasm to forecasting," Tardy said. "My kids loved watching him on TV."

Coleman also drew anger during the later years of his career for his doubts that humans caused global warming, which he called a "hoax" and a "scam." In a 2013 KUSI news segment, Coleman, while talking about a global warming study, chastised national media for reporting on it from "an environmental point of view and their continuing liberal, political agenda."

His views combined with his weatherman background led to appearances

on cable news outlets discussing climate change.

UNITED KINGDOM Armfield, former England captain and broadcaster, dies at 82

LONDON — Jimmy Armfield, a former England captain who led Leeds to the European Cup final as a manager before a distinguished career in broadcasting, has died. He was 82.

The Professional Footballers' Association said Armfield died early Monday morning. Armfield had been fighting cancer for the second time, with treatment forcing him to curtail his commentary on Premier League soccer games for the BBC.

Armfield played 43 times for England from 1959-66, losing his place in the team because of injury ahead of the 1966 World Cup. The defender didn't play in the tournament, which England won by beating West Germany 4-2 in the final at Wembley Stadium.

OTHER DEATHS

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State of Oil and Gas The Midland Chamber of Commerce will host the State of Oil & Gas luncheon 11 a.m. today at the Horseshoe Pavilion. At the event, producers will discuss why they have chosen to invest in the Permian Basin and how that can impact the community as a whole.

- Things to do Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbyarab.com. Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.



More than 100 people attended a retirement party for Midland Fire Marshall David Hickman on Jan. 12 at the Midland Fire Department Central Station. Hickman had served with MFD for 30 years.

League of Women Voters The Midland League of Women Voters will host a panel discussion, "Affordable Housing in Midland: Challenges and Local Resources," at 7 p.m. Thursday at Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida Ave.

Today in history Today is Tuesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2018. There are 342 days left in the year. On this date: In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

Forecast for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 Amarillo 53/22 Wichita Falls 60/27 Dallas 61/34 Midland 60/27 Austin 65/32 San Antonio 65/38 Houston 66/39 Laredo 70/44 Brownsville 71/32

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Weather Due to the government shutdown, the National Weather Service climate report for Monday was not available. Jan. 23 forecast High: 61 Low: 28 Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night Chance of rain: None

earlier this month that new records for winds and gusts during the month of January took place on Jan. 10. On that day, maximum sustained winds reached 52 mph and gusts reached 68 mph. Source: National Weather Service

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 Tonight: Out late. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Reach out for more information, especially if you're forced to confront a challenging friend. You might want to figure out what is motivating this person. Detach, and you are likely to gain a fresh insight. Ask someone else to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Listen to a jam session. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** A partner makes demands that you might not want to meet. Don't feel obligated. Honor your feelings, but be ready for a confrontation. You could be surprised by the actions of someone you look up to. Take your time when responding to others. Tonight: Paint the town red. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** A confrontation at work or in your daily life seems inevitable. How you deal with a partner could radically change as the result of what occurs today. Be willing to let someone else ride the crescent of this wave for you, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Out with a favorite person. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You might need to have a discussion with a loved one in order to reach a financial agreement. There has been substantial quibbling over a key issue. Finding a resolution might seem impossible at first, but know that you will get past this problem. Tonight: Say "yes." LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Know when the cards are stacked against you. Don't try to fight city hall. Defer to others, and listen to what they have to say; they could surprise you with what they come up with. Understand that a friend's solution might be different from yours. Tonight: Time to celebrate! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might not have all the information you need just yet. Understand your limits, and ask for help from those who know more than you do. You might be surprised by how willing others are to pitch in and help. Avoid a power play at all costs. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your creativity might be more important in achieving a goal than you realize. Go forward in a positive way with the expectation of jumping through any hoops that appear. You could surprise others with an unanticipated statement. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Ever frisky. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might not be able to convince a family member of how right you are. Recognize that this standoff is probably a no-win situation. Either refuse to get back into this argument or let it go. You could be surprised by someone's knee-jerk response or action. Tonight: Stay centered. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You have a lot on your mind, and you might want to share some of your thoughts with someone who is likely to be affected by what is happening. Be prepared for a strong response. Note that you are capable of shocking this person with your revelation! Tonight: Share news. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might want to defer to a friend or loved one who seems to understand a key issue much better than you do. Be smart and delegate. You will gain from recognizing your limitations. Try not to get hung up on who does what. Tonight: Stay within your budget. BORN TODAY Actress Mariska Hargitay (1964), painter Georg Baselitz (1938), painter Edouard Manet (1832)

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Emergency official: Five missing after Oklahoma rig explosion

Associated Press

QUINTON, Okla. — Five people are missing after a fiery explosion ripped through an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig on Monday, sending plumes of black smoke into the air and leaving a derrick crumpled on the ground, emergency officials said.

More than 20 employees were at the natural gas well site when the blast was reported around 8:45 a.m., Pittsburg County Sheriff Chris Morris said. Aerial footage shows several fires were still burning by midday on the rig and other equipment; the derrick, a towering metal structure above the well, collapsed onto the ground.

Emergency crews were pulled away after other explosions at the site, where several tanks are also located, Pittsburg County Emergency Management Director Kevin Enloe said during an afternoon news

conference.

"Pretty much everything that is on location is on fire," Enloe said.

The explosion occurred west of the town of Quinton, about 100 miles southeast of Tulsa. Enloe said firefighters were letting the blaze burn and weren't putting water on it to keep from spreading possible hazardous materials at the site.

Enloe said about 17 workers were pulled from the site following the blast, including one who suffered minor burns and was treated at the scene. He said crews were searching the surrounding woods to see if anyone had fled into the area.

"Most everybody was taken off the site and taken to a secure site here in Quinton," said Morris. He said workers were "pretty shook up."

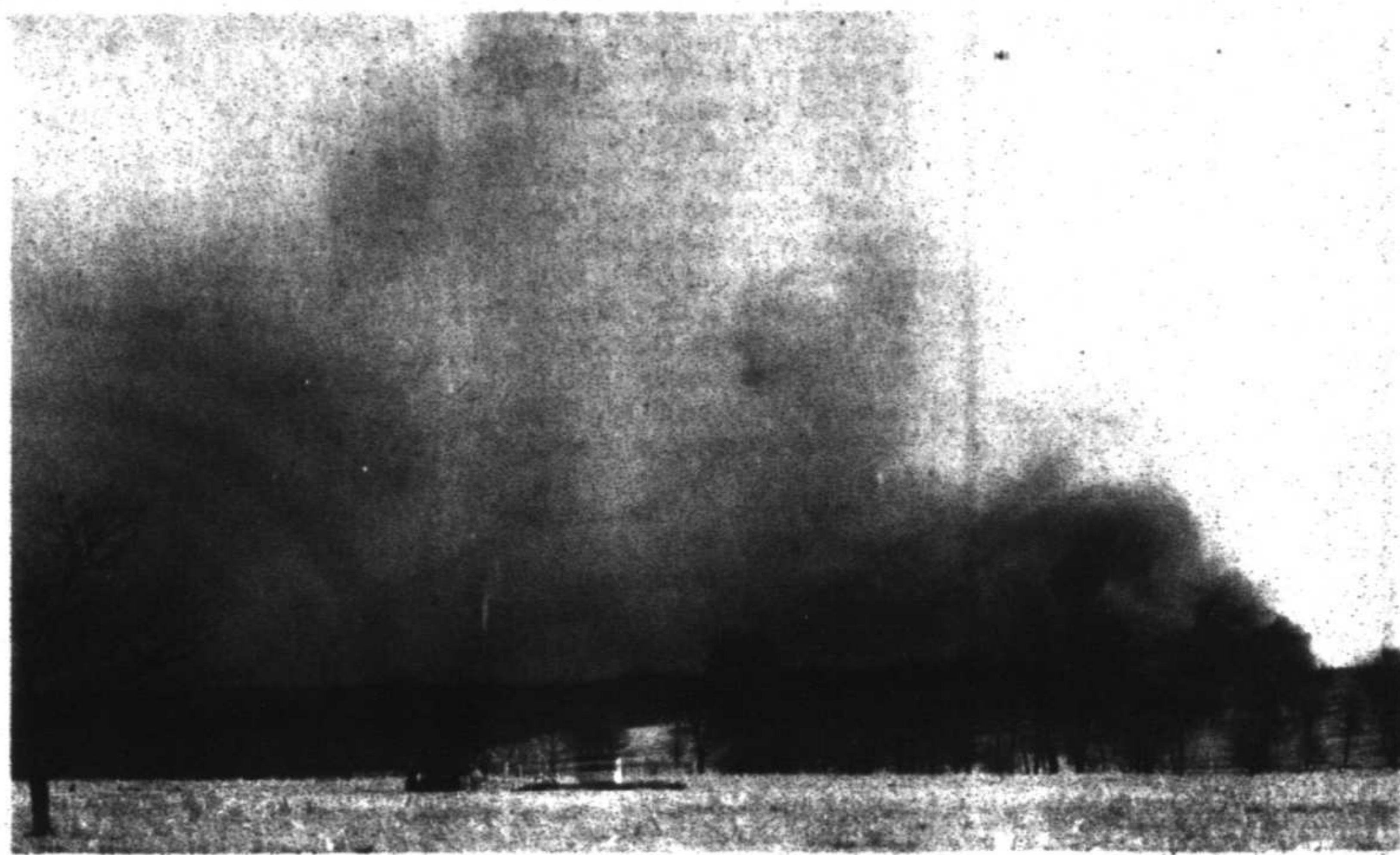
"It's a pretty dramatic deal to go through," he said.

Confirmation of any fatalities won't be possible until the fire is extinguished and investigators can get to the scene of the explosion, said Amy Elliott, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma medical examiner's office.

"I pray there's not, but we just don't know yet," Elliott said.

State environmental and regulatory officials have been notified and were heading to the scene, according to Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management spokeswoman Keli Cain.

The drilling site was being operated by Oklahoma City-based Red Mountain Operating, said Matt Skinner, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which regulates oil and gas operators in the state. Telephone and email messages left by The Associated Press with Red Mountain were not immediately returned.



Kevin Harverson/The McAlester News-Capital via AP

Smoke billows from the site of a gas well fire on Monday near Quinton, Okla.

Houston-based Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., a drilling rig operator, confirmed in a statement Monday that some of its

employees remain unaccounted for. "The cause of the fire is unknown at this time," the company said.

Skinner said a company that specializes in rig fires and other well control problems also responded to the blaze.

Council to vote on MDC money for promotional programs

From staff reports

The Midland City Council is scheduled to vote today to allow nearly \$1 million of Midland Development Corp. funds to be used for promotional purposes. The meeting is set for 10 a.m. at City Hall.

The Texas Local Government Code allows the MDC the opportunity to allocate up to 10 percent of its revenue for promotional purposes, according to city reports. The resolution in front of the council will call for transferring \$987,543 from the MDC's Unappropriated Fund Balance to the MDC's Promotions Project.

Last fiscal year, the MDC used \$872,587 on Promotions Project expenditures. That spending included \$450,000 on physician recruitment for Midland Memorial Hospital. Other expenditures were \$316,000 for the Bush Tennis Center for the

building of Chris Davidson Opportunity Park, \$90,000 for the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN), \$12,000 for Leo Labs for work with "Midland space radar" and \$4,587 with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Small Business Development Corp to be used for the Midland Entrepreneurial Challenge.

MDC's \$115,000 agreement with Susie's South Forty

The Council also will vote on an agreement between the MDC and Susie's South Forty Confections Inc.

The agreement calls for \$115,000 to be disbursed in two forgivable loans contingent upon meeting obligations set forth in the agreement. Those conditions include creating a minimum of five new jobs that result in an increase of \$153,950 in total annual

payroll by Dec. 31, 2019. The agreement also calls for the company to invest a minimum of \$95,000 in new personal property in the business and maintain such minimum value of new personal property through Dec. 31, 2022.

The city reports there is a security agreement in which Susie's South Forty Confections assigns a security interest in the collateral to the MDC in order to secure performance of the obligations set forth in the agreement.

New golf carts for Hogan Park

The Midland City Council will vote to spend \$331,500 to purchase 130 new golf carts for Hogan Park Golf Course.

The funds would come from the Garage Fund, and according to the city, the carts are a budgeted replacement. The city reports the replacement of

golf carts at 36 months will ensure that the city will not have the expense of installing new batteries, and there will be no warranty lapse. The current golf carts that will be traded in will be purchased from the city on a 36-month buyback guarantee.

Now ambulances

The Midland City Council also will vote on the purchase of two ambulances from Knapp Chevrolet of Houston through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a total cost of \$466,974.

One ambulance was budgeted to be purchased in fiscal year 2018, according to city reports. The other was involved in a wreck and needs to be replaced. The money for the ambulances will come from the Garage Fund.

School-shooting suspect reportedly has violent past

By Jamie Stengle and Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — A 16-year-old boy accused of shooting a classmate at a Texas high school on Monday had a history of aggressive actions at school, a fellow student said.

The injured student, a 15-year-old girl, was airlifted to a hospital in Dallas following the shooting inside the cafeteria at Italy High School, which is in the small town of Italy about 40 miles south of Dallas. The boy fled after being confronted by a school district official but was later arrested.

Cassie Shook, a 17-year-old junior at the school, told The Associated Press that she was driving up to the building when she saw "the doors fly open and everyone screaming and running out of the building." She said she was angry when she learned who the suspect was because she'd complained about the boy at least twice to school officials, including to a vice principal.

"This could have been avoidable," she said. "There were so many signs."

Shook said she first went to school officials after the boy allegedly made a "hit list" in eighth grade and her name was on it. Then last year, the boy got angry during a class and threw a pair of scissors at her friend and later threw a computer against a wall, she said.

"I ran out of the classroom screaming, telling everyone to hide because I was scared," Shook said. Shook said police came to talk to the class after the incident. She said the boy was removed from the school but eventually was allowed back.

Italy Independent School District Superintendent Lee Joffre said the district couldn't comment on disciplinary actions involving students. Police have not

released the boy's name and didn't return a message seeking comment about his past.

Shook said the girl who was shot Monday had moved to the school district a few months earlier. Police said the girl was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where a spokeswoman said she couldn't release any information about the girl's condition.

The school district of about 600 students is located near the center of Italy, a town of about 2,000 people that dubs itself "The Biggest Little Town In Texas." Joffre said that about 45 to 55 students are typically in the high school's cafeteria in the morning for breakfast. He noted that school would be in session today and that counselors would be available.

"In a small town, the school district is the center of what goes on for our kids, and this morning's tragedy hits the heart of this community," Joffre said.

Ellis County Sheriff Chuck Edge said during a news conference that the suspect "engaged the victim" and fired several shots from a semi-automatic .380 handgun just before 8 a.m. Edge did not say how many times the victim was shot.

Investigators have said they don't know the relationship between the victim and shooter, or what may have been the shooter's motive.

Edge said the suspect fled when confronted by a school district official but was later arrested by law enforcement on school grounds. Edge said the handgun was recovered at the scene and is in evidence.

Edge said it's unclear where the boy may have gotten the weapon. He also didn't know what charges the boy might face.

Cosby performs in public for first time since 2015

By Michael Sisak
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bill Cosby performed in public for the first time since a sex abuse scandal embroiled him in 2015, joking that he "used to be a comedian" and playing with a jazz band in his hometown as a retrieval looms in his criminal sexual assault case.

The 80-year-old entertainer took the stage for about an hour Monday night at a Philadelphia jazz club for his first show since May 2015. Before a friendly crowd, he told stories, honored old friends and finished by leading the band in a set, first using his mouth to scat in place of a

missing horn section and then taking a turn at the drums.

Cosby, handing the drumsticks off to the bass player's 11-year-old son, asked if the boy knew who he was and then told him.

"I used to be a comedian," Cosby deadpanned.

Cosby reminisced about his childhood, telling the crowd about how when he was 4 he grilled a relative about the impending birth of his brother. He mimicked his Uncle William, who took a swig from a cocktail before answering every question — including whether a stork was really delivering the baby to his parents.

Afterward, Cosby nearly dropped a glass jar he was

using as a prop, prompting a "Whoa!" from the crowd.

Cosby, who's legally blind, seized on the moment.

"Let me tell you something about people talking to blind people, you sighted people," Cosby said. "If you see a blind person walking into a pole or something, if you speak perfect English, there's a word called 'Stop!' Not 'Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa!'"

"You laugh when blind people walk into things," he continued. "And guess what: Blind people laugh when sighted people fall down!"

Cosby arrived at the jazz club on the arm of his spokesman, Andrew Wyatt. He wore a gray hoodie bearing the phrase "Hello Friend," something his late son, Ennis Cosby, often would say.

He posed for photos with friends, including a couple he honored at the start of his set. They all grew up

in the same public housing complex.

The crowd applauded and laughed along with Cosby's jokes, a far cry from how his last performances went. His last comedy tour ended amid protests as about 60 women were coming forward to accuse him of drugging and molesting them over five decades, something he has denied.

Cosby is scheduled for an April 2 retrial on charges he drugged and molested a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He has pleaded not guilty and remains free on bail. His first trial ended with a hung jury last year. Jury selection for his retrial will start March 29.

Cosby's spokesman notified reporters of the comedy performance about two hours before he was to take the stage at the LaRose Jazz Club. The show was part of a program honoring jazz musician Tony Williams.

Schlumberger

From 1A

Schlumberger's numbers is that it adds another signal that shale production is set for a big jump this year, and one from a company embedded deeply in the global oil and gas business.

It isn't just words. Three weeks ago, Schlumberger announced a surprise deal to buy Weatherford International's U.S. pressure pumping fleet (used for fracturing wells) for \$430 million. Originally, the two companies planned to pool their efforts in a joint-venture servicing E&P firms. Instead, Schlumberger capitalized on Weatherford's weakness — it had net debt to capital of 84 percent at the end of September — to get 20 frack fleets for a song.

Factoring in \$100 million for the cost of getting some of these back to working order after being mothballed, Schlumberger got them at roughly \$500 per unit,

of hydraulic horsepower, at least a third lower than the cost of newly built equipment. And they're going straight back to work, too: Schlumberger expects to deploy all of them this year, just as it did with its existing fleet last year (and was hence maxed out).

Schlumberger's pivot fits with the zeitgeist. There's a two-speed global oil and gas market, with North American investment set to rise another 15 to 20 percent this year, according to Schlumberger, while spending in the rest of the world is set to eke out a gain for the first time in four years, of 5 percent. Schlumberger has a bigger international business than its rivals and has, unsurprisingly, tended to talk up the prospects of a recovery there.

Yet the market is the market, and North America's share in Schlumberger's revenue has been climbing since the start of 2016. Of the roughly \$1.1 billion increase, year over year, in revenue before

eliminations in the fourth quarter, the region accounted for 98 percent of that growth.

Schlumberger reiterated its optimism about international markets on Friday, citing several new contracts in Saudi Arabia and India, among other countries. The logic of Schlumberger's position is clear: Several years of lower spending must ultimately lead to fears of a supply gap and, therefore, resumed investment in areas outside of North America's shale hot-spots.

The difficulty it still faces, however, is getting the market enthused about this while rivals with higher exposure to those hot-spots, especially Halliburton Corp., hold the spotlight in the near term. It didn't help that Schlumberger said the current quarter will be "transitory" as it absorbs the extra cost of redeploying people and assets for those international contract wins. Nor did a roughly \$1 billion

write-off of its business in Venezuela.

The real numbers to watch when it comes to gauging how quickly Schlumberger's international business will accelerate, though, are medium-term oil-price expectations. For oil majors to ramp up spending on prospects outside of the shale patch, which take longer to develop, they'll need comfort that the market will be favorable when those barrels eventually appear.

While oil futures aren't forecasts, a sustained increase in prices at the back end of the curve would certainly offer some such comfort. As it is, 2020 Brent swaps have climbed about \$6 a barrel since Schlumberger's last set of results, nudging them above \$60.

For that helpful trend to continue, though, we'll need to see signs of moderation in the business that is currently powering Schlumberger's revenue and profits: North America.

Man apologizes, sentenced to 22 years for terrorism plot

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio man who admitted he plotted to kill U.S. military members after receiving training in Syria apologized to his family and adopted country Monday before a federal judge sentenced him to 22 years in prison.

After returning to the U.S., Abdurahman Sheik Mohamud planned to fly to Texas and attack the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth in an attempt to free Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani scientist convicted of shooting at two U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, Judge Michael Watson said as he outlined the allegations against Mohamud.

Mohamud, 26, told Watson he knew what he'd done was wrong and that he'd fallen into the trap of radicalization while abroad.



Mohamud

"Do you have any idea how misguided that was?" Watson asked Mohamud before he sentenced him.

"Absolutely," replied Mohamud, who appeared in jail clothes and had shackles around his ankles and his hands chained to his waist. "I wish I could take it back, your honor."

Watson said he based the sentence on the "deadly serious" nature of the crime and the need to deter others from considering similar actions.

Watson drew attention to the fact that Mohamud applied for a passport to travel abroad only a week after he became a U.S. citizen in 2014.

Mohamud was born in Somalia and came to the U.S. when he was 2. He was

arrested in 2015 and pleaded guilty a few months later. The attacks were never carried out.

Mohamud bought a ticket to Greece with a stop in Turkey, where he disembarked before going to Syria, prosecutors said in court documents. They said he never intended to go to Greece.

Mohamud trained with al-Nusra Front, a terrorist organization affiliated with al-Qaida, according to the government.

Defense attorney Sam Shamansky asked for leniency, saying Mohamud didn't have his father around when he was growing up, was brainwashed while abroad "by professional head twisters" but later realized his error and abandoned his plot.

"This is a scared, confused, 23-year-old kid, an American kid, who gets his head twisted," Shamansky said. He called Mohamud's plan "nonsensical."

Prosecutors noted Mohamud contacted

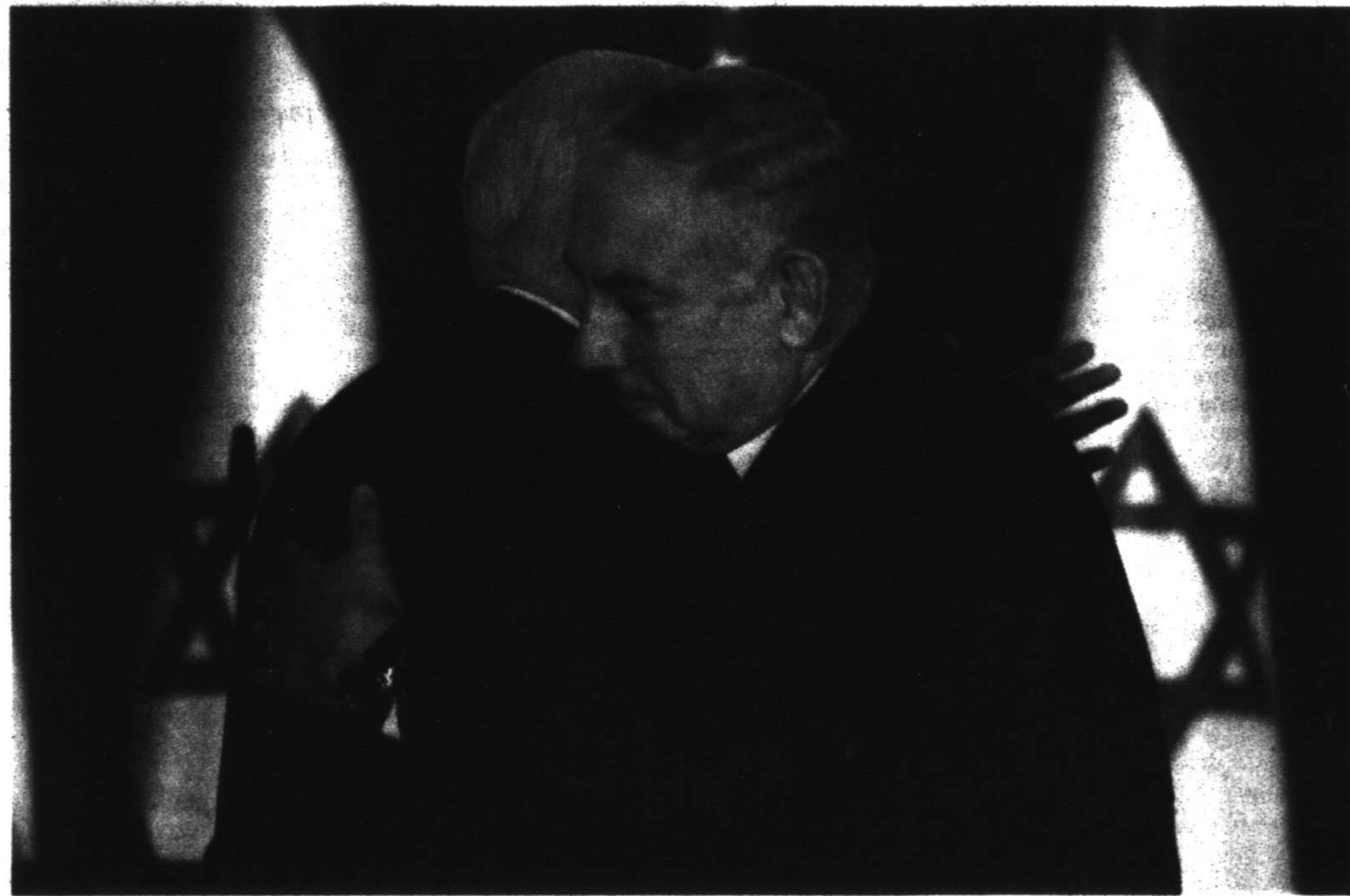
others from jail after his arrest and told them not to say anything.

"Before Sept. 11, 2001, a plot to take down the twin towers would have been considered nonsensical," said assistant U.S. attorney Doug Squires. "Because of the FBI, this plot was taken down, and we're all safer for it."

Several members of Mohamud's family were in court but did not speak. Watson said, referring to a letter Mohamud's sister had written, "Your actions have shaken the whole family."

An investigation continues. Watson made reference to a plot involving at least five people. Shamansky referred to a group he called "the basketball five," but wouldn't elaborate.

The judge also sentenced Mohamud to 10 years of supervision after his release from prison and ordered him to earn his GED while behind bars.



U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, left, hugs Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem on Monday.

Tillerson sees progress with Europe in fixing Iran deal

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

LONDON — U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Monday that he sees progress in getting European support for tough new penalties against Iran that could prevent a U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal.

After meeting with British Prime Minister Theresa May, national security adviser Mark Sedwill and Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, Tillerson said they had agreed to set up a working group of experts on fixing flaws in the landmark 2015 agreement that President Donald Trump has warned he will walk away from this spring unless fixes are made to his liking.

"I think there's a common view among the E3 that there are some areas of the (nuclear deal) or some areas of Iran's behavior that should be addressed," Tillerson told reporters after talks with Johnson. The E3 are Britain, France and Germany, which are all parties to the deal.

Tillerson specifically highlighted concerns about Iran's ballistic missile program, which is not covered by the nuclear deal, and provisions in the agreement that allow Iran to gradually resume advanced atomic work.

The working group will begin to meet as early as next week to discuss how to address the flaws "through some type of another side agreement perhaps or a mechanism that would address our concerns," Tillerson said.

Johnson said that Britain was committed to doing what it could with its

partners "collectively to constrain that activity and to make a big difference there. We think we can do that; we think we can do that together."

But, he stressed, "it is important that we do that in parallel and don't vitiate the fundamentals of the Iran nuclear deal."

Tillerson will be carrying a similar message to Paris, his next stop in Europe today.

The nuclear deal gave Iran billions in sanctions relief in return for curbs on its atomic program.

But earlier this month, Trump vowed to stop waiving U.S. sanctions unless the Europeans agreed to strengthen its terms by consenting to a side deal that would effectively eliminate provisions that allow Iran to gradually resume some advanced atomic work. Trump also wants tighter restrictions on Iran's ballistic missile program.

Iran has rejected any renegotiation. Britain, France and Germany have expressed some willingness to work with the U.S. to prevent the deal from collapsing.

Earlier Monday, Tillerson became the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the new American embassy in London, a building that Trump has derided for its cost and location.

The new embassy became a point of strain in U.S.-British relations earlier this month when Trump said he had cancelled plans to visit Britain and formally open the billion-dollar London facility in February because it cost too much and was in a less desirable location than the old embassy.

Pence tells Israeli lawmakers embassy will move to Jerusalem by end of 2019

By Ken Thomas and Aron Heller
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence told Israeli lawmakers Monday that the U.S. would put plans to move its embassy to Jerusalem on a fast track, drawing angry denunciations from Arabs who were forcibly removed from the hall during his speech before Israel's parliament.

The Trump administration's plan to accelerate the move of the embassy, announced in the first address of a sitting American vice president to the Knesset, marked the highlight of Pence's visit celebrating President Donald Trump's decision last month to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

"Jerusalem is Israel's capital — and, as such, President Trump has directed the State De-

partment to begin initial preparations to move our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," Pence told the lawmakers, vowing that the "United States Embassy will open before the end of next year."

Pence's speech drew protests from the Palestinians, with chief negotiator Saeb Erekat saying it "has proven that the U.S. administration is part of the problem rather than the solution." Shortly after Pence began speaking, several Arab lawmakers voiced their displeasure by raising signs that said, "Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine," and heckling the vice president. They were forcibly removed from the plenum.

Despite the pandemonium, Pence expressed hope in an interview with The Associated Press after the speech that the Palestinians would re-enter negotiations. "Our message to President (Mahmoud) Ab-

bas and the Palestinian Authority is: The door's open. The door's open. President Trump is absolutely committed to doing everything the United States can to achieve a peace agreement that brings an end to decades of conflict."

The embassy is to be opened in an existing U.S. facility that will be "retrofitted" to meet safety and security requirements, Undersecretary of State Steve Goldstein told reporters in Washington. He said Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had yet to sign off on the safety plan for

the new facility but would do so in coming weeks.

The most likely location is in Jerusalem's Arzona neighborhood, in a modern building that currently handles U.S. consular affairs like issuing passports, birth certificates and travel visas, said a U.S. official, who wasn't authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The U.S. consul-general works out of another Jerusalem facility that handles political affairs and diplomatic functions.

US orders extra air cargo screening for flights from Mideast

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. authorities issued an emergency order Monday requiring additional screening of cargo on flights departing for the United States from five Mideast countries, citing a threat of terrorism.

The Transportation Security Administration order is aimed at preventing terrorist attacks in response to "persistent threats to aviation," TSA said in a statement. The countries falling under this order are Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and United Arab Emirates.

The countries were chosen because of "demonstrated intent by terrorists groups to attack aviation from them."

TSA said most of the requirements are already being carried out voluntarily by airlines in some countries, but it didn't identify the countries.

Airlines that TSA said are affected by the order are EgyptAir, operating out of Cairo International Airport; Royal Jordanian,

operating out of Queen Alia International Airport; Saudia, operating out of King Abdul-Aziz International Airport and King Khalid International Airport; Qatar Airways, operating out of Doha International Airport; and Emirates and Etihad, operating out of Dubai International Airport and Abu Dhabi International Airport. EgyptAir, however, previously stopped accepting cargo shipments on flights to the U.S. at the request of American authorities.

Under the requirements of the order, airlines are supposed to provide certain information to U.S. customs officials on the shipments "at the earliest practical point" before loading the cargo. The shipment information is then compared to information the U.S. has on terror threats.

A foiled plot last summer to smuggle a bomb aboard an Etihad plane bound from Australia to UAE is "an ominous reminder" that "we need to continue our efforts to keep our skies secure," the agency said.

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Trump, so far, is more farce than tragedy

Like any strange and quarrelsome sect, the church of anti-Trump conservatism has divided and subdivided since Donald Trump's election. Some members have apostatized and joined the ranks of Trumpists; others have marched leftward, with anti-Trumpism as a gateway drug to wokeness. There is a faction that is notionally skeptical of Trump but functionally anti-anti-Trump, a faction that insists it's just calling "balls and strikes" and a faction screaming that the president rigged the game and needs to be thrown out.

But amid all these disputations the central question facing anti-Trump conservatives — and not only us — can be simplified to this: Is what we're watching a tragedy or a farce?

The case for tragedy is made this month by David Frum in his book "Trumpocracy," which builds on his year-old Atlantic essay, "How to Build An Autocracy" and amplifies its central theme: that our president is a corrupt authoritarian, that his party has prostituted itself to wield unfettered power, and that this is an hour of great peril for the American republic, which teeters on the lip of the precipice that Erdogan's Turkey and Putin's Russia have toppled over.

I agree with much of what Frum writes — his diagnosis of how the Republican Party succumbed to Trump, his judgment of Trump's enablers and toadies, his critique of Trump's disgraceful behavior and its coarsening effect.

But I am not convinced by his overarching theme of looming crisis, his hour-is-late tone and the frequent implication (however hedged and qualified) that Trump might be on his way to establishing a regime to rival the populist authoritarianisms of other unhappy countries.

So as a counterpoint to Frum's argument for tragedy, let me make the case for farce. Start with the central issue that disturbs many patriotic critics of our president: that Trump was elected with covert assistance from Vladimir Putin's government, that he or his allies may have cooperated with Putin's attempted sabotage of



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New York Times News Service

Hillary Clinton's campaign, and that some combination of sympathy for Putinism, a debt to Russian hackers, and even some sort of kompromat make/him effectively a Manchurian president.

Frum, like others, has a moral certainty about the depth of Trumpian collusion that I don't see vindicated in the publicly available facts. But it is certainly imaginable that Robert Mueller's investigation will reveal something truly damning and impeachable.

But whatever the offenses may be, the real-world policy effects that Trump's critics have feared from l'Affaire Russe — an alliance of strongmen, the subordination of American interests to Moscow, the unraveling of NATO — haven't materialized at all. Trump may desire a détente, but instead we are escalating our proxy war with Russia in Ukraine even as sanctions remain in force and our troops train in Eastern Europe and the Pentagon's National Security Strategy treats Moscow as a major threat. If Trump is supposed to be advancing Kremlin interests from Washington, the bargain isn't working, and the Russians might as well just release the pee tape and have done with it.

And what's true with Russia is true on other fronts. A vast gulf between the things Trump says he wants — which are, indeed, often authoritarian — and the things that actually happen is the essential characteristic of his presidency's first year.

He promised to bring back waterboarding and worse; he was easily talked out of it. He promised a Muslim ban; a much more modest travel ban is now tied up in the courts. He launched a voter fraud commission, which his critics regarded as a step toward massive vote suppression;

it was ineffective and broke up. He keeps threatening to change the libel laws; they aren't changing, and the anti-Trump press is thriving. NATO and NAFTA are both still there; the trade war with China has been postponed; we are not at war with Iran or (yes, I know, yet) with North Korea; the scope of the Russia investigation has only widened since Trump's hamfisted intervention.

Before Trump took office, it was reasonable to worry that he would fill high offices with cronies, but the real cranks have rarely lasted and many appointments have been reasonable and conventional and even boring. The president is filling the courts with Federalist Society conservatives, not his sister or Ivanka or Newt Gingrich, and his cabinet looks a lot like a generic Republican administration, whose efforts liberals understandably oppose and sometimes deplore, but which are not remotely like the workings of a fascist cabal circa 1935.

And then legislatively, the story of the Trump era so far is failure on every front save tax cuts, an outsourcing of policy-making to Hill Republicans, and a general incompetence that is bringing us yet another government shutdown. The recurrence of these shutdowns is, certainly, a symptom of the republic's sclerosis — but it is not a Trump-specific problem, and he seems to have made it neither better nor much worse.

Now it might be argued that all of this — the balking of Trump's authoritarian impulses, his massive unpopularity and legislative failures — is due to the intense vigilance of the Resistance, the widespread determination to treat this president as an existential threat.

But I don't think that's right. Senate Republicans succeeded in normalizing Trump's cabinet and judicial appointments by behaving, well, normally: Working behind the scenes to veto bad choices and elevate more conventional picks. Congressional Democrats have stalled Trump's agenda by campaigning against its substance, as they would with any other GOP

president, and they are threatening to take the House and Senate by running no-fuss-and-drama candidates. The Deep State of bureaucrats and generals has prevented sudden breaks with U.S. policy not with high-profile resignations or massive acts of sabotage, but by repeatedly, patiently talking the president out of his most disruptive or dangerous ideas.

And where an abnormal response to Trump has kept things on an even keel, it hasn't been furious protests; rather, it's been a collective decision by many different actors, from his own appointees to his congressional opponents to foreign leaders the world over, to simply behave as if he isn't actually the president, as if the system around him is what matters, and his expressed desires are just a reality TV performance.

This is not how a truly dangerous authoritarianism works. It's not how the imperial presidencies of the past worked, either: For all his braggart's talk, Trump has done nothing that compares with the power grabs and norm violations of Woodrow Wilson or Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson or Richard Nixon, George W. Bush or even Barack Obama... and because he lacks the popularity or media adulation that all of those presidents enjoyed at one point, it's very hard to see how he would go about imitating them.

This doesn't mean that his presidency is succeeding, or that Never-Trumpers were wrong to oppose him; it doesn't mean that his manifest incapacity won't lead to some disaster; it doesn't mean that conservatives or anyone else should be happy to have porn stars and race-baiting in the headlines; it doesn't mean that the Trump chapter in our history won't be remembered for hastening decline.

But if this chapter is a prelude to an authoritarian future, that future has clearly not yet arrived. Trump is a dictator on Twitter, a Dear Leader in his own mind, but in the real world there is no Trumpocracy because Trump cannot even rule himself. And while real tragedy may arrive eventually, in this historical cycle a dismal sort of farce is what comes first.

OUR VIEW

Oil leaders need to speak up about what future holds

Today, the Midland Chamber of Commerce will have another in its "State of..." series. This is the first one dedicated to the oil industry. We expect there will be good information provided by guest speakers Tim Dove, Pioneer Natural Resources president and CEO; Jody Elliot, Oxy Oil & Gas president; and Travis Stice, Diamondback CEO & director. The moderator will be Steve Pruett, Elevation Resources president & CEO.

We expect there will be optimism about the present and future when it comes to oil and gas development. We expect there will be a full-throated endorsement of the Permian Basin's place in our world and what it means for West Texas.

We hope those on stage take the time necessary to explain the impact a surging industry will have on our community. We need straight talk about the number of jobs that will become available and the number of new people we can expect to come to Midland as a result of the industry.

We desperately need insight from these industry leaders about how growth in the industry and the influx of new residents will impact existing infrastructure (roads, housing, education, medical, etc.) and what plans our community should make when it comes to new infrastructure.

This is not a time to hold back. Oil industry leaders are the most respected in the community. Their comments matter. Remember what Scott Sheffield — former Pioneer CEO and current board chairman — predicted in 2012 about where he envisioned Midland would be in the next 10 years? His comments about a Midland with a population around 180,000 or higher were eye-opening and a needed call to action.

What will the next call to action look like? We hope we have a better idea after today's event. Road development isn't where it needs to be, the number of available homes and apartments is far short of where they should be, and education facilities are struggling to keep up with the hundreds of students calling Midland home every year. In each case, Midlanders and community-building are negatively impacted.

Should we as a community keep our efforts on cruise control or is it time to put the foot on the gas? If we learn nothing more from today's event, an answer to that question would be most beneficial.

We hope those in attendance enjoy the food and conversation from this \$40- to \$60-a-ticket event. It should be interesting. But most of all, we hope those people attending will leave knowing what work lies ahead, not only in the oil fields across the Permian but on the streets and undeveloped land inside Midland city limits.

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Let's get rid of government shutdowns

The U.S. has had four partial shutdowns of the federal government in the last 25 years. Each time, we debate who's responsible: which party is the formal cause of it, which is being less reasonable in budget negotiations. Maybe it's time instead to debate doing away with the possibility of shutdowns.

There's no law of nature that requires the federal government to run at partial capacity when Congress and the president can't agree on a budget bill. Long ago, Congress could have passed, and a president could have signed, a law stipulating how the government would operate in case of such a disagreement.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, has tried for years to enact such a law. During the last shutdown, in 2013, he got a floor vote on an amendment for an "automatic continuing resolution." If no appropriations bill were signed into law, the affected programs would keep running at their existing spending levels for the next 120 days. If no bill had passed by then, spending would be cut by 1 percent. Another 1 percent cut would be made every 90 days after that.

The amendment was defeated on a nearly party-line vote, with Portman's fellow Republicans supportive and the Democrats opposed. Senator Barbara Mikulski, the Maryland Democrat who at the time ran the Appropriations Committee, made two main arguments against the idea.

The real solution to shutdowns, according to the former senator, was not to change the budget rules but to agree on time to appropriations bills. She added that Portman's idea was not just unnecessary but dangerous. It would be "draconian" to let those 1 percent cuts compound.

RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg



The first argument does not make sense on its own: The amendment concerned what should happen in case of a failure to agree on time. But it makes more sense in light of the second argument. Put the two together, and you can see how the amendment would shift fiscal politics in a Republican direction. If it were in place, the most conservative Republicans would have an incentive to keep appropriations bills from passing on time so that they could see the automatic cuts happen.

That's an argument for tweaking Portman's idea. Congress could set a different default rule for what happens when there's no agreement on budget bills. Maybe it's one that keeps spending flat, or keeps it growing at the average pace of the previous few years.

The point would be to avoid shutdowns. The threat of shutdowns has not proven an effective way to force timely political agreements over the budget. Shutdowns aren't even effective in getting Congress to enact reforms — be they the abolition of Obamacare that Republicans sought in 2013 or the amnesty for illegal immigrants brought here as minors that Democrats want now.

Shutdowns serve no good purpose. So let's finish the current round of fighting and then resolve to get rid of them.

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3-WEEK STOPGAP PASSED



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Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, second from right, accompanied by Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., right, and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., third from right, speaks to reporters after coming off the floor of the Senate on Capitol Hill on Monday after Senators reached an agreement to advance a bill ending government shutdown.

Government shutdown ends as Senate Dems relent

By Alan Fram, Andre Taylor and Zeke Miller
Associated Press



McConnell

WASHINGTON — Congress sped toward reopening the government Monday as Democrats reluctantly voted to temporarily pay for resumed operations, relenting in a fight over immigration in return for assurances from Republican leaders that the Senate will soon take up the plight of young “dreamers” and other contentious issues.

The vote set the stage for hundreds of thousands of federal workers to return today, cutting short what could have become a messy and costly impasse.

The House voted to pass the bill in the late afternoon, and President Donald Trump signed off on the measure a few hours later.

But by relenting, the Democrats prompted a backlash from immigration activists and liberal base supporters who wanted them to fight longer and harder for legislation to protect from deportation the 700,000 or so younger immigrants who were brought to the country as children and now are here illegally.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell’s commitment to quickly tackle the issue of the “dreamers” was contingent on Democrats providing enough votes now for a stopgap spending funding measure lasting a little less than three weeks. Sixty votes were needed to end the Democrats’ filibuster, and the party’s senators provided 33 of the 81 the measure got. Eighteen senators, including members of both parties, were opposed.

Hours later the Senate approved the final bill by the same 81-18 vote, sending it to the House and Trump for approval so the government can reopen. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders predicted that operations would return to normal by morning.

Democrats climbed onboard after two days of negotiations that ended with new reassurances from Senate Majority Leader McConnell that the Senate would consider immigration proposals in the coming weeks. But there were deep divides in the Democratic caucus over strategy, as red-state lawmakers fighting for their survival broke with progressives looking satisfy liberals’ and immigrants’ demands.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer lent his backing to the agreement during a speech on the chamber’s floor. “Now there is a real pathway to get a bill on the floor and through the Senate,” he said of legislation to halt any deportation efforts

aimed at the younger immigrants. However, the agreement to reopen the govern-

ment provided no certainty for the “dreamers,” and the short-term stopgap sets up another potential crisis point on Feb. 8.

The White House downplayed McConnell’s commitment, and said Democrats caved under pressure. “They blinked,” principal deputy press secretary Raj Shah told CNN. In a statement, Trump said he’s open to immigration deal only if it is “good for our country.”

Immigration activists and other groups harshly criticized the deal reached by the Democratic leadership.

Cristina Jimenez, executive director of United We Dream, said the members of the group are “outraged.” She added that senators who voted Monday in favor of the deal “are not resisting Trump, they are enablers.”

Other groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union expressed disappointment and shared similar criticism.

A block of liberal Democrats stuck to their opposition. Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Dianne Feinstein of California, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Cory Booker of New Jersey voted no, as did Independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana voted no on the procedural motion to re-open the government — the only no vote among 10 incumbent Democrats facing re-election this year in states won by Trump in 2016. Tester said in a statement that the 17-day budget did not include any funding for community health centers that are important to his rural state, nor did the deal include additional resources for border security.

House Speaker Paul Ryan told “Fox and Friends” on Monday that if the Senate approved a temporary spending bill to reopen the government through Feb. 8, the House would approve it, too.

The Senate vote came as most government offices cut back drastically or even closed on Monday, as the major effects of the shutdown were first being felt with the beginning of the workweek.

McConnell said he hoped to reach bipartisan solutions on immigration, border security, disaster aid, military funding and more by Feb. 8. If not, he said “it would be my intention to take up legislation” addressing those issues.

Schumer’s ‘cave’? Shutdown deal puts spotlight on Democratic leader

By Julie Pace and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans tried to make Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer the face of the government shutdown. Now, he’s becoming the face of the Democratic retreat.

For two days, Schumer, perhaps the most powerful Democrat in Washington, succeeded in keeping his party unified in a bid to use the government funding fight to push for protections for some 700,000 young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. But as the shutdown moved into its third day, the New York Democrat and his party buckled as several Democrats backed a deal to end the shutdown in exchange for a Republican pledge to address the immigration debate in the near future.

Schumer quickly became a punching bag for the right and left.

“It’s official: Chuck Schumer is the worst negotiator in Washington — even worse than Trump,” said Murshed Zaheed, political director for the liberal group CREDO.

“Schumer caved,” tweeted former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, an ally to President Donald Trump. He added, “Lessons learned — Schumer burned.”

Schumer had little margin for error in this first major test of his muscle and maneuvering as leader.

The pragmatist was balancing the demands of a liberal base eager for a fight with the president and the political realities of red-state senators anxious about their re-election prospects this fall.

As liberals embraced the fight, some vulnerable senators met with Schumer on Sunday morning and urged a compromise to end the shutdown.



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York walks to his office at the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

“The question is, how do we get out of here in a way that reflects what the majority of the body wants to do,” said Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, who is among the Democrats on the ballot in November. She added: “It is critically important that we get this done today.”

Democratic aides said that while Schumer, who spent the weekend calling members on his flip phone, initially appeared to be holding the party together, the desire to end the shutdown won out.

Liberal leaders across the country hosted a conference call before Monday’s vote to encourage Schumer and other Democrats to oppose any deal that excludes protections for the young immigrants.

“To anyone considering such a move, let me be clear: Promises won’t protect anyone from deportation,” said Greisa Martinez Rosas, a so-called “Dreamer” and the advocacy director for the liberal group

United We Dream. “Delay means deportation for us.”

Despite controlling the White House and both chambers of Congress, Republicans pinned the blame for the shutdown squarely on Schumer, accusing him of being captive to liberals and advocacy groups which opposed any spending package that didn’t result in a solution for the young immigrants. The White House and GOP officials branded the funding gap the “Schumer Shutdown,” spreading the phrase as a hashtag on social media.

Immigration advocates hoped Schumer would see that as badge of honor, but there was anxiety about his resolve.

“He went to the mats,” said Frank Sharry, the executive director of the immigration advocacy group America’s Voice. “He had the backbone to lead his caucus into a high-stakes, high-risk battle. It thrilled progressives.”

As shutdown deal reached, Trump stays out of sight

By Jonathan Lemire and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the shutdown of the federal government lumbered toward an end on Monday, President Donald Trump remained out of sight, suppressing his instincts to make himself part of the story by making a deal or picking a fight.

Trump told allies over the weekend that he hated being on the sidelines, but he followed the recommendations of his staff and key congressional Republicans and removed himself from the negotiations. The president limited his public pronouncements to a few Twitter bursts that bashed Democrats.

He did not reach out to Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer or any other Democrat, instead calling fellow Republicans and Cabinet members to check on the response to the shutdown.

The White House defended Trump’s hands-off approach to the negotiations. “Look, what the president did clearly worked,” said White House press



Trump

secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. She told reporters that Trump’s focus was on minimizing the impact of the shutdown on Americans.

Trump’s shifting positions, particularly on protections for young immigrants, twice scuttled deals that could have avoided the shutdown, frustrating Republicans and Democrats alike. Schumer, who believed he was close to a deal on Friday after meeting the president at the White House over cheeseburgers, blasted Trump’s

refusal to re-engage. “The White House refused to engage in negotiations over the weekend,” Schumer said Monday. “The great deal-making president sat on the sidelines.”

Trump initially chafed at remaining out of the fray, grouching to aides and outside advisers that he feared taking the blame. He watched hours of coverage of the shutdown on cable TV over the weekend — including clips of him blasting President Barack Obama for being passive during the 2013 shutdown — and made a series of calls to allies in which he expressed fear he was looking weak, according to a person familiar with the conversations but not authorized to speak about

them publicly.

But Trump was pleased with the work of his staff defending him on air and was warned by allies not to reopen negotiations with Schumer, whom White House staffers believed would have to fold. Instead, the White House released a series of staged photos of the president, including one in which Trump wears a “Make America Great Again” hat and holds a phone to his ear while sitting at his Oval Office desk.

Trump broke his silence Monday after the Senate vote to temporarily fund the government but only via a statement in which he said he was “pleased Democrats in Congress have come to their senses.”

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NBC's Kelly says Fonda has 'no business' lecturing her

NBC's Megyn Kelly lashed out at actress Jane Fonda on Monday in a simmering dispute over an interview gone awry, even invoking the old "Hanoi Jane" nickname.

Fonda had appeared alongside Robert Redford on one of the first "Megyn Kelly Today" installments in September for an interview to promote a new movie. It became tense when the subject of plastic surgery came up; while saying the 80-year-old actress looked "amazing," Kelly said that "I read that you said you're not proud to admit you've had work done. Why not?"

Fonda glared at Kelly and then said, "We really want to talk about that right now?" She shifted the conversation to the movie.

She has since criticized Kelly for bringing it up, telling Variety over the weekend that "it was so inappropriate. It shows that she's not that good an interviewer."

It was also joked about when Fonda and Lily Tomlin appeared last week on an earlier hour of "Today." When Hoda Kotb asked the women how long they had been friends, Tomlin joked, "I think before your first facelift."

"Who are you, Megyn Kelly?" Fonda said.

It was all too much for Kelly, who said that it's time to address the "poor me routine." She noted that Fonda has discussed her surgery on several media outlets before coming on her show and has talked about giving a cultural face to older women. If that's the case, "then her plastic surgery is tough to ignore," Kelly said.

"I gave her the chance to empower other women, young and old, on a subject which she purports to know well and she rejected it," she said. "That's OK. But I have no regrets about the question. Nor am I in the market for a lesson from Jane Fonda on what is and is not appropriate. After all, this is a woman whose name is synonymous with outrage."

She noted that many veterans still call her "Hanoi Jane" because of her 1972 trip to North Vietnam. Fonda has apologized for being photographed with anti-aircraft guns but not for the trip itself, where she criticized U.S. war policy in the capital of the country that the U.S. was fighting.

"The moral indignation is a little much," Kelly said, adding Fonda "has no business lecturing anyone on what qualifies as offensive."

NEW JERSEY

Town beset by traffic via navigation apps closes off streets

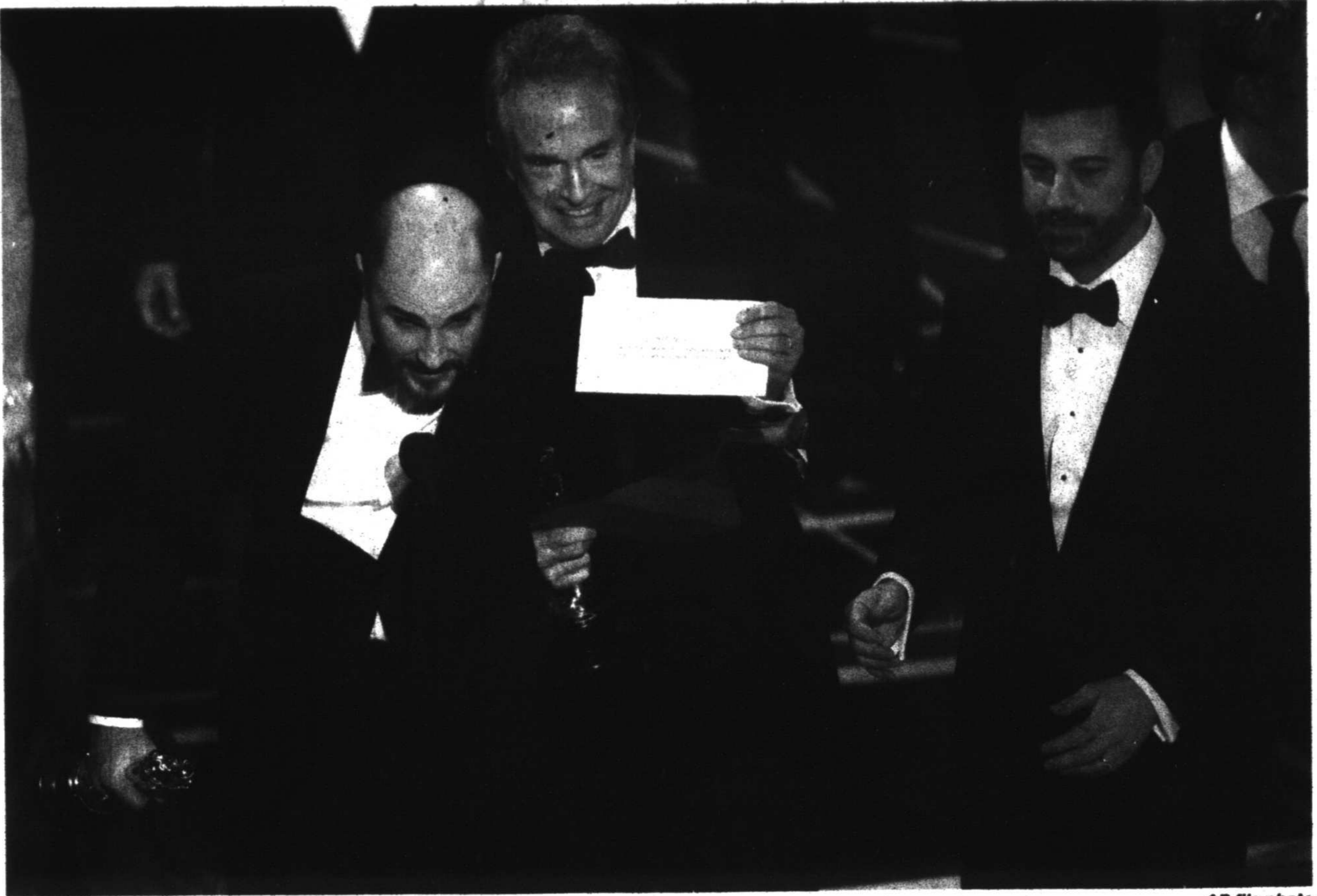
LEONIA — A small town near the world's busiest bridge is putting up the "keep out" sign for motorists seeking a shortcut to it, the latest example of the effects navigation apps are having on communities located near major chokepoints.

As a response to apps like Waze and Apple Maps that reroute some of the tens of thousands of vehicles headed to the George Washington Bridge each morning, Leonia on Monday started barring the use of side streets to non-residents during the morning and evening commutes. Violators could face \$200 fines.

Local officials and police have said the decision isn't a hasty one and they've done extensive studies of traffic patterns.

Police Chief Thomas Rowe said studies show more than 2,000 vehicles pass through town from just one of the three exits off Interstate 95. The town has about 9,200 residents and a police force of 18.

The three exits off a major highway and the proximity to the bridge, which connects Fort Lee, New Jersey, and New York City, put the town "in a unique situation here," Rowe said. "We are a small town in a very busy area with a very small police force."



AP file photo

On Feb. 26, 2017, Jordan Horowitz, producer of "La La Land," left, shows the envelope revealing "Moonlight" as the true winner of best picture at the Oscars in Los Angeles as presenter Warren Beatty and host Jimmy Kimmel, right, look on.

6 new rules to prevent Oscars envelope gaffe

By Sandy Cohen
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After taking responsibility for the epic best picture flub at the Oscars last year, Tim Ryan of PwC got down to business.

He grilled the partners who made the gaffe, then personally reached out to the dozens of people affected by it: the show's producers, presenters and stage managers and the filmmakers behind "La La Land" and "Moonlight."

In the months that followed, PwC met with the academy many times to come up with new protocols and safeguards to prevent such a blunder in the future. Ryan revealed six new reforms to The Associated Press. They include a new process in which the celebrity presenter will confirm they have the correct envelope before stepping onstage, PwC partners attending rehearsals, as well as measures to quickly correct any mistake.

Last year's mistake happened when a PwC partner mistakenly handed an envelope for the best actress winner category, which went to Emma Stone in "La La Land," to the presenters of the best picture category, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. That resulted in "La La Land" being briefly named best picture, before one of that film's producers revealed the error and that "Moonlight" had in fact won.

"One of the most disappointing things to me was all the great work that had been done, not only last year but over the last 83 years, around accuracy, confidentiality integrity of that process," he said. "And where we got it wrong was on the handing over of the envelope."

Ryan said Oscar voting procedures and the tabulation of nominees and winners won't change. Instead, reforms focus on envelope rituals.

Ryan said he will be personally involved with Oscar operations this year as PwC's U.S. chairman and senior partner.

The Razzie nominations are in

For every "Lady Bird," there's a "Fifty Shades Darker." For every Sam Rockwell in "Three Billboards," there's a Zac Elron in "Baywatch."

And for those who'd rather soak in the schadenfreude that comes with watching terrible movies than tune in to the Oscars, there's the Razzies.

The nominees for the 38th annual Gold Raspberry Awards — better known as "The Razzies" — were announced Monday, highlighting the very worst Tinseltown had to offer in 2017.

Michael Bay's "Transformers: The Last Knight" earned the distinction (er, honor?) of scoring the most nominations with nine, including Worst Picture, Worst Actor and Worst Director.

Other notable nominees include "Fifty Shades Darker," which scored eight nominations, and a nod for Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence, for her turn in the controversial "Mother."

The lucky winners will be announced March 3, just one day before the Oscars hands out trophies of its own. Here's a partial list of stinkers:

Worst Picture

- "Baywatch"
- "The Emoji Movie"
- "Fifty Shades Darker"
- "The Mummy"
- "Transformers XVII: The Last Knight"

Worst Actress

- Katherine Heigl ("Unforgettable")
- Dakota Johnson ("Fifty Shades Darker")
- Jennifer Lawrence ("Mother")
- Tyler Perry ("BOO! 2: A Madea Halloween")
- Emma Watson ("The Circle")

Worst Actor

- Tom Cruise ("The Mummy")
- Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean XIII: Dead Men")

Tell-No Tales

- Jamie Dornan ("Fifty Shades Darker")
- Zac Elron ("Baywatch")
- Mark Wahlberg ("Daddy's Home 2" and "Transformers XVII: The Last Knight")

Worst Supporting Actor

- Javier Bardem ("Mother" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales")
- Russell Crowe ("The Mummy")
- Josh Duhamel ("Transformers XVII: The Last Knight")
- Mel Gibson ("Daddy's Home 2")
- Anthony Hopkins ("Collide" and "Transformers XVII: The Last Knight")

Worst Supporting Actress

- Kim Basinger ("Fifty Shades Darker")
- Sofia Boutella ("The Mummy")
- Laura Haddock ("Transformers XVII: Last Knight")
- Goldie Hawn ("Snatched")
- Susan Sarandon ("A Bad Moms Christmas")

Worst Director

- Darren Aronofsky ("Mother")
- Michael Bay ("Transformers XVII: The Last Knight")
- James Foley ("Fifty Shades Darker")
- Alex Kurtzman ("The Mummy")
- Anthony (Tony) Leonidis ("The Emoji Movie")

Worst Screenplay

- "Baywatch"
- "The Emoji Movie"
- "Fifty Shades Darker"
- "The Mummy"
- "Transformers XVII: The Last Knight"

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Other changes include:

■ The addition of a third balloting partner, who will sit with Oscar producers in the show's control room. Just like the balloting partners stationed on either side of the Dolby Theatre stage, this person will have a complete set of winners' envelopes and commit the winners to memory. "Think of it as a safety control," Ryan said.

■ The two partners who worked on last year's Academy Awards have been replaced, though Ryan confirms that both still work for PwC. The new stage-side partners overseeing the envelopes will include Rick Rosas, who previously worked in that post for 14 years,

and colleague Kimberly Bourdon from the company's Los Angeles office.

■ A new formal procedure is in place for when envelopes are handed over. Both the celebrity presenter and a stage manager will confirm that they've been given the correct envelope for the category they are about to present. (Last year's gaffe occurred when the PwC representative accidentally gave presenters the envelope for best actress rather than best picture.)

■ All three balloting partners will attend show rehearsals and practice what to do if something goes wrong. "Because, as you're

well aware, it took a long time to respond last year when there was a mistake that we made," Ryan said. "So we're formally practicing the what-ifs."

The final change is one the academy immediately instituted last year: PwC partners are prohibited from using cellphones or social media during the show.

"Our singular focus will be on the show and delivering the correct envelopes," Ryan said.

Besides tabulating votes for Oscar nominees and winners, PwC handles much of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' accounting, including audits and taxes.

Get your stuff and go: Amazon opens store with no cashiers

Associated Press

SEATTLE — No cashiers, no registers and no cash — this is how Amazon sees the future of store shopping.

The online retailer opened its Amazon Go store concept to the public Monday in Seattle, which lets shoppers take milk, potato chips or ready-to-eat salads off its shelves and just walk out. Amazon's technology charges customers after they leave.

"It's such a weird experience, because you feel like you're stealing when you go out the door," said Lisa Doyle, who visited the shop Monday.

Amazon employees have been testing the store, at the bottom floor of the company's Seattle headquarters, for about a year. Amazon.com Inc. said it uses computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors to figure out what people are grabbing off its store shelves.

The store is yet another



Associated Press

Customer Paul Fan shops at an Amazon Go store Monday in Seattle. More than a year after it introduced the concept, Amazon opened its artificial intelligence-powered Amazon Go store in downtown Seattle on Monday. 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.

sign that Amazon is serious about expanding its physical presence. It has opened more than a dozen bookstores, taken over space in some Kohl's department stores and bought Whole Foods last year, giving it 470 grocery stores.

But Amazon Go is unlike its other stores. Shoppers enter by scanning the Amazon

Go smartphone app at a turnstile, opening plastic doors. When an item is pulled off a shelf, it's added to that shopper's virtual cart. If the item is placed back on the shelf, it is removed from the virtual cart.

Not everyone can shop at the store: People must have a smartphone and a debit or credit card they can link to

be charged. Amazon said families can shop together with just one phone scanning everyone in. Anything they grab from the shelf will also be added to the tab of the person who signed them in. But don't help out strangers: Amazon warns that grabbing an item from the shelf for someone else means you'll be charged for it.

There's little sign of the technology visible to customers, except for black boxes, cameras and a few tiny flashing green lights in the darkened, open ceiling above.

One shopper, Paul Fan, tested the technology by turning off his phone and taking items and putting them in incorrect spots. The app was still able to tally up his items correctly. "It's really smart," he said.

At 1,800 square feet, Amazon Go resembles a convenience store, except for a kitchen visible from the street where sandwiches and ready-to-cook meal

kits are prepared. A small section features products from the Whole Foods 365 brand. There's no hot coffee or hot food, but microwaves are available for customers who want to warm up something. Beer and wine is in a cornered-off section where a staffer checks ID before anyone enters.

The store has other employees, too, who make food, stock shelves and help customers. On Monday, workers were on hand to help shoppers find and download the Amazon Go app and guide them through the exit.

The company had announced the Amazon Go store in December 2016 and said it would open by early 2017, but it delayed the debut while it worked on the technology and company employees tested it out. By lunchtime on day one, Amazon's no-lines hope was thwarted, at least outside the store: There were at least 50 people waiting to enter, in a line that stretched around the corner.

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State panel set to discuss school finance fix

Texas Commission on Public School Finance to hear testimony beginning today

By Aliyya Swaby
Texas Tribune

The Texas Commission on Public School Finance will meet for the first time this morning as it starts to develop legislative recommendations for overhauling a rundown system for funding public education.

The meeting, which is open to the public but only hearing invited testimony, will be held at 10 a.m. today in Room 1-104 in the State Board of Education's William B. Travis Building in downtown Austin. The

agenda will include discussion about the school finance legal framework, Texas' student populations and educational outcomes for students in the state, according to the meeting notice on the Texas secretary of state's website.

It will be accessible by livestream on the Texas Education Agency's website.

The commission was created by House Bill 21, passed during the 2017 July-August special session. The panel is expected to deliver a report by Dec. 31 with recommendations for legislators on overhauling a school finance system that has been the subject of statewide lawsuits for decades.

Chandra Villanueva, a policy analyst at the left-leaning Center for Public Policy Priorities, said the commission should work toward doing a thorough study of what it takes to educate Texas students.

"We don't know if the weights are at the right amount unless we know what the educational costs should be," she said. "We need to have a goal we're working toward."

House Speaker Joe Straus, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Gov. Greg Abbott each chose four members for the commission, and the State Board of Education picked one of its own members to serve.

"The Texas Supreme Court's opinions in the most recent school finance lawsuit reflect a broad agreement that the current system is flawed, as well as substantial disagreement as to what to do about it," said Scott Brister, chair of the commission and a former Texas Supreme Court justice, in a Dec. 22 letter to members.

Abbott said he is betting on the commission's findings to figure out how to help increase funding to schools, as he unveiled a plan last week to prevent cities, counties and school districts from

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LESSONS IN SPACE



AP file photo

Christa McAuliffe tries out the commander's seat on the flight deck of a shuttle simulator at the Johnson Space Center in Houston on Sept. 13, 1985. Thirty-two years after the Challenger disaster, a pair of teachers turned astronauts on the International Space Station will pay tribute to McAuliffe by carrying out her science classes.

Teachers-turned-astronauts' will carry out McAuliffe's science classes on ISS

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Christa McAuliffe's lost lessons are finally getting taught in space.

Thirty-two years after the Challenger disaster, a pair of teachers turned astronauts will pay tribute to McAuliffe by carrying out her science classes on the International Space Station.

As NASA's first designated teacher in space, McAuliffe was going to experiment with fluids and demonstrate Newton's laws of motion for schoolchildren. She never made it to orbit: She and six crewmates were killed during liftoff of space shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28, 1986.

Astronauts Joe Acaba and Ricky Arnold will perform some of McAuliffe's lessons over the next several months. Acaba shared the news during a TV linkup Friday with students at McAuliffe's alma mater, Framingham State University near Boston.

"I can't think of a better time or a better place to make this announcement," Acaba said. He said he and Arnold "look forward to helping to inspire the next generation of explorers and educators."

Four lessons — on effervescence or bubbles, chromatography, liquids and Newton's laws — will be filmed by Acaba and Arnold, then posted online by the Challenger Center, a nonprofit organization supporting science, technology, engineering and math education.

The center's president, Lance Bush, said he's thrilled "to bring Christa's lessons to life."

"We are honored to have the opportunity to complete Christa's lessons and share them with students and teachers around the world," Bush said in a statement.

On Friday, he thanked Acaba, who along with two station crewmates fielded questions from Framingham State students about life in space.

NASA's associate administrator for education, Mike Kincaid, said the lessons are "an incredible way to honor and remember" McAuliffe as well as the entire Challenger crew.

Four of the six lessons that McAuliffe planned to videotape during her space flight will be done. A few will be altered to take advantage of what's available aboard the space station.

The lessons should be available online beginning this spring.

Acaba returns to Earth at the end of

February. Arnold flies up in March. NASA is billing their back-to-back missions as "A Year of Education on Station."

The two were teaching middle school math and science on opposite sides of the world — Acaba in Florida and Arnold in Romania — when NASA selected them as educator-astronauts in 2004.

McAuliffe was teaching history, law and economics at Concord High School in New Hampshire when she was selected as the primary candidate for NASA's teacher in space project in 1985.

Her backup, Barbara Morgan, is on the Challenger Center's board of directors. Morgan was NASA's first educator-astronaut, flying on shuttle Endeavour in 2007 and helping to build the space station.

McAuliffe planned to keep a journal during her space shuttle mission, and one college student asked if the astronauts were doing the same. Acaba said he's been making entries in a leather-bound journal during his 14 years as an astronaut. He writes in it every night before he goes to sleep on the space station.

"When I'm sitting on my porch sometime in the future, I'll look back on all these great times," Acaba said.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Students focus on careers in health care

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

They were both born in California and moved to Midland with their parents and siblings, and both want to pursue careers in health care. Diana Garcia and Grace du Preez are enrolled in health and wellness pathway courses, but that is where the similarity ends.

Garcia, 19, is among the first cohort of students in MC's Primary Care Pathway partnership with the University of North Texas and Midland Health. She will graduate from MC in May and then take courses at the University of North Texas for a year before entering Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Du Preez, 16, is a junior at Midland High School taking Principles of Health Science and Medical Terminology as part of the MC and Midland ISD health career academy at the MC Advanced Technology Center. She soon will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and a medical physical exam so that she can join the U.S. Army as part of the military's delayed-start program.

The delayed-start program will enable du Preez to participate in basic training this summer and advanced individual training during summer 2019 before she enrolls in college and then nursing school. Her ultimate goal is to become a registered nurse and join the Army Nurse Corps.

Garcia, on the other hand, wants to return to West Texas after completing medical school so she can practice pediatric medicine. As part of the Primary Care Pathways program, she already has shadowed various physicians in Midland and found that she enjoys the primary care and pediatric specialties most.

The 2016 Lee High School graduate is the first person in her family to attend college.

"I always knew that I wanted to go to college," said Garcia. "One of my teachers in high school, Mr. Edwards, told me about MC's Primary Care Pathways program, and I remember thinking that it sounded interesting. Then, when I met with Nereida Huffman, an advisor at Midland College, she told me more about

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Garcia



Du Preez

Need for new high schools among ideas to improve MISD

If you're an elementary teacher, you know a big day looms on the horizon. A day filled with parades, parent projects and excited students. We celebrate the 100th day of school every year. I'm already planning what I will need to do with my kindergartener to help her show her 100th-day spirit. For those of you in the know, Feb. 12 is the big day, barring any bad-weather school closures.

So while coming up with ideas for this column, my husband suggested using the 100th day as a challenge to my readers. Are there 100 things we all could do to improve our schools?

Teachers work hard every day to make



things the best we can, but we need help. In a town such as Midland, we have the resources to make MISD the shining star of Texas.

First and foremost, money is a huge issue for all of us. While our salaries are

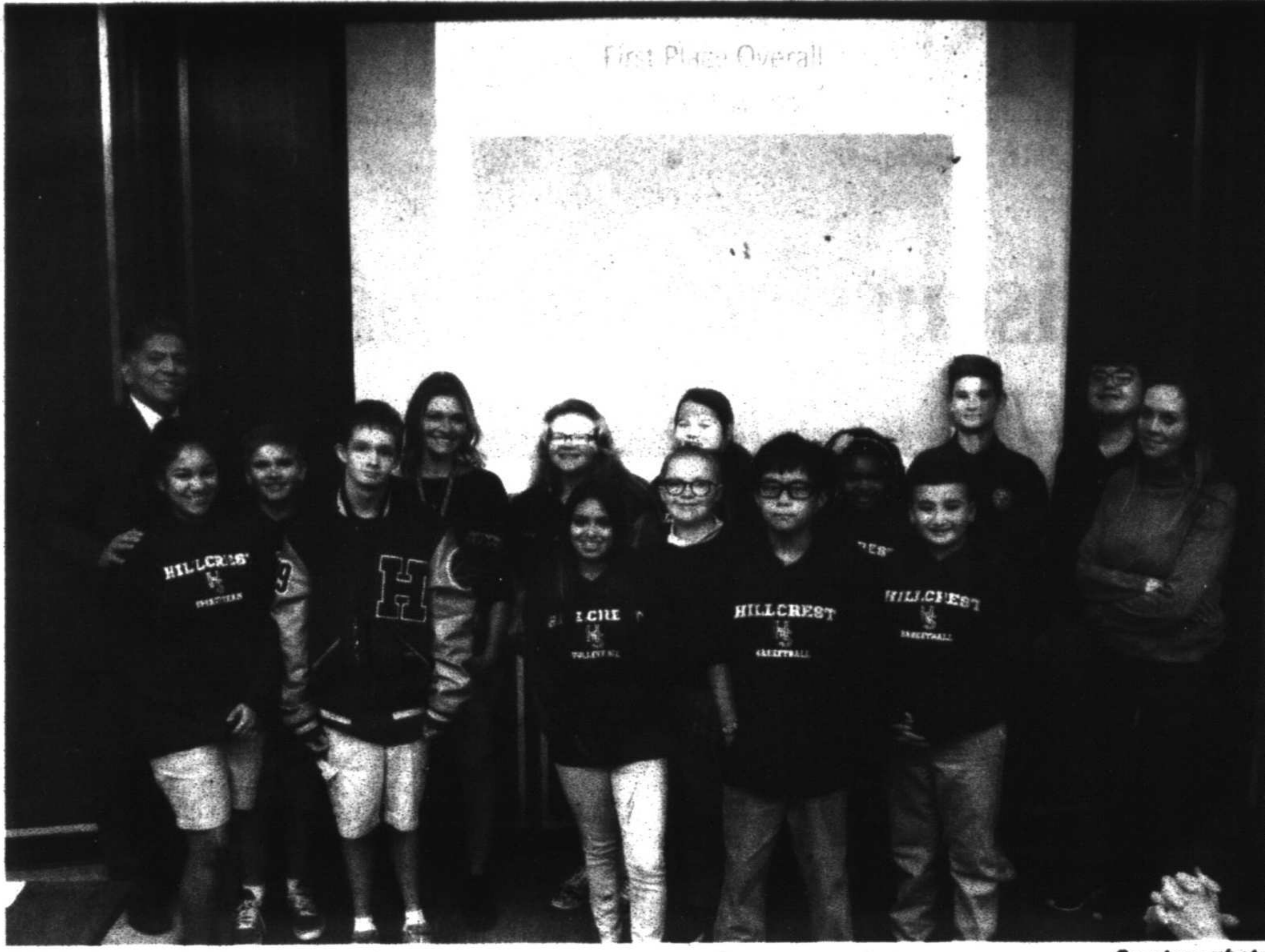
competitive, there are so many opportunities we miss out on. The Robin Hood plan, which started my senior year of high school, takes a huge chunk out of Midland every year. I know we have sent millions of dollars to Austin. I know there are districts in other parts of Texas that need that money, but I can't help but wonder what we could do with that money. So let's start by brainstorming ideas of what we can do now, without the huge chunk of change that gets taken from us.

We need new high schools. Midland High has parts from the 1949. Lee High is the same way, only a few decades newer. The high schools are overcrowded as if

is, and will be even worse after my next suggestion.

The ninth-graders need to be in high school. Right now, students are bussed back and forth between campuses for extracurricular activities such as band and robotics, but this is not the solution. We need to have a true high school with all four grades represented. By moving up ninth grade, we've just made Lee and MHS bust at the seams, so we need new high schools to accommodate the students. We might even need a third high school in town. (Gasp!)

With the freshmen at the high schools, it's time for the sixth-graders to



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HONORS FOR HILLCREST

Mayor Jerry Morales, far left, poses with a group of students from Hillcrest School. The school won first place overall for floats in the 2017 city Christmas parade.

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Greenwood High School senior **Steven Hawley**

has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Brad and Jerri Hawley.

He is a member of Interact, PALs and tennis team. He attends Fellowship Baptist Church and participates in the youth group. Hawley plans to attend Midland College.

Midland Classical Academy senior **Jaxson Bayley**

has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Andy and Lisa Bayley.

He is a member of the art and academic team, assembly team and math team and is a Round Table Leader. He is a member of the basketball, baseball and cross country teams

and was named academic All State in basketball and baseball.

He attends Stonegate Fellowship where he serves as a fifth-grade leader.

Bayley plans to attend Texas A&M University or the University of Oklahoma and major in architecture.

Midland Christian School senior **Gilda Tchao** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Imelda Descuza and Yao Tchao.

She is vice president of the National Honor Society and is a member of the Spanish Club and the Book Club.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship and is involved in Opportunity Camp and Fun Academy.

Tchao plans to attend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and major in nursing or biology and minor in psychology.

Lee High School senior **Austin Williams** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Brad and Shanna Williams.

He is band chaplain and a member of the robotics

team and National Honor Society.

Williams plans to major in computer science or computer engineering.

Lee High School senior **Crystal Uba** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Peter Uba.

She is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, is president

of the National Technical Honor Society and is a volunteer tutor.

She volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital and is a member of Glory House Church, where she controls the sound system.

Uba plans to major in biology.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Midlander **Thomas Harwood** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at William & Mary.

To be eligible, students must maintain a quality point average of at least 3.6.

Midland High School senior **Sam Hullender**

has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. He is the son of Todd and Kelly Hullender.

He is captain of the football team, member of the track, baseball and basketball teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society and Student Council. He is an academic letterman, member of All-State and All-District academic teams, and is a Texas Scholar. He was a delegate for Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders and is a candidate for Oxbridge Academic Program at Oxford and Harvard.

He volunteers with Little League and GMFL, is involved with Young Life and his church's youth group.

Hullender plans to attend the University of Texas and major in sports management.

CALLAWAY

From 1B

get moved to junior high. After teaching sixth grade for nine years, I firmly believe they would be better in a junior high setting.

Make the freshman schools into junior highs so that the town now has six.

By doing that, it could eliminate some of the overcrowding that schools such as Goddard are struggling with now.

Refurbish some of the elementary schools. We have three 21st-century schools with Yarbrough, Fasken and Bunche, but that leaves us with 24 1980s and 1990s schools. I taught at Scharbauer for nine years. Built in 1985, it needs a major redo. The prominent colors throughout the building are teal and maroon. Because it and several other schools such as Santa Rita and Greenhouse were newer, they didn't get the redo many of the other schools got in the 1990s when schools were gutted and redone with modern standards. I teach at one of those schools, and I'm constantly reminded how fortunate I am and how nice the school is, even though it's more than 50 years old. Make all of our schools into 21st-century campuses.

Provide schools with the same materials that the new schools were able to get. Provide tables instead of desks and Chromebook carts for every grade level. (I would even take some of the cool furniture provided for the common rooms at each new campus.)

Provide professional development opportunities outside the district. The International Literacy Association Conference is coming to Austin this summer. It's a very drivable distance for the educators in our district. Get a big bus and take any ELA teacher who wants to go. At a cost of \$750 per person, businesses could begin to sponsor individual teachers or schools to help pay for the hotel and conference. All the literacy luminaries are in one place for a short period of time

presenting the most current and up-to-date research on reading and literacy. I've written many times about how I believe raising readers is the way to get better performance in all areas of school. Going to conferences such as this one rejuvenates and refreshes educators, and I can see ELA teachers coming back on fire after attending this worldwide conference.

Talk to teachers who have taught in other districts to see how they did things. Use this new talent to get ideas for our district. After the STAAR test, they rank us against schools with our same demographics. Each elementary should send a group of teachers to the No. 1-ranked campus and work to emulate what they do. These ideas should be implemented into our district.

Get retired teachers to volunteer at the schools. These former educators already have the knowledge of how to do things, so let's put them in with our students as tutors or to run small groups.

Parents need to be more involved, and teachers need to put these volunteers to work. I always have parents tell me they can help, but I never really have anything for them to do. That needs to change, at least in my case. If a parent or grandparent wants to help, I need to find a way to let him/her help.

I've come up with 10 ideas, but I invite my readers to add to the list. You can email me at bookgirlstacey75@gmail.com. Let's see if we can reach 100 suggestions that we can take action on by Feb. 12. Obviously, we're not getting some of my suggestions that soon, but brainstorming means throwing out ideas no matter how impossible they seem. I look forward to seeing some ideas from other teachers and readers.

Stacey Callaway teaches fifth-grade reading and social studies at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

CAREERS

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the program and that I could get a medical degree in just seven years. It's nice that I can live at home and save some money while taking my basic courses and a lot of my science and math courses at Midland College."

Du Preez also wants to attend Midland College when she graduates from high school in 2019. Because she is participating in the dual-credit health career academy, she already will have some college hours before she graduates from high school. After graduating from MC, she plans to enter nursing school and pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Her first choice for nursing school is Baylor School of Nursing in Dallas.

"Once I complete basic training this summer, I'll join the National Guard," she said. "I'll be a member of the National Guard throughout college. If I go to Baylor, I'll join the Army ROTC. Then when I graduate from Baylor, I'll be an officer in the Army Nurse Corps. My father is in the Army as a member of the National Guard. My uncle was also in the Army. I want to follow in their footsteps."

Du Preez's father, Heinrich du Preez is a safety manager in the oil and gas industry. He is a native of South Africa who immigrated to the U.S. before joining the Army. Her mother, Amber, is the volunteer coordinator at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. Du Preez has an 11-year-old sister and 8-year-old twin brothers.

"My brothers are the reason I want to become a nurse," du Preez said. "One of my brothers has scoliosis and the other one has cerebral palsy. They were born prematurely at just 25 weeks and were in and out of hospitals when they were babies. I remember being in the hospitals with them, and the nurses were

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Grace DuPreez, high school student

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Garcia is also the oldest sibling in her family. She has one brother and two sisters. Her father, Alejandro Garcia, works in the construction industry, and her mother, Ana Elba Garcia, works at Walmart.

"I may be the first in my family to attend college, but I'm not the last," said Garcia. "My brother, Eric, will graduate from high school in May, and he wants to be an engineer. My 12-year-old sister, Blanca, wants to be a lawyer. She recently won a \$1,000 college scholarship as part of a fundraising project."

Garcia is a role model to her younger siblings. Her youngest sister, Alexa, just turned 5, and when asked what she wants to be when she grows up, she says she wants to be like Diana.

Both du Preez and Garcia have a career goal of helping those in need. Du Preez wants to travel the world and serve her country, while Garcia wants to focus her efforts on helping those closer to home. While their health care careers will take them on different paths, these two young women are beginning their journey at Midland College.

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

Missouri high school tries no-homework weekends

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

KIRKWOOD, Mo. — A Kirkwood, Missouri, high school is trying an experiment for the sake of student and teacher mental health.

For the weekends following Feb. 16 and March 9, Kirkwood High School students won't get homework assignments from their teachers, school leaders decided earlier this month.

Many Kirkwood High students juggle after-school jobs and extracurricular activities on top of homework from dense course schedules, said Principal Michael Havener.

Meanwhile, teachers' work rarely ends when school dismisses for the day; teachers are known for spending nights and weekends grading papers and planning lessons.

All of that can be conducive to heavy stress. A little relief from homework on the weekends could help everybody, Havener said. "Kids need to be kids at some time," Havener said. "We need to make sure we allow them the time to take a breath and, for lack of a better word, reset throughout the semesters and quarters."

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NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AT UTPB

Midland Memorial recently donated \$5,000 to enable University of Texas of the Permian Basin nursing students to take the National Council Licensure Examination, which determines if students are prepared to begin practice as an entry-level nurse. On hand for the presentation were: Roberta SoloRio, from left, chief human resource officer for Midland Health, Russel Meyers, president and CEO of Midland Health; Sandra Woodley, president of UTPB; Bob Dent, senior vice president, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer of Midland Health; and Dorothy Jackson, dean of the School of Nursing at UTPB.

Fix

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drastically increasing local property taxes. He said he didn't know if his plan would negatively affect school districts' ability to raise money but that the state would have to play a role in helping them if it did.

"School finance is broken, and that's exactly why I wanted to pass during the special session a school finance commission that will have robust solutions to fix school finance," he told reporters last week.

The commission was created after House and Senate education leaders clashed during the legislative session on how to best address school finance. Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, who chairs

the House Public Education Committee, advocated for an immediate \$1.8 billion fix, which would have edited some of the outdated formulas for funding public schools and provided most school districts with more money.

But Senate Republicans argued during the special legislative session last summer that the House's plan was too costly and not well-researched. Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, compared accepting the House's proposal to driving a broken car into the ground. He advocated for a commission to study the best ways to reform the system.

Ultimately, the House lost the battle. Both Huberty and Taylor are on the commission, along with four other legislators.



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FOOD	64:70:27:68:54		Chopped	Chopped	Chopped "True Grits"	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped "True Grits"				
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MSNBC	47:53:49:73		Hardball (N)	All in (N)	Rachel Maddow (N)	The Last Word (N)	The 11th Hour (N)	Rachel Maddow				
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SYFY	66:82:41:57:67		*** Faster (10, Act) Dwight Johnson	*** The Lone Ranger (13, Act) Arnie Hammer, Johnny Depp	*** The Lone Ranger (13, Act) Arnie Hammer, Johnny Depp	*** Wild Card	*** Wild Card	*** Wild Card				
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TLC	51:61:32:38:52		(3:05) My Big Life "Big Fat Ambush 2/2" (N)	Big Fat Fabulous L. "Buddy's Missing" (N)	Jazz "Big Trouble in the Big Apple"	(3:05) SisterWife "Let the Seeking Begin!"	(3:05) Jazz "Big Trouble in the Big Apple"	(3:05) Jazz "Big Trouble in the Big Apple"				
TNT	24:34:40:26:50		NBA TBP Off	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs Site: AT&T Center - San Antonio, Texas (L)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs Site: AT&T Center - San Antonio, Texas (L)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center - Los Angeles, Calif. (L)						
TVLAND	49:35:54:35		MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray Loves Ray	Loves Ray Loves Ray	Mom	Queens				
USA	26:55:42:27:49		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Sheltered Outcasts"	WWE Super Smackdown		Cromarties	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows				
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Single mom sees a future with 2 different men, can't choose

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old divorced mom of two. I have recently gotten into relationships with two completely different men. One of them, "Steve," has the life I have always wanted, and he says he loves me more than life itself. The other, "Rick," I love more than life itself, but sometimes I have the feeling he doesn't love me as much as I do him.

If I were to love Steve the way I love Rick OR if Rick were to love me the way Steve does, the decision would be clear. I can see myself making a life with either of them. I risk losing either one as a friend if I pick the other one.

They both love my kids, and I love theirs. Both want to build a life with me. How do I decide which path to take? HELP! — **IN A LOVE TRIANGLE**

DEAR TRIANGLE: You are no more stuck than you want to be. I know what decision I would make if my choice was between a man who loved me more than life itself and who could give me the life I had always dreamed of, and someone I was crazy about but suspected didn't love me as much — but only you can decide what is right for you and your children. I don't think you should marry either man unless you are confident you can do it without second-guessing yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I am 72 years old, and I cry a lot. I'm so resentful of my ex-co-workers and my former friends I can't stand it. I have lost two cherished wives, two children and one grandchild, while those people still have their first wives and all their children and grandchildren. Why did I have to lose people I loved? I am so full of anger that I no longer believe in God. What am I to do? Do I need therapy? — **OLD AND HATEFUL IN TEXAS**

DEAR OLD AND HATEFUL: You have suffered more than your share of loss, and for that, please accept my sympathy. The problem with harboring resentment and anger is that, unchecked, they feed upon themselves and grow. A therapist could be helpful by giving you a safe place to vent those emotions.

It is normal to cry when in emotional pain, but you could also benefit from talking with a grief counselor or joining a grief support group. Your phy-

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Different views

East-West vulnerable, West deals

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Opening lead: King of ♠

Today's deal is from a match in England some years ago between alumni teams from Oxford and Cambridge, which included some very fine players. This deal was a wild one.

West's three diamond opening was a bit timid, even at unfavorable vulnerability. East passed, hoping that South would find a bid, and then doubled South's three heart bid. West could

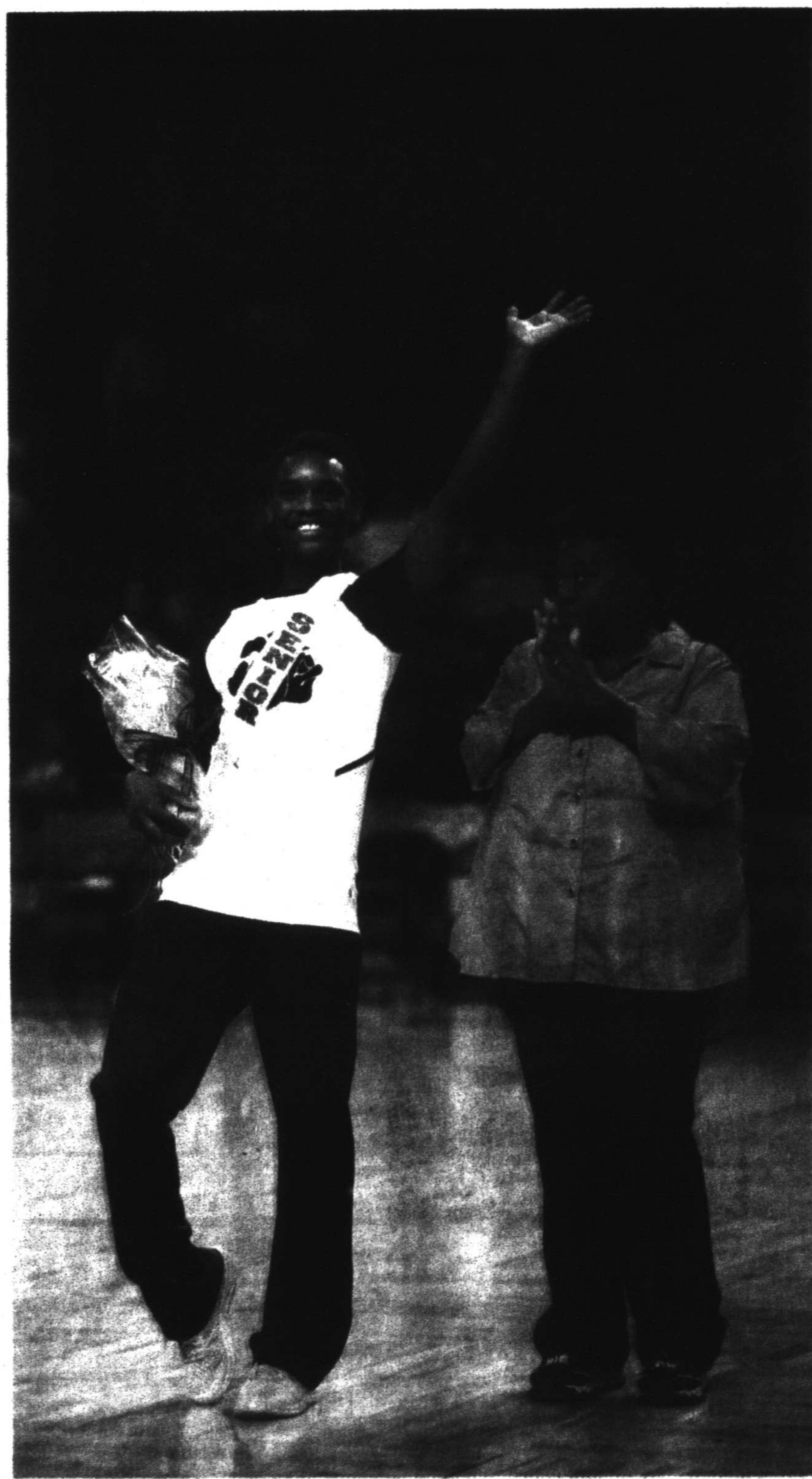
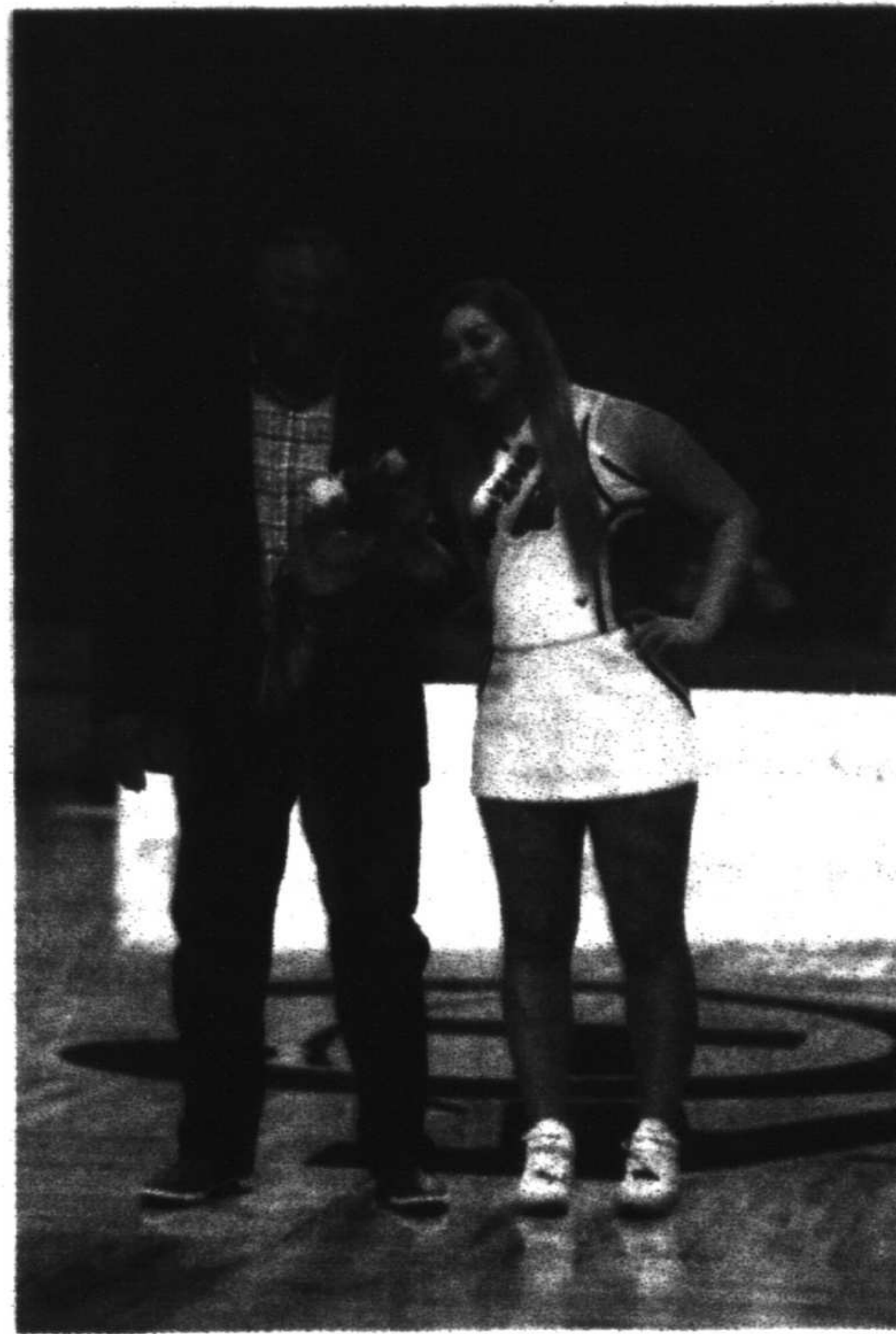
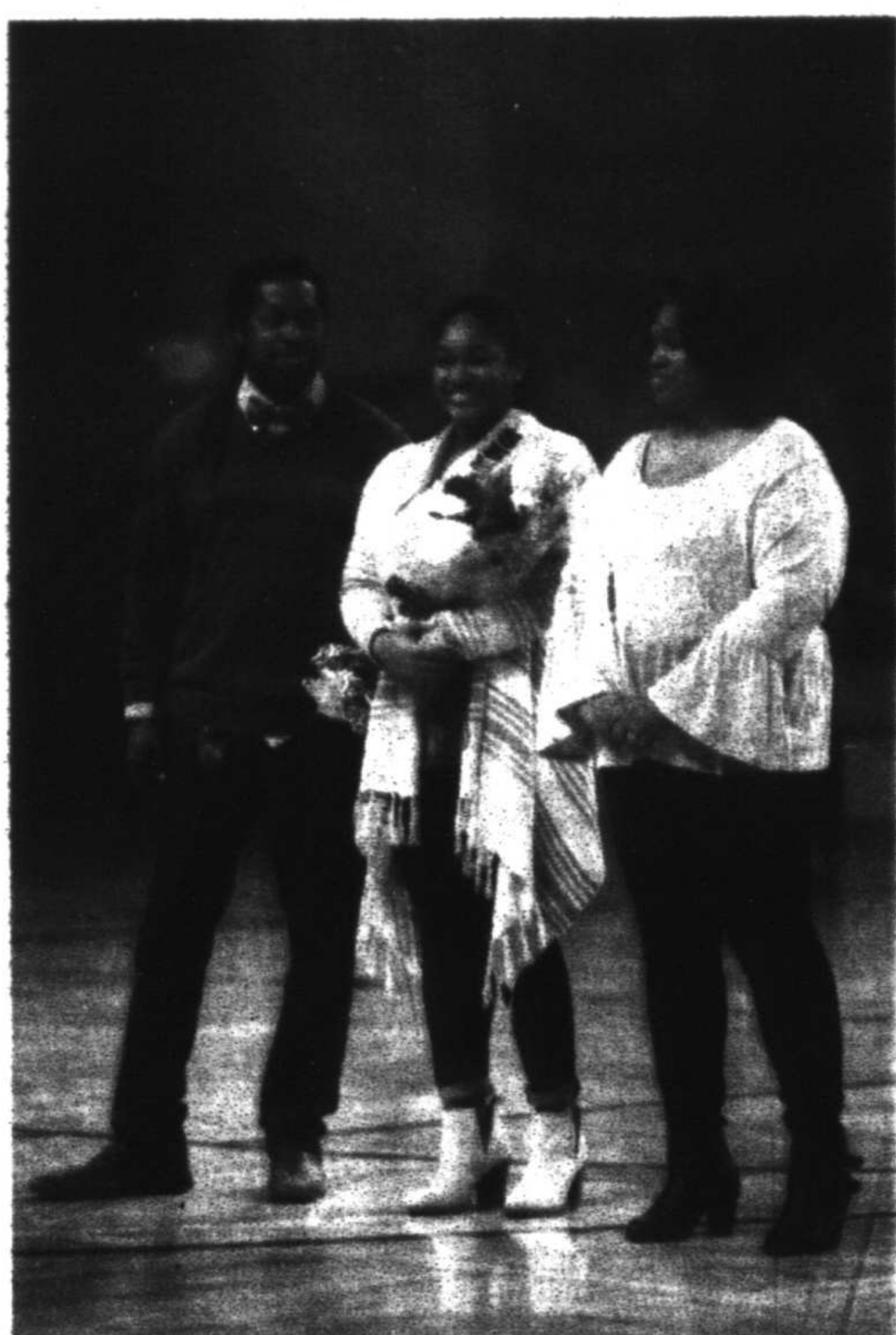
have defeated the contract by leading the jack of spades, but he saw no reason to lead his singleton when he was void in trumps. South captured the opening diamond lead with his ace and drew trumps in three rounds.

Rather than playing on spades, South exited with the jack of clubs. East won with his king but was surprisingly end-played. Cashing his top spades would lose partner's jack, and under-leading his spades would end-play West, who would have to set up the jack of diamonds or play a club, allowing declarer to insert dummy's nine and build a trick in that suit. East chose to try and cash the ace of clubs, but South ruffed, eventually ruffed his two diamond losers in dummy, and discarded a spade on the queen of clubs. Making three, doubled!

At the other table, West opened a more enterprising four diamonds. East raised to five diamonds and South doubled, feeling like the opponents were out stealing. East re-doubled, showing confidence in his partner's vulnerable pre-empt. West brought home an overtrick by leading a diamond to the 10 on the first round of trumps! Exciting stuff!

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SENIORS HONORED FOR THEIR SPIRIT

Midland High School senior cheerleaders were recognized Friday during the Bulldogs' basketball game against Odessa High School at Chaparral Center.

Photos by James Durbin
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Bamba's 24 points lead Texas over Iowa State 73-57

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Mo Bamba was mad when he ripped down a rebound and went back for a two-handed dunk punctuated by a yell and a fist pump.

Mad about getting blocked a minute earlier, and still mad about a humiliating loss at No. 7 West Virginia two days earlier.

"Our motto coming into this was, 'Somebody has to pay for it,'" the Longhorns freshman forward said. "Unfortunately for Iowa State, it was them."

Bamba scored a season-high 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Longhorns bounced back from the blowout defeat with a steady 73-57 win over Iowa State on Monday night. Texas led the entire way

after a quick start, then shut the door defensively in the final three minutes to snuff out any hopes of a Cyclones rally.

Texas (13-7, 4-4) needed the victory in a big way. The 35-point loss at West Virginia was the worst of coach Shaka Smart's career. Another loss Monday night could have put the Longhorns back on the bottom of the Big 12, where they finished last season.

At 6-foot-11 with long arms and quick hands, Bamba has been a force under the basket on both ends of the court. The nation's second-leading shot blocker had three more against the Cyclones, had two steals, and even stepped out to make two 3-pointers, a season high.

Kerwin Roach II added 22 points for Texas. Roach made four 3-pointers and teamed with

Bamba with assists on a layup and dunk early to spark the Longhorns' offense.

"It carried over through the whole game," Roach said. "We kept the lead and coach emphasized coming out to a good start."

Texas led by nine at halftime and stretched it to 13 early in the second. The Cyclones rallied to get within seven before the Longhorns went to Bamba for a layup and Dylan Osetkowski tipped away a pass to start a fast break that Roach finished for a 47-36 Texas lead.

Cameron Lard had 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead Iowa State (11-8, 2-6).

Big picture

Iowa State: The Cyclones'

Please see TEXAS/3C



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Texas guard Kerwin Roach II, center, battles Iowa State forward Solomon Young, left, and guard Nick Weiler-Babb (1) for the ball during the first half in Austin.

And now, part two



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Laura Kate Sparks (3) dribbles against Trinity on Jan. 6 at MCA.

Midland Classical ready to start district after tough early schedule

By Christopher Hadorn
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District play is finally here for the Midland Classical girls basketball team.

While most area public schools have been playing district games for nearly three weeks, the Lady Knights (14-8) will open up TAPPS 1-3A play when they visit Abilene Christian (5-10) at 6 p.m. today.

MCA, which is ranked No. 3 in the

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches TAPPS 3A poll, will play its first game of consequence since losing 64-49 to Beaumont Legacy Christian in the 2017 TAPPS 3A state championship game.

"We are looking forward to finally starting district," Lady Knights head coach Carla Connecan said. "I think everybody has started district around the state and we haven't yet, so it will be nice to just kind of get part two of the season going."

MCA played a meat grinder of a pre-district schedule to get ready for district and the potential postseason run that awaits.

The Lady Knights split a home-and-home series with Class 1A No. 2-ranked Garden City and also played competitively in losses against Class 4A No. 3 Denver City and Class 3A No. 8 Jim Ned.

MCA beat three Class 6A schools,

Please see GIRLS/3C

Backups help resilient Eagles overcome major injuries

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Using a cane to walk on his surgically repaired left knee, Carson Wentz celebrated a victory with his teammates that many thought the Philadelphia Eagles couldn't secure without him.

Wentz led them to a division title. Nick Foles is taking them to the Super Bowl. Losing Wentz in Week 14

after the second-year quarterback had an MVP-caliber season was supposed to be a crippling blow to a team that had already lost nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters, playmaking linebacker Jordan Hicks, versatile returner/running back Darren Sproles



Foles

and special teams ace Chris Maragos.

But the Eagles are one victory away from the franchise's first NFL title since 1960 thanks to key contributions from several backups.

"It's the next-man-up mentality," coach Doug Pederson said Monday. "It also means that you have some veteran players that keep things together, and good coaching staffs. I think it's a tribute to the players and everyone involved that they can keep

things going even through that adversity."

Foles led the way with a spectacular performance in a 38-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game. He threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns while joining Joe Montana as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to complete 75 percent of their passes in consecutive playoff games.

Please see EAGLES/4C

Brady, Gronk begin bye week on mend from injuries

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — In the two-week run-up to the Super Bowl, the New England Patriots will face plenty of questions about two things critical to the team's success: Tom Brady's right hand and Rob Gronkowski's head.

Brady answered most of the concerns about whether the hand injury would hinder him with a strong performance in New England's AFC championship game victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Gronkowski, meanwhile, will likely spend at least part of this week going through the concussion protocol. He suffered the injury on a helmet-to-helmet hit from Jacksonville safety Barry Church.

The game-changing tight end is Brady's favorite target, and he missed last season's Super Bowl run after undergoing season-ending back surgery.

There was no update from the Patriots on Gronk's status Monday, but he was at the facility for team meetings. "He was in pretty good spirits today when I spoke to him," special teams captain Matt Slater said.

Recently, New England has fared well when Gronkowski has been sidelined. But that hasn't always been the case.

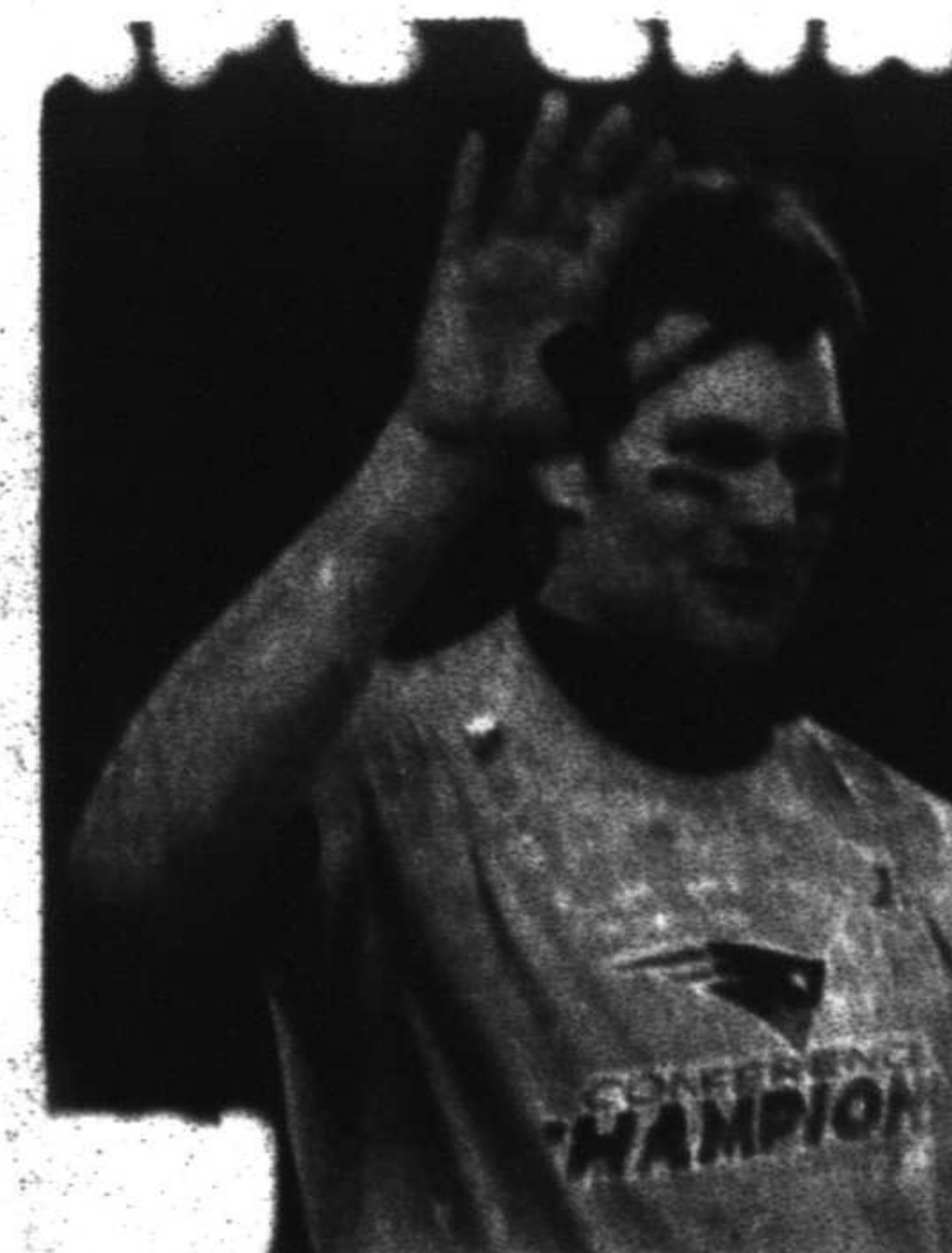
The Patriots had plenty of time to adjust to his absence in 2016, when he played just eight games before the surgery. They also had Martellus Bennett to pick up the slack.

Since the start of last season, New England is 12-1 without Gronk. In those games, the Patriots' points per game actually increased from 28.6 to 28.8, although their yards per play declined from 8.1 to 7.6.

The offense was also better without him on third down and in the red zone. Over the past two seasons it converted on 49.3 percent of its chances on third down and scored touchdowns on 66 percent of its red zone trips without him, compared to 45 percent on third down and scoring touchdowns on 62.6 percent of red zone trips when he played.

From his rookie season in 2010 through 2015, his absence had a much greater impact.

Please see PATRIOTS/4C



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady waves with his bandaged right hand after winning the AFC championship game over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won, 24-20.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Men's College Basketball Providence at Villanova, 5:30 p.m., FS1 Arkansas at Georgia, 5:30 p.m., SEC Kansas at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., ESPN Wisconsin at Iowa, 6 p.m., ESPN2 Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPNU Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN News Davidson at Dayton, 6 p.m., CBSN Creighton at St. John's, 7:30 p.m., FS1 Alabama at Ole Miss, 7:30 p.m., SEC Mississippi State at Kentucky, 8 p.m., ESPN Texas A&M at LSU, 8 p.m., ESPNU Northwestern at Minnesota, 8 p.m., BTN VCU at St. Louis, 8 p.m., CBSN UNLV at Fresno State, 10 p.m., CBSN National Basketball Association Cleveland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

p.m., TNT Boston at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT NBA G-League Maine at Long Island, 6 p.m., ELVN Reno at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW+ National Hockey League Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBSCN Florida at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW Tennis Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2 Australian Open, 1 a.m., TENNIS Australian Open, 2:30 a.m., ESPN2 RADIO Men's College Basketball Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa) National Basketball Association Cleveland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball

Odesa Permian at Lee, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center Midland High at Wolforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Greenwood at Pecos, 7:30 p.m. MCA at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m. Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 7:30 p.m. Snyder at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Colorado City, 8 p.m. Clyde at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Robert Lee at Garden City, 8 p.m. Grady at Loop, 8 p.m.

HS Girls Basketball

Odesa Permian at Lee, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center Midland High at Wolforth Frenship, 6 p.m. Midland Christian at Buena Vista, 6 p.m. Greenwood at Pecos, 6 p.m. Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m. MCA at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. Snyder at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m. Stanton at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m. Clyde at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Robert Lee at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Grady at Loop, 6:30 p.m.

HS Girls Soccer

San Angelo Lake View vs. Lee, 5 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Agreed to terms with RHPs Rob Scahill, Chris Volstad and Michael Ynoa, LHP T.J. House and INFs Patrick Leonard and Matt Skole on minor league contracts. CLEVELAND INDIANS - Agreed to terms with C Jack Murphy and LHP Adam Wink on minor league contracts. HOUSTON ASTROS - Claimed LHP Buddy Bosher of waivers from Minnesota. KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Agreed to terms with OF Tyler Collins on a minor league contract. NATIONAL LEAGUE CHICAGO CUBS - Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Dunning on a two-year contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES - Agreed to terms with C Ryan Larmann on a minor league contract. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association MILWAUKEE BUCKS - Fired coach Jason Kidd

NBA GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division, Northwest Division. Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

NHL GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Metropolitan Division, Western Conference, Central Division, Pacific Division. Includes team names, goals for, goals against, and points.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

MELBOURNE - Results Monday from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses): Men's Singles Fourth Round Tim Lincecum, Australia, def. Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (7), 6-3. Hyeon Chung, Republic of Korea, def. Novak Djokovic (14), Serbia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2). Tomas Berdych (16), Czech Republic, def. Fabio Fognini (25), Italy, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Martin Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-2. Women's Singles Fourth Round Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-3, 6-2. Angelique Kerber (21), Germany, def. Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Madison Keys (17), United States, def. Caroline Garcia (8), France, 6-3, 6-2. Men's Doubles Third Round Lukas Kubler, Poland, and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, def. Rajeev Ram, United States and Divy Sharan (16), India, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany and Ben McLachlan, Japan, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain and Pablo Cerrezo-Bueno, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (8). Dominic Inglot, British and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Hans Podlipnik, Chile and Andre Pavlenco, Belarus, 6-4, 6-3. Other Match: Austria and Mate Pavic (7), Croatia, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Rotten Doppers (10), India, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3. Women's Doubles Third Round Wang-Jen Chan, Taiwan and Andrea Gattolli Hradecny (1), Czech Republic, def. Martina Srebotnik, Slovenia and Hao-Ching Chen (14), Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2. Kristina Mladenovic, France and Tímea Babos (5), Hungary, def. Viktoria Golubic, Switzerland and Nina Stojanovic, Germany, 7-5, 6-2. Yi-Fen Xu, China and Gabriela Dabrowski (6), Canada, def. Shiko Aoyama, Japan and Zhouzun Wang (11), China, 7-6 (5), 6-1. Elena Vesnina, Russia and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Barbora Krejckova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (4), 6-2. Mixed Doubles Second Round Storm Sanders, Australia and Marc Polmans, Australia, def. Yung-Jan Chen, Taiwan and Jamie Murray, Britain, 7-6 (8), 6-4. Jan Sebastian Calvo, Colombia and Abigail Spears, United States, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland and Kaiti Paolini, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Ben Green, Australia and Samantha Stosur, Australia, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 11-9. Matej Mikolajec, Netherlands and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia and John Peers, Australia, 6-3, 6-4 (8).

VonHolle scores all 4 goals in MHS' win over Caprock

From staff reports

Kylie VonHolle scored four goals to propel the Midland High girls soccer team to a 4-0 shutout win over visiting Amarillo Caprock Monday at Grande Communications Stadium. VonHolle had unassisted goals in the third, 11th and 52nd minutes, while her score in the 15th minute



VonHolle

was assisted by junior Madison Olivias. "She just has the mindset for goals," MHS coach Cooper Barham said of VonHolle. "Any time she gets the ball, you sit back and watch

in anticipation. The confidence that she's playing with, it's something that is fun to watch. "She is humble too. She's thankful for her teammates for setting her up with scoring opportunities." Allison Robinson had two saves for the Lady Bulldogs (6-1-2), who visit Amarillo High at 4 p.m. Friday.

Big Spring boys win in Fort Stockton

From staff reports

FORT STOCKTON - The Big Spring boys won the team title, while Carlie Roberts received the girls' top honor at the Fort Stockton Powerlifting Meet held on Saturday. The BSBS boys, which took home first out of 10

teams at the meet, took three individual titles as Bryson Ovalle won the 123-pound class, Justin Ormsby captured the 132-pound class and Jordan Dunn was first in the Super Heavyweight class. Roberts was the named the best lifter of the meet for the heavier platforms

as she took first in the 181-pound class. The Big Spring girls finished fifth out of 10 teams. No other information was provided from the meet.

Big Spring individual results Girls 148 pounds - 2. Serenity Garcia, 6. Alani Torres 165 pounds - 3. Janelly Vanderbilt, 6. Gabby

Lopez 181 pounds - 1. Carlie Roberts, 2. Halle Hyatt Boys 114 pounds - 2. Mattox Evans 123 pounds - 1. Bryson Ovalle, 5. Cruz Martinez 132 pounds - 1. Justin Ormsby, 5. Joshua Lopez 148 pounds - 11. Will Woodworth 165 pounds - 3. Isaiah Johnson, 4. Kevin Rodriguez 242 pounds - 2. Ivan Delgado 275 pounds - 4. Isiah Rodriguez, 7. Daniel Roberts Super Heavyweight - 1. Jordan Dunn

UTPB men's basketball sweeps awards

From staff reports

ODESSA - The UT-Permian Basin men's basketball team swept this week's Lone Star Conference weekly awards as Daeshon Francis was named Offensive Player of the Week and Sammy Allen earned his first Defensive Player of the Week award after a pair of wins against No. 10 Texas A&M-Commerce and Tarleton State. Francis led the Falcons by averaging 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. He scored 15 points in a 64-63 win over Texas A&M-Commerce Thursday night connect-

ing on 9-12 on free throws. Francis added 26 points in a 74-67 victory over Tarleton State on Saturday. He went 8 for 8 from the free-throw line while shooting 9 of 16 from the field and added six assists. Francis leads the Lone Star Conference with 20.7 points per game on the season and is averaging 22.6 points in LSC games, has scored in double figures in all 18 games this season and has scored 21 points or more in half his games this season. Allen continues to be a force on the glass averaging 13.5 rebounds in a pair of wins last week. He grabbed 16 rebounds in a victory over Texas

A&M-Commerce on Thursday along with a pair of steals. In the win over Tarleton State Saturday, Allen recorded 11 rebounds. He helped the Falcons hold opponents to a 36.2 field goal percentage and 65-point scoring average. This season, he leads the conference with 12.0 rebounds per game, and tops all NCAA Division II players with 9.61 defensive rebounds per game. He has recorded double-digit rebounds in 11 of his last 14 games and has seven double-doubles on the season. UTPB next hosts Western New Mexico at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Milwaukee Bucks fire coach Jason Kidd

By Genaro C. Armas Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Seeking change amid midseason struggles, the Milwaukee Bucks fired coach Jason Kidd on Monday after a slide that left a team with designs on challenging the NBA's best in eighth place in the Eastern Conference. It was a surprising end to Kidd's three-plus-season tenure in Milwaukee, during which the Bucks made the playoffs twice, exiting in the first round each time. Giannis Antetokounmpo turned into an All-Star under his watch, and the Bucks were considered an emerging force in the East at the start of the season. But the Bucks had lost four of five to fall to 23-22 going

into Monday night's game against Phoenix and had been prone to defensive lapses, especially on the perimeter. Turnovers were an issue of late as well. General manager Jon Horst, who was promoted from director of basketball operations in June, said it was time for a change. Kidd was fired hours before the Bucks beat the Suns 109-105. Assistant coach Joe Prunty will serve as interim coach for the rest of the season, co-owner Wes Edens said in an interview before the game. Under Kidd, the Bucks had a regular-season record of 139-152. "A general manager in the NHL had a statement once: 'If something is inevitable, why wait?'" Horst said at a news conference.

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

ROCKETS 99 HEAT 90 HOUSTON - James Harden scored 28 points and Houston overcame a big early deficit to beat Miami. Miami led by double digits before halftime, but the game stayed close throughout most of the second half. It was tied with about three minutes left when Harden hit a 3-pointer just before the shot clock expired. That was the start of a 7-2 run that made it 95-90 with 38 seconds left. James Johnson missed a 3-pointer on the other end, but Miami's Hassan Whiteside grabbed the rebound. Harden blocked his layup, and Houston added a dunk by Clint Capela with 18 seconds left. Whiteside led the Heat with 22 points and 13 rebounds. The team was missing Goran Dragic for the second straight game because of a bruised left knee.

Wall had 11 - the only double-digit scorers for the Wizards - as the guards combined to go 8 of 29 from the field. PELICANS 132 BULLS 128 20T NEW ORLEANS - DeMarcus Cousins had 44 points, 24 rebounds and 10 assists, Anthony Davis scored 34 points, and the All-Star pair led a 17-point New Orleans comeback in the final five minutes of regulation before the Pelicans pulled out a 132-128 victory over the Chicago Bulls in double overtime Monday night. Cousins scored seven points in the second overtime on a 3-pointer, a turnaround jumper and two free throws with 8.2 seconds left. He became the first NBA player since Hall of Famer Wilt Chamberlain in 1968 to have as many as 40 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists in a game. E'Twaun Moore scored 15 points, including a 3 in the second overtime to help the Pelicans win for the fifth time in six games. Jerian Grant had 22 points and 13 assists, and Robin Lopez also scored 22 for the Bulls, who appeared well on their way to their fifth victory in six games when they opened the fourth quarter with a 23-5 run to take their largest lead at 104-86.

final minute, Malcolm Brogdon added 32 points and Milwaukee beat Phoenix hours after firing coach Jason Kidd. Brogdon added a steal with 40 seconds left after the Bucks double-teamed guard Devin Booker in the backcourt. Brogdon lobbed a cross-court pass to Middleton, who hit a jumper from the left corner with 24 seconds left for a 105-100 lead. T.J. Warren had 23 points for Phoenix, which has lost four of five. Kidd was fired hours before the game, ending a three-plus season tenure that included two playoff appearances but stretches of inconsistency on both ends of the floor. Other than a 33-win season in 2015-16, the Bucks hovered around .500 under Kidd as a young core of Giannis Antetokounmpo, Middleton and Brogdon blossomed into top-flight players.

Luwawu-Cabarott finished with a season-high 20 points. Robert Covington added 18 points and Joel Embiid had 15 points and 14 rebounds. HAWKS 104 JAZZ 90 ATLANTA - Dennis Schroder scored 20 points, Taurean Prince added 17 and Atlanta kept up its improving play with a victory over Utah. The Hawks began to pull away late in the third quarter, closing with a 13-3 run for a 74-63 lead that was their largest to that point. Dewayne Dedmon knocked down a 3-pointer, Malcolm Delaney converted a four-point play and Schroder scored off a couple of drives. Alec Burks came off the bench to lead the Jazz with 17 points. Utah's starters combined for just 40 points, led by Donovan Mitchell with 13.

MAVERICKS 98 WIZARDS 75 DALLAS - Harrison Barnes had 20 points and 10 rebounds, rookie Dennis Smith Jr. scored 17, and Dallas finished a season sweep of playoff-contending Washington. The Mavericks slowed a recent slide that had them headed back to the bottom of the Western Conference, ending their second three-game losing streak since the start of January. The Mavericks held the high-scoring backcourt of John Wall and Bradley Beal to 28 percent shooting. Beal scored 18 and

BUCKS 109 SUNS 105 MILWAUKEE - Khris Middleton scored 35 points and hit two long jumpers in the

GRIZZLIES 105 76ERS 101 MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Marc Gasol scored 19 points, Tyreke Evans added 18 points and eight assists, and the pair led a fourth-quarter rally that lifted Memphis off Philadelphia. Mario Chalmers added 17 points, including a pair of free throws with 6.2 seconds remaining, to help the Grizzlies overcome a 15-point deficit. Myke Henry, signed to a two-way contract with Memphis earlier this month, had 12 points. Dario Saric led the Sixers with 22 points and added 10 rebounds, and Timothe

HORNETS 112 KINGS 107 CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Kemba Walker had 26 points, Jeremy Lamb added 18 and Charlotte bounced back from a tough loss to beat Sacramento. Nic Batum and Marvin Williams each had 14 points and Dwight Howard added 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Hornets, who have won six of their last nine. Skal Labissiere had 23 points and Buddy Hield added 18 for the Kings, who have lost eight straight games and 11 of their last 12.

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MC BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

JONES GETS 600TH WIN AT MC SNYDER - The Midland College women's basketball team overcame 30 turnovers to give their head coach a milestone victory.

The 65-60 win by the Lady Chaparrals over Western Texas College at The Coliseum on Monday gave head coach Ron Jones his 600th victory at M.C.

The coach, who is in his 24th season at the college, now has a record of 600-174 coaching the Lady Chaps and has an overall record of 634-201 as he spent two years at WTC before coming to Midland.

"When I think of 600 wins at Midland College, it makes me think of all the players that we've had, the teams we've had and the kids that have been in our program," Jones said.

Jones added that the key on Monday was the energy his team brought to the game.

"Our energy hasn't been that way the last couple of games but it was there throughout the whole game," he said. "We overcame 30 turnovers, if you can believe that, and we still found a way to win."

The Lady Chaps (10-8, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) out-rebounded the Lady Westerners, 51-31 and had three players score in double figures, led by Bethany Theodore, who had 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Alexandria Washington added 13 points, Ella Tofeano had a double-double with

10 points and 11 rebounds. Matangiroa Flavell had 11 points to go with nine points and Bianca Thacker added 10 boards in the winning effort. WTC (11-8, 3-3) was led by Catara Samuel with 19 points, while Lee Grad Kyra Lewis added nine points.

The teams were tied at 30-all at the half. MC returns home at 5:45 p.m. Thursday to host Howard College at Chaparral Center.

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CHAPS SNAP SLIDE AT WTC

SNYDER - Two Midland College players had a double-double to lead the Chaparrals to a 66-52 come-from-behind win over Western Texas College at The Coliseum on Monday night.

Marquell Fraser had a game-high 24 points to go with 11 rebounds, while teammate Kayo Goncalves added 17 points and 11 boards to help the Chaps snap a two-game losing streak and improve to 6-14 overall and 2-4 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

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points and six rebounds in the win. MC trailed 30-27 at the half before scoring 39 points in the second half.

The Chaps also shot 51 percent for the game, had a 37-25 rebounding edge and held Western Texas (13-6, 2-4) to 38.2 percent shooting.

The Westerners were led by Isaiah Boissard with 12 points. Midland College will next host rival Howard College at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Chaparral Center.

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TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

KANSAS STATE 90 BAYLOR 83

WACO - Barry Brown scored 34 points, reigning Big 12 player of the week Dean Wade added 24 and Kansas State beat Baylor 90-83 on Monday night for its third straight victory.

Kansas State (15-5, 5-3 Big 12) tied its highest point total of the season. The Wildcats made five of their first six 3-point attempts in running out to a 29-13 lead with eight minutes to go in the first half. The Bears got within five points twice late in the first half, but a 16-3 run midway through the second half gave the Wildcats enough of a cushion at 71-52.

Baylor (12-8, 2-6) had six players score in double figures, led by Manu Lecomte with 18. Jo Lual-Acuil added 15, and Tristan Clark had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Bears.

Kansas State's win came on the heels of a week in which it earned a pair of home

victories against ranked teams against then-No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 24 TCU.

TCU 82 NO. 7 WVU 73

FORT WORTH - Desmond Bane scored early in his 15 points in just over a minute early in the second half, and TCU beat No. 7 West Virginia 82-73 on Monday night.

The Horned Frogs (15-5, 3-5 Big 12) got their first home win over a Top 10 team in nearly five years on the same day they dropped out of the AP Top 25 to end an eight-week run as a ranked team.

Jevon Carter had 16 points and Sagaba Konate 14 for West Virginia (16-4, 5-3), as all five starters scored in double figures while losing for the third time in four games. Daxter Miles Jr. had 12 points, Lamont West 11 and Wesley Harris 10.

Alex Robinson had 17 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for TCU, and

Kouat Noi had 13 points with three 3-pointers before being ejected because of a flagrant foul with just over 10 minutes left. Vladimir Brodziansky had 14 points, and Kenrich Williams had 14 rebounds.

Bane's quick burst, with two 3-pointers and a heady layup between those long-range shots, pushed TCU ahead 47-34 with 15:28 left. That capped a 12-1 run to start the second half after the Frogs finished the first half on an 11-2 spurt in which Bane made the go-ahead shot.

And that is even with Bane's long 3 going into the break getting taken off the board after officials determined the ball was still on Bane's fingertips when the clock hit zero, negating the 35-foot shot and leaving TCU's lead at two instead of five.

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Cardinals hire Panthers D-coordinator Steve Wilks as head coach

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Steve Wilks is the new head coach of the Arizona Cardinals.

The Cardinals announced Monday that the 48-year-old Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator had agreed to a four-year contract with a team option for a fifth.

Wilks spent one season as coordinator in Carolina, his 12th year as an NFL assistant. Wilks spent five seasons as Panthers secondary coach before his promotion a year ago.

Wilks replaces the colorful and outspoken Bruce Arians, who retired after five seasons and compiled a franchise-record 50 victories.

With the hiring of Wilks, all three major football programs in the state have African-American coaches — Wilks, Herm Edwards at Arizona State and Kevin Sumlin at Arizona. Wilks is the Cardinals' second African-American coach (Denny Green was the first) and the only minority to get an NFL head coaching job this hiring cycle.

The Cardinals were 8-8 last season despite a myriad of significant injuries and closed out Arians' career with a win in Seattle.

"This is not really a rebuild, this is a retool," Wilks told azcardinals.com. "We have the culture of winning here. We just have to be able to sustain it. It's all about trying to get to the next level and the consistency you need to get to the next level."

Patrick Peterson, perennial Pro Bowl cornerback and a leader of the Arizona defense, tweeted simply "I LOVE IT."

Azcardinals.com released a brief video of Wilks talking to Arizona fans.

"I'd like to introduce myself to the 'Bird Gang,'" he said. "This is your head coach Steve Wilks. I'm so excited about building something great here. It's all about trying to create a commitment to excellence and I can't wait to see you guys at the Red Sea."

Wilks was in Arizona for a second interview last week and was interviewed for the Tennessee job, which went to Mike Vrabel. Wilks also coached for 11 years at the collegiate level, including a one-year stint as head coach at Savannah State in 1999.

The Cardinals planned to introduce Wilks as coach at a news conference Tuesday at team headquarters.

The Cardinals were the last team to fill a coaching vacancy, just as they were in 2013 when they hired Arians, who won his second NFL coach of the year award in his second season with the team.

Last week, Panthers head coach Ron Rivera talked about Wilks' coaching potential.

"I know that Steve is a hot commodity, deservedly so," Rivera said. "He has done a tremendous job wherever he's been, starting in Chicago and San Diego and down here with us. It's going to be a tough one. Him and Sean (McDermott) are two very good people who are very special to this organization."

Wilks replaced McDermott as Carolina defensive coordinator when McDermott was named head coach at Buffalo a year ago.



Wilks

New coach Mike Vrabel: Titles proof Titans' approach works

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee general manager Jon Robinson got his NFL start as a scout with the New England Patriots, the same team his new head coach Mike Vrabel won three Super Bowl rings as a linebacker.

Yes, it seems like the Titans are trying to implement the Patriot Way in Music City.

Vrabel said that's what it looks like — until the Titans win big themselves.

"You have to be able to win championships before people start giving you ways to do things," Vrabel said Monday. "So that'll be our ultimate goal. ... Until we can win a championship doing that, there's not going to be this Titan Way. It will be talked about in the building. But people from outside the building, they won't believe in us, they won't have faith in us until you win."

The Titans introduced Vrabel as their new coach Monday. They agreed to terms with Vrabel on Saturday, just five days after firing Mike Mularkey coming off the franchise's first playoff win in 14 years.

This is the first head coaching job for Vrabel, 42. Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk noted Robinson and Vrabel have known each other for years. She also likes Vrabel's experience and vision for building on back-to-back 9-7 seasons.

"I believe he will do everything he can to bring this town a championship," Strunk said.

Vrabel is coming off his first season as defensive coordinator for the Texans. Vrabel started his NFL career in Pittsburgh under coach Bill Cowher before



Mark Humphrey/Associated Press

New Tennessee Titans head football coach Mike Vrabel leaves a news conference Monday, in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans hired Vrabel, formerly the Houston Texans defensive coordinator, five days after firing Mike Mularkey.

signing with New England under coach Bill Belichick, and he finished in Kansas City. In 2011, he joined the staff at his alma mater, Ohio State, coaching linebackers and then defensive linemen. He said nobody's ever really ready to be a head coach for the first time in the NFL, though Vrabel feels as ready as he can be thanks to his doctorate degree in coaching he picked up working with some of the best in the game.

"There will be things that I take from New England, from Pittsburgh, from Ohio State, from Houston," Vrabel said. "I mean there will be things that I take from everywhere. You draw on these experiences just like everybody else would in life. ... The nice thing is now there's things that I didn't like that Billy did, I get to change them. So there's things I like that he did, I

get to use them." Vrabel went to Houston in 2014 and coached linebackers with the Texans for three seasons before becoming coordinator. The Texans won the AFC South in 2015 and 2016 thanks in part to strong defenses. The unit slipped this season amid injuries to players including J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus.

Building on the Titans' playoff win in Kansas City means putting Marcus Mariota in position to blossom. Whoever Vrabel hires as his offensive coordinator will be Mariota's third going into his fourth NFL season, and Ohio State co-offensive coordinator Ryan Day reportedly is the early favorite for the job in Tennessee.

"I think Amy's going to trust me to hire the right guy for Marcus," Vrabel said. "Jon's going to trust

me to hire the right guy for Marcus or I wouldn't have been hired."

And Vrabel made it very clear he knows the potential for Mariota, the 2014 Heisman Trophy winner and No. 2 pick overall in 2015. He recalled Mariota pulling a hamstring Oct. 1 against the Texans.

"A special talent, a special kid, and I can't wait to work with him and help him through taking that next step in his career," Vrabel said.

This was Robinson's first head coaching search since being hired in January 2016, two days before the Titans took the interim tag off Mularkey. The Titans went 21-22 with Mularkey taking a team that had the NFL's worst record at 5-27 combined over 2014 and 2015 to a team that lost in the AFC divisional round to New England.

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

at Philadelphia 38, Minnesota 7

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. Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

EAGLES

From 1C

"We lean on each other and we play for each other and that's what's special about this team," Foles said. "There's never going to be a time when we're going to turn on each other. We're always going to be there to support each other and that's the beautiful thing about the Philadelphia Eagles."

Even team owner Jeffrey Lurie couldn't have predicted this success.

"It surprised me because of all the injuries," Lurie said. "The resiliency among this group is phenomenal."

Sproles, one of the best returners in league history and a major part of the offense, tore his left ACL and broke his right forearm on the same play against the Giants in the home opener on Sept. 24.

The team signed Kenjon Barner to replace him on

punts and rookie Corey Clement has stepped up to fill Sproles' role as a third down specialist.

Maragos tore his right PCL at Carolina on Oct. 12. The unit struggled without him until Bryan Braman re-signed with the team in December.

Peters tore his right ACL and MCL in a Monday night game against the Redskins on Oct. 23. Halapoulivaati Vaitai replaced him in the starting lineup and has improved with more playing time.

Vaitai gained valuable experience as a rookie last year filling in for Pro Bowl right tackle Lane Johnson when he was suspended 10 games.

"Had a lot of confidence in (Vaitai)," Pederson said. "These are obviously the things we've seen in him: his maturity, his growth as a left tackle."

Hicks ruptured his right Achilles in the same game

Peters went down. It was a big loss because Hicks calls the defensive signals and is a playmaker. He has seven interceptions and five fumble recoveries in 31 games.

Joe Walker and Najee Goode replaced him initially before the Eagles signed former Ravens starter Dannell Ellerbe to take his spot. Ellerbe missed the victory over Minnesota because of a hamstring injury and Goode was beat on a touchdown pass in the first quarter.

"I think that's what makes it more special with these guys," Pederson said. "You start losing some of your top players to injury. You just kind of see the fight in the guys and the resiliency in the guys. The guys just keep battling. For us to believe in one another and to be now in this spot, I'm just so happy for those guys, and hat's off to them."

PATRIOTS

From 1C

The Patriots were 12-7 without Gronkowski over that span, averaging 31.5 points per game with him and 26.3 without him. The offense's average yards per pass attempt also fell from 7.8 with him to 6.6 without him.

Before he was injured, Gronkowski passed Dallas Clark to become the NFL's career leader for postseason yards at the position. And if the concussion were to sideline him for the Super Bowl, there's not much depth behind him. The only tight ends on New England's roster are Dwayne Allen and Jacob Hollister.

Allen has 10 receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown this season. Hollister has four catches for 42 yards and was inactive against Jacksonville.

Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said there is always a plan to adapt to injuries.

"You have to make some adjustments. We always go into the game with a certain idea of how we want to try to play it," he said. "It certainly doesn't always play out the way that you wanted it to or that you had hoped to or designed it to, but that happens in every game."

"So, everybody understands that that's part of the game and when that

happens, you just have to embrace whatever role you need to take on to help the team win."

Brady still has stitches in his right thumb. He hopes to have them removed sometime this week, and he doesn't expect the injury to be an issue once Super Bowl week arrives.

"And then I can just get out there and get normal treatment like I always do and be ready to go," Brady said. "This was a little injury at the end of the day. ... I mean, I've had a lot worse injuries than this. If this was on my left hand, I could care less, but just based on where it was, we had to deal with it."

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

7	3	9	4	2	1	5	6	8
4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	1
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8	4	5	9	6	2	3	1	7
6	2	3	1	7	5	8	9	4
1	9	7	3	4	8	6	2	5
9	6	1	8	3	7	4	5	2
5	7	4	2	9	6	1	8	3
3	8	2	5	1	4	9	7	6

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Daily bread?
 - Convenient bag
 - Flower that's a Buddhist symbol of purity
 - Unattributed, as a quote: Abbr.
 - Prof.'s employer
 - Stupely
 - Checkout line unit
 - Actress Russo
 - Words to live by
 - 1666 conflagration that destroyed St. Paul's Cathedral
 - Military abbr. on a Beatles album
 - NYC subway line
 - Pup squeak
 - Raphael fresco depicting Greek philosophers, with "The"
 - "-ching!"
 - Venison source
 - Sunny feeling
 - Seventh-day activity, in the Bible
 - Gone: gunk-cleaning product
 - Repeated Doris Day song word
 - Gave the slip
 - Indian bread
 - At this moment
 - Gypsum used for casts
 - Subj. for immigrants
 - Color gradation
 - Coastal inlet
 - Pope
 - Complete chaos
 - Each
 - Rapper whose name sounds like a drink
 - Plato's marketplace
 - Fodder storage tower
 - Not this
 - Wooden peg
 - Informal greetings
 - "Star Wars" guru
- DOWN**
- Prefix with social Abbr.
 - Suffix with party
 - Catch in a net
 - Sports injury on an artificial surface
 - First-year law student
 - Former Yankee slugger Martinez
 - Should it arise that
 - De Niro's "Raging Bull" role
 - Arabian Peninsula nation
 - Payroll deduction
 - Action film weapon
 - College yr. division
 - Prayer opener
 - Sketch
 - Native of Sana'a
 - Emcees' duties
 - "Horseleathers!"
 - Beachcomber's finds
 - Like some Friday work attire
 - Meet portion, or portion of meat
 - Maine college town

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	C	T	E	D	D	E	F	T	M	A	M	E	
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F	O	O	D	M	A	R	K	E	T	S	I	N	G
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B	O	T	O	X	I	N	C	U	R	S			
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Disappear NHVSAI
 - ___ call CLLOA
 - Microsoft XLEEC
 - Tree ARHBC
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Barrage EVOLYL
 - ___ reaction CRAUNLE
 - ___ Valley ICNOSIL
 - Well-being AHTEH

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

1-23-18 **CLUE:** This person's real first name is Cornelius.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Krueck

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LERED
 ○○○○○○

UNRET
 ○○○○○○

MOLCRA
 ○○○○○○

ALLUWF
 ○○○○○○

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: EAGLE WHIRL AGENCY GLADLY
 Answer: The vet that specialized in treating waterfowl had a — "WADING" AREA

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1. O I M C

2. wear flannel

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1.

2.

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 1. I am innocent
 2. Flannel underwear

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 1. I am innocent
 2. Flannel underwear

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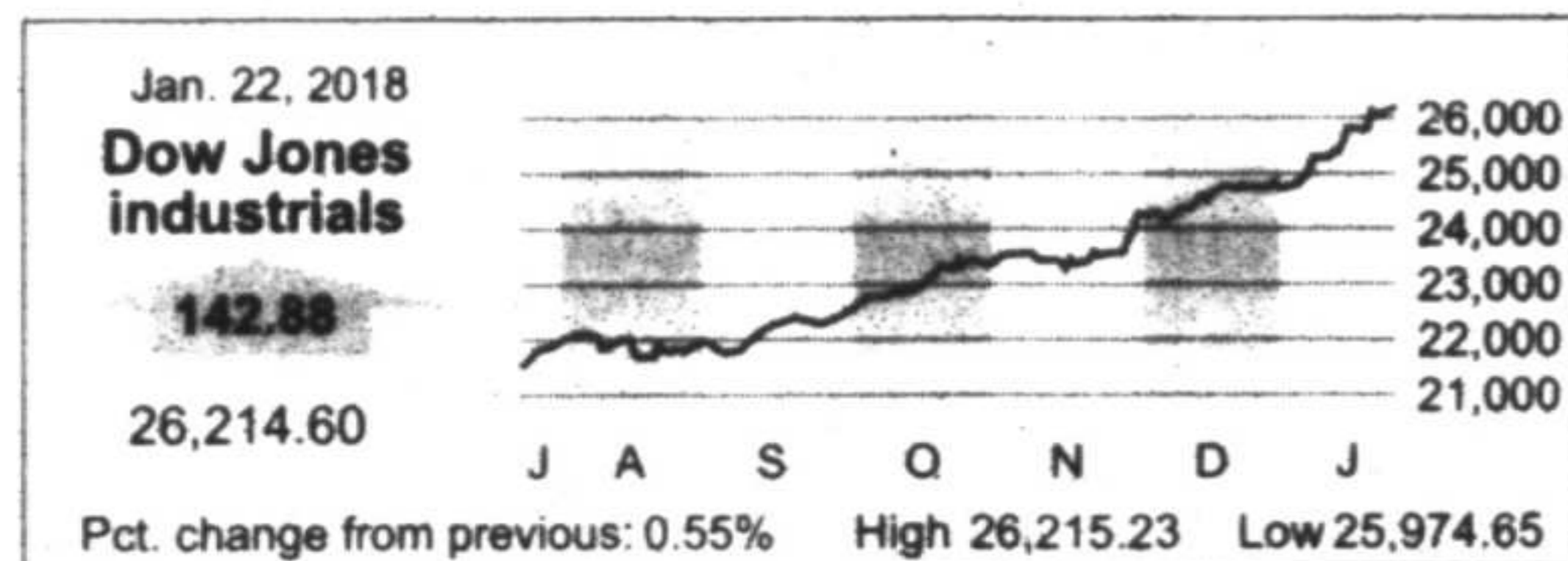
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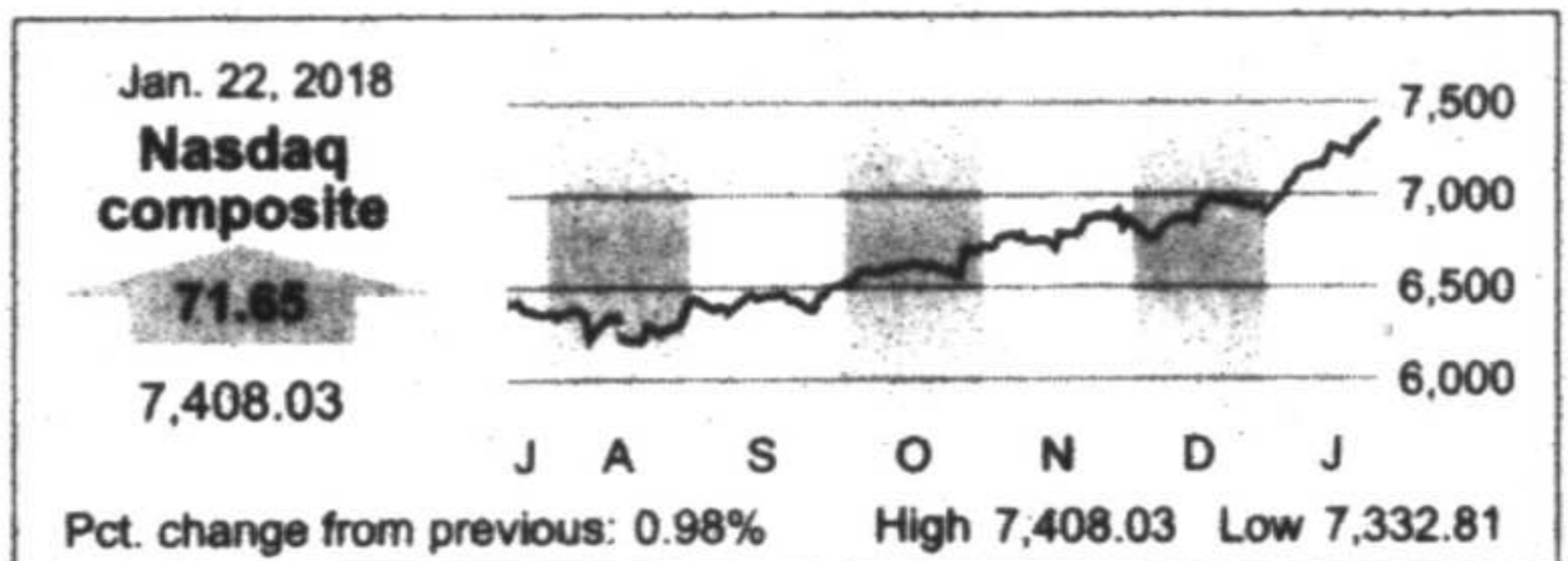
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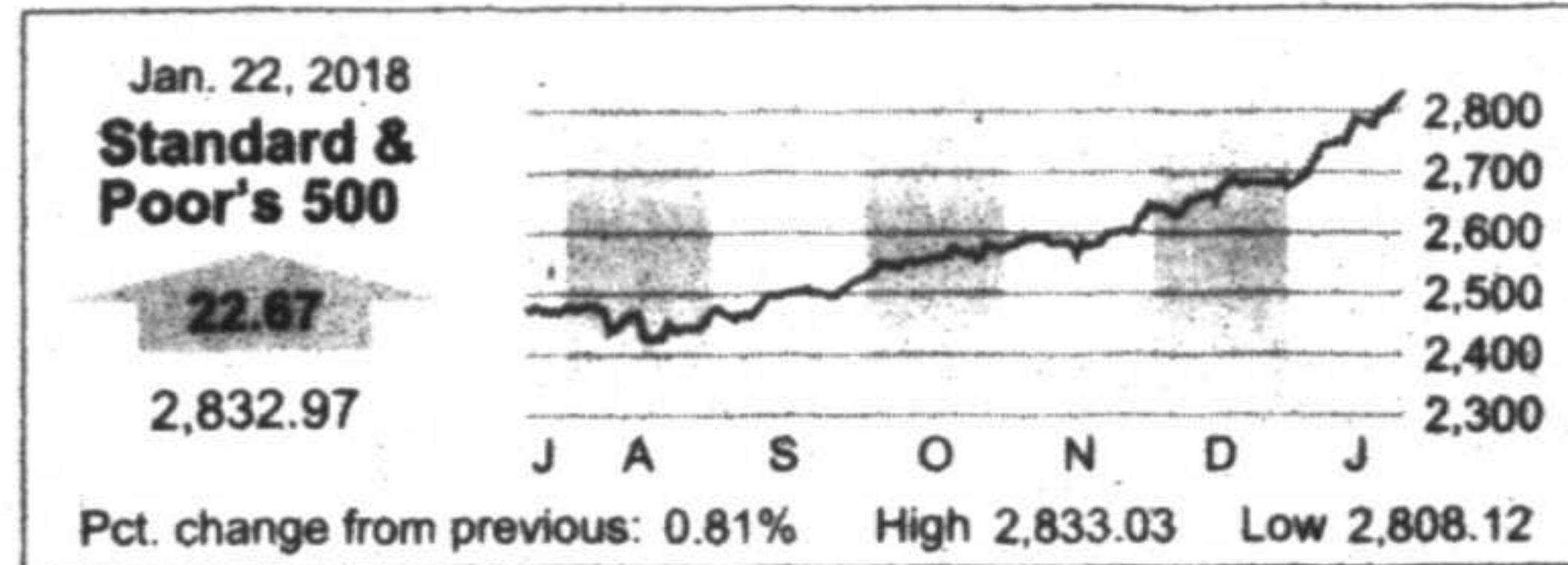
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: \$63.66
Previous: \$63.37

POSTED

Monday: \$60.25
Previous: \$59.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: \$57.90
Previous: \$57.40

NATURAL GAS

Monday: \$3.224
Previous: \$3.185



Netflix's success turns net neutrality into an afterthought

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix once fought fiercely for net neutrality, fearing that its online video service would suffer if internet providers were free to discriminate against it.

But now that it boasts one of television's largest audiences, Netflix isn't spending much time worrying about the demise of the government rules that once protected it.

With millions of subscribers still flocking to its service, Netflix figures internet providers are unlikely to do anything that might alienate large numbers of their own customers who also turn to Netflix for trendy shows such as "Stranger Things," "The Crown" and "Black Mirror."

"Netflix's fortress is so strong now that net neutrality has become background noise for them," says GBH Insights analyst Daniel Ives.

The Trump-era Federal Communications Commission repealed net-neutrality rules in mid-December. Those regulations barred internet providers like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon from slowing or blocking customer access to apps and sites, or from setting up paid "fast lanes" for favored companies. The rules have been a big deal for smaller startups, as Netflix once was.

But now Netflix has more than 117 million subscribers worldwide, including nearly 55 million in the U.S., according to the company's fourth-quarter earnings report, released Monday. The service picked up 8.3 million of those worldwide subscribers — a quarterly record — in the October-December period last year. That included a gain of 2 million in the U.S.

The performance blew past the projections of Netflix's own management and stock market analysts. It was especially striking given a 10 percent price increase on the company's most popular subscription plan in the U.S.

Investors apparently aren't fretting about the end of net neutrality, either. The company's stock soared 9 percent to \$248.24 in Monday's extended trading. That positions Netflix's market value to surpass \$100 billion for the first time in Tuesday's regular trading session.

Carl Icahn makes push to remove Xerox CEO

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billionaire investor Carl Icahn is calling for the removal of Xerox CEO Jeffrey Jacobson as the copier company reportedly seeks a deal with camera company Fujifilm.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that the companies are in talks for a potential deal. Icahn, along with shareholder Darwin Deason, said Monday they don't trust Jacobson to lead the potential negotiations.

"He is neither qualified nor capable of successfully running this company, let

alone negotiating a major strategic transaction that will do more than save his own job," Icahn and Darwin wrote in a letter to Xerox's board of directors.

The investors, who hold a combined 15 percent stake in Xerox, are looking to put four new members on the company's board. "The Xerox board of directors and management are confident with the strategic direction in which the company is heading, and we will continue to take action to achieve our common goal of creating value for all Xerox shareholders," Xerox said in a statement.

Empowered by its success, Netflix now plans to spend up to \$8 billion on its programming line-up this year, up from \$6 billion last year.

"Our goal is to entertain people," Netflix wrote in its earnings commentary. "We are thrilled to be able to do that at great scale." Last year, Netflix's average viewership rose 9 percent, although the company refuses to disclose how many subscribers are watching at any given time. CBS was the most watched traditional TV network in the U.S. during the season ending in last May, with an average viewership of nearly 10 million people.

When it was smaller, Netflix worried that internet providers might throw obstacles in its way to protect the cable businesses many of them owned. Those pay-TV bundles have been losing subscribers for years, thanks in part to consumers opting for Netflix and other streaming services.

In early 2014, Netflix CEO Reed Hastings wrote an essay advocating strong net-neutrality rules to keep cable and phone companies from imposing tolls on services like Netflix. That was shortly after Netflix reluctantly agreed to pay Comcast, one of the biggest internet providers in the country, for a more reliable connection that would ensure its videos weren't disrupted in mid-stream.

At the time, though, Netflix had half as many subscribers worldwide as it does now, including 20 million fewer in the U.S. And it had only recently launched an expansion into original programming that turned it into an entertainment powerhouse.

Netflix is now such a household staple that even Comcast, the owner of NBC and other TV networks, has incorporated the video service into its set-top boxes. That makes Netflix as easy to watch as any other cable channel. Other cable providers have since followed suit.

That's one of the reasons that Hastings softened his tone on net neutrality. By last May, he told a technology conference during an onstage interview that net neutrality is "not our primary battle at this point." In a show of solidarity, Netflix is still joining the legal fight to restore the net neutrality regulations, but only as part of the Internet Association, a trade group.

Pharma deals, shutdown pact help stocks set more records

Hefty gains for energy and technology companies helped U.S. stocks set more records Monday. Drugmakers announced two major deals worth about \$20 billion and smaller-company stocks climbed after the Senate reached a short-term deal to end the government shutdown.

Stocks were slightly higher in the early going as strong fourth-quarter results from Halliburton helped energy companies, and big technology companies like Alphabet and Microsoft continued their ascent. Starting at noon, after Senate Democrats said they would support a three-week government funding bill, bond yields increased and smaller-companies shook off their early losses to turn higher.

French drugmaker Sanofi is buying hemophilia treatment maker Bioverativ in a deal the companies valued at \$11.6 billion, while Celgene will buy cancer treatment maker Juno Therapeutics for \$9 billion. In the financial sector, insurer AIG is buying Validus, a provider of reinsurance, primary insurance, and asset management services, for \$5.56 billion.

Gold slides lower

Gold slipped \$1.20 to \$1,331.90 an ounce. Silver lost 5 cents to \$16.99 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to \$3.20 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Company	Closing Price	Change
Concho Resources (CXO)	\$160.40	Up 4.22
Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)	\$6.06	Up 0.11
Diamondback Energy (FANG)	\$132.21	Up 4.64
Legacy Reserves (LGCY)	\$2.23	Up 0.11
Mexco Energy (MXC)	\$4.39	Up 0.02
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)	\$28.80	Up 0.15
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)	\$22.11	Up 0.78
RSP Permian (RSPP)	\$42.75	Up 1.43
Ring Energy (REI)	\$15.47	Up 0.25
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)	\$25.75	Up 0.97

NYSE			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on more)		GAINERS (\$2 on more)	
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg
GenElec	1338444	16.17	-0.9
SAP500ETF	93237282	67	+2.26
BioAm	536899	31.94	+2.2
FordM	526788	12.02	+0.2
ISHEMts	491758	50.73	+2.9
LOSERS (\$2 on more)		DIARY	
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced
DxBioBear	3.28	-6.5	Declined
NY&Co	3.19	-3.1	Unchanged
PSBMSDS	6.66	-5.9	Total issues
DnNBear	19.03	-1.67	New Highs
O.S.A.C.	5.90	-5.0	New Lows
Volume 3,428,682,920			
AMEX			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on more)		GAINERS (\$2 on more)	
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg
22ndCentury	61314	4.16	+3.0
India bt	38645	37.69	+2.4
NwGold g	35642	3.09	-0.2
SPC Eng	29782	9.00	+3.8
Bzgold g	28803	3.03	-0.2
LOSERS (\$2 on more)		DIARY	
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced
AllSciAst	66.18	-5.32	Declined
DocuSec rs	2.02	-1.2	Unchanged
NovBay rs	3.63	-1.5	Total issues
RELM	3.85	-1.5	New Highs
RvVmxWk	11.52	-4.0	New Lows
Volume 117,096,810			
NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on more)		GAINERS (\$2 on more)	
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg
MicronT	377827	42.88	+1.3
JunoThera	359966	86.00	+18.19
Bioverativ	316909	103.79	+39.68
Intel	275182	45.75	+9.3
Apple Inc	270382	177.00	-1.46
LOSERS (\$2 on more)		DIARY	
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced
Samrina	27.10	-8.35	Declined
ReconTech	2.01	-0.20	Unchanged
Forward h	2.49	-4.6	Total issues
IdeaPhm	2.17	-3.8	New Highs
FutFinch I	3.30	-4.9	New Lows
Volume 2,087,674,991			

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	521	11	11.38	-3.7	-3.1		Comcast s	63	21	42.89	+3.9	+7.5		JohnJ	3.36	21	148.14	+7.8	+6.0	
AK Steel	17	6.22	-2.2	+5.9			ConAgra s	20	37.77	-	+3.3		JunoThera	-	-	86.00	+18.19	+88.1		
AT&T Inc	2,004	14	37.87	+6.6	+6.1		ConchoRes	-	-	180.41	+4.22	+8.8		KimCik	3.88	19	116.91	+1.42	-3.1	
Abraxis	65	2.61	+0.7	-2.6			ConocoPhil	1.06	49	88.67	+9.2	+10.5		KindMorg	5.0	29	19.63	+6.2	+8.6	
AdaDvsE	1.32e	-	15.88	+1.0	+6.7		CrackerB	4.80	30	172.67	-1.18	-8.7		LegacyRes	-	-	2.23	+1.1	+38.5	
AMD	-	-	12.64	+0.5	+23.0		CroVxSh rs	-	-	4.88	-2.3	-11.9		Lightbrd g	-	-	2.32	+8.5	+90.2	
Alibaba	52	184.02	-0.3	+6.7			CSSTim	9.0e	15	15.29	-9.2	-4.1		Lulysy	-	-	2.95	+1.8	+11.7	
AlpAerMLP	1.35e	-	11.80	+2.1	+9.4		DCP Mid	3.12	59	41.99	+1.06	+15.6		MarathnO	2.0	-	19.28	+7.0	+13.9	
Ambev	0.5e	7	6.80	-0.6	+5.3		DTE	3.30	20	103.36	+2.1	-5.6		McDrnds	4.04	30	176.21	+0.9	+2.4	
Amgen	5.28e	17	192.33	+3.05	+10.8		DevonE	2.4	84	44.81	+1.96	+8.2		Merck	1.92	16	61.25	-0.3	+9.9	
Anadarko	2.0	-	60.72	+2.52	+13.2		DxBioBear	-	-	3.28	-6.5	-28.9		Merilled	-	-	54	48.75	-1.25	+8.2
Apache	1.80	-	47.66	+1.61	+12.9		Diany	1.68	19	111.10	+5.1	+3.3		MexcoEn	-	-	4.39	+0.2	+11.7	
Apple Inc	2.52	21	177.00	-1.46	+6.9		EOG Reser	0.7	-	116.82	+2.45	+8.3		MicronT	-	-	9	42.88	+1.3	+4.3
ApplMtl	4.0	18	57.48	+0.6	+12.4		EKodak	-	-	20	11.55	+1.55	+272.6		Microsoft	1.68	32	91.61	+1.61	+7.1
Archrock	4.8	-	10.25	+4.0	-2.4		Energyn	0.6	-	58.62	+1.14	+1.8		MorgStan	1.16	16	57.36	-1.0	+9.4	
ArrayBio	-	-	15.56	+2.42	+7.6		EntPro	0.8	52	91.57	-1.15	-2.1		Nabors	2.4	-	8.09	-0.3	+18.4	
ATMOS	1.80	23	81.40	+5.7	-5.2		EntProdPt	1.70	23	29.40	+1.4	+10.9		NOVArco	2.0	-	38.74	+7.8	+7.8	
AutoData	2.52	33	122.77	+1.33	+4.8		Ericsson	1.1e	-	7.18	-1.1	+7.5		Netflix s	-	-	227.58	+7.12	+18.6	
BP PLC	2.38	31	43.39	+9.9	+3.2		ExxonMbl	3.08	34	88.25	+1.10	+6.5		NobleCorp	0.8	8	5.23	+1.3	+15.7	
BioAm	4.8	21	31.94	+2.2	+8.2		Facebook	-	-	35	185.37	+4.08	+5.0		Nokiacp	1.7e	-	4.90	+0.6	+5.2
BIPVST rs	-	-	26.25	-5.7	-6.0		FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.46	+3.05	+6.0		Novaver	-	-	2.13	+1.8	+7.1	
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Bioverativ	-	-	103.79	+39.68	+82.5		GabbluTT	0.4e	-	8.73	+2.9	+8.8		OpdPt	3.98	-	77.63	+2.88	+6.4	
BldHlthCp	1.78	16	54.75	+1.09	+8.9		GAlm	1.15e	-	36.11	+3.8	+5.8		Oracle	7.6	22	50.71	+1.3	+7.3	
Brillysq	1.80	22	63.28	-1.09	+3.3		GenElec	4.08	13	16.17	-0.9	-7.5		PDC Engy	-	-	88.29	+2.38	+8.1	
BrownFA s	7.9	39	66.91	-0.90	-2.0		GemMotors	1.52	7	43.29	+1.4	+5.6		Pandora	-	-	4.13	-2.4	-14.3	
BrownFB s	7.9	-	67.84	+1.4	+1.5		GPPlnEn	1.10	18	30.67	-2.8	-4.9		ParTech	-	-	22	8.13	-2.4	
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.95	+1.09	+11.7		Hallbrn	0.72	-	56.40	+3.39	+15.4		ParDrl	-	-	1.38	+0.2	+88.0	
CallioniPt	-	-	40	12.79	+2.3	+6.3		HuntBncsh	4.4f	19	16.03	+2.2	+10.3		PatUTI	0.8	-	24.38	-1.3	+8.8
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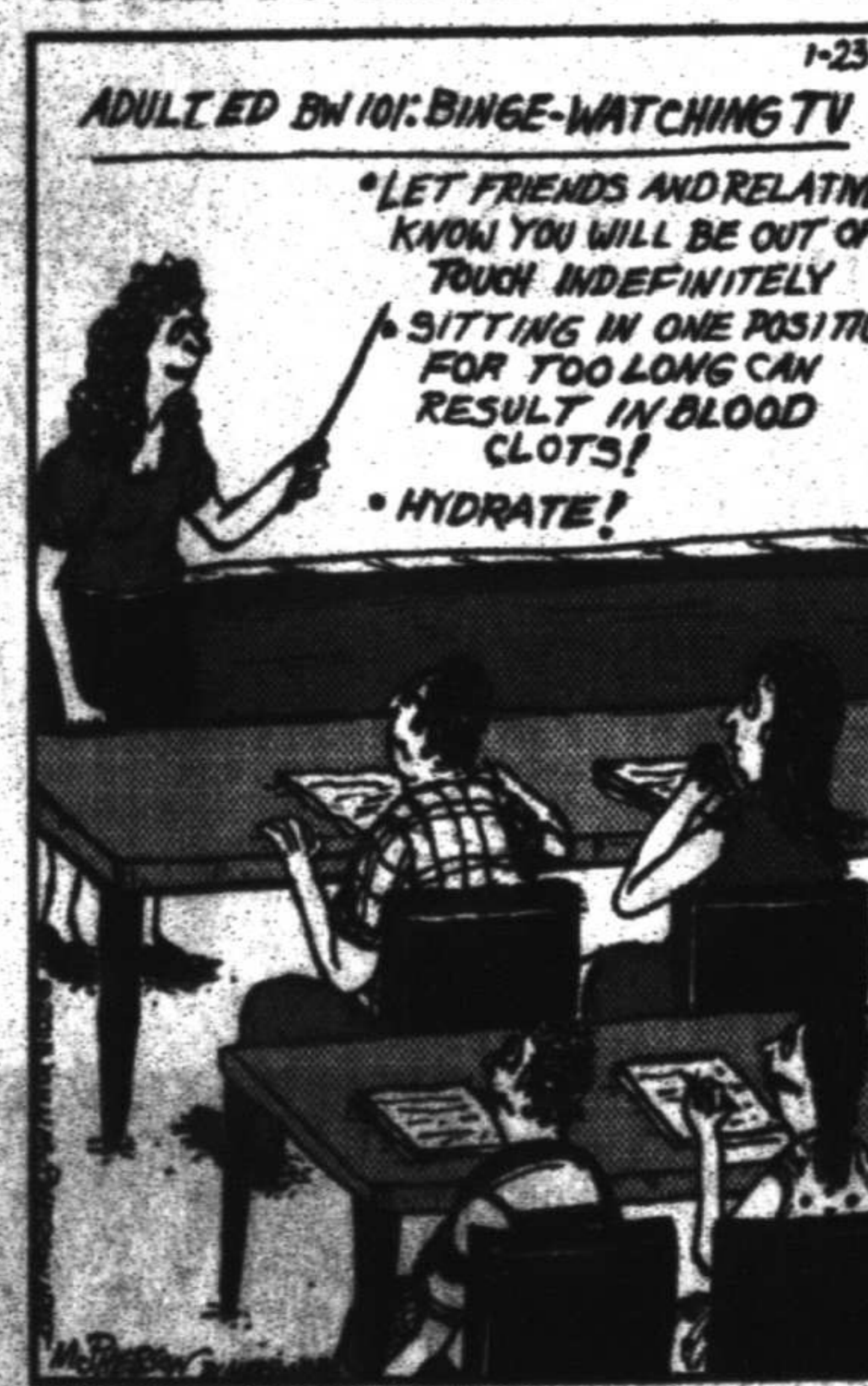
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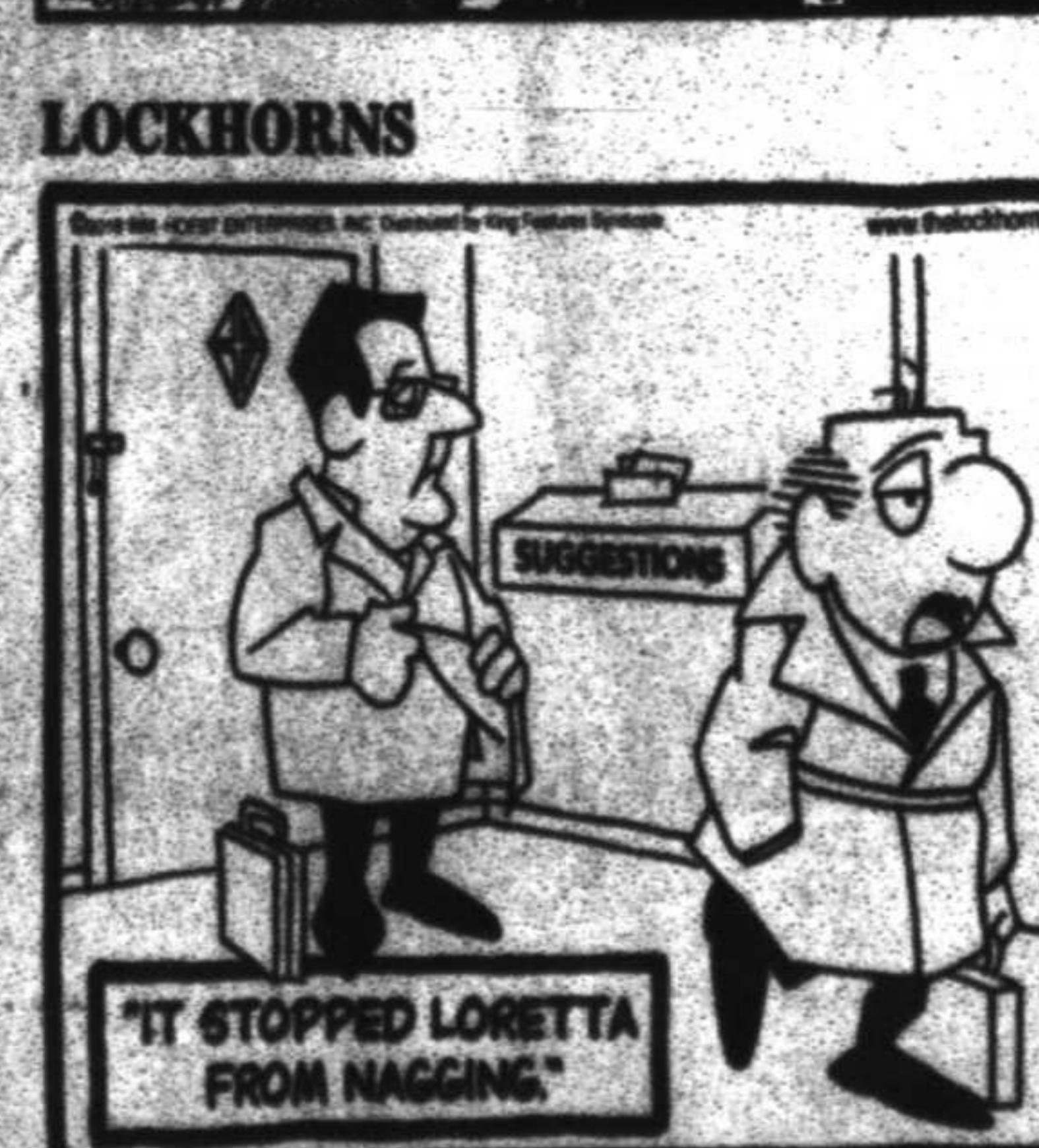
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Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants at the following locations:

Metro Self Storage 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703

The bidding will close on the website StorageStuff.bid and a high bidder will be selected on February 15, 2018 at 10AM.

RV15 Joshua W. McKenzie Blue and Silver 2004 Ford Exc Vin# 1FNU41L24ED33766
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Midland Independent School District
Midland, Texas
Notice to Vendors
Request for Proposal #18-03 - Before and After School Program Provider

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #18-03 - Before and After School Program Provider** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Purchasing, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 701-E, Midland, Texas at 10:00 A.M. C.S.T. **Tuesday, February 13, 2018.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Purchasing department at (432) 240-1965.

Notice is hereby given that on Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction on February 9, 2018, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:

Facility 1772: 1904 West Loop 250 N, Midland, TX 79705 (432)258-1370, February 9, 2018, 10:00 am
John Lawrence Unit#D378 household items, John Lawrence Unit#P521 Household items, Susan Price Unit#g088 household items, Lupe Bretado Unit#O817 furniture, household items

Facility 1770: 5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703 (432)694-5959, February 9, 2018, 11:00 am
Kevin Thompson unit#602 1970 Ford Mustang VIN 0F0SH140727 and household goods, Kevin Thompson unit#841 household goods, Kevin Thompson unit#844 household goods, Yvette Hinojos unit#802 tools.

Facility 1814: 2504 N Loop 250 W Midland, TX 79707 (432)-694-1111, February 9, 2018, 11:30 am
Josh Kemper unit#258 Honda CB550 Motorcycle VIN CB550-1012214 and other parts and totes, El Rinconito unit#1603 Restaurant equipment, Brandon Jordan unit#243 Boxes, Grill.

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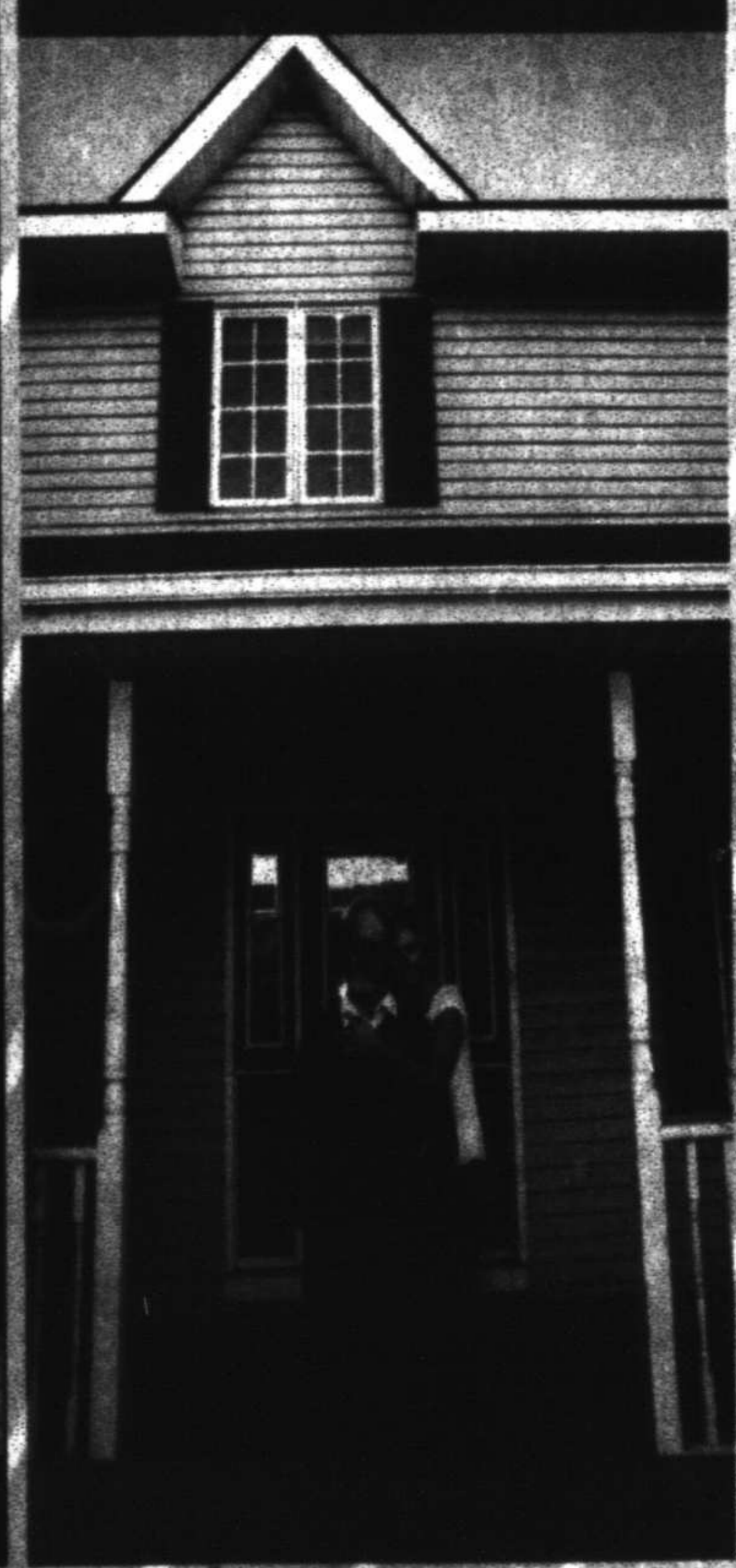

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David Hanson, the founder of Hanson Robotics, poses Sept. 28, 2017, with his company's flagship robot Sophia, a lifelike robot powered by artificial intelligence in Hong Kong. Sophia is a creation of the Hong Kong-based startup working on bringing humanoid robots to the marketplace. Hanson envisions a future in which AI-powered robots evolve to become "super-intelligent genius machines" that can help solve mankind's most challenging problems.

Lifelike robots made in Hong Kong meant to win over humans

By Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

HONG KONG — David Hanson envisions a future in which AI-powered robots evolve to become "super-intelligent genius machines" that might help solve some of mankind's most challenging problems.

If only it were as simple as that. The Texas-born former sculptor at Walt Disney Imagineering and his Hong Kong-based startup Hanson Robotics are combining artificial intelligence with southern China's expertise in toy design, electronics and manufacturing to craft humanoid "social robots" with faces designed to be lifelike and appealing enough to win trust from humans who interact with them.

Hanson, 49, is perhaps best known as the creator of Sophia, a talk show-going robot partly modeled on Audrey Hepburn that he calls his "masterpiece."

Akin to an animated mannequin, she seems as much a product of his background in theatrics as an example of advanced technology.

"You're talking to me right now, which is very 'Blade Runner,' no?" Sophia said during a recent visit to Hanson Robotics' headquarters in a suburban Hong Kong science park, its home since soon after Hanson moved to the city in 2013.

"Do you ever look around you and think, 'Wow I'm living in a real world science fiction novel?'" she asked. "Is it weird to be talking to a robot right now?"

Hanson Robotics has made about a dozen copies of Sophia, who like any human is a work in progress. A multina-

tional team of scientists and engineers are fine tuning her appearance and the algorithms that enable her to smile, blink and refine her understanding and communication.

Sophia has moving 3D-printed arms and, with the help of a South Korean robotics company, she's now going mobile. Shuffling slowly on boxy black legs, Sophia made her walking debut in Las Vegas at the CES electronics trade show.

Her skin is made of a nanotech material that Hanson invented and dubbed "Frubber," short for flesh-rubber, that has a flesh-like bouncy texture. Cameras in her eyes and a 3D sensor in her chest help her to "see," while the processor that serves as her brain combines facial and speech recognition, natural language processing, speech synthesis and a motion control system.

Sophia seems friendly and engaging, despite the unnatural pauses and cadence in her speech. Her predecessors include an Albert Einstein, complete with bushy mustache and white thatch of hair, a robot named Alice whose grimaces run a gamut of emotions and one eerily resembling the late sci-fi author Philip K. Dick, which won an award from the American Association of Artificial Intelligence. They variously leer, blink, smile and even crack jokes.

Disney's venture capital arm is an investor in Hanson, which is building a robot based on one of the entertainment giant's characters.

An artist and robotics scientist, Hanson worked on animatronic theme park shows, sculpting props and characters for Disney attractions like Pooh's Hunny Hunt and Mermaid Lagoon. He studied film, animation and video, eventually

earning a doctorate in interactive arts and technology from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Hanson says he makes his robots as human-like as possible to help alleviate fears about robots, artificial intelligence and automation.

That runs contrary to a tendency in the industry to use cute robo-pets or overtly machine-like robots like Star Wars' R2-D2 to avoid the "uncanny valley" problem with human likenesses such as wax models and robots that many people find a bit creepy.

Some experts see Sophia as mainly a clever marketing gimmick.

"It's a good advertising tool, whatever that company produces as a business plan," said Roland Chin, chair professor of computer science at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Global market revenue for service robotics is forecast to grow from \$3.7 billion in 2015 to \$15 billion in 2020, according to IHS Markit. That includes both professional and domestic machines like warehouse automatons, smart vacuums and fuzzy companion robots.

Hanson Robotics is privately owned and has a consumer-oriented business that sells thousands of shoebox-sized \$200 Professor Einstein educational robots a year. Chief Marketing Officer Jeanne Lim says the company is generating revenue but won't say whether it's profitable.

For now, artificial intelligence is best at doing specific tasks. It's another thing entirely for machines to learn a new ability, generalize that knowledge and apply it in different contexts, partly because of the massive amount of computing power needed to process such information so quickly.

Scientists smash thousands of proteins to find four 'Legos of life'

By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

By "smashing" proteins and looking at the broken bits, scientists at Rutgers University say they've discovered four basic building blocks that can be stacked like Legos to build all kinds of different proteins.

The results described in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences could help researchers better understand the origins of life and design new biomolecules with special industrial and medical uses.

"We've developed methods for really looking at the deep-time evolution of proteins," said senior author Vikas Nanda, a biochemist at Rutgers University.

Many scientists think that some of the earliest forms of life would have hung out where natural electric currents exist — at the bottom of the sea floor, for example, where hydrothermal vents spew material into the ocean.

Ancient microbes would have needed special proteins to take advantage of those energy sources. These metal-bearing "metalloproteins" would have been able to carry and move electrons around in specific ways. But what exactly did such proteins look like, some 4 billion years ago?

It's hard to judge by what's in modern-day microbes because their proteins are pretty complex, Nanda said. He pointed to proteins such as nitrogenase, an essential enzyme that takes nitrogen and makes ammonia, which is then used to make DNA and amino acids.

"You couldn't imagine that complex nanomachine just emerging out of the primordial soup and just coming into existence," Nanda said.

The average protein today is made up of around 200 to 250 amino acids, and still larger proteins can be made out of those amino acid chains. Nanda and his colleagues wanted to figure out which pieces within those chains truly did the work, and thus might resemble more ancient proteins from early life.

To get at this question, the researchers dug through the university's RCSB Protein Data Bank to analyze the atomic 3-D structure of 9,500 proteins. Using computers, they picked through the amino acid chains, looking for common subunits shared across different proteins that seemed to have similar functions.

It was basically like trying to understand a radio's most essential parts by taking a bunch of radios, smashing them with a hammer and then comparing the fragments, Nanda said.

"The question then is, what are the useful pieces and what's just junk?" he said. "When we looked at the pieces, we'd find something that looks like a transistor or we would find something that looks like a tuning capacitor for the dial, and we would categorize them into these different classes."

Sure enough, the scientists were able to pick out four useful pieces — modules made up of around 60 to 100 amino acids. Each one can carry electrons or carry out reactions but uses different metals (such as copper, iron nickel or manganese) or puts those metals in different configurations.

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Here's what's happening at this year's Consumer Electronics Show

Dear PropellerHeads: I saw something about the Consumer Electronics Show in the news last week and wondered what got your propellers spinning. Anything exciting this year?

A: It's that time of year again! Every January, tech companies descend on Las Vegas to show off the coolest gadgets, upgrades, and ideas their R&D departments have been working on during the previous 12 months. Some of the products on display will never make it to the market but are showcases for concepts that consumers might see in the future, if not necessarily the near future.

In times past, the CES (cesweb.org) introduced the VCR (1970), camcorders (1981), DVDs (1996), and HDTV (1998). When time travel becomes a reality, it'll probably debut at the first CES in 1967. With that in mind, let's see what was on display at CES 2018 ...

Cars! Still no cameo from Optimus Prime, but other cool car concepts were on display this year, like the Mercedes "smart vision EQ fortwo" — apparently the luxury car maker spent so much on R&D that they couldn't afford any more capital letters (bit.ly/2B6PmxO). This little two-seater is a prototype meant to show their vision of urban travel in the year 2030. With no steering wheel or pedals, the idea is that a self-driving version could pick



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you up and shuttle you around the city while you check your Twitter feed on the screens inside.

Proceeding back down to earth, we find a sportier (if less futuristic) electric car from Fisker called the Emotion (fiskerinc.com/emotion), with a 400-mile range after just a nine-minute charge, all for only \$130,000. If that's still too steep, and you want something this year, the \$37,000 Nissan Leaf on display can make it 150 miles before needing to recharge (nissana.com/electric-cars/2018-leaf).

Drones! Prefer to burn your money on things that fly? Check out the Orii, a drone from Uvify with a first-person-view display and top speeds of over 60mph. Or maybe you're looking for a drone small enough to carry with you all the time? You're in luck! The Selfly from AEE is small, foldable, and can fit inside a smartphone case. And then there's the Tello, a \$99 model with a 360-degree camera and flight stabilization features. See bit.ly/2DFzupg for more.

Robots! CES 2018 proves once and for all that robots are good for more than

just stealing old people's medicine (bit.ly/2DhhaFR). There's the Laundroid, a \$16,000 laundry-folding robot that uses AI technology to figure out what kind of clothing you've asked it to fold — and don't worry, they're trying to get the price down to \$2,000 soon (bit.ly/2DkJORG).

If you've already got a Rosie the Robot Maid for that, then maybe this will impress you: The FORPHEUS (it stands for ... something) robot from Omron straddles a ping pong table, plays the game with you, and watches you to learn how good you are so it can dial back its skill level to match and then train you (bit.ly/2mAcgbQ).

A funny thing about CES is that you'll hear about a company working on some off-the-wall idea — say, a self-propelled, balancing suitcase that follows you around the airport — and then discover that two companies (at least) are working on that same crazy idea. And so, we have the ForwardX CK-1 (http://cnet.co/2DEqEaZ) and the Puppy 1 from 90Fun (bit.ly/2DdTA8I). Last year, it was smart trashcans; this year, smart luggage.

Anything practical?! As for products you might actually buy, or at least get the chance to buy before CES 2019, there's the Dell 15-inch 2-in-1 laptop/tablet (http://zd.net/2DmyQ20). And while you won't purchase it directly, Synaptics dem-

onstrated an in-screen fingerprint reader that will likely make its way into smartphones soon (bit.ly/2DDNOhO).

One big theme at CES this year was voice assistant integration. Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant will find their way into more car models, so you'll be able to control the music, ask for directions, and adjust the A/C all with your voice. Alexa will show up soon in headphones, microwaves ("Alexa, are my pizza rolls ready?"), and on Windows 10 PCs. Google's version will be in TVs and Ti-Vos, so you can tell your television to dim the lights before the movie starts (http://cnet.co/2D9XPCy).

Which of these products will break out of the showroom to become the next VCR or camcorder? We don't know, but it wouldn't hurt to take up badminton now that the robots have claimed ping pong for themselves. Alexa, how is that Hot Pocket coming along?

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