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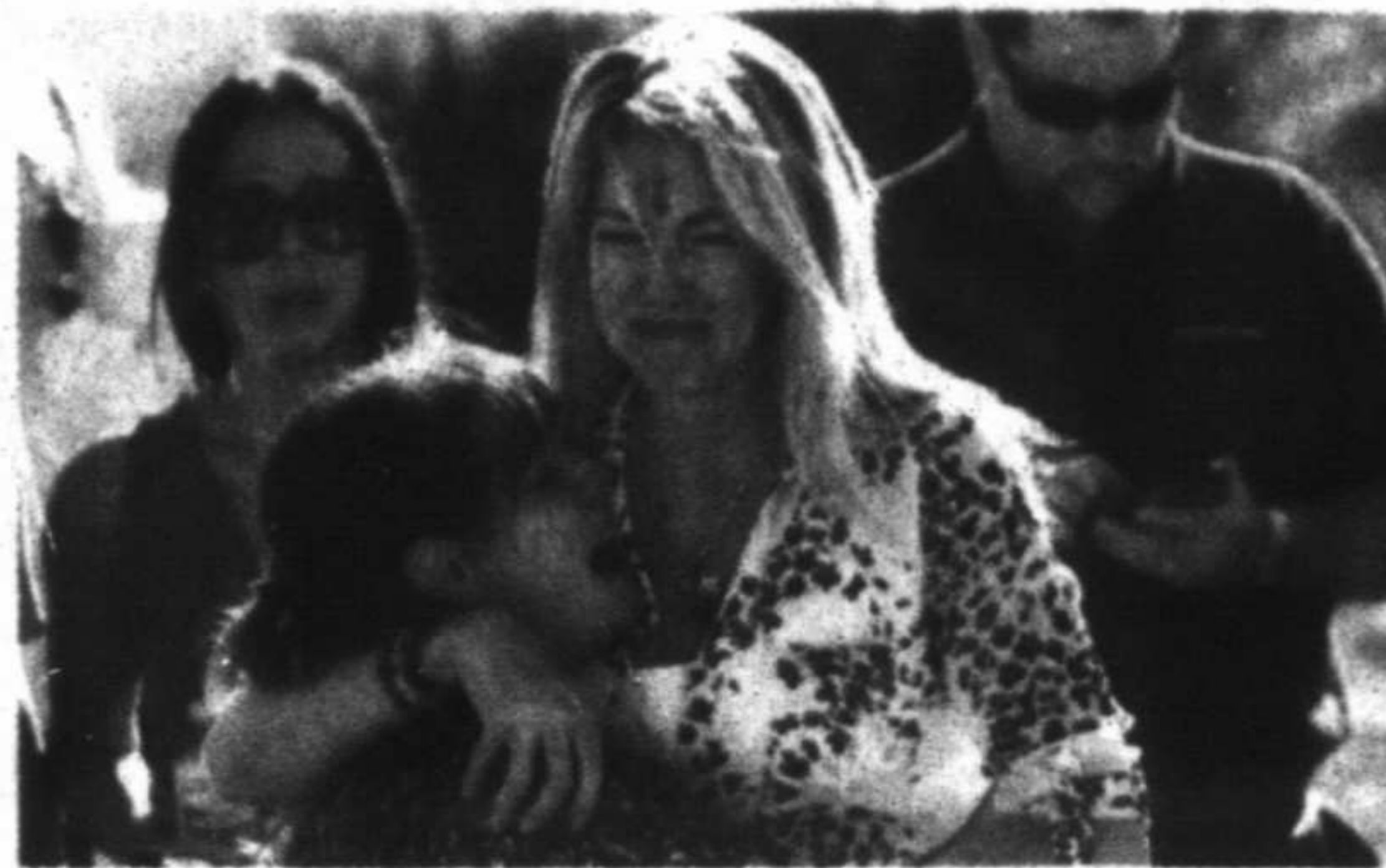
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Seventeen people are dead in the nation's deadliest school shooting since Sandy Hook.

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## Commissioners continuing with memorial site

Proposed design for veterans' memorial includes plaques, flagpoles, pergolas

By Simone Jasper  
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A decision on Wednesday put Midland County one step closer to having a site near its Annex building to commemorate veterans.

County commissioners approved going forward with a plan for a site to acknowledge local people who have served in the military and Gold Star families. The

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decision came after the Commissioners' Court received a presentation about the project.

David Sapp, property manager of Fair-

view Cemetery, took the lead in creating the plans. He showed a computer-generated rendering of a design for county-owned land that neighbors the Annex parking lot and faces West Scharbauer Drive.

The design includes pieces representing military service. Other features are flagpoles, pergolas, ground coverings, fencing and parking.

The design uses granite in various places, including on a wall that would include engraved names.

"Sometimes it's really hard for somebody in a wheelchair to see the names up top," Sapp told commissioners. "When they roll up to this — this is actually 4 feet and it will be laying at an angle — they'll be able to see their loved one's names on that wall."

Commissioners offered comments and questions about the plan, including some related to materials for covering part

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## DOWNTOWN FACELIFT



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland County Public Library downtown branch is shown Monday. The location is set to close to the public this week in preparation for a renovation project.

## Library to close Friday for renovations

Goal is for downtown branch to reopen by holiday season, Trischitti says

By Simone Jasper  
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The Midland County Public Library downtown branch is set to close to the public this week in preparation for a renovation project. Friday is the last day the building will offer services before it reopens months later with a new layout and entrance.

If patrons check out materials from the downtown library before it closes, they can bring them to the bookmobile or the Centennial branch. Library Director John Trischitti III said the downtown branch also will have a drive-up deposit box for returns.

"Even if you get something at Centennial, you'll still be able to return downtown," he said.

Library staff is scheduled to clear the building's first floor before the start of the construction period. During the renovation, some materials will be stored on the second floor or offsite.

"While that's an inconvenience and we acknowledge that, a significant

portion of the downtown collection will not be accessible," Trischitti said.

Two factors weighed into the decision to close the downtown library during the renovation, according to Midland County Judge Mike Bradford. He said one consideration was safety because of structural modifications. The other factor for closing during the renovation was mentioned in staff and contractor discussions.

"When you have people in the facility you're remodeling, your service goes down, and we don't like that," Bradford said. "Your time and cost goes up."

After the downtown branch closes, Trischitti said he anticipates an increase in the volume of patrons at the Centennial branch.

He said the library will add shelving and support staff to the Centennial building. That location is expected to offer exhibitions, summer reading and other programming while the downtown branch is under construction.

For the renovation project, the architecture and engineering firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper created design concepts, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Midland County commissioners last month approved awarding a request for

proposal for construction and remodeling of the downtown library. The contract with MW Builders is about \$2.8 million.

Trischitti said the goal is for the library to reopen to the public before the holiday season. He said the renovation could start four to six weeks after the library's closing, but the timing depends on other projects.

"We're waiting for those dominoes to fall," Trischitti said. "There are other projects that are ahead of us that we're waiting (for)."

Those projects include moving the Midland County Historical Society into the North Main Street building that housed the adult probation department. That department has a new facility west of the county jail.

Plans for the downtown library include an open layout and an entrance that faces the building's parking lot, according to the Reporter-Telegram report.

Trischitti said he anticipates the start of the project.

"I'm excited about what the plan is," Trischitti said. "I think it'll be another great asset for this community and another way that Midland County continues to be at the forefront of public library service in Texas."

## MISD: Putting more kids in classroom is not a goal

By Stewart Doreen  
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Not long after reporting the number of requested class-size waivers was adjusted to 114, Midland ISD officials were unanimous in their public comments that the district is not looking to put more kids in the classroom.

Class-size waivers was part of the discussion on at least three occasions during Monday night's meeting. The first came when MISD officials reported that the net number of waivers dropped by two from January's total of 116.

A school district must request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency when a classroom exceeds the required 22-student-to-1-teacher ratio that is required by the Texas Education Agency for grades kindergarten through fourth. This year, the number of waivers has spiked. The 114 waivers is more than the previous two years combined -- 72 in 2016-17 and 41 in 2015-16. In 2014-15, Midland ISD requested 18.

The most recent group of waivers included first-grade classes at Bonham, Greathouse, Santa Rita and Yarbrough and third-grade classes at Fannin, Greathouse and Scharbauer.

After breezing through the class-size waivers report with little discussion, the topic came up when MISD staff presented a report on mid-year goal progress measures related to student achievement in kindergarten through second grades. In both cases, MISD students trailed the expectations of leadership. During the discussion, one trustee asked if there was any correlation between student performance and the number of class-size waivers. Trustee Bryan Murry said that 54 percent of all class-size waivers impacted those three grades.

MISD officials also mentioned waivers during a discussion of the District of Innovation plan. One of the exemptions the district is seeking as part of its DOI plan is an exemption from asking for class-size waivers.

MISD leaders in the past have said such an exemption will provide local flexibility and give the community and school district control to make the decisions that best meet the needs of students,

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### Correction

The Midland ISD board on Monday heard a proposal on new boundaries at the junior high level. No board action was taken. Based on feedback from the public, MISD administration will revise the proposed boundary lines and recommend a plan of action be taken at the March 26 board meeting.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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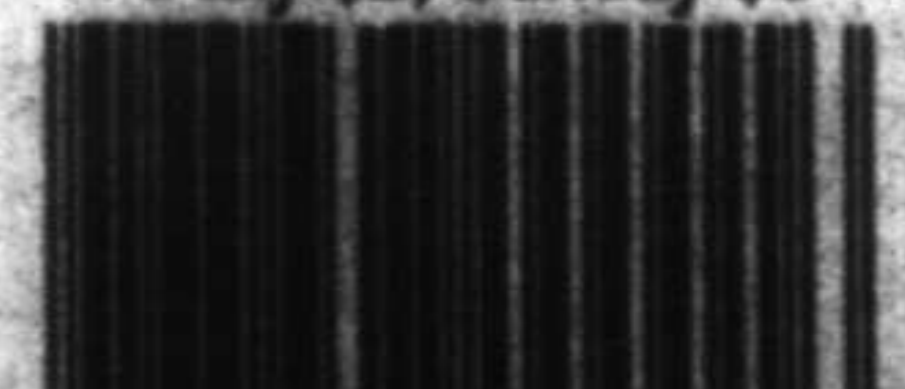
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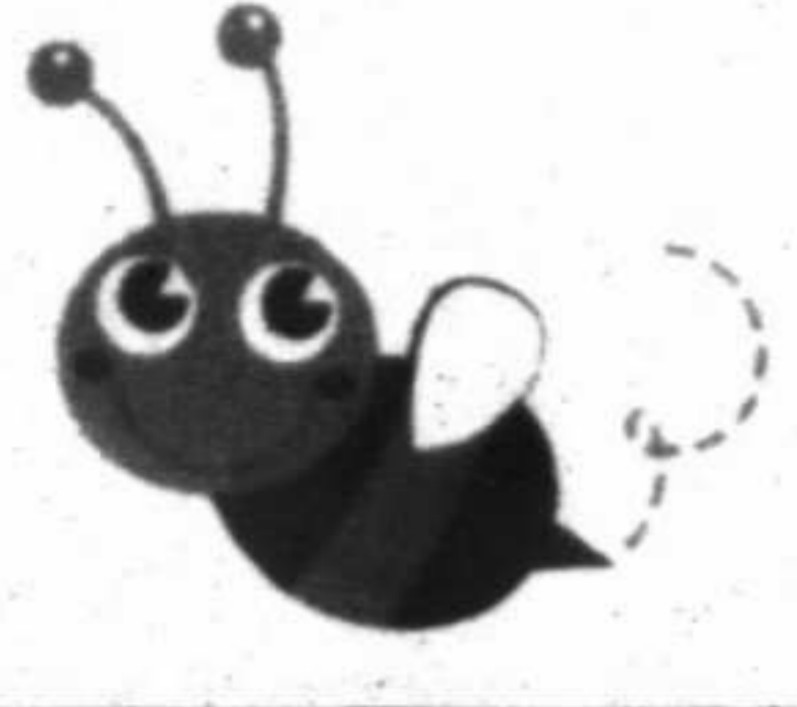


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- 1. a baritone singing voice with virtually a tenor range
2. a singer having a baritenor voice



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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@artysarado.com.
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'Jersey Boys', 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Ash Wednesday observance



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter.

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet brown bag concert, 11:45 a.m., ClayDesta Towers, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.
CURE Conversations: 'Living in the Deep South' with local author and former educator Tom Parks. Hosted by Citizens United to Reach Equity, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
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The Holistic Approach by Earth, Body and Soul, 7-8 p.m., Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St. The monthly meetup covers the uses of essential oils, crystals, meditation and more.
Unleashed Reunion Tour with Bruce Robison, Jack Ingram and Charlie Robison, 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. \$20 advance, \$25 door. dosamigos.com.
Cameron Nelson, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Today in history

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.
In 1764, the site of present-day

St. Louis was established by Pierre LaClede and Auguste Chouteau.
In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.
In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.
In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to Japanese forces during World War II.
In 1952, a funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain's King George VI, who had died nine days earlier.

In 1953, Tenley Albright, 17, became the first American woman to win the world figure skating championship, which was held in Davos, Switzerland.
In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.
In 1971, Britain and Ireland 'decimalised' their currencies, making one pound equal to 100 new pence instead of 240 pence.
In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.
Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 2-8-4
Pick 3 evening: 2-3-0
Pick 3 night: 1-1-2
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Daily 4 day: 4-2-5-9
Daily 4 evening: 6-2-1-1
Daily 4 night: 3-0-3-0
Cash Five: 6-11-16-20-32
Triple Chance: 7-16-22-23-24-31-34-37-45-51

Lotto Texas: 8-19-22-29-50-52
Powerball: 37-39-44-46-69
BB: 26 Power Play: 2
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All or Nothing day: 2-3-5-13-14-18-19-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-8-9-10-13-15-18-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-8-9-11-12-13-16-18-20-21

Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High: 84
Low: 46
Normal high: 62
Normal low: 34
Feb. 14's records
Record high: 86, set in 1979
Record low: 15, set in 1951

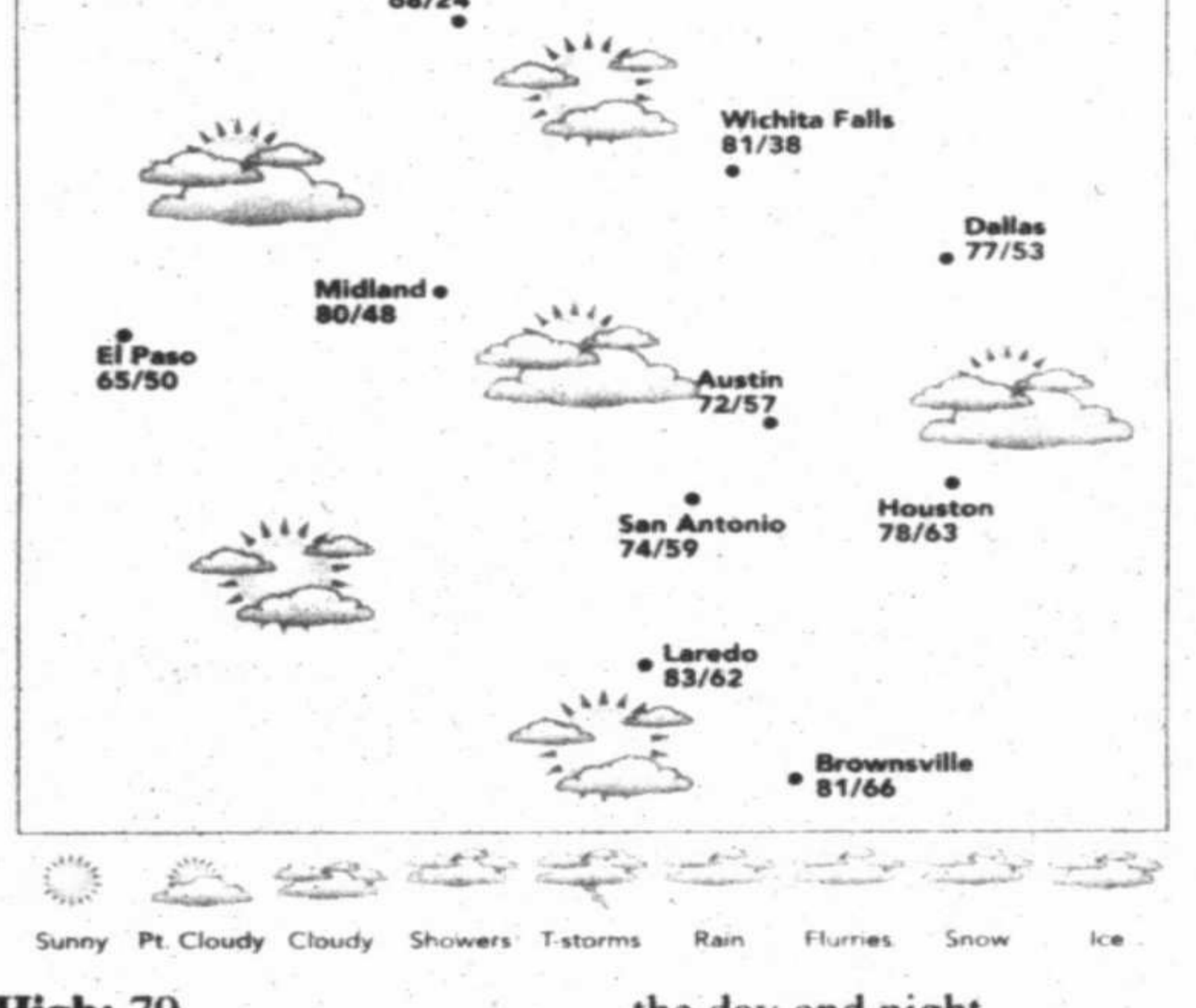
Precipitation
Tuesday: 0.00 in.
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Month total: trace
Year total: 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date): 0.91 in.

Winds
Average: 6 mph
Wind speed: 18 mph
Gust speed: 23 mph

Today's forecast

High: 79
Low: 43
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during

Forecast for Thursday, February 15, 2018



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Sunrise: 7:31 a.m.
Sunset: 6:35 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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Pete Carr Pro Rodeo unloads stock Feb. 6 for the 86th annual San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo in San Angelo. Carr's journey to becoming a pro rodeo stock contractor started after 15-plus years competing as a bareback rider.

# Pro rodeo stock contractor began as bareback rider

By Krista Johnson  
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — Pete Carr's journey to becoming a pro rodeo stock contractor started after 15-plus years competing as a bareback rider.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports he loved the rodeo, he said, and like many others in the sport, "When they get too old to compete, they find that all their friends and family are in the industry, so they continue in it in some capacity."

Carr had the experience of being a contestant and had previously put on rodeos, but "I don't know if it prepared me for what I was getting into" when he started Pete Carr Pro Rodeo in 2004.

He didn't take the more common stock contractor route of starting in junior rodeos and climbing the ranks into the professional rodeos. He started at the top by purchasing a large company already serving professional rodeos, and he continued buying out companies along the way.

Starting out with just a handful of animals, Carr would use subcontractors to bring in the rest of the animals needed for the rodeos. These days, he keeps about 400 horses and nearly 100 bulls at his ranch in Athens, Texas, with more animals housed in several other areas.

To serve the San Angelo Rodeo, Carr planned to supply 288 horses and 72 bulls for the 12 performances. The final rodeo event is Saturday.

Carr summed up the life of a stock contractor as working on the ranch 24 hours a day and dealing with the "million things that come up throughout the day that you didn't expect," all to go to the rodeo and "put on a show for a few hours."

Getting on the road is the fun part, though. He said the pride he feels when one of his broncos or bulls performs well is akin to that of parents when their children do well.

People often don't realize that being the primary stock contractor for professional rodeos requires Carr to have an extensive breeding program, he said.

"We search the world over to keep up with the quality of the animals needed to put on a show like San Angelo."

Some of those high-quality animals include Dirty Jacket, a two-time Bucking Horse of the Year and eight-time NFR Bucking Horse; Outa Sight, a five-time NFR Bucking Horse; and Half Nutz and Poker Face, runner-up world champion bulls.

Carr said he is always breeding and buying animals, and "when you find the special ones, you really want to take care of them."

And finding the special ones proves difficult.

"People can raise 100 bulls and only two are good enough for PRCA."

Rodeo bulls are generally 4-6 years old, with a 3-year-old brought in every once in a while. Carr said he doesn't like bringing horses to rodeos until they are at least 4.

The horses begin their training at age 3, bucking with a dummy. At age 4, they'll start bucking



Adam Saucedo/The San Angelo Standard-Times via AP

Pick up men try to help Caleb Bennett off of Dirty Jacket, a Pete Carr Pro Rodeo horse, after his ride Feb. 18, 2016, during the bareback riding event at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo in San Angelo. Carr's journey to becoming a pro rodeo stock contractor started after 15-plus years competing as a bareback rider.

with actual riders. Carr said he'll bring them to nearby rodeos to get them used to riding in the trailers and hearing the different sounds.

He is gentle with them at that age, he said, because he likes to let the animals grow up and mature "before I go out and knock the shine off them."

The bulls and horses also differ in what is needed to keep them healthy and performing well.

Bulls can be used twice in one rodeo because "the more you buck a bull, the better he gets," Carr said. "The more you buck a horse, the worse he gets."

Carr compared bulls to humans, with our health improving the more active we are. Horses, he compared to tires, with the thread thinning with each trip.

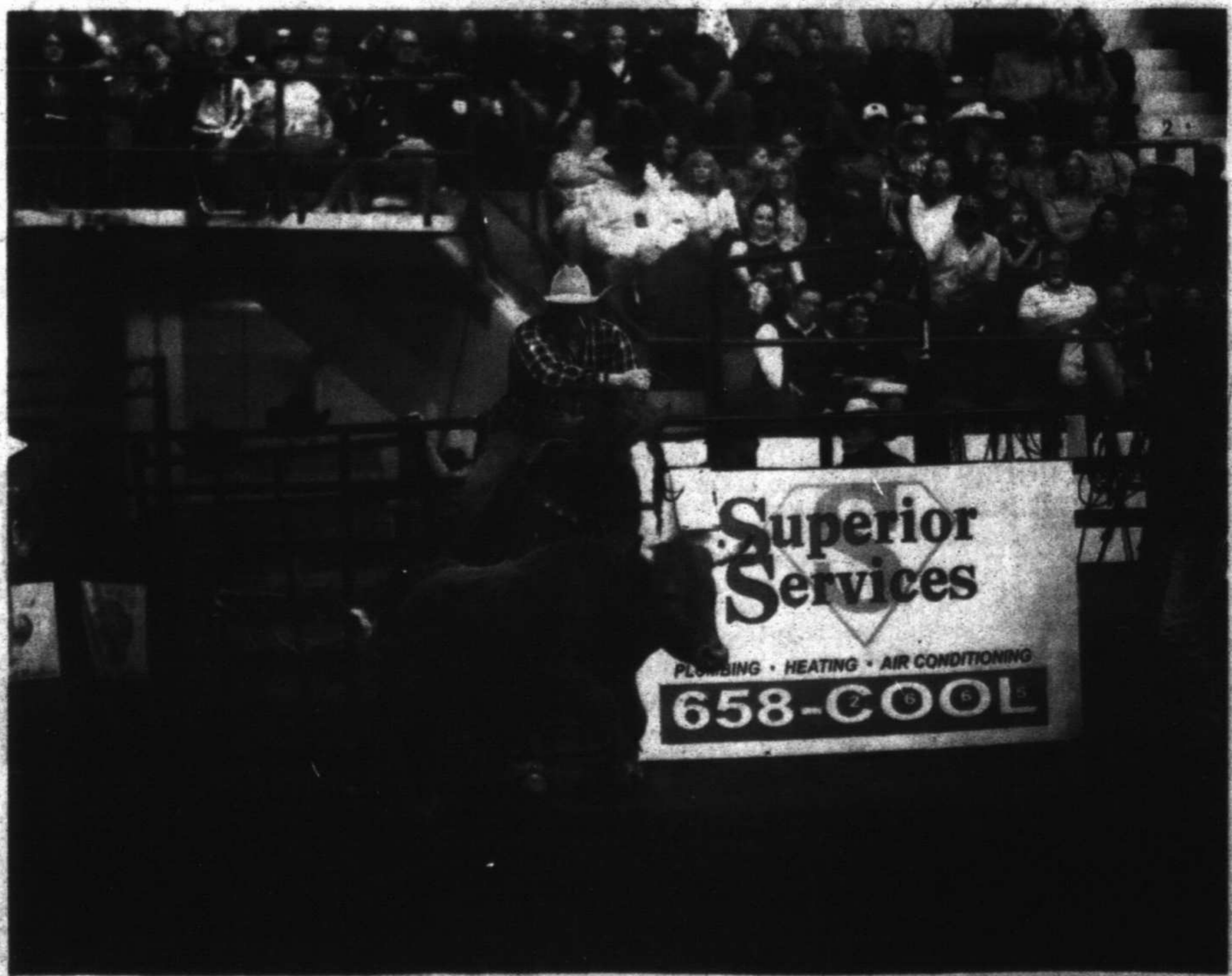
To qualify for pro rodeos, horses must have eight performances each year, so Carr shoots to use each only that many times.

When it comes to raising them, the horses are easy compared to the bulls, Carr said.

"When (the bulls are) out there in the pasture there's a whole bunch of them and they just get bored," he said, which leads to digging holes, getting in fights and tearing down fences. "The bulls tear up a lot of stuff."

To make their way to San Angelo, Carr said he needed a crew of 20-25 people. The animals are brought in batches, because there wouldn't be enough space on the grounds to hold all of the animals he'll use in the rodeo.

Four to five spreadsheets hold



Yfat Yossifor/The San Angelo Standard-Times via AP

Kody Woodward rides out for steer wrestling during the 9th performance of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Wednesday at Foster Communications Coliseum in San Angelo.

the stock list, the schedule of when animals are performing, when the draws need to be turned in and the other contractors that help. Each day starts with feedings, then sorting the animals,

into different pens before the night's performance.

"We stay pretty busy. It's kind of a full-time gig," Carr said.

It is the life he chose and loves and feels blessed to have, he said.

"I love it because I love horses. I love bulls. I love animals in general."

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Joel Auerbach/Associated Press

Parents wait for news after a reports of a shooting Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

## Former student opens fire at Florida high school, killing 17

By Terry Spencer and Kelli Kennedy  
Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — A former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending hundreds of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of classrooms shortly before the day ended at one of the state's largest schools, officials said.

Authorities offered no immediate details on the 19-year-old suspect or any possible motive, except to say that he had been kicked out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which has about 3,000 students.

Students who knew the shooter, identified as Nikolas Cruz, described a volatile teenager whose strange behavior had caused others to end friendships with him, particularly after the fight that led to his expulsion.

Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live television footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

"It is a horrific situation," said Robert Runcie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, about an hour's drive north of Miami. "It is a horrible day for us."

The suspect was taken into custody without a fight about an hour later in a residential neighborhood about a mile away. He had multiple magazines of ammunition, authorities said.

"It's catastrophic. There really are no words," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel told reporters. The attacker used the fire alarm "so the kids would come pouring out of the classrooms into the hall," Sen. Bill Nelson told CNN.

"And there the carnage began," said Nelson, who said he was briefed by the FBI.

The Florida Democrat said he did not know if the gunman used the smoke grenades, but he assumed that's why he had a gas mask on.

Most of the fatalities were inside the building, though

some victims were found fatally shot outside, the sheriff said.

Victoria Olvera, a junior at the school, said Cruz was expelled last school year because he got into a fight with his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend. She said he had been abusive to his girlfriend.

"I think everyone had in their minds if anybody was going to do it, it was going to be him," she said.

Dakota Mentcher, another junior, said he used to be friends with Cruz. But he cut off the friendship as Cruz's behavior "started progressively getting a little more weird." Cruz posted on Instagram about killing animals and threatened one of Mentcher's friends, he said.

He remembered that Cruz had a pellet gun and did target practice in his backyard.

Student Daniel Huerfano said he recognized Cruz from an Instagram photo in which Cruz had posed with a gun in front of his face.

Cruz "was that weird kid that you see ... like a loner," he said.

Freshman Max Charles was in class when he heard five gunshots.

"We were in the corner, away from the windows," he said. "The teacher locked the door and turned off the light. I thought maybe I could die or something."

As he was leaving the building, he saw four dead students and one dead teacher. He said he was relieved when he finally found his mother.

"I was happy that I was alive," Max said. "She was crying when she saw me."

Not long after the attack, Michael Nembhard was sitting in his garage on a cul-de-sac when he saw a young man in a burgundy shirt walking down the street. In an instant, a police cruiser pulled up, and officers jumped out with guns drawn.

"All I heard was 'Get on the ground! Get on the ground!'" Nembhard said. He said he could not see the suspect's face, but the man did as he was told.

The day started normally at the school, which had a morning fire drill. Students were in class around 2:30 p.m. when another alarm sounded.

Noah Parness, a 17-year-old junior, said he and the other students calmly went outside to their fire-drill areas when he suddenly heard popping sounds.

"We saw a bunch of

teachers running down the stairway, and then everybody shifted and broke into a sprint," Parness said. "I hopped a fence."

Beth Feingold said her daughter, Britanni, sent a text that said, "We're on code red. I'm fine," but sent another text shortly afterward saying, "Mom, I'm so scared." She was later able to escape.

Students heard loud bangs as the shooter fired. Many of them hid under desks or in closets and barricaded doors.

Television footage showed students leaving in a single-file line with their hands over their heads as officers urged them to evacuate quickly.

The scene was reminiscent of the Newtown attack, which shocked even a country numbed by the regularity of school shootings. The Dec. 14, 2012, assault at Sandy Hook Elementary School killed 26 people — 20 first-graders and six staff members.

The 20-year-old gunman, who also fatally shot his mother in her bed, then killed himself.

When Caesar Figueroa got to the Florida school to check on his 16-year-old daughter, he saw helicopters and police officers wielding guns.

"It was crazy and my daughter wasn't answering her phone." She finally texted him that she was inside a closet with friends.

Len Murray's 17-year-old son, a junior at the school, sent his parents a chilling text: "Mom and Dad, there have been shots fired on campus at school. There are police sirens outside. I'm in the auditorium and the doors are locked."

A few minutes later, he texted again, "I'm fine."

Murray said he raced to the school only to be stopped by authorities under a highway overpass within view of the school buildings. He said he told his son to save his battery and stop texting. The boy's mother told him to turn off his ringer.

Murray said he's had just one thought running through his mind since his son's text: "All I keep thinking about is when I dropped him off this morning. I usually say, 'I love you,' and I didn't this morning. He's 17, he's at that age, and I didn't say it this morning, and I'm just kicking myself right now over and over and over."

The school was to be closed for the rest of the week.

## NSA: Several hospitalized after vehicle tried to enter

By Brian Witte  
Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — An unauthorized vehicle tried to enter the secure campus of the National Security Agency at Fort Meade on Wednesday morning, sparking a confrontation that left three people injured, authorities said.

Gunshots were fired during the incident, but officials said they did not believe any of the injuries resulted from gunfire. Gordon Johnson, special agent in charge of the FBI's Baltimore field office, would not give details about who opened fire but did say that, preliminarily, it looks like all gunfire was directed toward the vehicle.

At a news conference Wednesday afternoon, Johnson said the FBI was still collecting evidence but believes it was an isolated incident.

"I cannot emphasize enough that we believe there is no indication that this has a nexus to terrorism," Johnson told reporters gathered at a parking lot next to the National Cryptologic Museum.

Johnson said the three injured were the driver of the vehicle, an NSA police officer and a civilian onlooker. He would not give any details about how they were injured.

Two other people who were in the vehicle have been taken into custody and were being questioned, Johnson said. The injuries suffered by the police officer and the onlooker did not appear to be life threatening, he said. He did not have any information about the driver's injuries.

The incident began when the vehicle tried to enter the spy agency's campus without authorization around 7 a.m., the NSA said in a statement. The statement said weapons were fired but "preliminary reports do not presently indicate that there are injuries attributable to gunfire."

The FBI is leading the investigation. Images from local news outlets showed authorities surrounding two handcuffed people after a black SUV ran into a barrier outside the Maryland base.

Johnson said the vehicle had New York license plates and he believed it was a rental car. He said he did not know why the people in the vehicle were at the facility.

"I don't have the answer to that that," he said. "We are trying to put that as our question one as to what put these individuals on this compound earlier this morning."

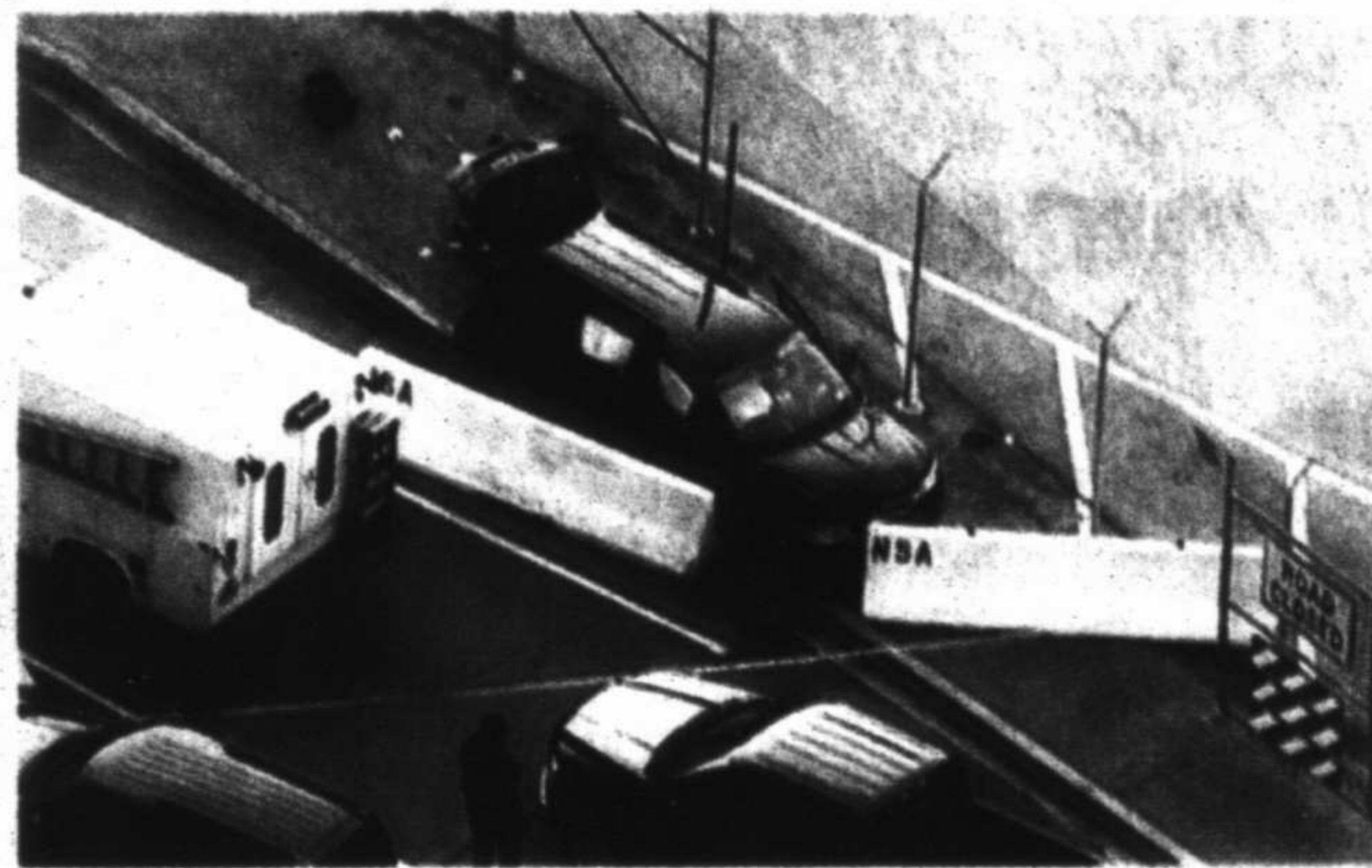
President Donald Trump has been "briefed on the shooting at Ft. Meade," and the White House offered thoughts and prayers with those who have been affected, spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said.

An image taken from a WRC-TV helicopter showed the police and fire department response outside the facility. WRC said bullet holes could be seen in the vehicle's front window, and air bags were deployed. Blood-stained material could be seen on the ground.

After the shooting, authorities closed a major highway in both directions, causing major backups throughout the area during rush hour.

Despite prominent highway signs, drivers occasionally take the wrong exit and end up at the tightly secured gates. Most motorists then carefully follow the orders of heavily armed federal officers and turn around without getting into more trouble.

But in early 2015, two people were shot at by NSA police when they disobeyed orders outside the heavily secured campus. One driver died at the scene after NSA police opened fire on a stolen sports utility vehicle. Authorities later said they had stolen a car from a man who picked them up for a party at a motel.



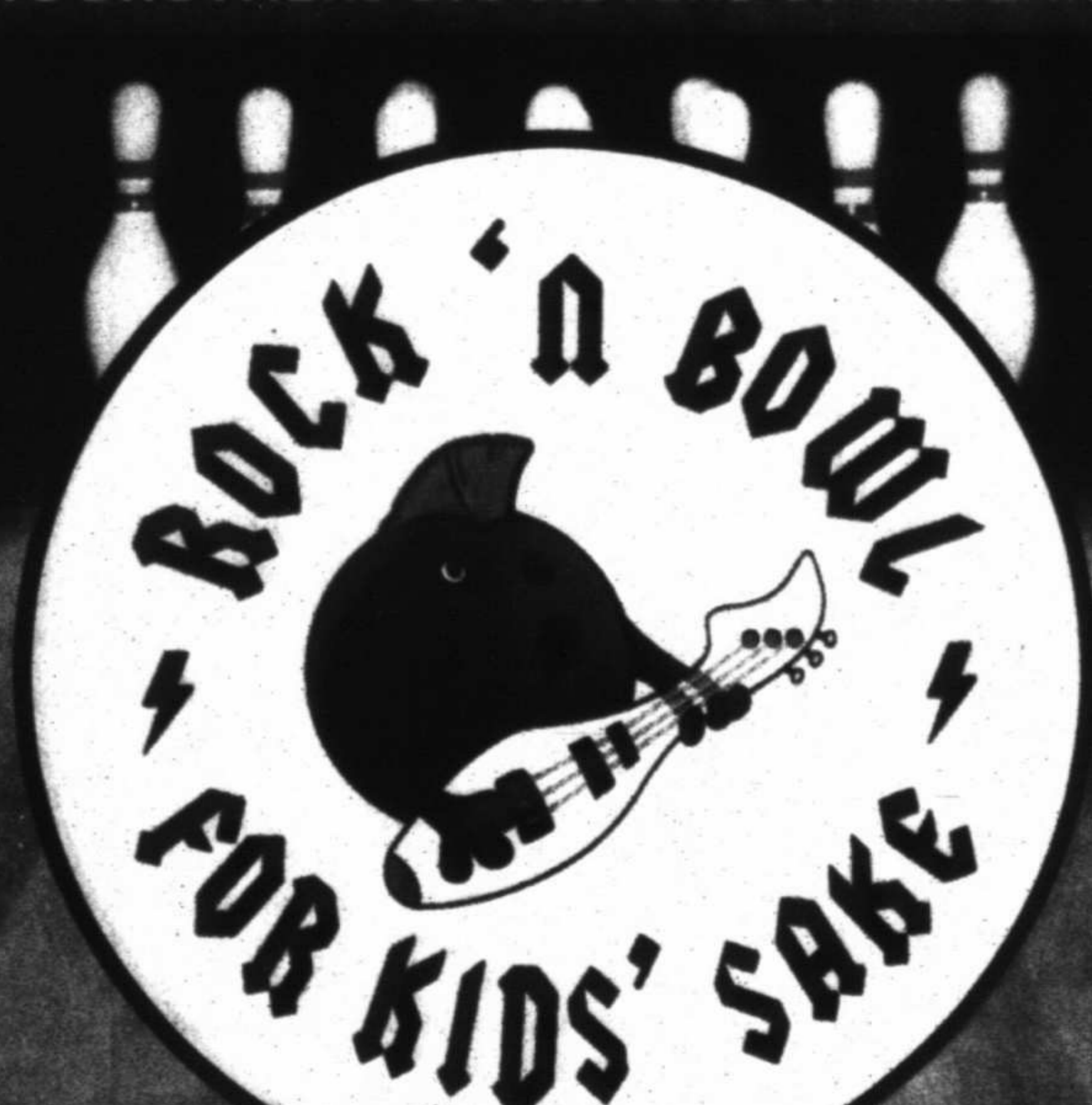
WUSA TV-9 via AP

In this image made from video and provided by WUSA TV-9, authorities investigate the scene of a shooting Wednesday at Fort Meade, Md. A suspect has been held, taken from the black SUV that stopped at barrier after a shooting outside National Security Agency.

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## Trump's military parade could cost up to \$30 million

By David S. Cloud  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's proposal to hold a large-scale military parade in Washington, with marching soldiers and rows of tanks and armored vehicles, could cost as much as \$30 million, according to Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney.

The cost would depend on how many troops are involved and the types of military equipment chosen, Mulvaney told the House Budget Committee.

"I've seen various different costs estimates

of between \$10 million and \$30 million, depending on the size of the parade, the scope of it, the length of it, those kind of things," Mulvaney said.

Pentagon officials have said they are preparing options in a response to a request from Trump for a military parade to showcase America's armed forces and military might, similar to the annual French Bastille Day parade that he attended in July in Paris.

The Pentagon last staged a parade in Washington in 1991 to celebrate victory in the first Persian Gulf War, which saw a vast U.S.-led military coalition push Iraqi troops out of Kuwait.

More than 8,000 troops marched down Constitution Avenue as stealth fighter planes soared overhead and tanks and Patriot missile batteries rolled past an estimated 200,000 people. The event was reported to cost \$12 million.

Officials are reportedly considering staging Trump's parade on Veterans Day, which is on Nov. 11. The proposed federal budget released this week did not include money for the parade, so the White House presumably would have to seek funding from Congress.

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## Gold medalists come from many backgrounds

It's the genius of America that it takes in throwaways and runaways from what Trump calls "s\*\*\*hole countries" and turns their offspring into the pride of the world.

If President Trump and the nativist wing of the GOP succeed in their suicide mission of cutting legal immigration to the United States, who's going to win all the Olympic medals?

Consider the heartwarming story of Chloe Kim, the 17-year-old snowboarder from Torrance, California, who won the gold medal in the women's half-pipe this week at the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang. Kim racked up a near-perfect 98.75 on her last run.

Kim's parents were born in South Korea and emigrated to the United States two decades ago. Every weekend, they made the five-hour drive from their home in Southern California to the mountains so that Chloe — who won her first competition at 6 — could attend a training program. Imagine what went through their minds as their U.S.-born daughter — secure in the knowledge that she had won Olympic gold — hopped off her snowboard and wrapped herself in the Stars and Stripes.

"I'm so used to America," Kim said recently. "But obviously I have a Korean face ... I can't walk around people like

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I'm, like, straight-up American; ... I'm Korean American ... [but] I identify more with the American culture."

Or reflect upon the inspirational tale of 24-year-old Mirai Nagasu, who leapt into the record books in the figure-skating team competition when she became the first American in Olympic history to pull off a triple axel jump. After making 3 1/2 rotations in the air, Nagasu landed solidly and flashed a winning smile. She told reporters that she awoke at 4 a.m. that morning because she was nervous about delivering for her teammates. She did. The U.S. skaters won the bronze. She also said, "I wanted to make America proud." She did that, too.

The U.S.-born daughter of immigrants from Japan, who run a sushi restaurant in Southern California, Nagasu was for a time a dual citizen of Japan and the United States. But Japanese law required that she choose one or the other before her 22nd birthday. She chose U.S. citizenship.

Are these the people we're supposed to be afraid of — legal immigrants like the parents of these two Olympians?

Trump, White House adviser Stephen Miller, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and Republican Sens. Tom Cotton and David Perdue think the American Dream is a zero-sum game. They yammer on about ending what they derisively call "chain migration" and argue for a point system that rewards "merit."

The problem is that no one knows what that word means.

But I know what it doesn't mean. Though this may come as news to people like Trump, Miller, Sessions, Cotton and Perdue, merit doesn't mean being born on third base and prancing around like you hit a triple. And though Sessions recently let it slip — in remarks to the National Sheriffs' Association — that what sends a tingle up his leg is the "Anglo American heritage of law enforcement," merit doesn't mean having white skin. And in depressed areas like the Rust Belt, merit doesn't mean letting yourself off the hook for bad choices by claiming that you're the victim of bad companies, bad trade and bad policies.

As the grandson of a legal immigrant from Mexico, I'd say merit is something along the lines of a monster work ethic, passion, optimism, determination, perseverance, fresh thinking and the unquench-

able desire to be the best at whatever you do.

Luckily for America, this kind of merit is transferable to the next generation. It's time for Americans to quit our whining — and count our blessings.

The private sector gets it. A poignant 60-second commercial about the heritage of Olympic athletes deserves its own gold medal. The spot — for the online genealogy site ancestry.com — recalls the 1980 upset victory of the U.S. hockey team over the Russians in Lake Placid, New York. As it points out, the American players came from all sorts of ethnic backgrounds.

At a time when Americans have been infected by their leaders with the absurd idea that immigrants are ruining this land of immigrants, the commercial — titled "America's Greatness Comes from Everywhere" — is a dose of penicillin.

Are we blind? The U.S. team at the Winter Olympics looks like a miniature United Nations. It's the genius of America that it takes in throwaways and runaways from what Trump calls "s\*\*\*hole countries" and — in a generation or two — turns their offspring into the pride of the world.

You can see them honored in the days to come during the medal ceremonies in PyeongChang. You can't miss them. They'll be all decked out in red, white and blue.

### OUR VIEW

## City agreement with mall owners seems a little generous

There are reasons to like the city's development agreement with the owner of Midland Park Mall.

As reported in Tuesday's edition, Simon Properties approached the city about taking part in Chapter 380 agreement that could mean a \$7.5 million sales tax reimbursement. Simon wants to tear down the Sears location and replace it with new retail space to attract another department store/premium retailer to Midland, according to the city.

So far, we like what we hear. Midlanders enjoy the idea of having the best places to shop and eat. We like hearing that businesses seen in more metropolitan areas are coming to Midland. For the most part, it has been other retail areas — and not the mall — that have showed our community what's possible. Simon is playing a little catch-up and has more than 150,000 square feet of possible retail space to show what it can do.

The city, correctly, is incentivizing Simon to not just fill its space with another teen clothing store or an accessory shop that will be here today and gone tomorrow. So before any sales tax money is reimbursed, the city manager will have a say on whether the retailer is indeed a premium retailer.

Again, we see where this type of deal makes sense for the residents of Midland. The malls of today are becoming dinosaurs. Customers are increasingly turning to their computers to order the latest and greatest, and when they decide to go out, they opt for more trendy retail centers that cater to those seeking a less "mall-like" experience.

The city might have gone wrong with this deal by giving away too much. In addition to redeveloping the former Sears area, Simon gets sales tax reimbursement for other new building that takes place moving forward. This includes those parcels on the outer border of the mall property. Simon has turned those areas into retail gold by allowing for the building of Jerad — the Galleria of Jewelry, Bubba's 33 restaurant and Longhorn Steakhouse. Common sense indicated the mall would add locations along the property's east side, maybe two or three locations between Jared and JumBurrito. It was going to happen. That really isn't in dispute. When asked about that inevitability, city leaders said they get to sign off on the premium retailer that will occupy any of those parcels.

We hope Simon is successful in adding quality retailers to the Midland Park Mall area. That will impact the quality of life of those in and around Midland. Was it OK that city leaders made a deal to work with the mall to bring life to the soon-to-be former Sears location? Yes. Did they give away too much, including potentially millions of dollars in sales tax revenue? It looks as though they did.

We hope Midlanders like what they see when new locations pop up around the mall area. The city is using your money — even through a reimbursement — to pay for them.

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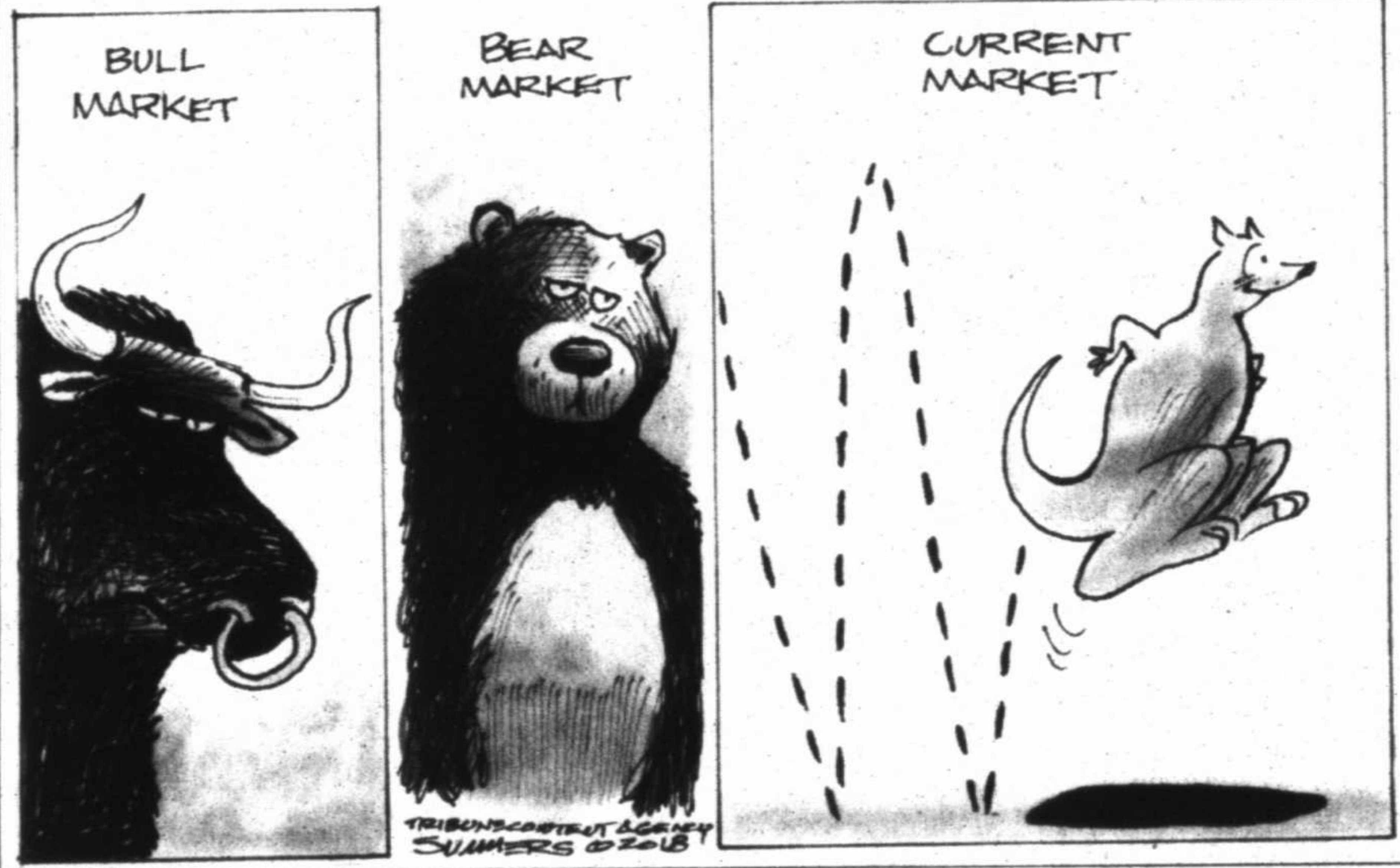
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## Infrastructure really isn't crumbling

The Trump plan would leave it to Congress to figure out how to de-boondoggle infrastructure projects

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It's Infrastructure Week (again), and who among us can contain his excitement?

The president, for one.

According to reports, President Trump wanted to announce the biggest investment in public works since President Eisenhower unveiled the interstate highway system. But in the wake of tax cuts, the real deficit was too big to close what Trump calls "the infrastructure deficit." So he had to settle for a plan that would spend \$200 billion in federal taxpayer money over the next decade and lay the rest of the \$1.5 trillion on state and local taxpayers.

It almost surely won't fly. Many states are as broke as the federal government — and they can't print money.

In his Big Building, Big Spending ambitions, Trump is at his most conventional. Politicians, as transportation expert Randal O'Toole puts it, have a deep-seated bias in favor of "ribbon-cutting over brooms." They just love wielding a giant pair of scissors to cut a shiny ribbon on a new project. You can put your name on a new tunnel or bridge. It's harder to take credit for fixing an existing one.

Even Trump's insistence that our infrastructure is "crumbling" is among the most enduring clichés of American politics. A search of LexisNexis shows that America's infrastructure has been crumbling since the late 1970s. And it's simply not true. The most recent data is from 2012, when President Obama was insisting that our infrastructure was crumbling. At that time, 80 percent of our highways were in acceptable shape or better. Nearly 97 percent of rural roads met that grade.

Bridge failures in Washington state in 2013 and Minnesota in 2007 were greeted as symbolic proof of systemic disrepair. But the Washington state bridge collapsed because a truck driver carrying an oversized load ignored posted warnings. It would have collapsed if it had been brand-new. And the Minnesota collapse was the result of a construction defect.

Meanwhile, the conditions of our bridges have been improving consistently for the last two decades.

Of course some American infrastructure could use updating. The problem, however, isn't underinvestment. In 2014, according to the Congressional Budget Office, federal state and local governments spent \$416 billion on infrastructure.

The real problem is that we don't spend money

on the right problems.

A recent expose by the New York Times showed that politicians and the unions that own them are to blame for the Big Apple's deteriorating subway system. For years they've raided transportation funds for pet projects, like failing upstate ski resorts.

Beyond New York, a perfect storm of ribbon-cutting fetishizing, environmentalism and envy of other countries has led to high-speed-rail mania. Although zippy trains are nifty, they zoom past the fact America has the best rail system — for our needs. In Europe, trucks move goods and trains move people. In America, we do it the other way around.

Trump's proposal does include a few worthwhile ambitions, such as streamlining the approval process for public works and improving incentives to come in under budget.

After the 1994 Northridge earthquake, then-California Gov. Pete Wilson used his emergency powers to bypass the usual red tape and unionized extortion that drive up costs and string out construction time. Experts thought it would take two years to fix the Santa Monica Freeway. Wilson offered contractors huge cash bonuses to meet tight deadlines. The repairs were completed in less than three months.

The Trump plan, however, would leave it to Congress to figure out how to de-boondoggle infrastructure projects, which is not a cause for optimism.

Trump sees infrastructure investment pretty much the same way Democrats do — as a jobs program. That doesn't work either (see: Japan). But if Trump had begun his presidency with building as his top priority, he would have won a lot of bipartisan support and turned the GOP into a big-government party much sooner.

Alas — or, depending on your point of view, lucky break — he spent his capital, political and fiscal, elsewhere. And now there's none left for the riot of ribbon-cutting he wanted.

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### From the Left | Doonesbury



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# Romney focusing Senate bid on Utah, not Trump

By Michelle L. Price and Steve People  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Mitt Romney is preparing to announce a bid for Utah's Senate seat held by retiring Orrin Hatch, a position some hope the 2012 GOP presidential nominee will use to continue his biting criticism of President Donald Trump.

Romney, who once called Trump "a phony" who was unfit for office, is not expected to address the president in an announcement video he has prepared for release online, according to people with direct knowledge of his plans.

Romney had planned to release the video on Thursday, they said, but he tweeted Wednesday night that he would not make an announcement about Utah's Senate race because of the deadly school shooting in Florida. It wasn't clear when he would reschedule his announcement.

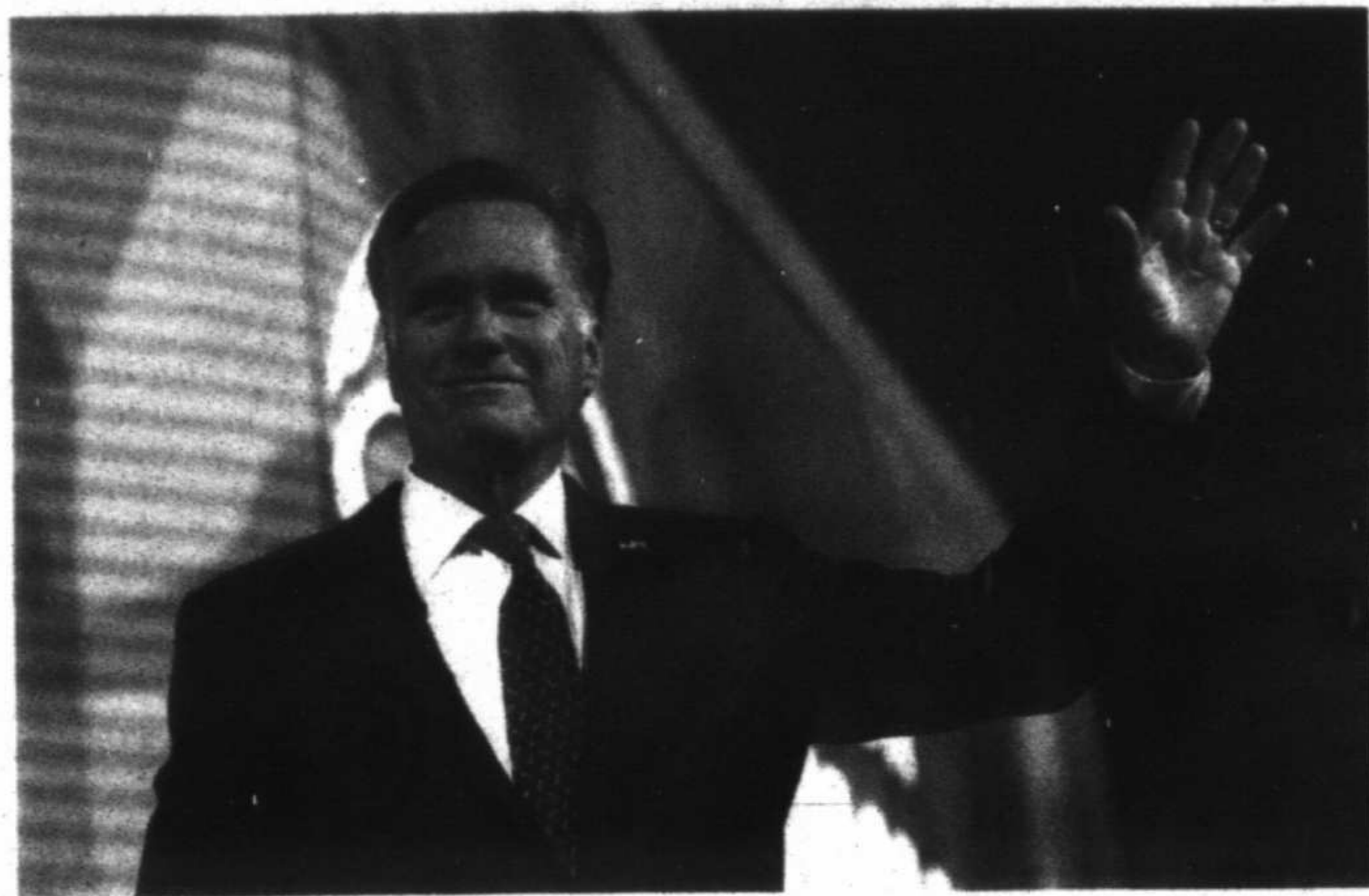
Expected to be a heavy favorite to win Hatch's seat, Romney is planning a campaign with a laser-focus on Utah and will suggest that Washington has much to learn from the state the former Massachusetts governor now calls home, said those with knowledge of his plans.

"I think Mitt's going to make it very clear that he's not running for the Senate because of or in spite of anything to do with Donald Trump," said Spencer Zwick, Romney's former fundraising chief who now leads fundraising efforts for House Speaker Paul Ryan. "I think Mitt Romney would be running for the Senate whether Donald Trump was the president or Hillary Clinton was the president."

Romney's small team of longtime advisers plans to maintain a low profile. Having turned down repeated requests for national media appearances in recent days, Romney is carefully designing his campaign launch to avoid media questions about Trump.

Those with knowledge of his plans spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

Romney, one of the most famous Mormons, is widely liked and respected in Utah, which is heavily Mormon.



Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney waves after speaking about the tech sector during an industry conference, in Salt Lake City.

He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, helped turn around the scandal-plagued 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and made Utah his primary home after losing the 2012 presidential election.

In addition to his name recognition, Romney has a deep network of fundraisers and his own personal wealth to help carry him. Those close to him suggest he will not seek financial aid from any super PACs or Washington-based campaign committees.

If he becomes Utah's next senator, some supporters hope that the one-time Trump critic could serve as a political and moral counterweight to a president they see as divisive, erratic and undignified.

Kirk Jowers, the former chairman and general counsel of Romney's leadership PACs, said Romney "will always be a straight shooter" and will speak up and the support the president when he takes actions that are good for America.

"If President Trump says or does something that he finds offensive or divisive, unnecessarily divisive, then I think you will continue to hear Romney as the voice of reason and conscience in the Republican Party," Jowers said.

Though he delivered a scathing speech denouncing Trump during the 2016 presidential election,

Romney softened his stance after Trump won the presidency and put himself forward as a candidate for secretary of state. But he resumed his criticism last year, calling out the president for blaming "both sides" following a deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump, in turn, has criticized Romney for his failed presidential bids in 2008 and 2012, saying he "choked like a dog."

Any efforts by Trump to block Romney are unlikely to resonate in Utah, where the president received a lukewarm reception from Mormons who were repelled by his brash demeanor and degrading comments about women and minorities.

Former Rep. Jason Chaffetz, a Utah Republican who resigned last summer and became a Fox News commentator, said Romney's clashes with Trump won't hurt him with Utah voters but that he does need to explain why he wants to be their senator.

"I do think people want to know he's running not just to be an agitator to the president. I don't think that's going to win the hearts and minds, but I also don't think he's going to do that," Chaffetz said. "Mitt Romney's always been diplomatic. It's why Donald Trump almost named him the secretary of state. He's very deliberate and smart in what he does."

# Group of senators reaches immigration deal on Dreamers, wall

By Alan Fram and Kevin Freking  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A group of senators reached a bipartisan agreement Wednesday aimed at balancing Democrats' fight to offer citizenship to young "Dreamer" immigrants with President Donald Trump's demands for billions to build his coveted border wall with Mexico, lawmakers said.

Though the measure sprang from around two dozen senators with centrist views on the issue and was winning support from many Democrats, it faced an uncertain fate. Leaders were trying to schedule votes on that plan and three other immigration proposals for Thursday, which they hoped would bring the chamber's showdown over the hot-button issue to a close.

While not specifically mentioning the bipartisan pact, Trump urged lawmakers to oppose any plan that doesn't meet his more stringent demands, which include curbs on legal immigration and the abolition of a visa lottery. The Senate's No. 2 Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, warned that lawmakers need to address Trump's entire proposal, saying, "We need to take the president seriously."

There were also qualms among Democrats. The party's No. 2 Senate leader, Richard Durbin of Illinois, said some Democrats had "serious issues" with parts of the plan. Those concerns focused on its spending for Trump's wall and its bar against Dreamers sponsoring their parents for legal residency.

"We're not there yet," Durbin said of the 60 votes the proposal would need for approval.

So far, no other proposals from either side seem able to do that. Republicans control the chamber 51-49, though Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has missed the last several weeks while battling cancer.

The bipartisan proposal emerged as senators spent a third day of debate largely as they spent the first two — with the chamber floor mostly empty. Other than an initial roll call allowing formal debate to begin, there have been no other votes while party leaders talk behind the scenes about scheduling votes on specific proposals.

According to several senators, the centrist proposal would grant a 10- to 12-year route to citizenship for Dreamers, with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., saying it would cover 1.8 million of them.

That's the same number Trump has suggested helping with his own wider-ranging but more restrictive proposal. Dreamers are young immigrants who were brought to the U.S.

illegally as children and still have no permanent protection from deportation.

The plan would provide \$25 billion over a decade, \$2.5 billion annually, for a wall and other border security measures, the same total Trump has requested. It would bar Dreamers from sponsoring their parents for citizenship, far narrower than Trump's proposal to prevent all legal immigrants from bringing parents and siblings to the U.S.

The moderates' measure does not alter a lottery that distributes about 55,000 visas annually to people from diverse countries. Trump has proposed ending it and redistributing its visas to other immigrants, including some who are admitted based on job skills, not family ties.

"The diversity lottery is kind of toxic politically because of some of the things said by the president," said Graham, a reference to a vulgar description Trump used for African countries during a discussion of immigration.

The White House issued a written statement by Trump urging senators to back his bill and "oppose any legislation that fails to fulfill" his demands. But the statement did not say Trump would veto a bill that fell short of them.

A GOP measure tracking Trump's proposal and backed by McConnell has been introduced and was expected to receive a vote. Few expect it to attract 60 votes, but Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., said he believed the bipartisan proposal could.

If that happens, Rounds said, "We'll allow the president to determine whether or not it moves in the direction that he wants."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., indirectly embraced the bipartisan plan, saying, "Each side has had to give a great deal, but we are closer than we have ever been to passing something in the Senate to help the Dreamers."

Also in play is a more modest plan by McCain and Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del. It would let many Dreamers qualify for permanent residency and direct federal agencies to more effectively control the border by 2020. But it doesn't offer a special citizenship pathway for Dreamers, raise border security funds or make sweeping changes in legal immigration rules.

The White House said it opposes the McCain-Coons plan, saying it would "increase illegal immigration" and cause other problems.

Another vote will be taken on a proposal by Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., that would add language blocking federal grants to "sanctuary cities," communities that don't cooperate with federal efforts to enforce immigration laws. The amendment is consid-

# Porn star who alleged Trump affair: I can now tell my story

By Jake Pearson and Jeff Horwitz  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stormy Daniels, the porn star whom Donald Trump's attorney acknowledges paying \$130,000 just before Election Day, believes she is now free to discuss an alleged sexual encounter with the man who is now president, her manager told The Associated Press Wednesday.

At the same time, developments in the bizarre case are fueling questions about whether such a payment could violate federal campaign finance laws.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, believes that Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, invalidated a non-disclosure agreement after two news stories were published Tuesday: one in which Cohen told The New York Times he made the six-figure payment with his personal funds, and another in the Daily Beast, which reported that Cohen was shopping a book proposal that would touch on Daniels' story, said the manager, Gina Rodriguez.

"Everything is off now, and Stormy is going to tell her story," Rodriguez said.

At issue is what, exactly, happened inside a Lake Tahoe, Nevada, hotel room in 2006 between Trump, then a reality TV star, and Clifford, who was promoting a porn production company during a celebrity golf tournament.

In the years since, Clifford has claimed that she and Trump had sex once and then carried on a subsequent yearslong platonic relationship. But she has also, through a lawyer, denied the two had an affair. Trump's lawyer, Cohen, has denied there was ever an affair.

The actress first detailed her account of an alleged

extramarital affair with Trump in 2011, when the celebrity website The Dirty published it but then removed the material under the threat of a lawsuit, according to the site's founder, Nik Richie.

Her story then remained largely out of public view until a month before the 2016 presidential election, when the website The Smoking Gun published an account that went mostly unnoted by major news organizations.

In January, The Wall Street Journal reported that a limited liability company in Delaware formed by Cohen made the six-figure payment to the actress to keep her from discussing the affair during the presidential campaign.

Cohen said the payment was made with his own money, and that "neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Ms. Clifford, and neither reimbursed me for the payment, either directly or indirectly."

He was responding to inquiries from the Federal Election Commission, which is investigating an advocacy group's complaint that the October 2016 transaction violated campaign finance laws.

The case was reminiscent of the 2012 prosecution of former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards, who faced six criminal charges after a pair

of his wealthy friends spent nearly \$1 million to support his pregnant mistress, Rielle Hunter, during his 2008 presidential run.

Jurors eventually acquitted Edwards on one charge of accepting illegal campaign contributions, but were unable to reach a verdict on the five remaining counts including conspiracy and making false statements. The case ended when prosecutors elected not to retry Edwards.

As in that case, the payment by Trump's lawyer was not reported as a campaign expenditure nor an in-kind contribution, and the origin of the money is still unclear, said Paul Ryan, a vice president at Common Cause, the group that filed the complaint.

But Bradley Smith, the Republican chairman of the Federal Election Commission from 2000 to 2005, was skeptical that the payment by Cohen could pose a campaign finance issue.

"You'd have to prove that it was a coordinated expenditure, and that the reason it was done was for the benefit of the campaign," he said. If the payment was made to protect Trump's brand or avoid personal embarrassment, he said, that would likely not be a campaign problem.

At the time of the payment, which followed the release of footage from "Access Hollywood," in which Trump was recorded bragging about grabbing

women's privates, Clifford was negotiating with multiple national news networks about telling her story.

A White House spokeswoman referred all questions about the payment to Cohen.

The alleged affair between the actress and Trump occurred in 2006, a year after his marriage to his third wife, Melania.

A lawyer for Clifford, Keith Davidson, has previously distributed statements on her behalf denying there was any affair.

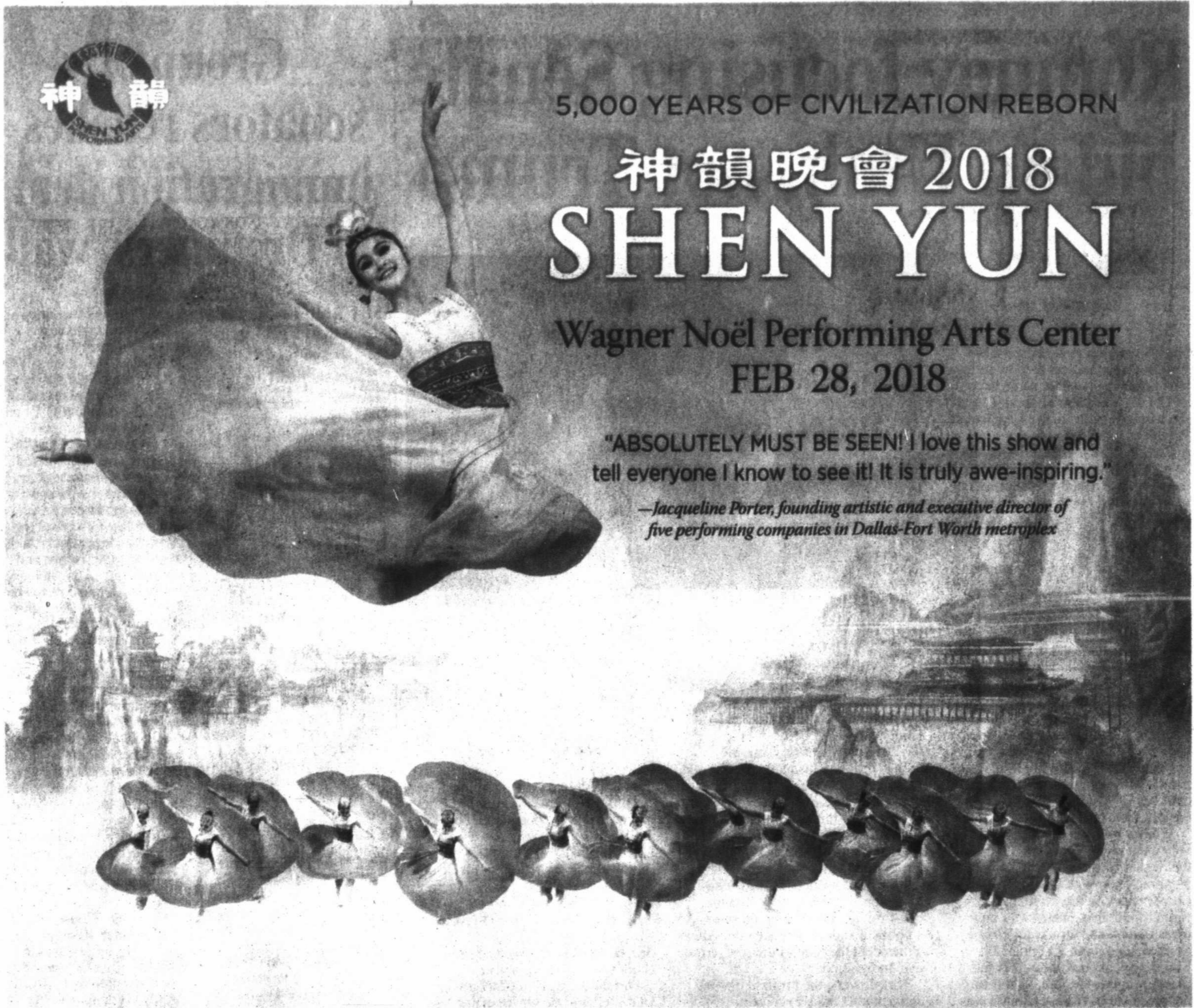
But in a 2011 interview with the gossip magazine In Touch Weekly, the actress — who the magazine said passed a polygraph exam — said the two had sex on one occasion and she described subsequent in-person meetings, phone calls and discussions about a potential TV appearance. The AP has previously reported that In Touch held off on publishing her account after Cohen threatened to sue the publication. It published the interview last month.

In recent weeks the actress has played coy, declining to elaborate when pressed on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Rodriguez said her client will soon announce how and when she will tell her story publicly. The celebrity website The Blast first reported the contention that Cohen's comments freed Clifford from her non-disclosure agreement.

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You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



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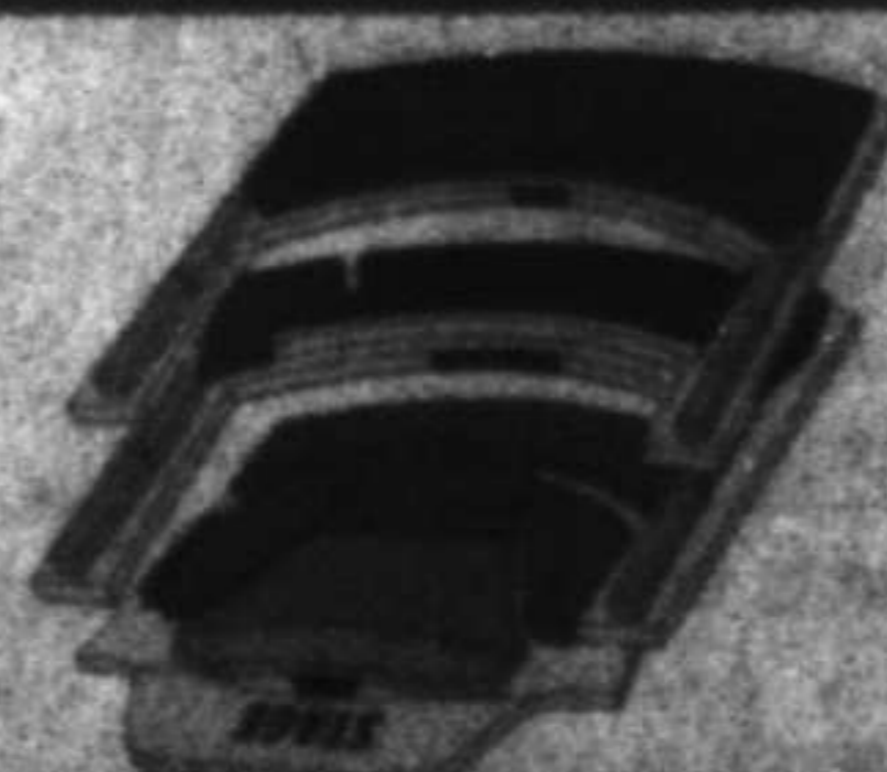
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# WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

## BEST BETS

TODAY



**FULL NELSON**  
Cameron Nelson cuts loose with his raucous rock 'n' country at Rockin' Rodeo Doors at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

**YOGA FOR TWO**  
Continue the Valentine's feeling with Couples Yoga Dare Night at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio. Partners support each other through poses and then enjoy wine and snacks afterward. 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY



**GOLDEN LADY** The JBS Distinguished Lecture Series presents "An Evening with Jackie Joyner-Kersey," the Olympian who won three gold medals. At the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY



**SISTER SOUNDS**  
The North Texas-based Chubb Sisters return to Midland with their crisp harmonies and Western swing folkies at the Wagner Noel. Their new show is often as crystal clear as their recorded music. 7 p.m.

See the complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

## MOVIES



Black Panther and other weekend movies at Midland theaters.

## TALL CITY 14

Opening: "Black Panther" (PG-13)  
Closing: "Deadpool" (R)  
Friday: "Ferdinand" (PG)  
Saturday: "My Girl" (PG)  
Sunday: "Baby Driver" (PG-13)

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## COMING SOON



OVERDUE  
CINEMATIC  
LANDMARK

# 'Black Panther' is dazzling grand-scale filmmaking



**JAKE COYLE**  
Associated Press

The supposedly cosmically vast Marvel Cinematic Universe, as it's called, spans planets peppered throughout the galaxy, but Ryan Coogler's Earth-bound "Black Panther," glittering and galvanizing, stands worlds apart.

For those of us who have sometimes felt pummeled by the parade of previous Marvel movies, the sheer richness of Coogler's film is almost disorienting. Can superhero films, so often a dull mash of effects, be this dazzlingly colorful? Are genuine cultural connections allowed in modern-day comic book blockbuster-making? Is a \$20 billion refund in order?

Unlike many of its more hollow predecessors, "Black Panther" has real, honest-to-goodness stakes. As the most earnest and big-budget attempt yet of a black superhero film, "Black Panther" is assured of being an overdue cinematic landmark. But it's also simply ravishing, grand-scale filmmaking.

There are familiar Marvel beats here. Just as he did in the surprisingly sensational Rocky reboot "Creed," Coogler hasn't reinvented the genre so much as electrified it with a new perspective and a rare talent for marrying naturalistic character development with spectacle muscle.

"Tell them who you are" is the encouragement shouted at the title character, T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman) prince of the African nation Wakanda. But it could just

as well serve as the overarching rally cry of a film that for many symbolizes a big-screen affirmation of African-American identity. "Black Panther" stands for everything that's been missing from Marvel's — and Hollywood's — universe.

Coogler opens with exposition on Wakanda, a mighty African country that appears from the outside, as one Western sneers, as "Third World." But hidden from sight is a shimmering, technologically advanced metropolis whose stealthy growth has been fueled by vibranium, a cosmic mineral deposited deep in its mountains by a meteorite thousands of years earlier. Vibranium makes up the suit that T'Challa dons as Black Panther, and its power is much guarded. An early flashback, to 1992 Oakland, California, shows one Wakandan's failed efforts to smuggle Vibranium in order to empower struggling African-Americans.

When the king of Wakanda dies, T'Challa returns home to take the throne, where he finds the country's five tribes — each with

their own distinct color and attire — are beginning to bubble with discord. W'Kabi (Daniel Kaluuya) of the Border Tribe, in particular, would like to see the historically isolationist Wakanda give more in foreign aid and to refugees.

The issue is brought to the fore by an unknown Wakandan exile, Erik "Killmonger" Stevens (Michael B. Jordan), an American-made soldier who aspires to take Wakanda's power to rebalance black power around the globe. "The world's gonna start over and this time we're on top," he vows in the film's climactic moments.

But his mission isn't initially so clear, as he and a band of rogues, led by Andy Serkis' black-market arms dealer Ulysses Klaue, begin causing havoc for T'Challa. Boseman's Panther is a politician at heart who's virtually always flanked by a trio of powerful women: Lupita Nyong'o's Nakia, part of Wakanda's all-female special forces, the Dora Milaje; the special forces leader Okoye (Danai Gurira); and his younger sister Shuri (a terrific Letitia Wright, who supplies most of the film's comic moments).

There are the expected special effects set-pieces and a very Bond-like trip to a South Korean casino. But the conflict at the heart of "Black Panther" is between separate factions of an African diaspora in a mythological realm filled with colonizers and racists who curse the Wakandan as "sav-

ages." It's powerful myth-making not just for its obvious timeliness but for the film's sincere grappling with heritage and destiny.

The traditional-meets-futuristic costumes and jewelry, by Ruth E. Carter, are ravishingly detailed. T'Challa's mystical visit to his ancestors is gloriously rendered on a twilight plain beneath a pink-hued sky and the glowing eyes of panthers in a tree. And most of all, Jordan's bitter, wounded warrior is uncommonly tender. He is a "villain" only in quotes; his means are extreme but his cause is just.

Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, Black Panther first appeared in 1966. But the character has sparked the imaginations of many since, including the filmmaker Reginald Hudlin, the author Ta-Nehisi Coates and Wesley Snipes, who labored for years to adapt the comic into a movie. (Ironically it was Snipes' 1998 superhero film "Blade" that kicked off Marvel's box-office success.)

It's easy to lament how long it took to bring "Black Panther" to the big screen. But at least the wait was worth it.

"Black Panther," a Walt Disney Co. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "prolonged sequences of action violence, and a brief rude gesture." Running time: 134 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

## The blues aren't so bad for Davy Knowles

By Rich Lopez  
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With a solid recording career and a recent wedding, life is pretty good these days for musician Davy Knowles. The bluesman is hardly blue at all. Instead, he pours his energy into making music that's sometimes rowdy, sometimes euphonious, but always thoughtful.

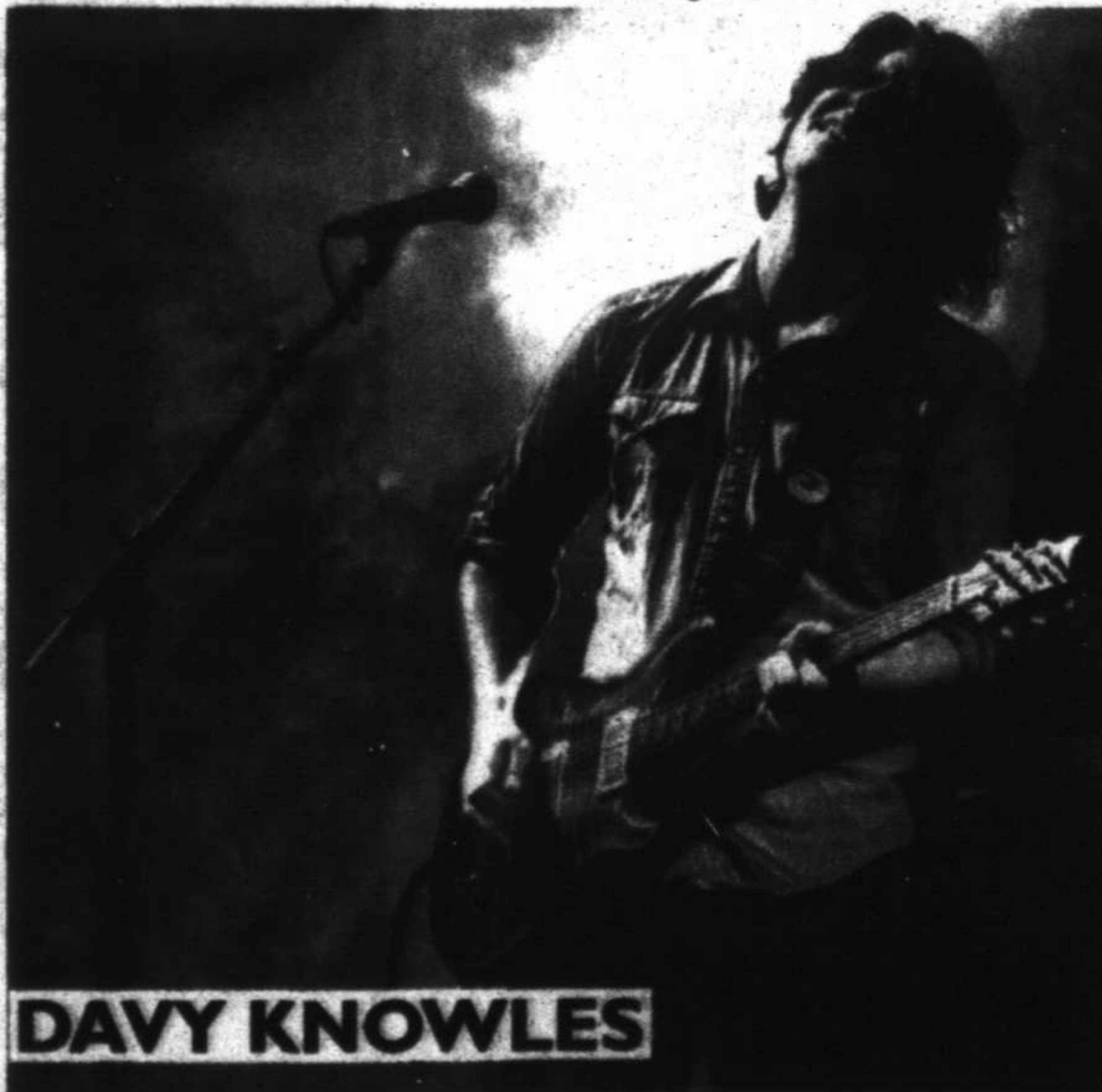
"I've written a lot of songs that don't make sense or were even recorded, but the trick is to always be writing," he said in a phone interview.

At 30, Knowles has lived a big life already. He grew up on Isle of Man, where he discovered the guitar after listening to the likes of Mark Knopfler and Eric Clapton. He moved to Los Angeles at 19 with his band the Back Door Slam. And he's since gone solo with four releases under his belt. And these days, he resides in Chicago, where he met his wife.

Now he's on the road from Louisiana to West Texas to perform Saturday at Tall City Blues Fest's Wang Dang Doodle.

Taking stock today, he sounds bewildered how life has played out for him.

"It's really mad, actually," he said. "America was the mecca



**DAVY KNOWLES**

IF YOU GO

Wang Dang Doodle with Davy Knowles. Hosted by Tall City Blues Fest. 8 p.m. Saturday at DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. \$25.15. tallcitybluesfest.com.

really for me. This is where blues really turned into what I love; so it was a huge deal for me to come here and play."

Knowles speaks of his American experience with a boyish

enthusiasm.

"I think America is this really wonderful country filled with wonderful people. I think that

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## HEAT INDEX Wagner Noel is nonstop this weekend with musicals

By Rich Lopez  
jrlopez@mrt.com

### "JERSEY BOYS" AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

See the story of how four unassuming young men would become music sensations. In this Tony- and Grammy-winning jukebox musical, the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons is told through the group's biggest hits such as "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," which made them one of pop music's biggest sensations at the time. "Jersey Boys — The Story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons" won four Tony awards in 2006, including Best Musical.

7:30 p.m. today and Friday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$56-\$81.20. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

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# CALENDAR

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### CLASSES, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

**CURE Conversations:** "Living in the Deep South" with local author and former educator Tom Parks. Hosted by Citizens United to Reach Equity. 5:30 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**The Holistic Approach by Earth, Body and Soul.** The monthly meetup covers the uses of essential oils, crystals, meditation and more. 7-8 p.m. today at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

**Garden Explorers: Composting.** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. \$5 members, \$8 non-members. sibleynaturecenter.org.

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

**Palette Club Painting,** 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

**Watercolor art classes** by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbyarsadb.com.

**Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: "Thirst for Power: Energy, Water and Human Survival"** with Michael E. Weber, deputy director of the Energy Institute. Outside lunch is welcome. Tea and cookies provided. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. Free. pbpetro.org.

**JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: An Evening with Jackie Joyner-Kersey.** 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$10. shepperdstitute.com.

### EVENTS

**West Texas Kennel Club competition.** Friday-Sunday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. akc.org.

**O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw Nationals Monster Trucks.** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. \$23 adults, \$13 children. Etix.com.

**Author Signing: Professor Douglas Spence signs copies of his book "Andrew Jackson Donelson: Jacksonian and Unionist."** Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

**Presidents Day Celebration** with self-guided tours of the Presidential Archives and a presentation by Robert Brescia. Light refreshments provided. 5:30-7 p.m. Monday at the Presidential Archives and Leadership Library at UTPB, 4919 E. University Road, Odessa. Free. shepperdstitute.com.

**Author Signing: Former Midlander Miles Gleason signs copies from his book series "Hideout Kids."** 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

### FAMILY & YOUTH

**Storytime at the Library.** 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. cmidland.tx.us/lib.

**Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event** will feature the book "The Story of Ferdinand" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. today at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

**Evening Storytime at the Library.** 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Old Miner's Maze** interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon-8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 4305 N. County Road 1140. Oldminersmaze.com.

**Mother Bruce Storytime,** 11 a.m., Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

**Evening Family Storytime** offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Storytime at the Library.** 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Wednesday Storytime,** 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

### FINE ART & DANCE

**Visions: "Peregrination in Photography"** featuring works by Aaron Bedell through March 18 at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

**"Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors"** is a collection of President George W. Bush's works in oil that honors servicemen and women. Through March 25 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

**"Modern Frescos: All Cavanaugh"** through May 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**"The Work of Annita Delano"** through March 4. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**"On with the Show, This is It! Chuck Jones and the Animation Art of Looney Tunes"** through April 1. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**Permian Basin Dance Club** with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. \$6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

### FOOD & DRINK

**Steak Night,** 6 p.m. Wednesdays through April 18 at Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.

### GAMES

**Bingo Nights.** The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

**Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack** bliss trips

by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. First Fridays and Sundays to Hobbs, New Mexico. \$55 for adults, \$45 for 65 and older. RSVP by calling 260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

**Bridge game play,** 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

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

**Two-Dollar Tuesdays** with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

**Trivia Game Night,** 7 p.m. Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

**Live Trivia** by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

### MUSIC

**Wang Dang Doodle with Davy Knowles.** Hosted by Tall City Blues Fest. 8 p.m. Saturday at Double Tree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. \$25.15. Tallcitybluesfest.com.

### CLASSICAL

**MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet** brown bag concert. 11:45 a.m. today at ClayDesta Towers, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.

### COUNTRY

**Cameran Nelson,** 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

**Unleashed Reunion Tour with Bruce Robison, Jack Ingram and Charlie Robison.** 8 p.m. today at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. \$20 advance, \$25 door. dosamigos.com.

**Shane Rogers Band, Joe Trevino,** 8 p.m. Friday at Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa.

**Donnie Evetts,** 10 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

**Trouble No More,** 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

**Forgotten Road,** 9 p.m. Saturday at Gabby Doo Saloon, 6009 N. Golder Ave., Odessa.

### DJ/DANCE

**#HangoverSundays,** 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

**DJ Wildman,** 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

### KARAOKE

**Karaoke,** 9 p.m. Sunday at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Hwy. thedetourbar.com.

**Karaoke with All,** 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

**Karaoke and pool tournament,** Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

### OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

**Free skateboarding lessons,** noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

**Couples Yoga Date** night is a Hatha-based class where partners support each other in modified yoga poses. After the class, guests can enjoy wine, beer and food. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness

Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. \$50 couple.

**Family Nite roller skating,** Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway, Kcsnuttyroller.com.

**President's Day All-Day Skate.** Noon Monday at KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

### STAGE, COMEDY & FILM

**"Jersey Boys,"** 7:30 p.m. today and 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. broadwayinthebasin.com.

**"Girls Night the Musical."** 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$35-\$45. wagnernoel.com.

**"Mamma Mia"** opens the new season at Midland Community Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Through Feb. 24 at MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.

**"The Wizard of Oz,"** 7 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. broadwayinthebasin.com.

**"My Backyard"** dome show, 1 p.m. Recommended for ages 3-5. Tuesdays-Saturdays in February. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

**"Robot Explorers"** 3D dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays in February. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

## COMING SOON

### FEBRUARY

**Art Tales: "They All Saw a Cat."** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**The Quebe Sisters,** 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.

**"Captured by Detail: Camille Engel"** opens Feb. 22 with artist talk at 6 p.m. The exhibition runs through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**The 34th annual Wrangler Rodeo,** 7 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children 12 and younger. Odessa.edu.

**National Theatre Live: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"** with Jack O'Connell and Sienna Miller. 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$23.77. fathomevents.com.

**"Is Genesis History?"** 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. fathomevents.com.

**"The Miracle Worker"** by the Odessa College Theatre Performance Program. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at The Globe Theatre at OC, 201 W. University Blvd. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and military. Odessa.edu.

**West Texas Guitar Festival: Del Castillo,** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$25. westtexasguitarfestival.com.

**The second annual Power of One Luncheon and Children's Style Show** with guest speaker Victor Rowell, author of "The Women who Raised Me." The event benefits CASA of West Texas. 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at Midland Country Club. casawest.org.

**Film Series: "Far from the Tree."** Hosted by West Texas Film Festival and Odessa College. 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**Midland Reformed Theological Conference: Christian Discipleship in a Media-saturated Culture** with T. David Gordon. The conference will feature two days of panels, a Q & A session and onsite childcare. Feb. 23 and 24 at Providence Presbyterian Church, 2900 Princeton Ave. Free. providencemidland.org/mrtc2018.

**Intruder Awareness and Response for Church Personnel.** The course will educate church staff on recognizing suspicious behavior. Other topics include body language, armed intruders, lockdowns and more. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road. \$99. eventbrite.com.



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# ON STAGE & SCREEN



'EARLY MAN'

## 'Early Man' mixes cavemen, soccer in fun claymation romp

It's almost impossible not to be charmed by the claymation creations of British animation studio Aardman Animations — the creators of "Wallace and Gromit," "Chicken Run" and "Shaun the Sheep." While traditional computer-generated animation keeps pushing the technology closer to photorealism, the stop-motion technique of Aardman isn't going for realism, but expressiveness. It's incredible what a simple nudge to the clay can convey.

Their latest film, "Early Man," directed by "Gromit" and "Chicken Run" director Nick Park, is an age-old tale: It starts in the Neo-Pleistocene era, "somewhere near Manchester." While dinosaurs and cavemen battle over lunch, an asteroid hits the earth, leaving a lava hot sphere that the cavemen kick around, and soon, the beautiful game, football — or soccer, if you will — is born, and immortalized on cave walls.

A few generations later, caveman Dug (Eddie Redmayne) is living happily with

**KATIE WALSH**  
Tribune News Service



his tribe in the valley, yearning for adventure while he and his pals hunt rabbits. He gets it when the new era rolls into town — the Bronze Age. Say goodbye to the Stone Age, because the might of metal is here, and soon the snooty, French-accented Lord Nooth (Tom Hiddleston) is banishing the cavemen to the Badlands.

When Dug sneaks into the city, he discovers football and challenges Nooth to a match for his valley back. Nooth accepts, dreaming of the piles of "shnookers" he'll rake in from fans clamoring to see the match. That's when Early Man goes from "Clan of the Cave Bear" to "Bad News

Bears" as Dug tries to whip his team of cavemen into football fighting shape, with the help of city-dweller Goona (Maisie Williams).

The style is all Aardman, their characters sporting pliable foreheads and adorable overbites. The story is light, and it doesn't go too deep, but it's effective and rousing, relying on beloved sports movie tropes. It's the funny little details that make the film as delightful as it is. Like most Aardman films, it is packed to the brim with visual gags and makes great use from the reactions of wordless animal characters. Dug's wild boar buddy Hognob, voiced by director Park, steals the show with his little grunts of surprise and plaintive howls. One sequence even has Hognob massaging Lord Nooth in the bath and playing the harp.

It's those little moments of the surreal that make Aardman films so unique. There are mallards the size of a T-Rex's, a spider covered in eyes, a "primordial soup" that gets up and walks away. One of the film's

best gags is a message bird who delivers word for word, gesture for gesture messages between Nooth and the Queen that get increasingly hostile.

"Early Man" is a blend of evolutionary humor and a tribute to football all wrapped up in a story that argues for inclusion of all people and an equal distribution of wealth, all in 89 tightly-paced and efficient minutes. And there are so puns, so many puns. Truly, what more could you ask for? Don't run late for the fun that "Early Man" has to offer.

**'EARLY MAN'**

3 stars  
Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston, Maisie Williams, Timothy Spall, Richard Ayoade, Rob Brydon.  
Running time: 1 hour, 29 minutes.  
Rated PG for rude humor and some action.

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'JERSEY BOYS'

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**UNLEASHED REUNION TOUR WITH BRUCE ROBISON, JACK INGRAM AND CHARLIE ROBISON**

In 2000, these three Texas musicians released a concert album recorded at Gruene Hall. Each took the helm of the band that became a now-iconic album in the Texas country music continuum. The three have reunited for a tour that heads to West Texas tonight. See these three legends all do their own thing together.

8 p.m. Today at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. \$20 advance, \$25 door. dosamigos.com.

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Friday Pit Party, 5:30 p.m., show time

## KNOWLES

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friendliness gets lost in the news headlines around the world," he said.

Until now, his music has taken him to Texas as far west as Lubbock, but Midland will be his first venture into deep West Texas.

"You know, you sort

of get trapped in playing the big cities that you forget there is this land still that's, I think, as big as the whole United Kingdom," he said with a laugh. "I'm glad to make it further out west this time."

And he's expecting to bring a show he describes as unpretentious. He'll

blend a mix of blues and rock and even the more meditative sounds from his 2017 EP "1932."

"The goal is to keep it fresh. I'm not about a crazy light show or anything," he said. "It'll be varied. I try to make it interesting for the audience and keep them on the edge of their seats."

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. \$23 adults, \$13 children. motorsports.oreillyauto.com.

**"GIRLS NIGHT THE MUSICAL" AT THE WAGNER NOEL**

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8 p.m. Saturday. \$35-\$45. wagnernoel.com.

**"THE WIZARD OF OZ" AT THE WAGNER NOEL**

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7 p.m. Sunday. \$47-\$90. broadwayin-thebasin.com.

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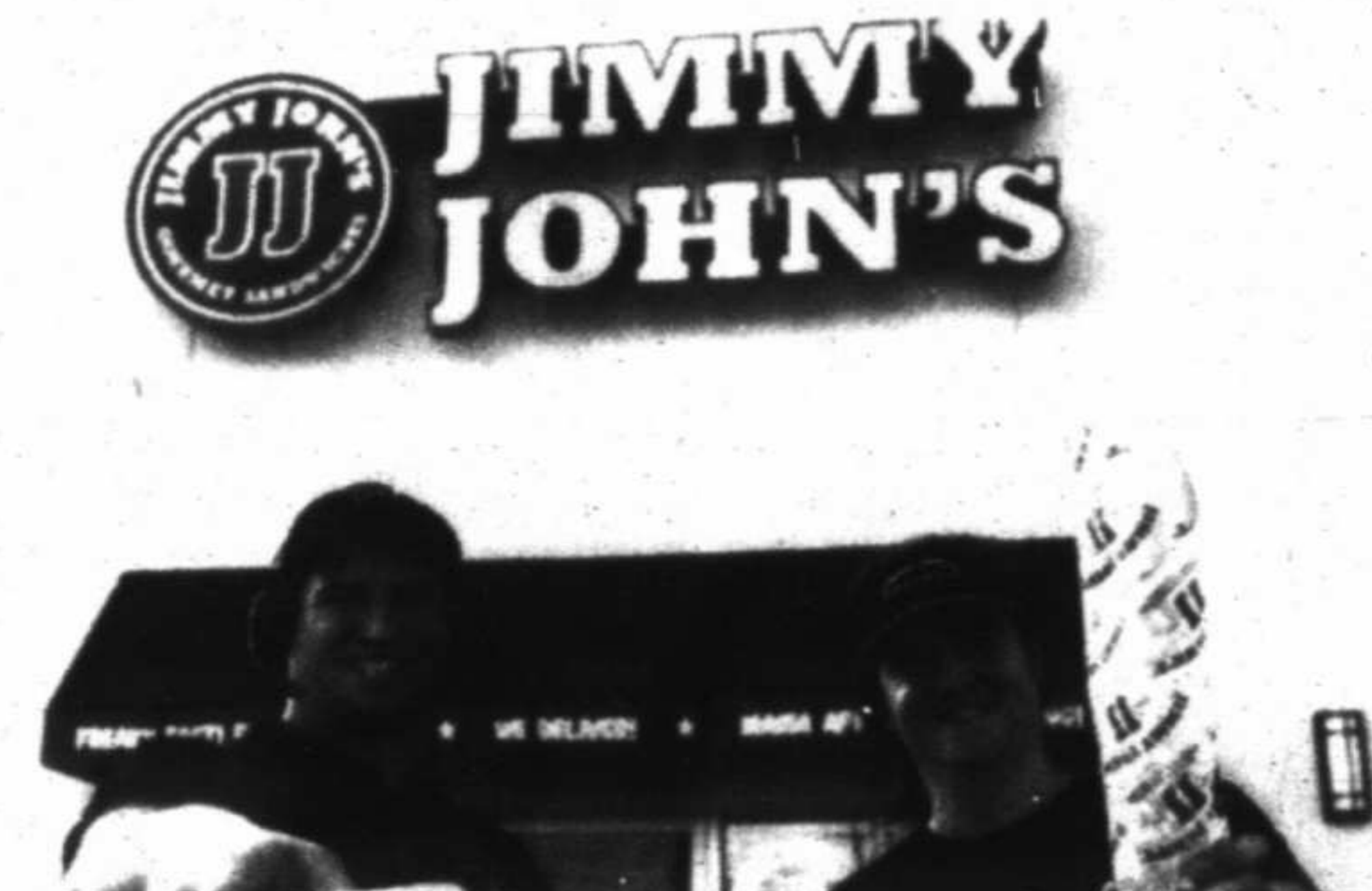
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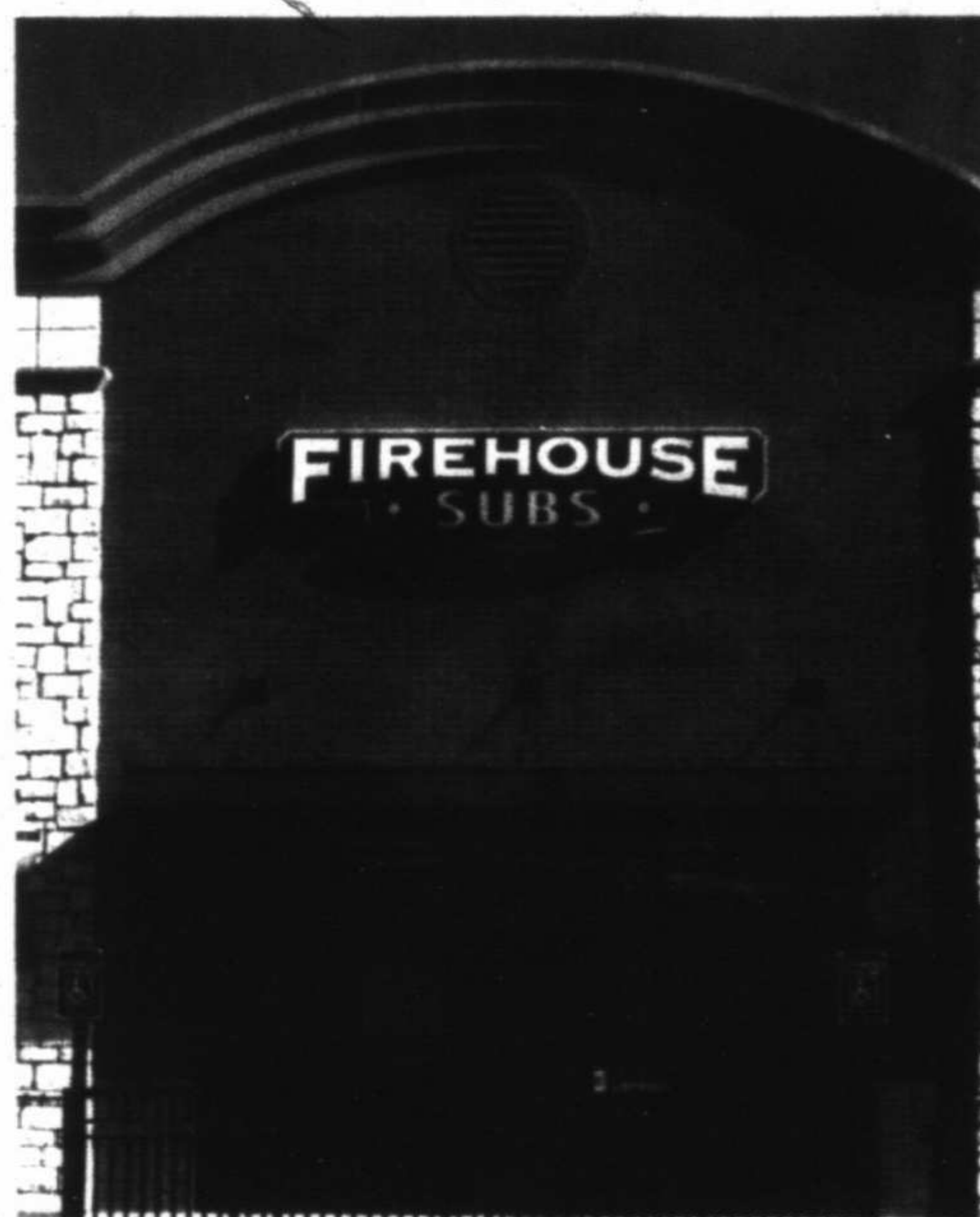
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**FILM CAPS**

**"The 15:17 to Paris" (PG-13)** Real heroes Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos and Spencer Stone play themselves in this dramatization of their thwarting of a terrorist attack on a train bound for France in 2015. With Jenna Fischer, Judy Greer. Written by Dorothy Blyskal, based on the book by Sadler, Skarlatos, Stone and Jeffrey E. Stern. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

**"Black Panther" (PG-13)** Chadwick Boseman stars as the King of Wakanda faces external threats to his peaceful home. With Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Martin Freeman. Written by Ryan Coogler & Joe Robert Cole. Directed by Coogler.

**"Early Man" (PG)** A caveman unites his tribe in this animated comedy directed by Nick Park. Voices by Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston, Maisie Williams, Timothy Spall.

**"Fifty Shades Freed" (R)** Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan return in the third installment of the erotic drama. With Eric Johnson, Eloise Mumford. Written by Niall Leonard, based on the novel by E.L. James. Directed by James Foley.

**"The Greatest Showman" (PG)** Hugh Jackman stars as P.T. Barnum, the 19th century impresario who created entertainment known around the world. With Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya. Songs by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. Written by Jenny Bicks and Bill Condon; story by Bicks. Directed by Michael Gracey.

**"Hostiles" (R)** Written and directed by Scott Cooper and powered by a dynamic trio of interwoven performances by Christian Bale, Wes Studi and Rosamund Pike, this latest example of the Western revival grabs you by the throat and holds on for the duration.

**"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13)** Four teenagers find themselves inside an old video game console featuring ferocious realism and danger. With Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart. Written by Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jake Kasdan & Scott Rosenberg & Jeff Pinkner; story by McKenna, based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Directed by Jake Kasdan.

**"Peter Rabbit" (PG)** James Corden gives voice to Beatrix Potter's notable hare in this mix of live-action and animation. With Rose Byrne, Domhnall Gleeson; voices by Daisy Ridley, Elizabeth Debicki, Margot Robbie. Written by Rob Lieber and Will Gluck. Directed by Gluck.

**"Samson" (PG-13)** The biblical hero battles the Philistines. With Taylor James, Billy Zane. PG-13.

**"The Shape of Water" (R)** Adult fable from Guillermo del Toro, set Cold War Baltimore in 1962, about a lonely woman (Sally Hawkins) working on the cleaning staff in a government lab who falls in love for the amphibious creature (Doug Jones) brought there for study. Richard Jenkin and Octavia Spencer have charming roles as the woman's friends and co-conspirator in a plot to save the creature. Michael Shannon — surprise — is the heavy. The film is nominated for 13 Academy Awards. At Regal Permian Palace in Odessa.

**"Winchester" (PG-13)** Inspired by true events, the story of Sarah Winchester (Helen Mirren), who believed she was haunted by the souls killed by the guns that made her family fortune. Also starring Jason Clarke, Sarah Snook. Directed by the Spletter Brothers.

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**FIREHOUSE SUBS** National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N., 689-6500 | firehousesubs.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**JASON'S DELI** National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B, 682-2200 | jasonsdeli.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS** The New Jersey-based sub shop offers freshly sliced meats and special sauces on its made-to-order sandwiches. 4400 N. Midland Drive, 695-9990 | jerseymikes.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**JIMMY JOHN'S GOURMET SANDWICHES** The chain puts an emphasis on freshness of ingredients in its menu selections, which includes sandwiches, chips and cookies. 3201 N. Midland Road Suite 110, 689-0468 | \$ | 4 spoons

**LIVING 360 ORGANICS** All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W. Wadley Ave., Suite 21, 262-3411 | living360organics.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**McALISTER'S DELI** Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100, 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave., 694-1800 | mcalisters-deli.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**MURRAY'S** You're sure to spot someone you know

at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave., 697-3433 | \$ | 5 spoons

**PANERA BREAD** Freshly-baked pastries and cookies paired with one of its coffee drinks makes this a nice dessert spot. Or snag a one of their many types of breads on display. Salads, sandwiches and soups make up the menu for a nice lunch or dinner. 2804 W. Loop 250 N., 689-0933 | panerabread.com | \$\$ | 5 spoons

**POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP** With a fairly small menu, the chain sticks to classics such as ham and cheese, turkey and Swiss and roast beef with provolone. The shop also features a plethora of salads, cookies, shakes and soups. 1401 N. Loop 250 W., 704-5500 | \$ | 3 spoons

**SCHLOTZSKY'S** Chain serving deli fare, such as its original sandwich, specialty pizzas, soups and salads. Two locations: 5211 W. Wadley Ave., 683-9169 | 1109 Andrews Hwy., 689-2867 | schlotzskys.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**SMILING MOOSE DELI** Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West, 697-3354 | smilingmoosedeli.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**SUBWAY** The popular sandwich chain has 10 locations in the Tall City. The menu offers standard deli fare such as turkey and roast beef on your choice of bread along with heart-healthy items, all veggie sandwiches, salads and breakfast specialties. 610 N. Big Spring St., 682-4816 | 300 W. Wadley Ave., 682-5541 | 329 Dodson St., 684-0005 | 1220 N. Midkiff Road, 683-

8132 | 101 E Longview Ave., 685-5090 | Westwood Village | 4310 West Illinois Suite 140, 689-3469 | 4324 Andrews Hwy., 520-0770 | 4509 N. Big Spring St., 684-4058 | 4517 Midland Dr., 699-1991, 3201 State Highway 158, 683-8132 | 2109 S. Midkiff Road, 684-4533 | 4400 N. Midkiff Road, 699-2428 | subway.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**SWENSEN'S** One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Try the sourdough cheeseburger. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N., 570-7271 | swensens.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**TASTE@508** Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St., 687-1755 | taste508.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**WHICH WICH** In addition to custom sandwiches, Which Wich also offers shakes, cookies and ice cream sandwiches. The restaurant has free Wi-Fi, and several silver chairs and tables outside for sunnier days. Two locations: 100 N. Main St Suite 400 685-1203 | 3415 N. Loop 250 W #505, 704-5097 | \$ | 4 spoons

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## Hendrick Motorsports rolls into Daytona 500 with new look

By Jenna Fryer  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Rick Hendrick threw a glamorous party last fall when he formally introduced his 2018 driver lineup.

It was a lavish car unveiling that used lasers, spotlights and an emcee to celebrate a Hendrick Motorsports roster that had undergone a dramatic makeover.

Each of the four drivers was paired with someone for the event. Chase Elliott was joined by his Hall of Fame father, Bill, who helped uncover the new No. 9 his son will

drive this year in his honor.

William Byron was introduced with Jeff Gordon, who won four titles in Byron's new No. 24. Alex Bowman came out with Dale Earnhardt Jr., the guy who helped him get his ride when Earnhardt retired. The team owner accompanied seven-time NASCAR champion and Hendrick frontman Jimmie Johnson.

Standing next to glittering new race cars, the quartet was able to briefly mask the striking youthfulness of Hendrick's rebuilt organization.

Now, at the Daytona 500, the four drivers stand alone.

They passed their first test, and the boss could not be prouder.

Bowman, who sat out all of last year waiting for Earnhardt's seat to open, put a Hendrick car on the Daytona 500 pole for a record-tying fourth consecutive year. Johnson was third fastest. Byron, a rookie rushed into a Cup car this year because Kasey Kahne was fired, was fifth. Elliott was 10th.

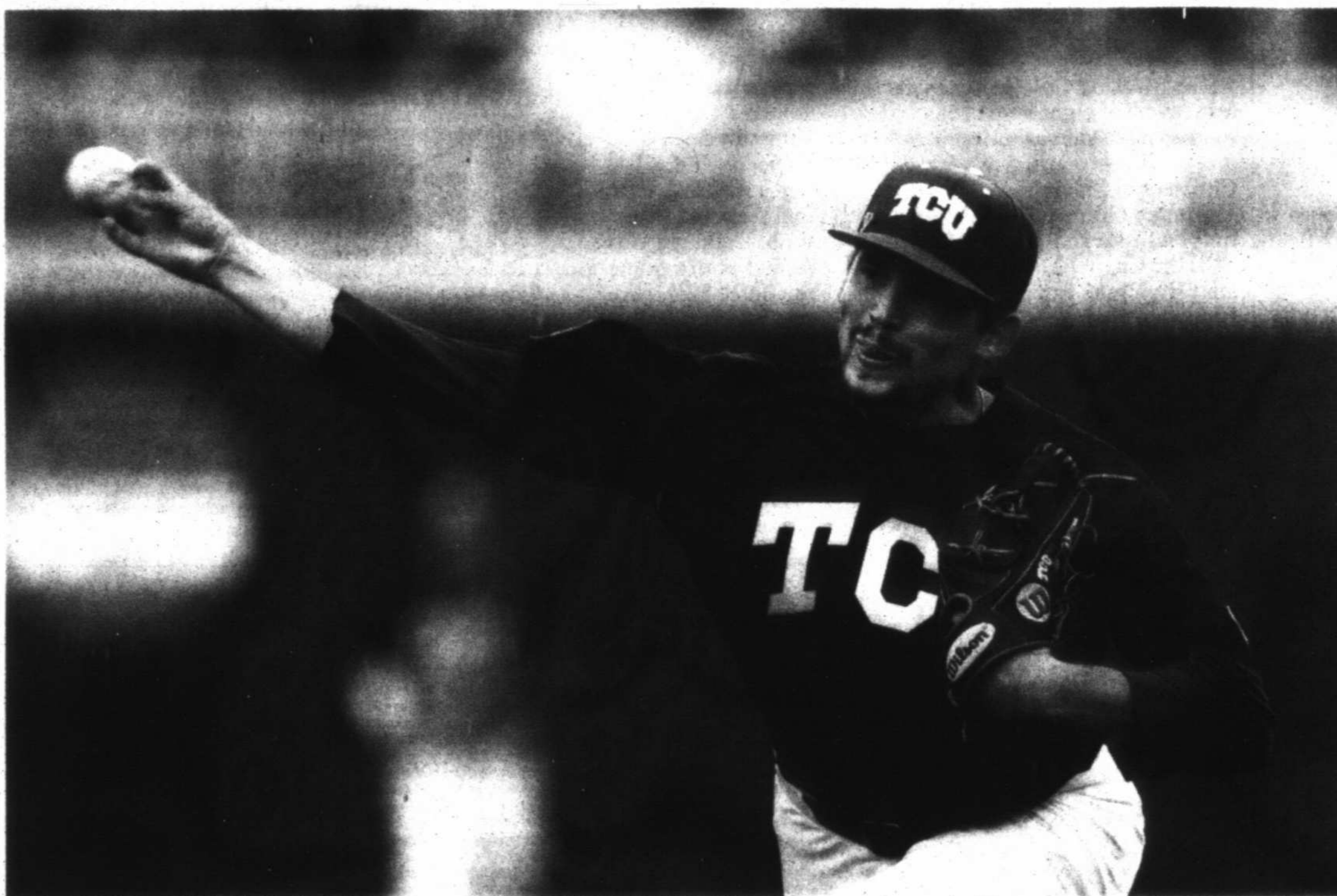
"We've got a lot of racing to do and we're going to make mistakes," Hendrick said. "But to come down here, it's a statement by the whole



Terry Renna/AP Photo

Rick Hendrick, front, with three of his team drivers, from back left, Alex Bowman, Jimmie Johnson and Chase Elliott, stand on pit road Sunday before qualifying for the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Please see HENDRICK/2C



Nati Harnik/Associated Press

TCU pitcher Jared Janczak (41) throws in the first inning of an NCAA World Series elimination game against Florida on June 24, 2017, in Omaha, Neb. The Horned Frogs head into the 2018 baseball season looking to become the first program to make five straight College World Series appearances since the NCAA went to its current tournament format in 1999.

## TCU going for 5th College World Series appearance in a row

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — TCU is looking for some history. A deep pitching staff could lead the way for the Horned Frogs.

TCU heads into the 2018 baseball season looking to join Stanford as the only programs to make five straight College World Series appearances since the NCAA went to its current tournament format in 1999.

The Horned Frogs have the makings for one of the top pitching staffs in the nation, led by starters Jared Janczak, Nick Lodolo and Sean Wymer and closer Durbin Feltman.

The biggest question mark is their everyday lineup. Five newcomers probably will start, joining first baseman Luken Baker, right fielder Connor Wanhanen

and left fielder Josh Watson.

"We talk a lot, especially this year, about resetting to zero because last year's group was awesome and the year before that was awesome and the year before that as well," Wanhanen said. "This is a completely different team."

TCU is a consensus top-10 team nationally and picked to finish behind two-time defending champion Texas Tech in the Big 12. D1Baseball.com selected shortstop Adam Oviedo for its preseason freshman of the year and Baker as its player of the year in the Big 12.

Baker missed the last 21 games of last season after injuring his left (non-throwing) arm in a collision at first base. He was the 2016 freshman of the year and is batting .355 with 103 RBIs in 114 career games.

"Everything is all healed up 100 percent," Baker said.

Seven programs have reached the

CWS at least five years in row. Miami has done it twice, and Oklahoma State made a record seven consecutive appearances from 1981-87.

TCU is going for its sixth trip to Omaha since 2010. The Frogs have yet to win a national title. Their last two CWS appearances ended with bracket-final losses to eventual champions Coastal Carolina (2016) and Florida (2017).

Ten other teams to watch:

—**FLORIDA:** The defending national champion Gators are No. 1 in every major preseason poll. Five everyday starters are back, and the pitching rotation is headed by projected first-round picks Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar. The lineup gets a boost from the return of senior catcher JJ Schwarz (12 HR, 56 RBIs), who returned to school after falling to the 38th round of last year's draft.

Please see TCU/3C

## McCarty, Holmes lead No. 6 Texas past Texas Tech 87-72

By Mark Rosner  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Brooke McCarty and Joyner Holmes scored 13 points apiece to help No. 6 Texas beat Texas Tech 87-72 on Wednesday night.

Five Longhorns reached double figures as they beat Tech for the 10th straight time. Sug Sutton scored 12, Jatarie White 11 and Ariel Atkins 10 also reached double figures for Texas (21-4, 12-2 Big 12).

Dayo Alabode led Tech (7-18, 1-13 Big 12) with 19 points. She made five 3-pointers. Jada Terry added 17 for Tech, which has lost seven in a row.

Texas beat Texas Tech by 51 points on Jan. 24 in Lubbock, the largest margin of victory ever for the Longhorns in a Big 12 game.

The Longhorns could not pull away from Tech in this one until late in the third quarter.

Texas made a 12-0 push fueled by six points from McCarty in a span of 15 seconds. First McCarty made a 3-pointer, then she stole the ball from Grayson Bright and turned that into a three-point play. The Longhorns soon led by 19.

### Big picture

**Texas Tech:** The Lady Raiders played significantly better than they did during the 90-39 loss to Texas in Lubbock. Tech trailed by 25 at halftime in Lubbock but by just seven on Wednesday. The 6-foot-4 Terry and 6-5 Erin Degrate punished Texas inside Wednesday, combining for 18 points in the first half.

**Texas:** The Longhorns have 10 high school All-Americans, but they could have used the defense and toughness that a player who did not receive that honor often provides. Audrey-Ann Caron-Goudreau, a 6-foot-4 senior who leads Texas in blocked shots, missed the game with a bone contusion to her left wrist that she suffered on Saturday against Kansas State.

### Up next

Texas Tech is at Iowa State on Saturday. Tech lost to Iowa State 66-54 on Jan. 13 in Lubbock.

Texas is at No. 21 Oklahoma State on Saturday.

## Shaka Smart's 3rd year at Texas a season of struggles

By Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Shaka Smart is nearing the end of his third season with a .500 overall record, the team hovering near the bottom of the Big 12 and any NCAA Tournament hopes on the verge of collapse.

Even after three straight losses, the latest a 74-73 double-overtime defeat against Baylor, Smart isn't ready to declare his team in a free fall.

"We obviously need to find a way to win our next game," Smart said after losing to Baylor on Monday night. "You guys (the media), you'll do your job and label it whatever you want to label it."

"As a coach, you have to make sure as a team you do everything you can to win. We were one play away. But when it doesn't go your way, you've got to immediately analyze why and where you need to get better. So that's what we'll do."

Texas (15-11, 5-8) hired Smart away from Virginia Commonwealth in 2014 after firing Rick Barnes,

who had made the NCAA Tournament in 16 of his 17 seasons in Austin. Smart led Texas to the tournament with a 20-win debut season, but the Longhorns made a quick exit after losing their first game on a half-court miracle shot. It was a blow, but the program looked to be on the rise.

Yet Monday's loss left Smart at 46-46 overall at Texas and 20-29 in the Big 12. Baylor has beaten Texas six straight times.

"This league is very unforgiving," Smart said. "No one is going to feel sorry for you."

That's especially true now that Smart has a lineup entirely recruited by him, but one short on depth. Against Baylor, Texas used just seven players and the five starters all played at least 43 minutes. The Longhorns rank last in the Big 12 in scoring, assists, 3-point shooting and free-throw percentage. They're near the bottom in rebounding on either end of the court.

The bright spot has been forward Mo Bamba. He's one of the best freshmen in the nation this season with 13 double-doubles and he

ranks second nationally in blocks with nearly five per game. But Bamba's presence only amplifies the disappointment so far. Long and athletic, Bamba was one of the most coveted recruits in the country and is projected to be one of the top picks in the NBA draft this summer.

Bamba is similar to the player he replaced, Jarrett Allen, who left Texas after his freshman season and was selected No. 22 overall by the Brooklyn Nets.

Smart's players didn't want to talk to the media after losing to Baylor on Monday night. Smart said they were in a meeting "hashing some things out."

They have certainly carried more emotional weight than just wins and losses this season. In January, sophomore guard Andrew Jones was diagnosed with leukemia and has been away from the team while receiving treatment at a Houston hospital.

Texas rallied behind Jones to earn three home wins over ranked opponents, and the entire league has extended gestures of support. But Texas hasn't put together a

season-defining run, unless that three-game losing streak turns out to be it.

There have been no real rumblings that Smart's job is in jeopardy. He's under contract through the 2022-23 season with at least \$16 million guaranteed. New athletic director Chris Del Conte has only been on the job two months.

There is time for a late turnaround this season. Texas looked like a safe bet for the NCAA Tournament when they beat No. 23 Oklahoma in front of a packed house two weeks ago. The rematch is Saturday in Norman, Oklahoma. And Texas will host No. 20 West Virginia, which pummeled the Longhorns by 35 in late January, in the season finale.

With five games left, Texas could still get to .500 or better in the Big 12 and make a run for the postseason.

"I think the team can still get better," Smart said. "We want to win, and we want to win bad ... It's a real test of our guys, our team, of our character, of our culture. We're going to see what we're about."



Eric Gay/AP Photo

Texas forward Mohamed Bamba (4) scores against Baylor during the first half of an NCAA game on Monday in Austin.



NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

ROCKETS 100 KINGS 91 HOUSTON — After extending their winning streak to 10 games with a victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night, the Houston Rockets were happy, though far from satisfied.

These Rockets, who are 44-13 entering the All-Star break after winning 17 of their last 19 games, have much bigger goals ahead of them.

"Absolutely," Chris Paul said. "Of course," James Harden said, before the question was even done.

Harden had 28 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, and the Rockets fought off a late rally for the 100-91 win.

Houston led by as many as 17, but the Kings got within striking distance several times in the fourth quarter. They were down six late when Houston used a 7-2 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Harden, to make it 94-83 with just more than a minute left.

The Kings scored the next five points, with a 3-pointer from Garrett Temple, to cut it to six again with 30 seconds left. Joe Johnson, in his Houston debut, added two free throws before Bogdan Bogdanovic hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 96-91 with about 25 seconds left.

The Rockets made four free throws after that to secure the win.

THUNDER 121 GRIZZLIES 114

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paul George scored 28 points, Russell Westbrook added 23 points in his 17th triple-double of the season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder survived a second-half Memphis rally to defeat the Grizzlies 121-114 on Wednesday night.

Westbrook finished with 15 assists and 13 rebounds as Oklahoma City won for the third time in the last nine games. Carmelo Anthony added 19 points.

The Thunder made a season-high 17 3-pointers. Andrew Harrison led the Grizzlies with a career-high 28 points, while Tyreke Evans finished with 23 points and nine rebounds. Jarell Martin had 17 points and eight rebounds as Memphis lost its seventh straight.

Memphis, which trailed by as many as 22 in the second half, steadily chipped away at the deficit, outscoring the Thunder 31-19 in the third. The Grizzlies eventually cut the Oklahoma City advantage to 115-114 on a step back 3-pointer from Evans that banked in with 46 seconds left.

But Anthony answered with a 3-pointer to seal the Thunder victory.

Memphis was still close near the midway point of the second quarter when the Oklahoma City shooting got untracked.

PELICANS 139 LAKERS 117

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 42 points and 15 rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Los Angeles Lakers 139-117 on Wednesday night.

Davis went 15 for 18 from the field with three assists, three steals and two blocks. Jrue Holiday had 24 points and 11 assists, and reserve Darius Miller scored 19 points.

It was the highest scoring game of the season for New Orleans, which has won three in a row heading into the All-Star break.

Kyle Kuzma scored 23 points and Brandon Ingram had 21, but Los Angeles surrendered its most points in a regulation game this season. Julius Randle scored 20 points for the Lakers, and Josh Hart had 15.

Los Angeles guard Isaiah Thomas and coach Luke Walton were ejected in the first half. Thomas was involved in a minor altercation with Rajon Rondo late in the first quarter, also resulting in the ejection of the New Orleans guard. Walton was ejected in the second after protesting a technical foul on Kuzma.

Brook Lopez made two 3-pointers during an 11-0 run that got the Lakers within two early in the third. But Nikola Mirotic scored 11 of his 16 points in the quarter, helping the Pelicans to a 103-91 lead heading into the final period.

CLIPPERS 129 CELTICS 119

BOSTON — Guarding DeAndre Jordan in the paint is hard enough.

When he's making his free throws, that makes it a much bigger problem.

Jordan had a career-high 30 points and 13 rebounds and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Boston Celtics 129-119 on Wednesday night for their fourth victory in five games.

The 6-foot-11 center, a 59 percent shooter from the free-throw line coming into the game, went 8 for 9, including hitting all four when Boston coach Brad Stevens called for his team to foul him twice intentionally.

"Made his free throws," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "We were jokingly saying: 'When we find the hot hand, keep going to it.'"

Tobias Harris added 21 points, Danilo Gallinari had 20, and Lou Williams 19.

Jordan seemed to feed off Boston's poor pick-and-roll defense every time the Clippers needed a basket.

"Whenever I'm setting picks and rolling, it puts a lot of pressure on the defense," he said.

Jordan was 11 of 14 from the field. He entered hitting 64.7 percent of his shots this season.

Kyrie Irving led Boston with 33 points and eight assists. Al Horford had 20 points, and Marcus Morris added 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Celtics lost for the fourth time in five games, a stretch that has seen them fall behind Toronto for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

RAPTORS 122 BULLS 98

CHICAGO — The Toronto Raptors rolled into the All-Star break knowing the toughest part is yet to come. They'll take where they are at the moment — staring down at the rest of the Eastern Conference.

Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 10 assists, Serge Ibaka also scored 20 points and the Raptors cruised into the break with their seventh straight victory, 122-98 over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

"We just have to keep it going," coach Dwane Casey said. "We haven't done anything. ... It's even harder from here on out, and that's why (we're) not jumping up and down. We have a goal. We haven't finished it yet."

Lowry made four 3-pointers, and he and Ibaka each had seven rebounds.

Jonas Valanciunas added 14 points and nine rebounds to help the Raptors complete a four-game sweep against Chicago even though they only got seven points from four-time All-Star DeMar DeRozan. But Toronto dished out a season-high 38 assists and shot just over 52 percent against a weak defense, sending the Bulls to their ninth loss in 11 games.

76ERS 104 HEAT 102

PHILADELPHIA — Even though they were without All-Star Joel Embiid and down 24 points, the 76ers never lost hope.

Ben Simmons had a triple-double, J.J. Redick hit a crucial 19-foot, off-balanced jumper from the baseline with 19.4 seconds left and short-handed Philadelphia came back from a 24-point second-half deficit to defeat the Miami Heat 104-102 on Wednesday night.

Dario Saric added 19 points and Marco Belinelli scored 17 in his first game with the 76ers, who won their fifth straight and 11th in a row on their home court.

"It just shows what kind of team we are," said Simmons, who finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. "Fighting back, staying with it."

Embiid sat because of soreness in his right ankle. Scheduled to start for the Eastern Conference in the All-Star game this weekend, Embiid is averaging 23.7 points, 11.1 rebounds and 1.8 blocks.



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Sacramento Kings center Willie Cauley-Stein (00) drives to the basket as Houston Rockets center Clint Capela defends during the first half of an NBA game on Wednesday in Houston.

"Knowing he's out, I had to be more aggressive and get my teammates involved," Simmons said. "Everybody played well."

Well, at least in the second half.

Philadelphia trailed by 23 at halftime and the Heat looked like they were going to coast to a victory when Luke Babbitt made a corner 3-pointer to make it 68-44 2:49 into the third quarter. But the 76ers outscored Miami 29-13 the rest of the third period and closed within 84-82 with 8:44 left in the game when Belinelli opened the fourth period with three consecutive 3-pointers.

Philadelphia surged into the lead on Simmons' alley-oop finish after Redick's pass that made it 92-90 with 5:14 to play, and the 76ers took their biggest lead on Belinelli's layup that put them up 100-94 with 2:25 left.

Redick's off-balance jumper made it 102-99 with 19.4 seconds left. Wayne Ellington's tying attempt with 15 seconds remaining missed, and Philadelphia looked like it had the game won when Robert Covington made a pair of free throws with 13.1 ticks left.

But Tyler Johnson hit a 3 with 4.1 remaining to pull the Heat within 104-102, and then the 76ers turned it over on their next possession.

Dwyane Wade had a chance to win it at the buzzer,

but his 3-point attempt rimmed out.

HORNETS 104 MAGIC 102

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard and the Charlotte Hornets needed a win heading into the All-Star break.

So it was perfect timing for a trip to Orlando.

Howard had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and the Hornets stopped a four-game slide by topping the lowly Magic 104-102 on Wednesday night.

Kemba Walker had 20 points for Charlotte on 6-for-19 shooting. Nicolas Batum added 14 points and seven assists in the Hornets' 10th straight win against the Magic.

"We needed this game," Howard said. "Players know the All-Star break is coming so they kind of take a break and are not focused on the game before the break. We had to come out with the right mentality."

Mario Hezonja led Orlando with 21 points and 10 rebounds, but the Magic lost their third straight. D.J. Augustin and Marreese Speights had 16 points and Bismack Biyombo finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Orlando led 97-96 before Walker hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play. Batum hit another 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to stretch Charlotte's lead to 102-97.

The teams traded free throws and Speights hit his fourth 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

PACERS 108 NETS 103

NEW YORK — The Indiana Pacers were not expected to be in this position.

After trading one of the best two-way players in Paul George last summer, Indiana was widely predicted to finish near the bottom of the Eastern Conference. Instead, the Pacers head to the All-Star break just a half-game out of fourth place.

Victor Oladipo, one of the main pieces acquired for George in the deal with Oklahoma City, downplayed his new club's success after scoring 15 of his 25 points in the second half to lead Indiana past the Brooklyn Nets 108-103 on Wednesday night.

"Nothing. We ain't accomplish anything," the first-time All-Star said. "Got a lot more work to do. A lot more things to get done. You're great, don't get me wrong. You know, 33 tough wins in the NBA is tough. It's nothing. It's just one half of the season."

Oladipo, who was selected as a reserve, will be in Los Angeles this weekend to suit up alongside George, who was chosen as an injury replacement on LeBron James' squad.

TEXAS/BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Associated Press

MEN KANSAS STATE 82, OKLAHOMA STATE 72

STILLWATER, Okla. — Kansas State had a spike in offensive performance but ultimately, it was the Wildcats' defense that determined victory.

Bobby Brown scored 25 points and Xavier Sneed added 13 points and six rebounds to help lead Kansas State to a convincing 82-72 victory over Oklahoma State Wednesday night.

Dean Wade had 12 points, five rebounds and four assists while Kamau Stokes scored 11 for Kansas State (18-8, 7-6 Big 12). The Wildcats were 1-3 in their previous four contests.

K-State coach Bruce Weber was happy his team's bench was able to outscore Oklahoma State's by a 24-15 margin, despite being outscored 39-28 on the evening.

Kendall Smith contributed 16 points and a career-high seven rebounds for Oklahoma State (15-11, 5-8). It was Smith's seventh straight outing with 10-plus points. Jeffrey Carroll added 13 points and nine rebounds.

"This season, I don't think our bench has outscored the opponent's bench, so that was one of the keys to the game."

UP NEXT Kansas State: The Wildcats return home to take on Iowa State on Saturday, a team they defeated 91-75 back on Dec. 29.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys go back out on the road for a matchup Saturday against TCU, whom they lost to 79-66



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Kansas State forward Makol Mawien, left, gets his hand on the ball as Oklahoma State forward Mitchell Solomon, right, tries to shoot during the first half of an NCAA game on Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla.

on Jan. 30.

WOMEN SOUTH FLORIDA 64, SMU 54

TAMPA, Fla. — Maria Jespersen scored 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for her 14th double-double and No. 22 South Florida won its sixth straight Wednesday night, defeating SMU 64-54.

Jespersen had 10 points in the third quarter when the Bulls (21-5, 10-2 American) stretched a 22-18 halftime lead to 45-31. The Mustangs (10-16, 4-9)

cut the lead to six with 1:10 to play but USF made 7 of 8 free throws in the final minute to secure the win.

Kilija Laksa, coming off a career-high 41 points that led to big win over ranked Ohio State and got the Bulls ranked after a six-week absence, added 16 points on 4-of-16 shooting.

Kiara Parry led SMU, which is 0-12 against USF and is 0-12 on the road this season, with 18 points.

The teams shot a combined 13 of 63 (21 percent) in the first half.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

- EAST American U. 60, Boston U. 56 Bucknell 94, Loyola (Md.) 53 George Washington 83, UMass 72 Holy Cross 70, Army 65 Lehigh 88, Colgate 78 Navy 71, Lafayette 69 Providence 76, Villanova 71 Saint Joseph's 71, Fordham 55 SOUTH Davidson 74, VCU 63 Duke 74, Virginia Tech 52 East Carolina 82, Illinois 80 Florida St. 81, Clemson 79, OT George Mason 85, Dayton 67 Houston Baptist 77, Northwestern St. 70 SE Louisiana 71, New Orleans 64 UCF 72, South Florida 57 Vanderbilt 81, Mississippi St. 80 FAR WEST Bradley 70, Illinois St. 58 Cleveland St. 75, Detroit 72 Drake 90, Indiana St. 76 Fort Wayne 90, W. Illinois 74 Indiana 78, Illinois 68 Loyola of Chicago 80, Valparaiso 71 Michigan 74, Iowa 59 S. Illinois 81, Missouri St. 80, OT Youngstown St. 75, Oakland 73

- SOUTHWEST Kansas St. 82, Oklahoma St. 72 Lamar 85, Incarnate Word 62 McNeese St. 76, Cent. Arkansas 72 South Dakota 85, Oral Roberts 67 Stephen F. Austin 67, Texas A&M-CC 68 DENVER Denver 94, Nebraska-Omaha 78

- 12 Duke (21-5) beat Virginia Tech 74-52. Next at No. 11 Clemson, Sunday. 13 Kansas (20-6) did not play. Next vs. No. 20 West Virginia, Saturday. 14 North Carolina (20-7) did not play. Next at Louisville, Saturday. 15 Saint Mary's (24-3) did not play. Next at San Francisco, Thursday. 16 Rhode Island (21-3) did not play. Next at St. Bonaventure, Friday. 17 Arizona (20-6) did not play. Next at No. 25 Arizona State, Thursday. 18 Tennessee (19-6) did not play. Next at Georgia, Saturday. 19 Wichita State (19-5) did not play. Next vs. Temple, Thursday. 20 West Virginia (19-7) did not play. Next at No. 13 Kansas, Saturday. 21 Texas A&M (17-9) did not play. Next at Arkansas, Saturday. 22 Michigan (21-7) beat Iowa 74-59. Next vs. No. 8 Ohio State, Sunday. 23 Oklahoma (16-9) did not play. Next vs. Texas, Saturday. 24 Nevada (21-5) at Boise State. Next at Utah State, Saturday. 25 Arizona State (19-6) did not play. Next vs. No. 17 Arizona, Thursday.

Women

- EAST American U. 61, Boston U. 54 Army 86, Holy Cross 57 Binghamton 52, Merrimack 38 Bucknell 74, Loyola (Md.) 69 Buffalo 85, Cent. Michigan 82 Colgate 54, Lehigh 48 George Washington 55, UMass 49 Maine 70, Mass. Lowell 65 Marist 48, Fairfield 34 Navy 59, Lafayette 43 New Hampshire 76, Hartford 58 Penn St. 67, Northwestern 59 Richmond 79, St. Bonaventure 57 Stony Brook 53, UMass 49 West Virginia 76, Kansas 46 SOUTH Cent. Arkansas 51, McNeese St. 45 East Carolina 75, Memphis 62 New Orleans 62, SE Louisiana 73 Old Dominion 59, FAU 54 Saint Joseph's 64, Davidson 62 South Florida 64, SMU 54 MIDWEST Duquesne 76, Saint Louis 66 E. Michigan 73, Ohio 58 Minnesota 93, Michigan 87 Nebraska 79, Michigan St. 69 Rutgers 63, Wisconsin 50 SE Missouri 51, E. Illinois 48 South Dakota 72, Nebraska-Omaha 50 Wichita St. 88, Temple 81 SOUTHWEST

- 1 UConn (25-0) did not play. Next vs. Temple, Sunday. 2 Mississippi State (26-0) did not play. Next at Vanderbilt, Thursday. 3 Baylor (24-1) did not play. Next vs. Kansas, Saturday. 4 Louisville (25-2) did not play. Next at Boston College, Thursday. 5 Notre Dame (23-1) did not play. Next at Virginia, Thursday. 6 Texas (21-4) beat Texas Tech 67-72. Next at No. 21 Oklahoma State, Saturday. 7 UCLA (21-4) did not play. Next at No. 15 Oregon State, Friday. 8 South Carolina (20-5) did not play. Next at No. 20 Georgia, Thursday. 9 Oregon (23-4) did not play. Next vs. Southern Cal, Friday. 10 Maryland (22-3) did not play. Next vs. Purdue, Thursday. 11 Tennessee (21-4) did not play. Next vs. Alabama, Thursday. 12 Florida State (21-4) did not play. Next vs. Clemson, Thursday. 13 Missouri (20-5) did not play. Next at Auburn, Thursday. 14 Stanford (18-8) did not play. Next vs. California, Thursday. 15 Oregon State (19-6) did not play. Next vs. No. 7 UCLA, Friday. 16 Ohio State (21-4) did not play. Next vs. Purdue, Sunday. 17 Duke (20-6) did not play. Next at Syracuse, Thursday. 18 Texas A&M (19-7) did not play. Next vs. Florida, Thursday. 19 Green Bay (22-2) did not play. Next at Cleveland State, Thursday. 20 Georgia (21-4) did not play. Next vs. No. 8 South Carolina, Thursday. 21 Oklahoma State (16-7) did not play. Next vs. No. 6 Texas, Saturday. 22 South Florida (21-5) beat SMU 64-54. Next at UCF, Sunday. 23 Michigan (20-8) lost to Minnesota 93-87. Next vs. No. 10 Maryland, Thursday. 24 Belmont (24-3) did not play. Next vs. Eastern Kentucky, Thursday. 25 N.C. State (20-6) did not play. Next vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.

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OREGON STATE: The Beavers were beaten just four times before the CWS and then lost back-to-back games to LSU to fall short of a spot in the finals. Pac-12 player of the year Nick Madrigal leads a veteran lineup for the conference favorite. Luke Heimlich heads the pitching staff. He missed the super regional and CWS after the Oregonian newspaper reported he had pleaded guilty to a single count of molesting a 6-year-old girl

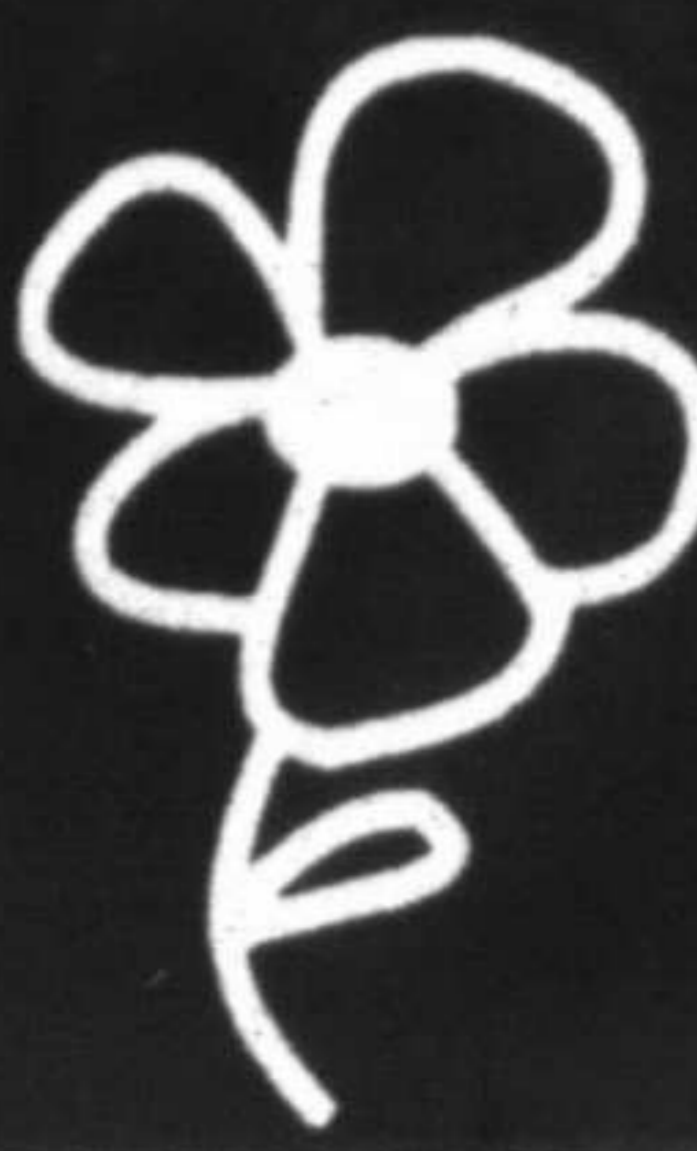
when he was a teenager. —FLORIDA STATE: It's another season that begs the question whether this will be the year Mike Martin, who has led the Seminoles to the CWS 16 times, wins his first national title. Drew Mendoza leads what could be one of the nation's most powerful lineups, and All-America lefty Tyler Holton is back after striking out 144 in 119 1/3 innings last season. —TEXAS TECH: The Red Raiders made it to the CWS in 2016 but were upset by Sam Houston State

in regionals last year. They lost some big bats, but they have enough back to win the Big 12. They have one of the nation's best lefties in 10-game winner Steven Gingery and a solid No. 2 starter in Davis Martin. —NORTH CAROLINA: Like Texas Tech, the Tar Heels got knocked out of regionals by an upstart (Davidson). Three of the top four hitters are gone, so there are question marks about the offense. The pitching staff is young and talented, headed by 6-foot-6, 256-pound Gianluca

Dalatri. —ARKANSAS: The Razorbacks are picked to win the SEC West. Grant Koch hit a career-high 13 home runs last season, most by an SEC catcher, and No. 1 starter Blaine Knight is back after striking out 96 in 90 innings. The Hogs also should get a boost from pitcher Isaiah Campbell's return from an elbow injury. —UCLA: The Bruins usually aren't an offensive juggernaut, but a young everyday lineup matured last season and their produc-

tion should increase. Jon Olsen is back after going 7-1 as the staff ace. —CAL STATE FULLERTON: The Titans, picked to win the Big West, bring back a .300 hitter in shortstop Sahid Valenzuela as well as No. 1 starter Colton Eastman, who missed 2 1/2 months in the middle of last season because of an elbow injury, and closer Brett Conine (15 saves). —INDIANA: Coach Chris Lemonis has taken the Hoosiers to regionals in two of his first three

seasons, and they are the pick to win the Big Ten. Three returning players hit double-digit homers and the pitching staff is deep and experienced. —SOUTH ALABAMA: Travis Swaggerty (.356, 60 RBIs) is among eight returning starters from one of the top offenses in the country. The Jaguars of the Sun Belt Conference will need to be productive again because their pitching is a concern.



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*Man vacillates over inviting late wife's mom to wedding*

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife passed away two years ago at age 40 after a long bout with cancer. We had three children, ages 7 to 12. I am 44 and engaged now to a wonderful woman. We are planning to have a small wedding with fewer than 50 guests.

While the kids and I are doing well, my late wife's mother, "Karen," is still grieving. She has a forceful personality and can be quite pushy. She lives nearby.

We have not finalized the arrangements or sent out invitations. Karen has been asking if she and my former father-in-law are invited, but we haven't answered her yet. She says she's hurt because she feels we don't want her there.

Is it proper etiquette to invite the parents of a deceased spouse to a remarriage? The only people she would know aside from us would be my parents, who need to bond with my fiancée's family who are coming from out of town. The kids seem to not care either way. If it were me, I'd feel awkward being there. Help! — **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR LOOKING:** Although your late wife is gone, her parents are still your children's grandpar-

**DEAR ABBY**

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ents and therefore should be treated as part of your family. While you might feel awkward if you were in their position, consider how hurt they will be if they are not included on the guest list. The decision whether to attend should be theirs to make.

Welcome them and treat them with kindness. A wife can be "replaced," but a daughter cannot, which is why Karen is still grieving even though you have gone on with your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I need advice on how to deal with a friend/neighbor's messy, unkempt backyard. We are getting ready to put our house on the market, and I'm concerned their yard may be a deterrent to potential buyers. Their pool looks like a swamp, and various pieces of lawn furniture are strewn about the yard. Tables are turned upside down and random items are thrown about.

They are friends of ours, but I have no clue how to broach such a sensitive topic without upsetting them. Please help. — **LIVING NEXT TO A SWAMP**

**DEAR LIVING:** Because those neighbors are friends, I assume they are aware that you are selling your home. If you live in an area that's prone to any dangerous mosquito-borne viruses, you would be doing them a favor to point out that their pool equipment needs fixing because still water makes an excellent breeding place for mosquitoes.

As to the state of their yard, your real estate agent may have some suggestions about how to handle that. If you and your spouse volunteer to help your neighbors make it more attractive, they might be receptive. However, if they refuse and you live in a community with a neighborhood association that regulates how properties must look in order to preserve their value, consider bringing this to its attention.

**GOREN BRIDGE**

With Bob Jones

**Morton's fork**

Both vulnerable, West deals

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 8 7  
♥ 5 4  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ A 9 7 3

**WEST**  
♠ 2  
♥ K 10 9 8 3  
♦ A J 8  
♣ K Q 10 2

**EAST**  
♠ Void  
♥ Q 7 6  
♦ 10 9 6 5 4  
♣ J 8 6 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 9 6 5 4 3  
♥ A J 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ Void

The bidding:  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
1♣ Dbl 2♣ 6♣  
All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

The Morton's Fork Coup in bridge is named after Cardinal Morton, Chancellor of the Exchequer for a bygone English king. He was charged with collecting the king's taxes. He believed that people who lived nicely could obviously afford to pay taxes and those that lived frugally would have substantial savings and could also

afford to pay. The people were said to be caught on "Morton's Fork."

South's jump to slam was a reasonable gamble. Should partner have a singleton heart, three spades to the ace and the queen of diamonds would be enough for slam. A doubleton heart with partner would require a bit more than that, but not much.

Not knowing what to discard on the ace of clubs, South played low from dummy on the opening club lead and ruffed in his hand. He led the jack of spades, drawing trump, and immediately led a low diamond away from his king. This caught West on "Morton's Fork." Should West play low, dummy's queen would win the trick and the king of diamonds would be discarded on the ace of clubs. Should West rise with his ace instead, South could discard both of his heart losers, one on the ace of clubs and one on the queen of diamonds. Six spades making six either way.

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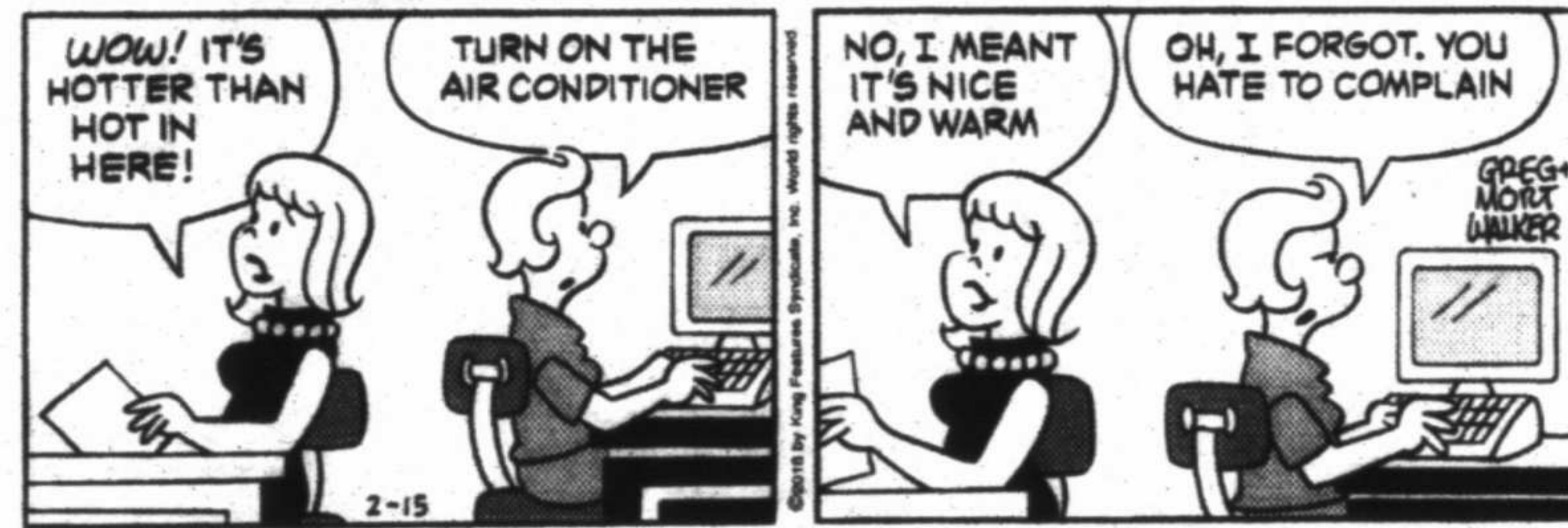
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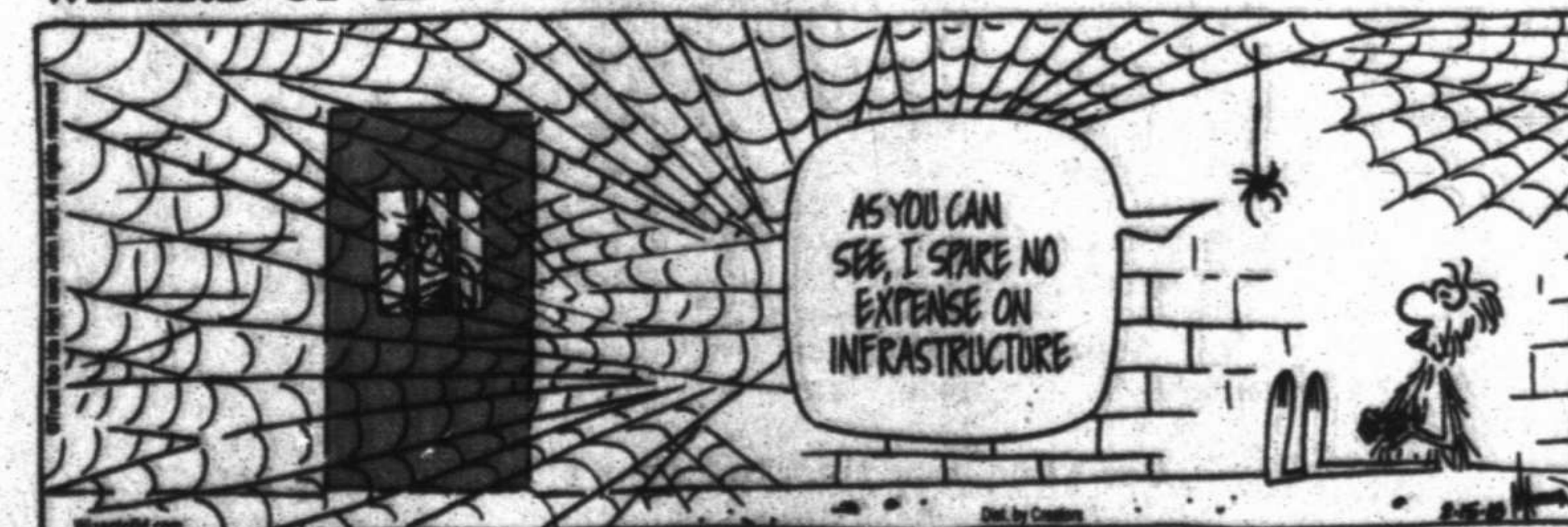
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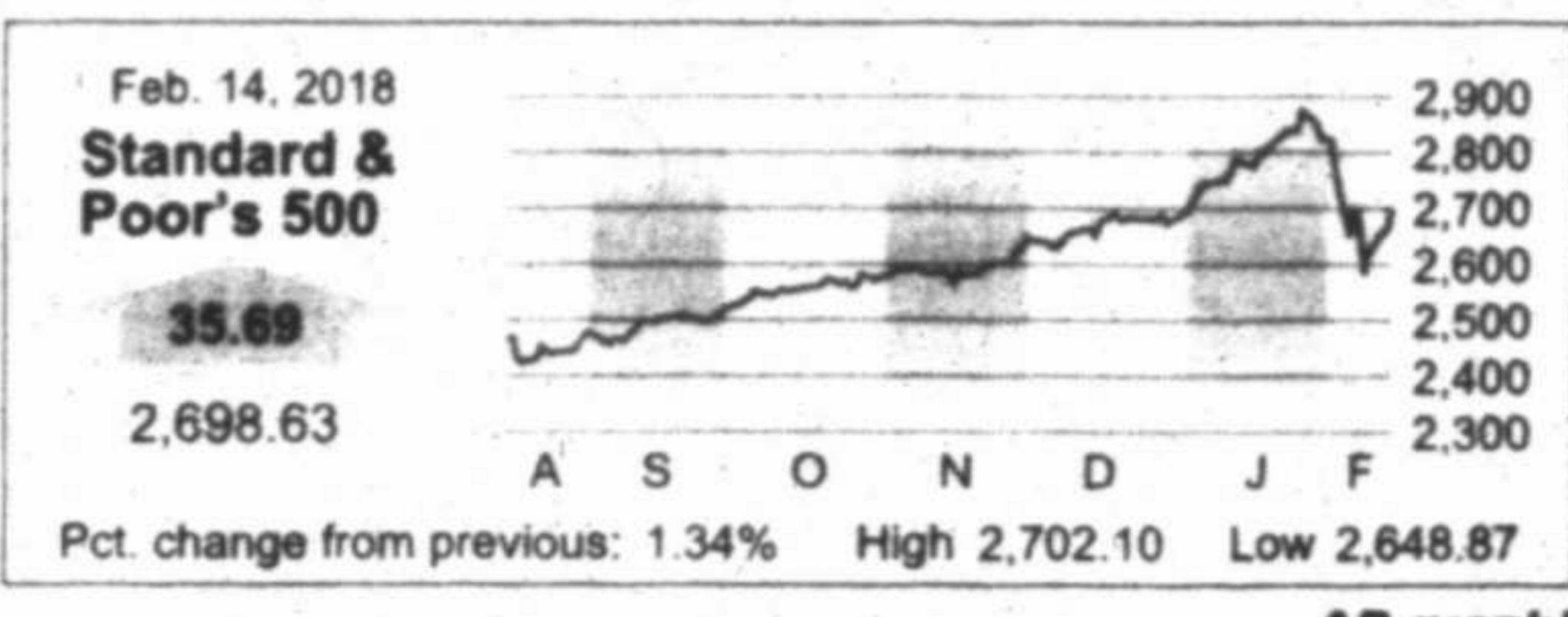
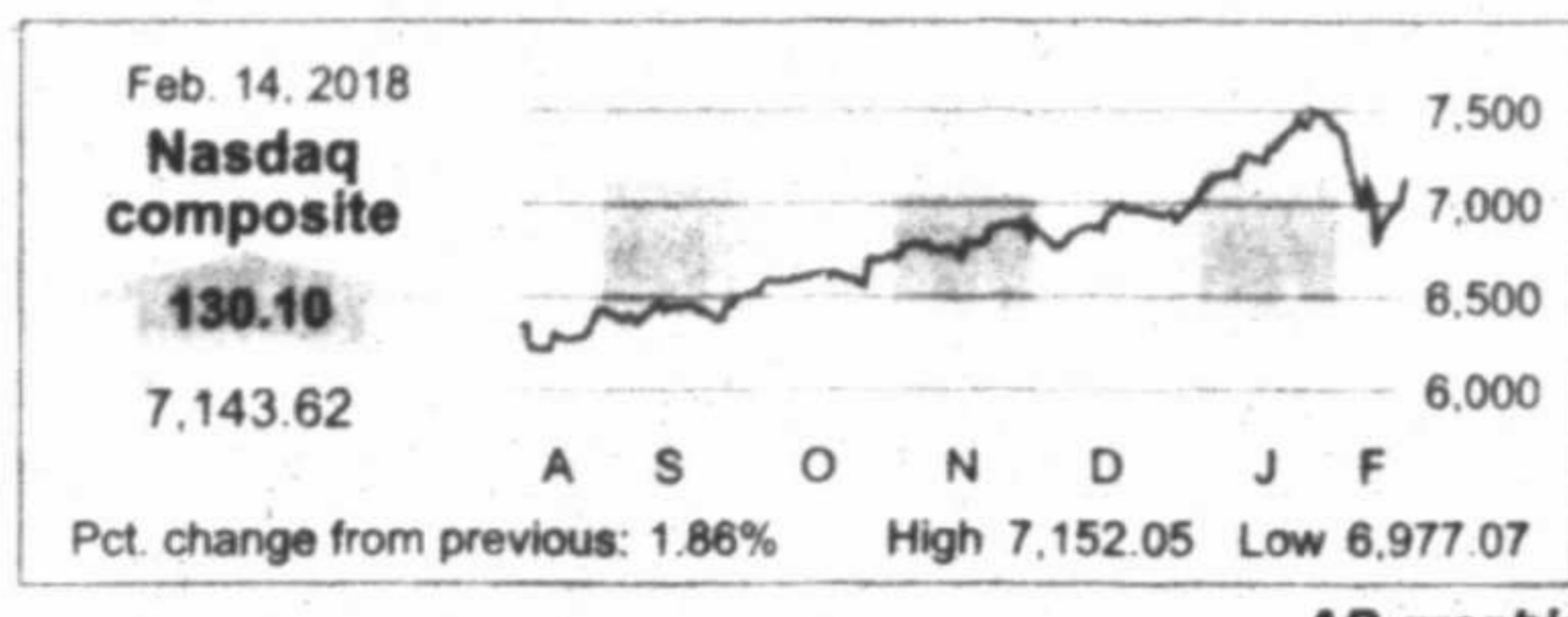
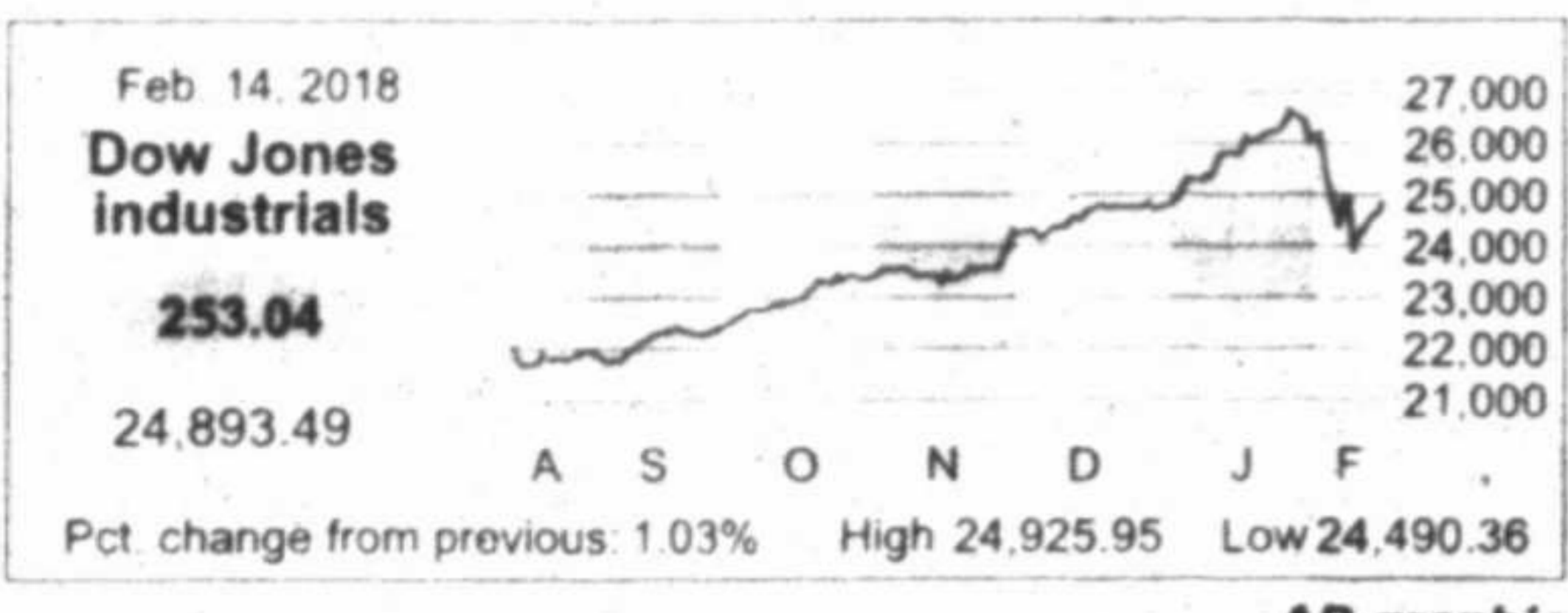
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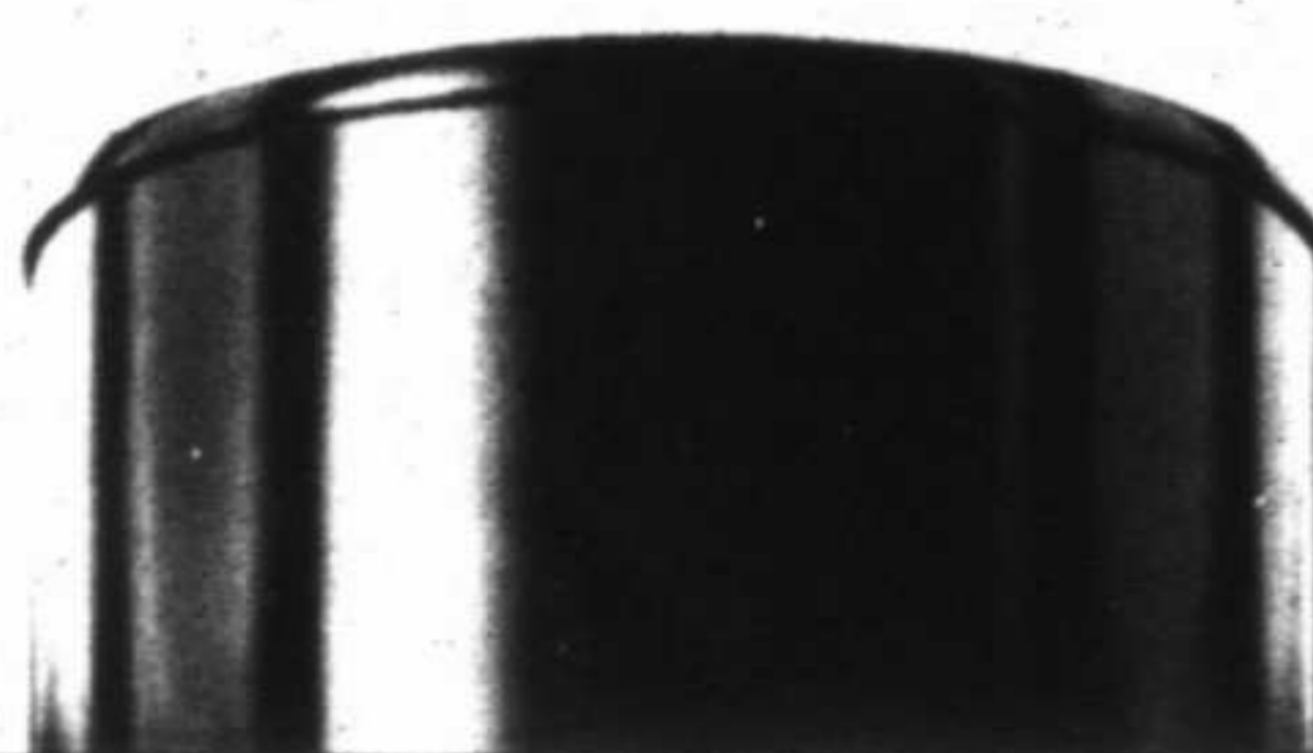
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Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
S&P500ETF	120398269	67.32	+0.32	RegnMgt	34.01	+6.41	+23.2
BiolAm	969089	32.00	-0.2	QuotentTc	12.85	+1.90	+17.4
ISHMkts	956914	48.70	+1.19	Twilio	30.72	+4.28	+16.2
VanEGold	954769	23.01	+1.00	AccoBrd	12.95	+1.80	+16.1
GenElec	858397	14.90	+2.3	PionEnSvc	2.95	+4.0	+15.7

LOSERS (\$2 on more)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total issues
PVVSt	16.50	-4.86	-22.8	16.97	97.9	487.7	896
VetSHP46	11.06	-2.81	-20.3	83			83
GNC	4.18	-7.7	-15.6	3,003			3,003
DirDGBrs	23.12	-3.78	-14.1	38			38
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MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on more)				GAINERS (\$2 on more)			
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TransEnt	88350	1.44	+12	RvVmdnF	2.96	+2.8	+10.3
B2gold	86721	3.06	+17	Espey	25.35	+2.35	+10.2
NovaGld	37887	4.14	+4.3	22ndCenry	2.88	+2.3	+8.7
SandSt	30503	5.10	+2.8	Alto Gld	3.21	+2.5	+8.4

LOSERS (\$2 on more)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total issues
RvVmdn	22.88	-2.90	-11.2	182			182
FkStPp	8.58	-9.7	-10.2	23			23
TellnEI	2.35	-2.5	-9.6	335			335
OrchidsPP	11.20	-8.7	-7.2	13			13
BowA	15.30	-1.08	-6.6	1			1
				Volume	123,767,869		

## NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on more)				GAINERS (\$2 on more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PwShs	90020418162	68	+2.99	Fossil Grp	16.97	+7.93	+47.7
Groupon	468067	4.71	-4.9	Critco SA	30.25	+6.86	+29.3
CSVxSh	431850	8.12	+2.26	DBV Tech	26.23	+5.37	+25.7
Cisco	430158	42.09	+8.6	SocRtlyA n	4.47	+8.8	+24.5
Fossil Grp	420822	16.97	+7.93	Carbonite	26.53	+4.83	+22.2

LOSERS (\$2 on more)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total issues
Tetraphase	2.15	-3.28	-60.4	715			715
GainedPh	5.45	-4.01	-42.4	165			165
CSVxSh	8.12	-2.26	-21.8	3,020			3,020
Omeros	11.25	-2.40	-17.6	46			46
Dynatonic	2.70	-5.0	-15.6	80			80
				Volume	2,178,602,668		

## Home Depot battles tight labor market with easy application

Bloomberg

Home Depot says it has an edge in the battle for hourly workers in a tight labor market: making applying and scheduling an interview really easy, with only a smartphone.

The world's largest home-improvement retailer always faces a human resources dilemma this time of year — when it brings on thousands of temporary workers for its busy spring selling season — but the current environment is especially tough. Home Depot is looking to fill more than 80,000 positions, the same amount as last year.

The company has learned that a lengthy application can limit the number of potential candidates. Last year, it made starting the process as easy as sending a text. A mobile website then finds openings based on the user's location.

Home Depot also reduced the amount of information asked. In all, applying was cut to 15 minutes, from about an hour, and applications surged 50 percent. Now, this spring, people can complete pre-screening and choose an interview time through Home Depot's mobile website. A digital map even shows them how to get the interview.

"Most Americans today have an expectation that they

can seamlessly do something on their mobile device really quickly, no matter what it is," said Eric Schelling, Home Depot's senior director of talent acquisition. And now they go through the application process "themselves, without dialing a 1-800 number or returning a phone call."

The company's strategy comes as the U.S. unemployment rate held at a near 17-year low of 4.1 percent in January. That's caused worker shortages across industries, putting pressure on wages and forcing companies to start increasing benefits. Corporate tax cuts, championed by President Donald Trump, have also given firms more money to spend on labor.

Schelling has been involved in seven previous spring hiring seasons for Home Depot, and said this is one of the tightest labor markets he's seen, calling it a "war for talent." That's pushed the retailer to try to stand out by integrating technology into the hiring process, he said. While smartphones are part of many aspects of consumer life — whether ordering dinner or booking a vacation — the job application has largely been ignored, he said.

Competitor Lowe's is also trying to simplify the process. On Wednesday, the chain announced it would hold its first national hiring day on Feb. 21 — part of a plan to bring on 53,000 workers for the spring season.

## Uber's net loss widens to \$4.5 billion for tumultuous 2017

Associated Press

Ride-hailing giant Uber's full-year net loss widened to \$4.5 billion in 2017 as the company endured a tumultuous year that included multiple scandals, a lawsuit alleging the theft of trade secrets and the replacement of its CEO.

The results also showed that Uber cut its fourth-quarter net loss by 25 percent from the third quarter as new CEO Dara Khosrowshahi moves to make the company profitable ahead of a planned initial public stock offering sometime next year.

The full-year loss grew from \$2.8 billion in 2016, a year with results skewed by a gain from the sale of Uber's unprofitable business in China. Uber also said its U.S. ride-hailing market share fell from 82 percent at the start of last year to 70 percent in the fourth quarter. Uber said the share has now stabilized.

Gross revenue for the year rose 85 percent over 2016, to \$37 billion.

For the fourth quarter, Uber's net loss was \$1.1 billion, down from \$1.46 billion it lost in the third quarter. Bookings from fares rose 14 percent to just over \$11 billion for the quarter.

While the losses are significant, the results still are positive for Uber with revenue rising and losses falling in three of four quarters in 2017, said Rohit Kulkarni, managing director of SharesPost, a research group focused on privately held companies. The numbers show that Uber under Khosrowshahi is on a path toward profitability and a sustainable economic model, Kulkarni said. "If you draw that out further, a year from now, this could be a significant IPO waiting to

happen," he said.

Uber considers adjusted earnings before taxes as a better indicator of its financial performance rather than net earnings based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which include losses for accounting purposes. On an adjusted basis, excluding stock-based compensation, legal costs, taxes and depreciation, the company lost \$2.2 billion for the full year. The fourth-quarter adjusted loss was \$475 million, down from \$606 million to in the third quarter.

San Francisco-based Uber Technologies Inc.'s results are difficult to report because only pieces are released. Khosrowshahi detailed them on a conference call with investors Tuesday, and the company made some results public by giving them to a website called The Information.

A person briefed on the results provided some numbers and confirmed the accuracy of The Information's story to The Associated Press on Wednesday. The person didn't want to be identified because Uber remains a private company.

Last year was a particularly bad one for Uber with its reputation tarnished by the company's acknowledgement of rampant sexual harassment within its ranks, a yearlong cover-up of a major computer break-in, and the use of duplicitous software to thwart government regulators.

CEO Travis Kalanick was ousted in June and replaced by Khosrowshahi in August.

Earlier this month Uber ended the autonomous vehicle trade secrets lawsuit filed by Alphabet Inc.'s Waymo for a payment of Uber stock valued by Waymo at \$245 million.

## Stocks climb again as investors shake off inflation worries

NEW YORK — Investors saw some new hints that inflation is increasing on Wednesday, but they still sent banks, technology firms, and consumer-focused companies climbing. That was a big change after the market's inflation-inspired plunge earlier this month.

After a shaky start, stocks rose for the fourth straight day, and banks made some of the largest gains as bond yields reached new four-year highs. The move in yields came after the government said consumer prices climbed in January a slightly faster pace than economists had expected. A different government report showed retail sales were unchanged in December and slipped last month.

"I think the fears of the economy overheating have been a little bit balanced out with the combination of these two numbers," said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management. "The bond market is not suggesting that runaway inflation is a deep concern."

Stocks began plunging Feb. 1 after the Labor Department said wages grew at a rapid clip in January. Investors worried that that meant inflation was rising and that it would push the Federal Reserve to start raising interest rates more quickly, making it more expensive for people and businesses to borrow money. That would slow down economic growth as well growth in corporate profits. Nixon said that Wednesday's reports show inflation probably isn't rising that fast.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

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Concho Resources (CXO)  
Closing Price \$146.86 Up 5.20

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)  
Closing Price \$5.88 Up 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)  
Closing Price \$122.83 Up 7.80

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)  
Closing Price \$2.27 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)  
Closing Price \$3.57 Up 0.14

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)  
Closing Price \$26.30 Up 0.40

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)  
Closing Price \$16.02 Up 0.63

RSP Permian (RSPP)  
Closing Price \$35.96 Up 1.74

Ring Energy (REI)  
Closing Price \$15.66 Up 0.42

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)  
Closing Price \$23.48 Up 0.30

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg							
AK Steel	14	5.18	+34	-8.5		CrackerB	4.80	30	170.19	+2.51	+7.1	ItauUnibH	32e		16.30	+85	+25.5	RoyDShIA	3.76	99	65.55	+1.13	-1.7	Transcon		9	9.30	+0.6	-12.9	
AT&T Inc	2.00	14	36.41	-19	-6.4	CSVxSh			8.12	-2.26	-46.6	JD.com		28	46.86	+2.31	+13.1	SpdDJA	3.96e		249.30	+2.73	+8	TYContl	1.00e		26.96	+20	+1	
Abraxas	54	21.48	+0.1	-13.0		CroTim	93e	14	14.48	+10	-1.4	JP.MorgCh	2.24	18	115.03	+2.60	+7.6	SpdGold			128.23	+2.15	+3.7	Twitter			33.75	+41	+40.6	
AdvsDevEq	1.32e		15.17	+21	+9	DCP Mid	3.12	54	38.22	-89	-5.2	JohnJn	3.36	18	129.87	-29	-7.2	S&P500ETF	4.13e		269.67	+3.62	+1.1	TylerTech		63	196.41	+4.77	+12.1	
AMD			12.20	+42	+18.7	DTE	3.53	20	101.23	-98	-7.5	KimbClk	4.00	18	112.73	+0.7	-6.8	UnbrArm			31	17.76	+1.06	+23.1	UdBr	1.38	29	36.25	+8.0	+4.3
Altaba	53	186.76	+7.51	+8.3	DevonE	24	61	35.58	+99	-14.1	Kinross g			4.27	+34	-1.2	SpdOHGX	73e		34.02	+1.24	-8.5	US Oifd			12.16	+31	+1.4		
Ambev	05e	7	6.87	+20	+6.3	DrGBull			28.81	+3.52	-9.1	LegacyRes			2.27	-0.2	+11.0	SabrR	2.29	21	44.05	-31	-1.2	Vale SA	29e		14.00	+73	+14.5	
Amgen	5.28e	16	179.52	+4.90	+3.2	DrGMBI			15.83	+1.96	-10.9	Lubys			2.90	-0.4	+9.8	SanderFm	1.28	10	131.16	+3.47	-5.5	ValeoE	3.20	25	92.63	+3.15	+8	
Ansdarko	1.00	70	59.78	+2.90	+11.4	DrSCBarr			12.36	-6.8	-7	MarathnO	20		16.95	+8.8	+1	Schimbng	2.00	45	65.87	-0.5	-2.3	VanEGold	0.0e		23.01	+1.00	-1.0	
Apache			38.20	+9.0	-9.5	DiSney	1.68	15	104.80	+4.8	-2.7	McDrlds	4.04	27	159.99	-2.41	-7.0	Smuckr	3.12	16	121.01	+1.32	-2.6	VnEkrPus	0.1e		23.07	+1.68	+8.8	
Apple Inc	2.52	20	167.37	+3.03	-1.1	EOG Resco	87		108.76	+4.29	-1.1	Merck	1.92	20	54.90		-2.4	SwatnE n			19.56	+9.8	+39.9	VanE JRGld			33.45	+1.8	-2.0	
ApidMts	40	16	51.96	+2.41	+1.6	EldorGld g	0.2e	23	1.16	+0.3	-18.9	Meritltd			90	49.36	+8.0	+3.3	Square n			41.85	-26	+20.7	VangEng	1.10e		47.59	+9.6	+3.7
Archrock			9.45	+10	-10.0	EnPro	08		52.93	+2.48	-8.1	MicronT			9	43.45	+8.2	+5.2	SP CnSt	1.28e		54.50	-0.1	-4.2	VerizonCm	2.36	7	49.51	-5.7	-6.5
ATMOS	1.88	15	80.24	-1.8	-6.6	EnPrm	88	43	75.91	-7.37	-18.0	Microsof	1.88	66	90.81	+1.40	+6.2	Square n			41.85	-26	+20.7	Vipahop			39	18.92	+1.43	+61.4
AutoData	2.52	30	112.71	+8.9	-3.8	ENSCO	04		5.01	-0.6	-15.2	Nabors	24		6.84	+2.5	+1	SP Engr	2.04e		68.46	+9.6	-5.3	WfsenMf	1.12	41	129.82	+2.6	+1.0	
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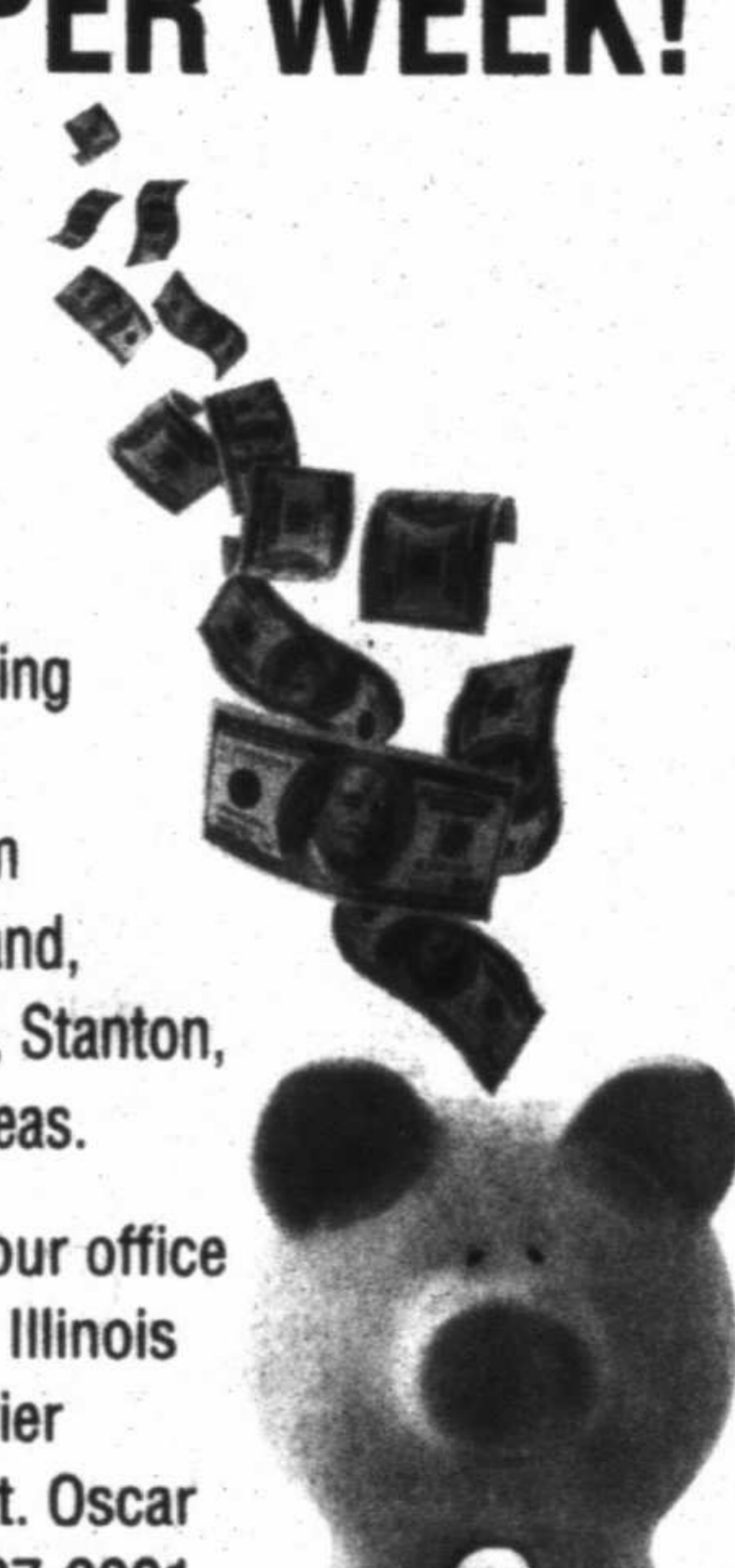
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**Physical Demands:**

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  - Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

- Minimum Requirements:**
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
  - Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
  - Computer proficiency is required
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## Weekly Writing Corner

### Spirit of the Olympics

Students describe what this might mean.

Many people hope to participate in the Olympic Games someday, and others enjoy watching the great skills of the athletes. The meaning of Olympic spirit varies for different people. For some it is the feeling of pride after winning a gold medal for their country. For others, it is doing their best and never giving up. Having dreams and trying to make them come true is yet another form of Olympic spirit. It doesn't matter if you are competing in, dreaming of, or watching the Olympics, everyone can feel the spirit.

Matthew, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

I think the spirit of the Olympics means being kind and respectful. If someone falls down, you pick them up. It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, just be proud you did your best. If you win a medal, just say, "Good game," to the other team. This is what the Olympic Spirit means to me.

Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I think the Olympic spirit is being respectful and helping others. It means that dreams can come true. The meaning of respect is to listen and to concentrate. The meaning of helping others is if someone slips, you help them up. The meaning of dreams coming true is even if you lose, just being there should be an honor.

Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I think the Olympic Spirit is that you don't give up and try your best. That's always the key to winning. If you don't win, be a good sport and don't let it ruin your life. Try another year! The Olympic Spirit is just to be a good sport and don't give up on the sport.

Peyton, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The Spirit of the Olympics might have a lot of different meanings. It could mean or represent the goals that will be achieved and the spirit that symbolizes the ordeal and the learning process of it all. It's when one witnesses the talent and grace of the athletes, and then learn the milestones of each. The milestones are the struggles and the triumphs, and discipline and achievement(s). But, when they have the races and competitions and you see the smiles on their faces after the events - then that's the spirit each one carries with them.

Rayne, Homeschool

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# 2018 Winter Olympics

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ALPINE SKIING

February 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 OPENING CEREMONIES	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 CLOSING CEREMONIES	26	27	28			

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Fill in the missing words.

ATHLETES GAMES  
 ANIMAL COURAGE

## Meet the Mascots

Soohorang is the mascot of the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang 2018. Soohorang is a white tiger, which is considered Korea's guardian.

In Korean, *Soo* means protection. This part of the name was chosen to show that the \_\_\_\_\_ will offer protection to the athletes, spectators and other participants in the 2018 Games. *Rang* comes from the middle letter of *Ho-rang-i*, the Korean word for tiger.

## The Paralympic Games

**Bandabi** is the mascot of the Winter Paralympic Games. It is an Asiatic black bear. The bear is a symbol of strong will and \_\_\_\_\_ in Korea.

**Banda** means *half-moon*, which is the shape of the white mark on the bear's chest and **bi** means to celebrate the Games.

The Winter Paralympic Games is an international sporting event where \_\_\_\_\_ with physical disabilities compete. The Winter Paralympic Games are held every four years directly following the Winter Olympic Games.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.



## Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages. A pictogram, a picture symbol, will be used at the Games to help people all over the world understand what is happening.

Can you read these pictograms? Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the sport it represents.



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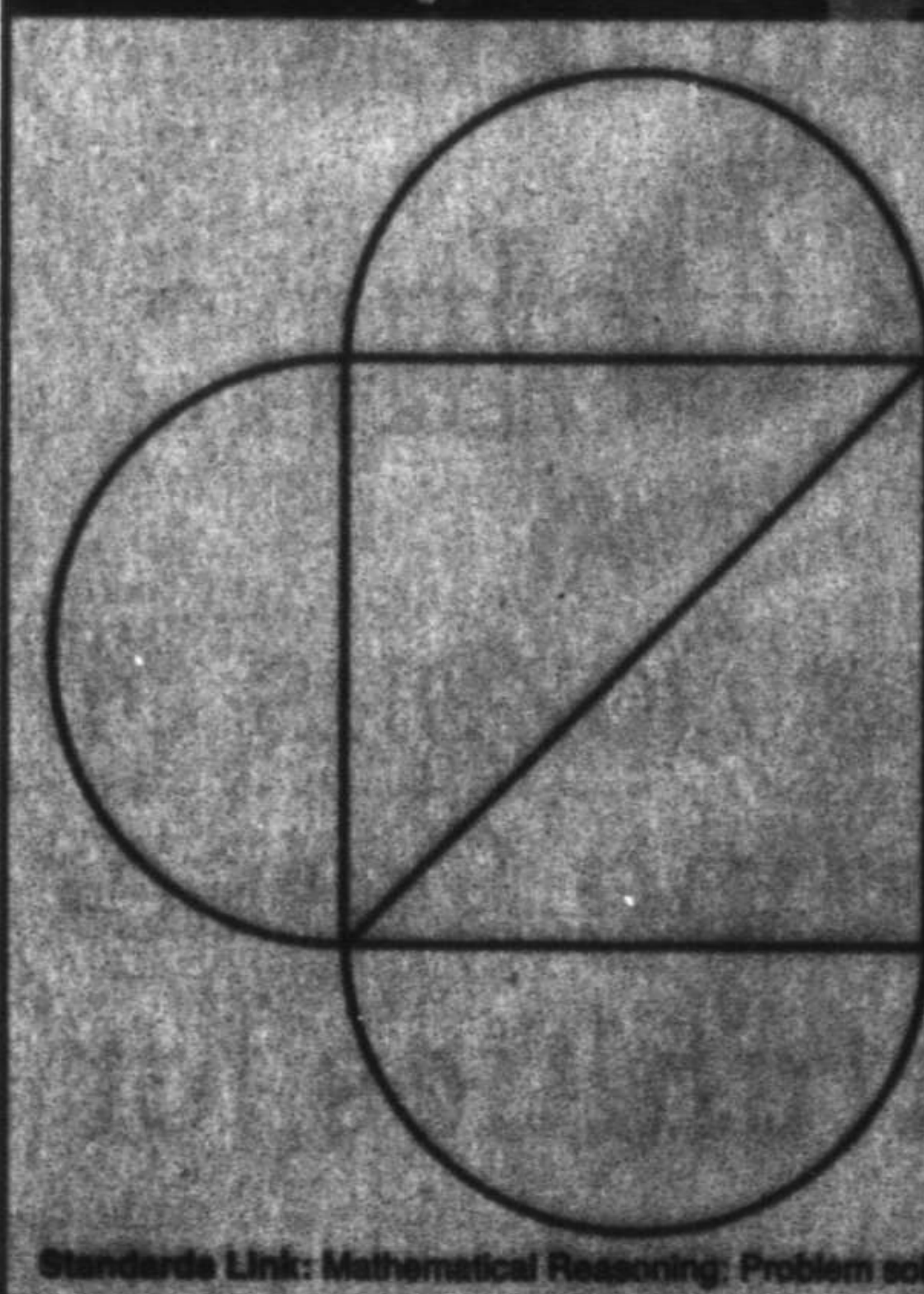
27 - 3 = LUGE  
 31 - 5 = SNOWBOARDING  
 37 - 9 = SKI JUMPING

29 - 8 = CURLING  
 39 - 10 = ICE HOCKEY

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**Extra! Extra!**  
**SYMBOL SEARCH**  
 Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.  
 Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler



Can you trace the lines of the skater's path without going back along any lines? Score yourself and have a friend try.  
 Under 2 minutes: 10 POINTS  
 Over 2 minutes: 5 POINTS

Your score:

Friend's score:



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Problem solving

## Kid Scoop Word Search

SOOHORANG  
 ATHLETES  
 SYMBOL  
 WORLD  
 GAMES  
 BANDABI  
 WINTER  
 SKATING  
 HOCKEY  
 LUGE  
 BOBSLED  
 SKI  
 ICE  
 NAME  
 FOUR  
 SPEED

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

F	B	O	B	S	L	E	D	L	S
O	S	E	M	A	G	T	U	W	O
U	K	Y	L	K	O	G	T	B	O
R	A	I	M	Y	E	K	C	O	H
E	T	K	W	B	E	M	A	N	O
T	I	S	J	W	O	R	L	D	R
N	N	S	E	T	E	L	H	T	A
I	G	C	S	P	E	E	D	K	N
W	I	B	A	N	D	A	B	I	G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Stim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Sports and Symbols

Sports team names and mascots give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey with its name.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why was Cinderella a bad figure skater?

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