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PBBOR: Housing supply drops in December

By Stewart Doreen
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The number of homes on the market inside Midland County in December dropped to 239 — the lowest number going back to May 2013, according to statistics provided by the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

As veteran Realtor Victoria Printz told the Reporter-Telegram this week, "it is an amazing time to sell."

The numbers from the PBBOR back up Printz's comments. The average price for a home sold was \$298,426 — an increase of more than \$17,000 compared to December 2016. The average number of days a home stayed on the market fell to 40,

down from 62 in December 2016. Lastly, the number of homes sold (202) was more than 20 percent higher than 12 months earlier (165).

December marked the eighth month in the last 10 that more than 200 homes were sold. Between 2012 and 2016, 200 homes were sold in a month only five times.

Supply appears to be the big issue. The

Texas A&M Real Estate Center reports 1.4 months of inventory (compared to 3.3 months in December of 2016). The number of active listings is down 44.3 percent compared to 12 months earlier, and the median price has increased 7.4 percent compared to December 2016.

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COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF



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Midlanders talk with Midland Police Department's new Police Chief, Steve Henry on Thursday during a meet-and-greet at Rosa's.

Panel highlights affordable housing resources

By Simone Jasper
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With figures showing that the median price of houses sold and rents in the area jumped over the past year, affordable housing took center stage at a panel discussion Thursday.

Local representatives gathered at the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center to share information about local resources and address questions about housing options. Some inquiries related to opportunities for turning vacant land in the area into affordable housing sites.

David Diaz, executive director of the Midland Community Development Corp., said that, like housing, pricing for vacant lots has increased. He said that makes them out of reach for affordable housing.

"The people who do own them wind up selling to for-profit builders that are coming in and building \$200,000-plus homes on those vacant lots," he said.

Midland rents increased nearly 28 percent year over year, according to the January 2018 report from Apartment List.

The median price of homes sold in Midland County last month was \$261,500, according to Permian Basin Board of Realtors. That figure is an increase from a median price of \$237,500 the previous December.

Also, the number of total homes on the market last month was 239, a drop from 481 in December 2016, according to the figures.

"The less of the supply that there is, the higher the demand," Diaz said after the event. "Therefore it creates a high price on whatever inventory is available. It's a problem because so long as there's not a sufficient inventory, the prices that are being asked for these houses continue to gradually go up."

Diaz was one of four members of Thursday's League of Women Voters panel. Other participants included: Al-ynda Best, executive director of Midland Habitat for Humanity; Jeanette Castaneda, director of Midland County Housing Authority; and Isaac Garnett, community development manager for the City of Midland.

Pat Stanley with LWV hoped people would walk away with knowledge about the resources in the community.

"The college is such an opportunity for us to get the word out," she said. "To me, that's the most important part."

In the Cogdell building, the Business and Economic Development Center offers credit counseling and homebuyer education. Alfredo Chaparro, the center's director, served as the panel moderator.

"As one individual, because of my work in this building, I would say not

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AAA Texas: Midland average of \$2.50 a gallon is most expensive in state

By Stewart Doreen
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The average price of gasoline is Midland is higher, and so is the number of consecutive weeks Midland has reported the most expensive gasoline in the state.

The average price per gallon for gas in Midland rose a couple of pennies to \$2.50 a gallon, according to AAA Texas. This means the most expensive of those communities the association surveys could be found in Midland for the eighth straight week.

The average price of gas in Midland was 17 cents higher than the average price statewide (\$2.33) and 6 cents lower than the average price nationwide (\$2.56). AAA Texas reports the average price statewide increased by 5 cents.

Compared to Odessa and other larger cities across West Texas, Midland again is higher and in some cases not just by a few pennies. The cheapest gas in Midland (\$2.33 per gallon) could be found at Sam's Club at State Highway 191 and Loop 250, according to the

Gas by the numbers

Cheapest gas: \$2.33 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Trade Winds)
 Cheapest gas (non-membership store): \$2.36 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway and Loop 250; Texaco, Wadley Avenue and Midway Road; H-E-B, Wadley/Midway)
 Most expensive: \$2.64
 Most common price: \$2.45, \$2.49
 Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock \$2.12, San Angelo \$2.15, Abilene \$2.25, Odessa \$2.28, Midland \$2.33

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$2.455	\$2.312
Last week	\$2.442	\$2.287
Last month	\$2.457	\$2.188
Last year	\$2.151	\$2.106

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

website TexasGasPrices.com. That price was higher than the cheapest prices in Lubbock (\$2.12), San Angelo (\$2.15), Abilene (\$2.25) and Odessa (\$2.28).

TexasGasPrices.com also reports that AAA Texas' average for Midland was more than a quarter higher than

Lubbock's average (\$2.24). The website also indicates that the 11 cheapest places to buy gas in Midland and Odessa could be found in Odessa, and the neighbor to the west was home to 14 of the cheapest 15 locations in both cities.

Midland's higher prices also appear to factor into why the average price of gas in Midland and Odessa increased by a penny this week to \$2.455 a gallon. Last week, the most expensive gas in Midland was \$2.49 per gallon. This week, there are at least 18 locations with gas higher than \$2.50 a gallon and two higher than \$2.60 a gallon.

TexasGasPrices.com reports the average price of gas in Midland-Odessa is more than 14 cents higher than the average across the state. Last year, that spread was less than 5 cents, according to the website.

AAA Texas reports San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average \$2.23 per gallon and that the current average retail gasoline price in Texas is 22 cents higher than a year ago.

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Supercilious

[soo-per-sil -ee-uh s] adjective 1. haughtily disdainful or contemptuous, as a person or a facial expression.



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Family Science Night



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Chevron's Holt Stephens demonstrates a Van de Graaff generator Thursday evening at the Petroleum Museum's Family Science Night, "Forces of Nature."

- Things to do
Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), 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., 4305 N. County Road 1140, oldminersmaze.com.
Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.
Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.
'Mamma Mia' opens the new season at Midland Community Theatre, 7:30 p.m., MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.
Kenna Danielle, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

Fire Department launches Explorer Program

The Midland Fire Department is launching a program for youth ages 16-20, who are interested in a career in fire-fighting. Young men and women who enroll in the department's Explorer Program will learn aspects of fire-fighting, emergency medicine, and paramedic during evening and weekend training sessions.

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Forecast for Friday, January 26, 2018

Weather forecast including temperatures, precipitation, and wind speeds for various locations like Amarillo, Midland, and Dallas.

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Pick 3 evening: 9-1-9
Pick 3 night: 4-9-8
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Daily 4 day: 4-3-3-8
Daily 4 evening: 6-6-9-8
Daily 4 night: 8-3-5-5
Cash Five: 4-11-14-18-28
Triple Chance: 4-12-17-22-30-31-39-40-46-49

Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High: 59
Low: 29
Normal high: 58
Normal low: 31
Jan. 25's records
Record high: 83 set in 1952
Record low: 13 set in 1940
Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.01 in.
Year total: 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date): 0.42 in.
Winds
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Students embrace Wednesday following a prayer vigil at Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah, Ky. The gathering was held for the victims of the Marshall County High School shooting Tuesday.

Kentucky shooting suspect ordered held in juvenile court

By Robert Ray and Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. — The 15-year-old accused in a school shooting that killed two students and left 18 others bleeding and broken appeared Thursday before a juvenile court judge who found probable cause to detain him on preliminary charges of murder and assault.

Assistant Marshall County Attorney Jason Darnall said he can't comment on what happens inside juvenile court, where the teenager's identity and details of the crime remain cloaked in secrecy. But he reiterated that the state

wants to try the teenager as an adult.

Meanwhile, authorities are gathering evidence for a grand jury, hoping to discover why he fired into a crowd of his classmates, all 14 to 18 years old, as they waited for the morning bell inside Marshall County High School on Tuesday.

The aftermath has been overwhelming in a community where practically everyone knows each other — Benton, the nearest town, has about 4,300 residents, and the entire county has just 31,000 people or so.

The county's elementary and middle schools reopened Thursday in an effort to "get back to

normalcy," after Superintendent Trent Lovett invited parents to come along with their younger children, to help manage their grief.

But the high school — still a crime scene — remained closed and Lovett had no word Wednesday on when classes there might resume.

Two more patients were released from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, spokeswoman Kristin Smart said Thursday. Two male patients are still being treated at the hospital — one who is in critical but stable condition and the other who is in stable condition, Smart said.

Until authorities know why the shooter opened fire, they can't yet add charges of attempted murder to the two murder charges he faces, even though more than a dozen other students suffered bullet wounds, Darnall said Wednesday, stressing that first-degree assault carries the same penalty.

"Attempted murder is an offense which takes into account motive and specific intent," Darnall said. Assault simply requires a "serious physical injury by means of a dangerous instrument. So as of right now, we believe that the better case is an assault first charge as opposed to attempted murder."

Trump plan offers citizenship path to 1.8 million immigrants

By Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is proposing a plan that provides a path to citizenship for 1.8 million of the so-called "Dreamer" immigrants, tighter restrictions on legal immigration and \$25 billion in border security, the White House said, putting forward an outline likely to find resistance from some of Trump's conservative allies and deep opposition from immigration activists.

Senior White House officials offered a preview of Trump's immigration framework Thursday, casting it as a compromise that could pass the Senate. The proposal represents a reversal for the president, who once promised to eliminate an Obama-era program protecting immigrants brought to the U.S. as children and now in the country illegally. He later urged lawmakers to extend the program, but maintained he was not considering citizenship.

The Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program currently covers roughly 690,000 of those younger immigrants — about half the number who qualify for the program, according to independent estimates. Trump's plan would expand this further by adjusting some of the requirements, officials said, but they would not offer specific details. It would not allow parents of those immigrants to seek lawful status, the officials said.

On Wednesday, Trump said he was open to a pathway to citizenship for the younger immigrants. "We're going to morph into it," Trump told reporters. "It's going to happen, at some point in the future, over a period of 10 to 12 years."

Recipients could have their legal status revoked due to criminal behavior or national security threats, the officials said, and eventual citizenship would require still-unspecified work and education requirements — and a finding that the immigrants are of "good moral character."

Trump ended the DACA program in September, setting a March 5 deadline for Congress to provide legal protections or the program's recipients would once again be subject to deportation. The officials said Trump would only sign legislation providing those protections if the other immigration changes he is proposing are implemented.

Trump's plan would only allow immigrants to sponsor their spouses and underage children to join them in the U.S., doing away with provisions allowing parents, adult siblings and others to enter the country. The officials

said it would only end new applications for visas, allowing those already in the pipeline to be processed.

It would also end the diversity visa lottery program, which drew Trump's attention after the New York City truck attack last year, redirecting the allotment annually to bringing down the existing backlog in visa applications.

The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the plan before its release.

Trump had previously ruled out the idea of citizenship for the Dreamers, saying in September: "We're not looking at citizenship. We're not looking at amnesty. We're looking at allowing people to stay here."

Trump earlier this month had deferred to a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers to craft an immigration proposal, saying he would sign whatever they passed. But as talks on Capitol Hill broke down — in part because of controversy Trump gained up using vulgar language to describe other countries — the White House decided to offer its own framework.

The release follows on concerns raised by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that the president had not sufficiently laid out his priorities. One official said the Thursday release represents a plan for the Senate, with the administration expecting a different bill to pass the House.

The nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute said it believes the largest share of the White House's 1.8 million people who'd be eligible for citizenship — 1.3 million — are people who currently meet all of DACA's eligibility requirements. These include years in the U.S., their ages now and when they entered this country, and whether they have a high school or equivalent education.

Another 400,000 are people who'd be eligible for DACA protection but for their education. And 100,000 more are people who are under age 15 — the minimum age allowed for most people requesting protection under the program.

Moderate Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., said he was "very encouraged" by Trump's surprising words, which the president made late Wednesday in impromptu comments to reporters.

But a spokesman for House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., blasted the plan as part of a "hateful anti-immigrant agenda."

Drew Hammill accused White House aide Stephen Miller, a staunch opponent of illegal immigration, of "trying to ransom the lives of innocent DREAMers for a \$25 billion anti-immigrant wish list."

"The White House strategy of moving the goal posts every time the President isn't paying attention continues to complicate this process," he said in a statement.

On the Republican side, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., thanked the president and his administration.

"I am hopeful that as discussions continue in the Senate on the subject of immigration, Members on both sides of the aisle will look to this framework for guidance as they work towards an agreement," he said in a statement.

Doug Andres, a spokesman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, echoed the sentiment saying: "We're grateful for the president showing leadership on this issue and believe his ideas will help us ultimately reach a balanced solution."

Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford said he supports the citizenship pathway Trump described. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., called Trump's words "positive" and said Trump's description "gives us a better sense" of his views, but added, "We have a long way to go yet."

But some of Congress' more conservative members seemed unwilling to open the citizenship door for the Dreamers.

"DACA itself didn't have a pathway to citizenship," said Sen. Ted Cruz, who battled Trump in 2016 for the GOP presidential nomination. "So I think it would be a profound mistake and not consistent with the promises we made to the voters to enact a pathway to citizenship to DACA recipients or to others who are here illegally."

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said he supports a more conservative, more sweeping immigration bill proposed by House members, including House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., which has won strong support from House conservatives. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., has promised to push for support for that measure.

Meanwhile, immigration activists blasted the plan. Lorella Praelli, with the American Civil Liberties Union, called it "a hateful, xenophobic immigration proposal that would slash legal immigration to levels not seen since the racial quotas of the 1920s, eliminate legal immigration channels for African countries, and spend \$25 billion for a harmful, wasteful border wall and an increase in Border Patrol and ICE agents."

"The White House proposal is clearly an effort to sabotage bipartisan talks on the issue by continuing to put issues on the table that are non-starters," she said.

Gymnasts' parents say they'll 'never get rid of the guilt'

By David Eggert and Tammy Webber
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Some parents thought they were misinterpreting the doctor's techniques. Others assumed their children were lying or mistaken.

But as more details emerged, the mothers and fathers had to face an awful truth: A renowned sports doctor had molested their daughters.

These parents, many fighting back tears, confronted Larry Nassar during his long sentencing hearing, lamenting their deep feelings of guilt and wondering how they could have missed the abuse that sometimes happened when they were in the same room.

"I willingly took my most precious gift in this world to you, and you hurt her, physically, mentally and emotionally. And she was only 8," Anne Swinehart told Nassar. "I will never get rid of the guilt that I have about this experience."

Many of the young athletes had come to Nassar seeking help with gymnastics injuries. He was sentenced Wednesday to up to 175 years in prison after admitting sexually assaulting patients under the guise of medical treatment while employed by Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, which also trains Olympians.

He counted on his charm and reputation to deflect any questions. He was so brazen that he sometimes molested patients in front of their parents, shielding the young girls with his body or a sheet. His clinic on the university campus was decorated with signed photos of Olympic stars, bolstering his credentials to star-struck athletes and their families.

Parents who voiced concern say Nassar dismissed their questions. The mother of one 12-year-old victim said she questioned Nassar about not wearing gloves and he "answered in a way that made me feel stupid for asking."

"I told myself, 'He's an Olympic doctor, be quiet,'" the woman said. "The guilt that I feel, and that my husband feels, that we could not protect our child, is crippling."

Some victims said they were so young that they did not understand they had been abused until they were adults, so did not tell anyone.

What's more, coaches told the parents that Nassar was the best and could help their daughters achieve their dreams.

Paul DerOhannesian, a former prosecutor in New York who has written a book on sexual assault trials, said abusers in positions of authority often hold "tremendous power" over both children and parents. Some parents also fear what will happen to their child if they report abuse, and children often have difficulty talking to parents about anything sexual.

"It shouldn't turn into a situation where we blame parents," DerOhannesian said.

But even when Nassar's abuse was reported to coaches and law enforcement authorities, many of them did not believe Nassar had done anything wrong, causing many parents and

girls to second-guess themselves.

Donna Markham recounted how her then-12-year-old daughter Chelsey began sobbing in the car as they were headed home after a session with Nassar.

Her daughter said, "Mom, he put his fingers in me and they weren't gloved," then begged her mother not to confront Nassar, fearing it would derail her gymnastics career.

The next day, Donna Markham told her daughter's coach, who did not believe it. Markham said she also asked other mothers if their daughters had mentioned inappropriate touching by Nassar. "They gave me a look like, 'You're lying to me,'" she told the judge, choking back tears.

Chelsey Markham quit gymnastics not long afterward and entered a "path of destruction" and self-loathing and eventually killed herself.

"It all started with him," Markham told the judge. "It has destroyed our family. We went to be so close. ... I used through four years of intense therapy trying to deal with all this, until I could finally accept the fact that this was not my fault."

Some parents did not believe their daughters at first, finding it incomprehensible that the man they trusted could have done anything wrong.

Kyle Stephens, whose family was close with Nassar's, said he repeatedly abused her from age 6 to 12 during family visits to his home near Lansing, Michigan. But her parents did not believe her when she finally told them and made her apologize to Nassar.

Years later, her father realized she was telling the truth, and she blamed his 2016 suicide partly on the guilt he felt.

"Perhaps you have figured it out by now, but little girls don't stay little forever," Stephens told Nassar. "They grow into strong women that return to destroy your world."

Dancer Olivia Venuto, who said Nassar abused her from 2006, when she was 12, until 2013, said her parents did not believe her at first and sent Nassar messages of support after a 2016 Indianapolis Star investigation revealed the abuse.

Swinehart said that when her 15-year-old daughter, Jillian, told her she had been abused, "I tried to believe that there was some medical necessity for this treatment," she said. "The alternative was just too horrific, to think that I had let this happen to my child when I was sitting right there."

Police in Michigan investigated Nassar twice. One inquiry from 2004 concluded that his actions were medically appropriate. Another investigation in 2014 and 2015 did not result in charges.

Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, who sentenced Nassar, told parents not to feel guilty. "The red flags may have been there, but they were designed to be hidden," she said.

Swinehart said other people can't know how they would have reacted in the same situation.

"Quit shaming and blaming the parents," she said. "Trust me, you would not have known. And you would not have done anything differently."



Krista Wakeman, right, comforts her mother Monday after Krista addressed Larry Nassar during the fifth day of victim impact statements against Nassar in Lansing, Mich.

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President Donald Trump meets with British Prime Minister Theresa May on Thursday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Even Vucel/Associated Press

Trump in Davos: threatens Palestinians, reassures Brits

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — President Donald Trump barreled into a global summit in the Swiss Alps on Thursday, threatening to stop U.S. aid to the Palestinians and dismissing as a “false rumor” the idea that there are tensions in the U.S. relationship with Britain.

Trump’s debut appearance at the glitzy World Economic Forum was hotly anticipated, with longtime attendees of the free-trade-focused event wondering how the “America First” president would fit in. Crowds clustered around Trump as he entered the modern conference hall, the president telling passers-by that he was bringing a message of “peace and prosperity.”

Trump framed his visit as a sign of positive things happening for the U.S. economy.

“When I decided to come to Davos, I didn’t think in terms of elitist or globalist, I thought in terms of lots of people that want to invest lots of money, and they’re all coming back to the United States; they’re coming back to America,” the president told CNBC.

His meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a close ally, was their first since the president announced earlier this month that he would recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and move the U.S. embassy there. The declaration delighted Netanyahu and outraged Palestinians, who declared a new U.S.-led peace push dead and refused to meet with Vice President Mike Pence during his recent visit to the Mideast.

Trump took that as an affront. “They disrespected us a week ago by not allowing our great vice president to see them, and we give them hundred of millions of dollars in aid and support,” Trump said. “That money is not going to them unless they sit down and negotiate peace.”

Netanyahu was effusive in his praise for Trump, saying the president’s recent announcement on Jerusalem was a “historic decision that will be forever etched in the hearts of our people.” The Palestinians, in turn, said Trump’s “language of dictation is unacceptable,” in the words of spokesman Nabil Abu Rdeineh.

Past American presidents have

expressed irritation with the Palestinian leadership but no previous administration has threatened to cut off assistance to the Palestinians unless they agreed to negotiate with Israel.

Washington has contributed over \$5 billion in economic and security aid to the Palestinians since the mid-1990s. Annual economic aid since 2008 has averaged around \$400 million, much of it devoted to development projects. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said all bilateral assistance to the Palestinians, including economic security aid, is at risk if the Palestinians don’t come to the negotiating table.

Trump, who has called an agreement to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the “ultimate deal,” said Thursday that he had taken Jerusalem — one of the thorniest issues — “off the table,” although U.S. officials have stressed repeatedly that the decision has no impact on negotiations over the borders or sovereignty of the holy city. Trump told Netanyahu that Israel had “won” on the matter but would have to make concessions to the Palestinians in any eventual talks.

Trump met separately with British Prime Minister Theresa May, batting away the idea that their relationship is strained after he canceled a recent visit to London and May criticized him for retweeting a U.K. far-right group’s anti-Muslim videos.

Trump declared it a “really great relationship.” May described it as a “really special relationship.”

But their meeting was more muted than Trump’s session with Netanyahu and they did not respond to shouted questions about the videos.

After the meeting, May’s office said the two leaders “concluded by asking officials to work together on finalizing the details of a visit by the President to the UK later this year.” White House officials said the visit would be a “working visit,” featuring less pomp than a full state visit. They said plans for an official state visit would come later.

Absent from the Davos scene: first lady Melania Trump. She was originally scheduled to attend the forum but later scrapped that plan, citing scheduling and logistics problems. The reversal came after reports emerged of an adult film star’s account of an alleged

affair with Donald Trump in 2006.

Trump is the first sitting president to attend Davos since Bill Clinton in 2000. The protectionist-leaning president’s last-minute decision to attend the annual gathering for political and business elites was unexpected. Trump has criticized global pacts, withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on trade, demanding changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement and announcing his intent to exit the Paris climate accord.

But he drew enthusiastic praise for his tax-cut law at a dinner that he hosted Thursday for more than a dozen business executives from Nokia, Adidas, SAP and other companies, with the business leaders praising his tax plan and pledging to invest more in the United States before their tuckered into their beef tenderloin.

Trump called the assembled executives, all male, “some of the greatest business leaders in the world,” before asking them to go around the table and talk about how their businesses are doing in the U.S.

While the businesses praised Trump, another Davos takeaway was that, without Trump’s participation, other countries are still moving forward with trade deals.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revealed at Davos this week that his country and the 10 remaining members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership have revised their trade deal following the U.S. withdrawal.

Trump said in an interview with CNBC that he would consider re-entering the TPP if it was a “better deal” for the U.S.

“The deal was terrible, the way it was structured was terrible,” he said.

Top Trump officials this week insisted that “America First” did not mean “America alone.” Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the philosophy simply means that “President Trump is looking out for American workers and American interests, no different than he expects other leaders would look out for their own.”

Other administration officials had a clear message for critics.

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao said Davos “should feel very flattered” by Trump’s attendance. She added: “Those that don’t want to listen, you can — they can — leave.”

Potholes ahead for Trump’s upcoming public works proposal

By Zeke Miller and Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will soon release its long-anticipated public works plan, trying to fulfill a campaign pledge but set to fall short of some ambitious goals.

As a candidate, Donald Trump promised to generate at least \$1 trillion in infrastructure spending. As president, he is relying on state and local governments to pony up a significant share of the total.

Trump told mayors at the White House this week that he would present his proposal after Tuesday’s State of the Union address.

“We’re also working to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure by stimulating a \$1 trillion investment, and that’ll actually probably end up being about \$1.7 trillion,” Trump said.

Officials said Washington’s commitment will be far smaller — and the benefits contingent in large part on state and local support.

The administration’s plan calls for \$200 billion in federal spending over 10 years, according to a six-page summary reviewed by The Associated Press.

The summary, widely and unofficially disseminated in the capital, is a snapshot of the administration’s thinking. While details may change, the broad outlines are expected to remain the same, according to officials familiar with the document. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the internal document.

Half the money would go to grants for transportation, water, flood control, cleanup at some of the country’s most polluted sites and other projects.

States, local governments and other project sponsors could use the grants for no more than 20 percent of the cost. That’s consistent with comments from administration officials that they want to use federal dollars as incentives, and that most of rest of the money would come from other sources.

The summary also includes \$14 billion over 10 years for current programs that use taxpayer money to attract private investment or lower financing costs.

White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said Trump and his team “are ready to work with Congress to move legislation forward quickly. America shouldn’t have to wait any longer for better infrastructure.”

Congress, however, is already bogged down on immigration and the budget, so

the prospects seem slim for approving major new spending before the November elections.

One uncertainty is whether project sponsors could combine grant money with other federal sources such as highway and transit aid programs.

Transit agencies generally count on the federal government for half the cost of major construction projects, and federal dollars can make up as much as 80 percent of some highway projects.

One of the largest projects is the New York-New Jersey Gateway program, which includes building a \$13 billion rail tunnel under the Hudson River. The states want Washington to pay half, but they are getting the cold shoulder from the Transportation Department.

Public works spending was seen as a potential area of bipartisan compromise when Trump took office. But first came efforts to repeal the Obama-era health plan and overhaul taxes.

One-quarter of the expected total, \$50 billion, would go toward rural projects — transportation, broadband, water, waste, power, flood management and ports. That is intended to address criticism from some Republican senators that the administration’s initial emphasis on public-private partnerships would do little to help rural, GOP-leaning states.

Under such financing ventures, private investors generally put up much of the construction costs in exchange for a share of revenue after the project is completed. Toll roads are the most common example.

But rural areas usually don’t generate enough traffic to make toll roads or other public work projects profitable.

Past attempts to designate infrastructure dollars in ways that favor either rural or urban areas have often prompted political fights.

The administration is not saying where it expects to find the \$20 billion a year to pay for the plan, beyond unspecified budget cuts.

The new budget proposal, due next month, is expected to mirror the blueprint from last year, when the new administration proposed cutting billions from programs that benefit state and local government services, particularly urban centers.

Local officials say those shortfalls would make it more difficult to come up with the infrastructure spending Trump is counting on. The plan also is silent on what the administration would do about the Highway Trust Fund, which finances most highway and transit projects. It is forecast to go broke in 2021.

Oprah: ‘I don’t have the DNA’ for a presidential bid

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Before her iconic Golden Globes speech sparked a new presidential push on social media, Oprah Winfrey declared that she’s not interested in a White House bid.

The billionaire media mogul says in a newly published interview that she’s aware of the clamoring among Democrats and liberals looking to counter President Donald Trump, a wealthy real estate titan who parlayed his reality TV career into the presidency.

“I’ve always felt very secure and confident with myself in knowing what I could do and what I could not,” Winfrey told *InStyle* magazine. “And so it’s not something that interests me. I don’t have the DNA for it.”

The 63-year-old Winfrey is among the wealthiest businesswomen in the country and is one of the world’s most recognizable black women, perhaps exceeded only by former first lady Michelle Obama.

The interview is the cover story for *InStyle*’s March edition, which features a smiling Winfrey along with the headline: “Hello, Madam President?”

Winfrey’s comments

came several weeks before her Jan. 7 acceptance of a lifetime achievement award at the Golden Globes. She drew widespread acclaim

for her remarks on overcoming racism and her praise of women speaking out against pervasive sexual harassment across multiple

industries. The speech spawned the Twitter hashtag #oprah2020, which trended for several days afterward.

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Maybe Trump has a new message for Davos

Delivering the message Davos needs would contribute to Trump's claim of legitimacy as an effective leader on the world stage

When President Donald Trump touches down in Switzerland to attend the World Economic Forum, he will be surrounded by many of the world's financial and political elite — many of whom have expressed disdain toward him personally and his "America First" agenda.

But now Trump has a choice to make. He can present himself as narcissistic, needy and always desperate for adulation, or he can make a compelling case for his presidency before an audience of some consequence. With a year under his belt, Trump now has something of a credible agenda. He can invite these world leaders to join him in a quest for economic growth, secure borders and fighting Islamist extremism.

Writing in The Washington Post, Niall Ferguson offers several insightful points as to why conventional thinking may be

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wrong and why Davos may ultimately accept Donald Trump. "The real issue," Ferguson notes, "is the message Trump chooses to communicate to a global business elite that has an embarrassing little secret they would rather not say too much about: They may hate his tweets and his politically incorrect rhetoric, but they have spent the past year loving his economic policy to bits."

Well said. Unlike President Barack Obama, who only saw the economic elite as just another group he could lecture, Trump truly believes in the role these individuals — and the businesses they run — play in promoting prosperity and generating wealth.

As I wrote last week, the World Economic Forum is a fine institution that does a global good. But in recent years, it has drifted to the left and accommodated tiresome, politically correct social issues and jargon that don't really have much to do with creating prosperity. As individuals, many of those in attendance secretly cheer Trump. However, as a group, Davos Man attendees (think Burning Man for the global elite) have moved left of center and rarely acknowledge the power of profits.

Trump could ratchet the Davos crowd back to their economic roots, which would serve everyone well. And as commander in chief of the world's most powerful fighting force, Trump can offer leadership on issues that haven't exactly been fashionable at Davos — think secure borders and fighting Islamist terrorism. With a message of the power of profit, secure borders and battling Islamist extremists, Trump may not be delivering the messages Davos is used to, but he may be delivering the messages Davos needs.

It remains to be seen whether Trump has the foresight and discipline to pull this off.

But doing so would contribute to Trump's claim of legitimacy as an effective leader on the world stage. Now, in particular, Davos has become so focused on fringe issues that attendees have forgotten about the basics. Everybody needs freedom, prosperity and security. Get that right, and people will build their own lives. Get it wrong, and we will have conflict, poverty and oppression. The international community needs to hear Trump's call to prosperity via pro-growth policies, secure borders and combating Islamist extremism.

Trump has had opportunities to prove himself before. But those opportunities have been overshadowed by forced errors and an ego in need of constant attention and approval. Davos presents Trump with the exact platform he needs to build credibility on the world stage.

Trump can either invite the world to join him in creating economic growth, securing borders and combating Islamist extremism or, in a tirade of manic non sequiturs and insults, he can turn away an audience that already doubts his competence and potential. The choice is his.

OUR VIEW

State of Oil and Gas event was everything it needed to be

Laurels

Midland Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber's State of Oil and Gas event was the best "State of ..." yet. The panel — Tim Dove, president and chief executive officer of Pioneer Natural Resources; Jody Elliott, president of Oxy Oil & Gas-Domestic; and Travis Stice, chief executive officer and director of Diamondback Energy — provided information the Midland business community needs to know. And the moderator — Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources — asked questions that were relevant now and in the future. We will talk about it more in an upcoming view, but a "thank you" goes out to all four men for talking about what the current and future state of the oil industry means to Midland going forward. We were hoping to hear this topic addressed, and the four came through.

For student leadership: We congratulate Midland ISD and Midland College for coming together to provide as many as 30 top-performing high school juniors in Midland County as part of the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute program. Kudos also go out to County Judge Mike Bradford for his help in bringing the program to Midland and the Henry Foundation for partial funding of the program.

The program's curriculum is designed around Franks' four stars of leadership: character, common vision, communication and caring. Students will have the opportunity to engage with Franks and Midland leaders and compete for scholarships. Rebecca Bell with MC said the winner will be able to attend the national Four Star Leadership program hosted by Franks in July in Edmond, Oklahoma.

For more information on the program, to nominate a student or to apply, call 580-726-5900 or visit www.midlandisd.net/midlandyoungleaders.

For Midland PD: We want to say thank you to the police department for its work with the newspaper on getting information out this past week on stories that don't necessarily reflect well on the department. We credit the new police chief, Steve Henry, for coming out early and saying that our community's police officers will live up to the responsibility of protecting the public. Sadly, what we have seen in the past 18 months has provided evidence that new leadership was needed at MPD. Henry is making himself visible and setting the bar high for himself and the men and women of the force.

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Dems show their worst on immigration

If the Republican senators don't get together to give immigration reform a try and lose the midterm elections, watch and see what the Democrats do

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To hell with America, to hell with the public, to hell with the economy or the military or federal workers, said the Democrats as they shut down government. There was no excuse. They said it was about saving the Dreamers, even though there were six weeks before the current program's protections would elapse.

Then came another piece of flapdoodle. If the Republicans controlled the House, the Senate and the presidency, the shutdown was their fault, some Democrats pronounced with self-righteousness, failing to hide the non-sequitur. That argument is like saying, if you're the manager of a building and a burglar steals stuff, you are the burglar.

Yes, the Democrats did finally agree to postpone their coercive buffoonery until Feb. 8, although Americans once more had their confidence and trust in government rattled, no small deal. A shutdown, after all, makes governmental inefficiency more inefficient and, while governmental essentials are supposedly protected, they are in fact at risk in various ways over time.

Meantime, we do not know for sure what happens next, even though the Republicans seem mostly willing to legalize the Dreamers. What is also needed are security measures that make a genuine difference and can pass for a wall. Democrats once seemed headed in that direction, but now maybe not, and we therefore arrive at still another matter: a merit system for immigrants.

The current system of family ties being the main factor is bosh, and let's understand that getting rid of it is not somehow being inhumane. People who have gained skills and can easily assimilate and further our high-tech economy are still human and may themselves have suffered misery in their home countries.

You want diversity? Then end a system that has mostly favored one nation over all others. Give everyone an equal chance. Focusing on the individual is not just a way to help America. It is also just.

None of this is to say that unskilled workers are not needed. We do need them, but not in the numbers now pouring in and increasing governmental costs exceeding their economic contributions. Their presence can benefit companies specializing

in low wages while doing little for companies looking in vain to find people with the skills they require.

The DACA recipients who could soon be on a road to citizenship would probably pass most of the merit tests, but understand, too, that there are also some 4 million parents of the Dreamers that Democrats want to legalize.

The Democrats, at least as far as we now know, really do not like the merit idea except in small doses that could cure a cold, maybe, but not so major an issue as we now face. There are those who think they are looking for votes through their proposed immigration policies, not what's good for the country. Hey, I would never say that. But even if I did, it would be a whole lot less vicious than those who consider it racism to want to move away from the system we now have.

One more matter — this business of needing 60 senators' permission to take up even a bill to keep the government running, what's known as the filibuster. It is not. A filibuster is a senator talking on and on to stop other measures and gain attention until unable to go any longer. Let's get back to that.

I happen to think we need a liberal and a conservative party to stand in the way of the excesses possible in either direction, and I think compromise a good thing. But our system is now so dysfunctional I think the old system would be preferable. If the Republican senators don't get together to give it a try and lose the midterm elections, watch and see what the Democrats do.

And, by the way, Trump once said he was for mass deportation of all illegal immigrants, but then said more than once that, if he could deport those who were criminal, get strong security safeguards in place and fix the legal system, he would be ready to look at another answer. Legalization, maybe? Something to think about.

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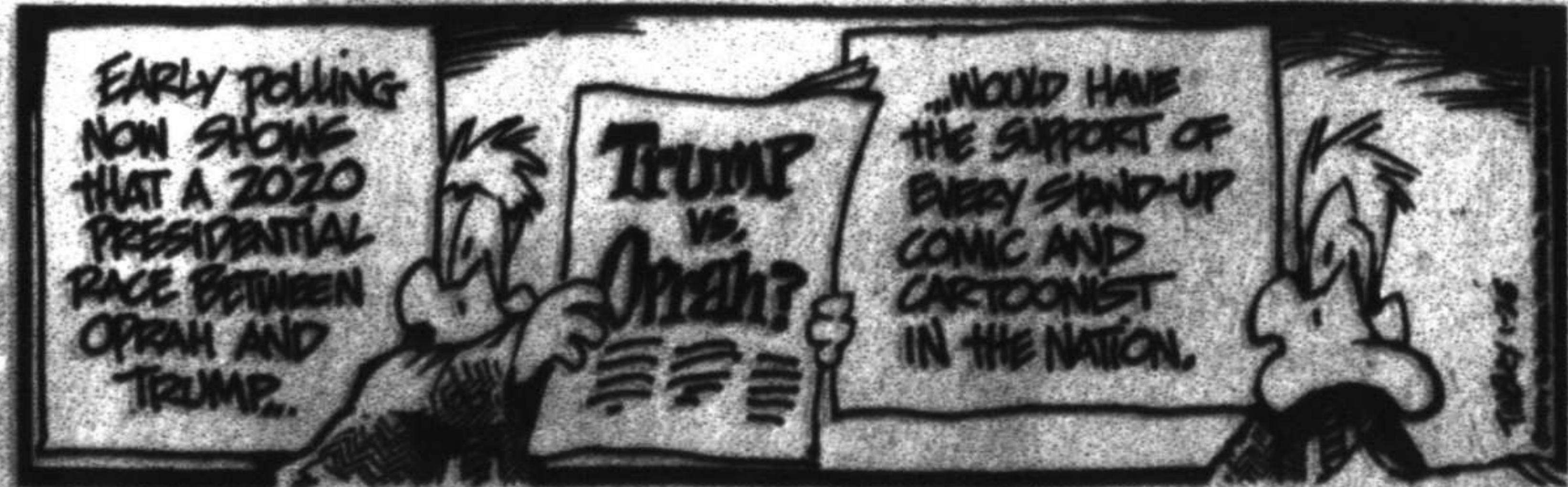
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Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund IMF, left, and Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, attend a panel session Thursday during the 48th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, WEF, in Davos, Switzerland.

Q&A: Why Mnuchin's remarks about US dollar sparked concerns

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin appears to have learned a lesson that many of his predecessors also came to recognize: A Treasury secretary must tread delicately when discussing the dollar.

When Mnuchin suggested Wednesday at a global economic forum in Davos, Switzerland, that a weak dollar would benefit the United States, the U.S. currency fell in value and sparked concerns in global markets. A day later, Mnuchin tried to soften his comments. So did President Donald Trump, who stressed that "ultimately, I want to see a strong dollar."

The two-day kerfuffle was a sign of how sensitive an issue the dollar's value can be. Here are some questions and answers about the dollar and its relationship to the U.S. economy:

Q: What's been the policy of recent administrations concerning the dollar?

A: In 1995, when Robert Rubin became Treasury secretary in the Clinton administration, he adopted the approach of always affirming that a strong dollar is in the best interests of the United States. From his years leading Goldman Sachs, Rubin knew that currency traders were alert for any variations in an administration's views on the dollar and were ready to dump dollars at the first sign of diminishing support for the U.S. currency.

A lower-valued dollar can be worrisome, in part because it makes U.S. imports costlier and so can accelerate inflation, sometimes to worrisome levels.

Rubin's mantra worked so well that it was adopted, usually word for word, by the six Treasury secretaries who followed him, in both Democratic and Republican administrations.

When Mnuchin deviated to suggest that there were advantages for the United States in having a weaker dollar, the market reaction was swift. The currency fell to a three-year low against the euro and sank against the Japanese yen.

On Thursday, Mnuchin sought to clarify his view. He said that in the short term, there were "obviously benefits" from a weaker dollar. These include making U.S. goods less expensive for foreign buyers and thereby benefiting U.S. companies and reducing America's trade deficit. But Mnuchin added, "In the long term, I fundamentally believe in the strength of the dollar."

Q: Is it inconsistent to say you prefer a weak dollar on a short-term basis and a strong dollar on a long-term basis?

A: Yes, but Mnuchin appeared to be trying to have it both ways. The U.S. economy was hurt in 2016 when a rising dollar and a weak global economy cut into American exports, causing an already high U.S. trade deficit to rise further.

Q: What are the benefits of a weak dollar?

A: A weak dollar means a shirt made in China and sold at Walmart will be more expensive for American consumers. In that way, it gives a competitive advantage to American shirt makers. In addition, a weak

dollar makes an American good exported and sold overseas more affordable for foreigners.

Q: What about the drawbacks of a weak dollar?

A: By making foreign goods more expensive in the United States, it raises the risk of high inflation. It raises, for example, the cost of foreign-made products, like auto parts, that U.S. manufacturers need to produce goods. U.S. automakers depend heavily on foreign-made parts.

A falling dollar also makes foreign investment in dollar-denominated assets less attractive. So the sale of U.S. stocks and bonds to foreign investors can suffer. That can be a serious problem at a time when the budget deficit is rising sharply and is expected to once again approach and exceed \$1 trillion annually in coming years. Of the government's \$20.5 trillion in debt, \$5.7 trillion is in government trust funds such as Social Security. The rest — \$14.8 trillion — is held by investors. And of the debt held by investors, over 40 percent is held by foreigners, with the largest amounts in the hands of China and Japan.

Q: If foreign investors slowed their investments in U.S. stocks and bonds, what could happen?

A: It could cause the booming stock market to slow its climb or possibly even retreat if the cutback in stocks was big enough. For bonds, it could send U.S. interest rates, which have been low for a decade, rising. That could dampen economic growth and add billions to the cost of financing rising government deficits.

Q: Is the prospect of a smaller trade deficit worth all of that?

A: Most economists don't think so. But they note that Mnuchin's comments in support of a weaker dollar came in the same week that the administration imposed tariffs on imported solar panels and washing machines — the latest move in its "America First" trade policy. Just as the punitive tariffs could trigger retaliation by other countries against American goods, any effort to talk down the dollar's value could lead other nations to try to lower their currencies' values. "That just leads to chaos," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "Market forces should determine the value of a currency, not policymakers."

Q: Is it possible Mnuchin's comments were inadvertent and not the start of any concerted administration effort to reduce the dollar's value?

A: Yes. In addition to Mnuchin's own clarifying comments Thursday, Trump in an interview with CNBC said he thought Mnuchin's comments had been taken out of context.

"I'll tell you where I stand, which is ultimately very important," Trump said. "Number 1, I don't like talking about it because frankly nobody should be talking about it. It should be what it is. It should be based on the strength of the country."

Trump said that with the U.S. economy doing well, "the dollar is going to get stronger and stronger, and ultimately I want to see a strong dollar."

US mortgage rates rise for 3rd straight week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. mortgage rates rose this week for a third week in a row, lifted by investors' expectations for faster economic growth, which has pushed up borrowing costs.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac said Thursday that the rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 4.15 percent this week from 4.04 percent. That is the highest since March. The rate on 15-year fixed-rate

mortgages, which is popular with homeowners who are refinancing, rose to 3.62 percent, also the third straight increase.

Signs of faster economic growth have also lifted concerns that inflation may quicken and the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates more quickly to keep price increases in check.

That has driven up the yield on the 10-year Treasury note. Mortgage rates track the yield on the 10-year.

The rate on five-year adjustable-rate mortgages climbed to 3.52 percent this week, after a flat reading of 3.46 percent last week.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The fee on 30-year mortgages slipped to 0.5 point from 0.6 point last week. The fee on 15-year mortgages was unchanged at 0.5 percent. And the fee on five-year adjustable home loans moved up to 0.4 percent from 0.3 point.

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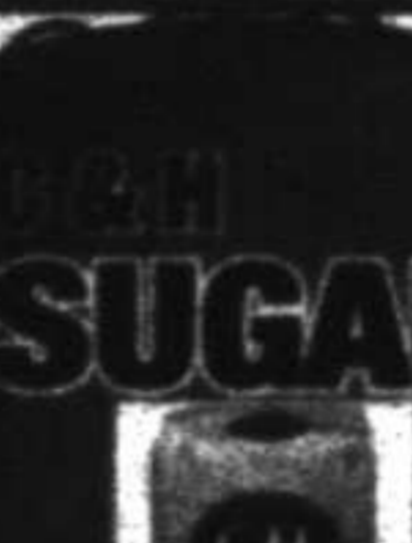
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NASA honors 7 killed on space shuttle Columbia

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA honored the seven astronauts killed aboard shuttle Columbia 15 years ago, with a special musical tribute Thursday by the son of Israel's first astronaut.

Singer and songwriter Tal Ramon joined a few hundred others at Kennedy Space Center to remember the Columbia crew and other astronauts killed in the line of duty over the decades.

Seven astronauts — including Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon — died Feb. 1, 2003, when Columbia shattered in the skies over Texas, just minutes before a Florida touchdown.

Ramon performed two of his own songs, singing in Hebrew and playing the keyboard. Later, he and relatives of other astronauts killed in action, placed long-stemmed, yellow, orange and pink roses at the Space Mirror Memorial. In all, 24 names are engraved in the large granite monument.

"I'm just so emotional to be here with you," Ramon told the crowd before performing at the first Kennedy memorial he's attended.

It was also difficult for forest ranger Gregory Cohrs, who was among the first on the accident scene in Hemphill. Cohrs worked for three months scouring the area for shuttle debris and the astronauts' remains. He now serves at Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana.

"It was really important

for us to bring the crew home to their families. So we're really thankful to have been able to do that," he told The Associated Press.

NASA held its annual day of remembrance Thursday to honor all its astronauts killed in the line of duty. Seventeen died in three accidents: Columbia, the Apollo 1 fire on the launch pad on Jan. 27, 1967, and the shuttle Challenger launch disaster on Jan. 28, 1986. The seven others died in plane crashes during training or other official business.

NASA's acting administrator, Robert Lightfoot, led observances at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, where several of these astronauts are buried.

At Kennedy, NASA's first female space shuttle commander, Eileen Collins, now retired and board chairman of the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, noted next Wednesday will mark the 60th anniversary of the liftoff of America's first satellite. Explorer 1 launched on Jan. 31, 1958, right as NASA's seven original Mercury astronauts had begun training for their space flights. "They still inspire us today," she said.

Among those attending the Kennedy tribute were family members of four early astronauts killed in plane crashes in the 1960s: Charles Bassett II, Elliot See Jr., Clifton Williams Jr. and Michael Adams, who reached the edge of space in his X-15.

Also on hand were Apollo 11 moonwalker Buzz Aldrin, as well as



Craig Bailey/Florida Today via AP

Tal Ramon, left with sunglasses, son of space shuttle Columbia astronaut Ilan Ramon, and other friends and family of fallen astronauts place flowers Thursday in the fence at the Space Mirror Memorial at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex during Kennedy Space Center's annual day of remembrance. The annual event honors those who perished in the space program.

former shuttle astronauts and launch directors. The son of Columbia pilot Willie McCool — Christopher McCool — was there, too. But it was Ramon who addressed the crowd on behalf of the Columbia families.

Ramon recalled how his father's spaceflight was "a very huge thing" not only in Israel, but the United States as well. He shared how his father's mother was a Holocaust survivor and piano teacher, and how his father could play the piano. His own musical journey began after his father's death, when he returned to Israel and his father's Steinway piano.

He performed the title song from his album "Character" — "Dmut" in Hebrew — which is dedicated to his father and older brother Assaf, a pilot in the Israeli Air Force who died in a jet crash in 2009. His second selection, an instrumental piece, was "Victory."

"Even with big tragedy, we believe that there's such a big victory that we are here today to share their stories," he said.

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PARENTAL ADVICE

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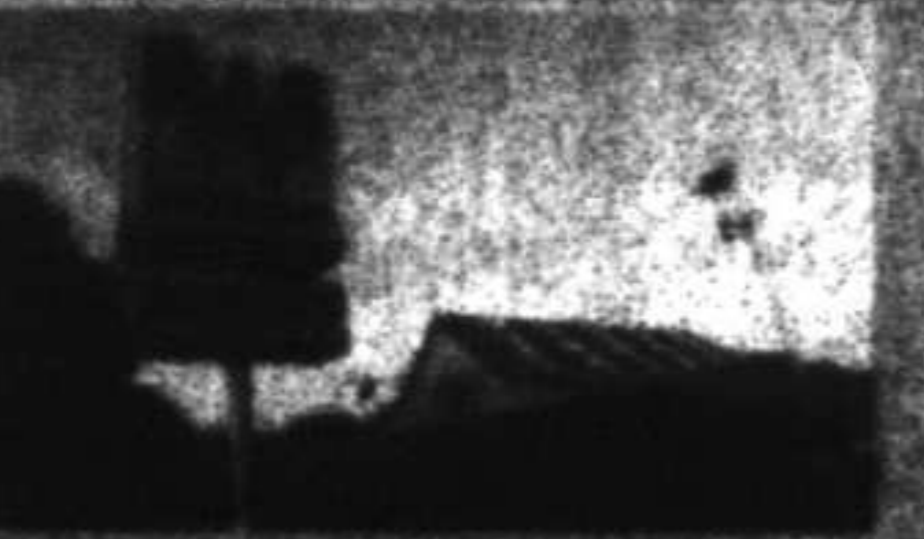
HISTORIC HARLEM

Midland College hosts "Of Ebony Embers," a free evening of music and theater celebrating African-American figures Langston Hughes, Claude McKay and more from the Harlem Renaissance set to music by Jazz Age composers. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

MEDITATE

Permian Basin Buddhists host an Intro to Buddhism Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church. The weekly class features basic meditation and discussion. 7 p.m.



HELPING OUT

Whataburger is raising money through Feb. 22 at all locations for local Children's Miracle Network programs. Customers can donate \$1 and receive a coupon for a free burger with purchase.

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TELEVISION

"I figured out I had a knack for production. I produced my television pilot 'Becca on Call,'" she said. "I have a background in singing opera, stage and musicals."

BUILDING A RETREAT



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Construction continues Thursday morning at The Way Retreat Center off Todd Road. The workers were preparing to install a blue dome with cupola. The nondenominational facility, which is set to open in April, will host spiritual retreats and other events such as corporate retreats and weddings. For more information, thewayrc.com.

West Texas native to present benefit showcase

By Ruth Campbell
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Producer, actress, singer and West Texas native Jenness Rouse will present of "Jenness Rouse & Friends: IT'S TIME," A Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm to Market Road 1788 in Midland.

The concert will benefit The Life Center, a nonprofit pregnancy resource center that helps teens and offers abstinence plus education. Tickets range from \$37 to \$52, the website said.

The music will range from Celtic to classical to Broadway show tunes, jazz and pop. Performers include Current Nine, which is Eric and Emily Baker, David and Kimberly Corman and classical duo Sonates en Duo, which is Maiwenn and Willy Ekoue. Baker is department chair and instructor of music at Odessa College and David Corman is instructor of music and Kimberly Corman is an adjunct faculty member. All of them are at Odessa College.

Rouse, who was born in Odessa and grew up in Midland, said she moved to New York City in 2011 and Los Angeles in 2013. She said she learned in Los Angeles that unless you created your own work, things don't happen very quickly. After launching her company Rising Monarch Productions, doors started opening.

"I figured out I had a knack for production. I produced my television pilot 'Becca on Call,'" she said. "I have a background in singing opera, stage and musicals."

"Becca on Call" is an



Courtesy photo

Jenness Rouse, a Trinity graduate, will perform Tuesday at the Wagner Noel.

independent series that will be available to view or purchase on Amazon Prime. It was shot in Midland, and Rouse said it's a medical comedy with a "Scrubs"-type of feel. "Scrubs" was on from 2001-2010.

While she was waiting for the television pilot to pick up steam, she started Rising Monarch Productions through which she organized musical showcases like the one planned for Tuesday. Rouse said she will be the host and sing some songs, but she has invited different musicians to participate.

David Corman is her former voice coach. He said he and his wife, Kimberly, who offers private voice lessons, will sing "Con Te Partiro" as the show's finale. The song was performed by Andrea Bocelli.

"It's wonderful to take part in a former student's concert and it's a real honor and a blast to see somebody who did so much here at OC really blossoming," Corman said.

"He's the one who kind of started me off," Rouse said of Corman. "I used to have horrific stage fright and I would not even go and interview for voice lessons. This was back in early 2000s. I had a friend who got in my face and said, 'Jenness, you have a gift and you're responsible to use it.' Then she went and got me this interview with David Corman. It took about 10 minutes he put me in his choir

his ensemble. He started training me vocally."

Corman said Rouse performed in operas at OC, including "Sister Angelica," with his wife, Kimberly.

She was also earning a bachelor's degree in business and leadership from Williamson College and a master's degree in religion from Liberty University. She needed some electives, so she took them through OC.

A graduate of Trinity School, Rouse said she was an athlete growing up.

"I was big into sports and academics, and again, I suffered tremendous stage fright beginning in junior high where I didn't like my voice, didn't want to sing in front of people and I was perfectly comfortable being on the volleyball court, or on the soccer field," Rouse said.

At 18, she had to take an elective and felt the easiest one was choir. She also was cast in the lead of a "A Little Night Music" at Trinity.

"I sang 'Send in the Clowns.' That was when something struck, like this is what I'm supposed to do. Being a character rather than singing as myself was far easier," Rouse said.

She added that she didn't overcome her stage fright for another seven years.

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Bright by Text sends expert tips to parents' cellphones

From staff reports

United Way of Midland has teamed up with Bright by Text to bring to Midland a program that offers parents and caregivers tips and resources via their cellphone.

The information will pertain to children up to age 5, according to a press release from United Way. The goal of the program is to build nurturing caregiver-child relationships, and positively impact a child's healthy development and school readiness, according to the release.

In addition to expert content, Bright by Text includes messages about events and resources specific to Midland, such as free museum days, health clinics and preschool open enrollment periods.

To sign up, parents and caregivers with children under 5 can text the word "family" to 274448.

They will receive two to five text messages a week, and each message includes a link to a landing page with more detail, short modeling videos, and links to related resources.

Message and data rates may apply. Users can also text "stop" or "help" to the same number to end the service or to get additional assistance with the program.

For more information about Bright by Text, call 685-7700 or email jhellinghausen@uwmidland.org.

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Obituaries



**Dr. JC Whitaker
(Jake)**

Dr. JC Whitaker (Jake) passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Midland, Texas. He was born in Santa Anna, Texas on April 23, 1931 to Jess M. Whitaker and Audrey Mayes Whitaker.

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

Memorial services will be held at First Baptist Church, Midland, on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dr. Charlotte Whitaker; his three children: son Brad of Midland; son Keith and wife Loretta of Dallas; and daughter Kimberly Whitaker Rhoads and husband Randy of Houston; six grandchildren: Courtney Rhoads Alkek and husband Travis of Brisbane, Australia; Lecia Whitaker Bruton and husband Larry of Fort Worth; Jay Brad Whitaker, Jr. and fiancée Hillary Harrelson of Denver, Colorado; Cameron Rhoads of Austin; Caroline Rhoads of San Francisco, CA; Timothy Whitaker of Dallas; great grandchildren: Leighton Alkek of Brisbane, Australia; Luke Bruton of Fort Worth; very special cousin Louise Whitaker Dickerson of Midland, TX; and his "Sunday Family": Doris and Don McSparran, Wanda Ramsey, Peggy Ramsey; Red and Juandelle Roberts; Rhonda Lacy; and Fuffy Green.

After graduation from Anson, Texas High School, Jake attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He was a loyal alumni serving on various boards at HSU. In 1999, he received the honor of being presented the John J. Keeter alumni service award.

Jake and Charlotte met in Dallas when he was a student at Baylor College of Dentistry and she was a Baylor University Nursing student. Following his graduation, he entered the United States Air Force where he was a captain and stationed at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico as part of the Strategic Air Command. He and Charlotte married in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 23, 1955.

After completing two years in the military, the Whitakers moved to Midland, Texas and he established a dental practice there. For 32 years, he shared an office with Dr. Richard Klempnauer and Dr. Reed Collins.

He loved the practice of dentistry, and especially the relationship with his patients. He was known to whistle and sing while he worked. In 1991, he suffered a major heart attack, which forced him into an early retirement. After five years of rehabilitation, which included emu ranching, he decided he missed his patients and went back to work. He worked several years with Dr. Mark

Hughen, and then completed his years of dentistry working with Dr. David Orr. In 1996, he was awarded Life Membership in the Texas Dental Association.

Jake and Charlotte loved to travel. They went on international mission trips with First Baptist groups, as well as Odessa College Choir tours, and visited family abroad. One of the items on his "bucket list" was a trip down the Amazon, which he took with his son-in-law, Randy. He saw the things he had read about in National Geographic come to life. This was certainly one of the highlights of his life.

Jake was a scuba diver, skier, hunter, and all-around sports fan! He was a supporter and fan of Texas Tech, where he attended many games, as well as Baylor sports teams. He enjoyed the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros. He was known to have as many as three TVs in separate rooms (loud volume) each tuned to a different sports station.

Jake had a genuine zeal and enthusiasm for life. He counted every day as a gift from God. Anyone who ever met him knew that his strong Christian faith was the driving force in his life. Jake was a member of First Baptist Church since 1957. He taught the Fisherman Sunday school class for 43 years and served as a deacon.

His faith was the most important thing in his life, and in his passing, he received the final reward for his faithfulness. He loved to attend Sunday school and church services. A special treat he looked forward to each week was his Monday attendance at the Brotherhood meeting. He enjoyed telling "stories" of his fond memories growing up in Anson. He loved his family and spending time with them. He looked forward to holidays when everyone was here.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Michael Miller and his staff at Permian Cardiology for their loving care of Jake over these many years.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Hardin-Simmons University - HSU Advancement Office, Box 16100, Abilene, TX 79698 or connect.hsutx.edu/donate; Gideons International, P.O. Box 11153, Midland, TX 79702; First Baptist Church Music Ministry, Attn: Finance Office, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, TX 79701.

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Irma Rodriguez

Irma Rodriguez, 65, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 21, 2018, surrounded by family.

She will be remembered in loving memory by her daughter, Tracie Arsiaga; son, Gerardo Rodriguez; and six grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved son, Apolonio Rodriguez, Jr.

Irma enjoyed being around her loved ones and friends. A hard worker, and a bit stubborn at times, but kind and sweet to all. She will truly be missed.

Funeral services will be held on January 26, 2018 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Alameda Genoa Rd., Houston, TX 77075 commencing at 10:30 a.m.



**James William
Burton "Butteroll"**

James William Burton also known as "Butteroll" 72, went home to be with the Heavenly Father on January 21, 2018 at his residence with his beloved wife by his side.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather. He was born June 4, 1945 in Kerrville, Texas. His family moved to Midland in the late 1940's where he attended Carver Jr. Sr. High School and graduated with the Class of 1963. He united with the Lee Street Church of Christ at an early age later uniting with the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, at the time of his demise/death he was employed by the Texas Highway Department.

His love for life was spent with his family and he enjoyed being a proud member of the Tall City Lions for many years.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Irene Burton, five brothers, Robert Burton Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, Johnny Brent of Tuscon, AZ, Lonnie Brent, Tony Brent and Timmy Brent all of Midland, TX, two sisters; Ruby Owens of Midland, TX, and Mary Sue Johnson of Tuscon, AZ, one son Blake Burton Sr. and grandson Blake Burton Jr., 1 daughter, Charlotte Whiteside of Midland, TX. A special cousin, Benny Brazell, a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends specially the Tall City Lions.

Services to be held Saturday at 1:00 PM at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 303 E. Shandon Ave, Midland, TX. Rev. Tommie Hale, officiant.

Interment held by Jackie Warren Funeral Home.



**Jimmy Charles
Jones**

Funeral service for 75 year old, Jimmy Charles Jones of

Midland, are 1:00 PM Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Goodwill Baptist Church, 1508 S. Main, Midland, Texas. Pastor Kenneth Johnson officiating.

Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas, 432-683-8229. Interment, American Heritage Cemetery, Midland, Texas.



**Margaret
(Maggie) Jean
Dillman Artley**

Margaret (Maggie) Jean Dillman Artley, 84, died on January 24, 2018 in Midland, Texas.

She was born on March 7, 1933 to Vivian Eunice Dewey and Clive Dewey Dillman in Dodge City, Kansas. Her father preceded her in death when Maggie was eight years old. During her early years, her family lived with relatives in Kansas, California, and Oklahoma. Her mother remarried and the family moved to Lamar, Colorado.

From the beginning, Maggie loved to share and impart knowledge. This led her to attend Colorado State College of Education in Greeley, Colorado. She received a teaching certificate after two years during a time when teachers were in high demand. While in Greeley, she had the honor of working in the Dean's Dining Hall. From her training in this position, she would insist that her children learn proper etiquette and know how to set a formal table.

Maggie began her teaching career in Casper, Wyoming. She married J. Roger Artley in 1954 and together they raised four children. During their years together, they lived in Glendive, Montana, Farmington, New Mexico, Casey, Illinois, and moved to Midland in 1970.

Maggie was instrumental in starting a private kindergarten in Casey many years before kindergartens became part of the public school systems. She also shared her talent as a pianist by helping with the children's choirs at The Methodist Church.

Maggie was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Midland and a member of the Partners Sunday School Class. Over the years, she served on many boards and committees, taught Sunday school, helped with the youth, and chaperoned youth and choir tours. She cooked many snack suppers for the youth and turkey dinners for the Partners Class.

Maggie and her good friend, Carol Hall, held an adult day care for dementia patients. This ministry was the predecessor to the Younger Center Alzheimer's Unit at Manor Park. She frequently did mission work at Sager Brown preparing disaster relief buckets. She helped start the Children's Day Out (CDO) program. The playground has a plaque honoring her contributions to this ministry.

Maggie was part of the team that brought The Walk to Emmaus to Midland. She

served as Lay Director for a Walk and also served on many teams in the early years of the Hi Sky Emmaus Community. She hosted the No Name Reunion Group in her home for many years.

When it became necessary for Maggie to return to work, she worked in the Midland High School Library. At the age of 50, Maggie decided to return to college. She completed her teaching degree from UTPB. Then she taught several grades and reading at Anson Jones Elementary School for many years. In addition to her teaching duties, Maggie wrote history curriculum for MISD and helped with the annual Celebration of Light storytelling festival.

In the tradition of her mother, Maggie is a Golden Girl (50 year+) member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a member of Texas Retired Teachers.

Maggie loved to travel. She planned and took her family on trips to a number of the National Parks. She also ventured to Hawaii with the Lee High School Band and to Israel with a small group from FUMC.

She enjoyed reading, pottery with Nathan Pipkin, and needlepoint. She could cook for 40 as easily as six.

Maggie was a wonderful mother, teacher, listener, and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Maggie was preceded in death by her parents, Vivian and Clive Dillman; her stepfather, John Austin; and her brother, Don Dillman.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Barbara Cox (Jim) of Midland, Jim Artley (Karen) of Spring, Texas, Susan Moore (Rick) of Midland, and Donnie Artley (Abbie) of Katy, Texas; nine grandchildren, Emily Artley Lorrente, Jordan Cox, Tyler Artley, Lindsey Moore Degnan, Katie Moore, Zane Cox, Michael Moore, Mathew Moore, and Claire Artley; two great-granddaughters, Weslyn Cox and Avery Degnan; and five nieces and nephews.

The family wants to thank the wonderful staff at Manor Park Younger Center for the exemplary care they have given Maggie the past 5 1/2 years. We also want to thank Hospice of Midland.

The family suggests that donations can be made to Manor Park, Hospice of Midland, First United Methodist Church of Midland, P.E.O. Scholarship at Midland College, Alzheimer's Association, or a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2018 at The Branch at NPW.

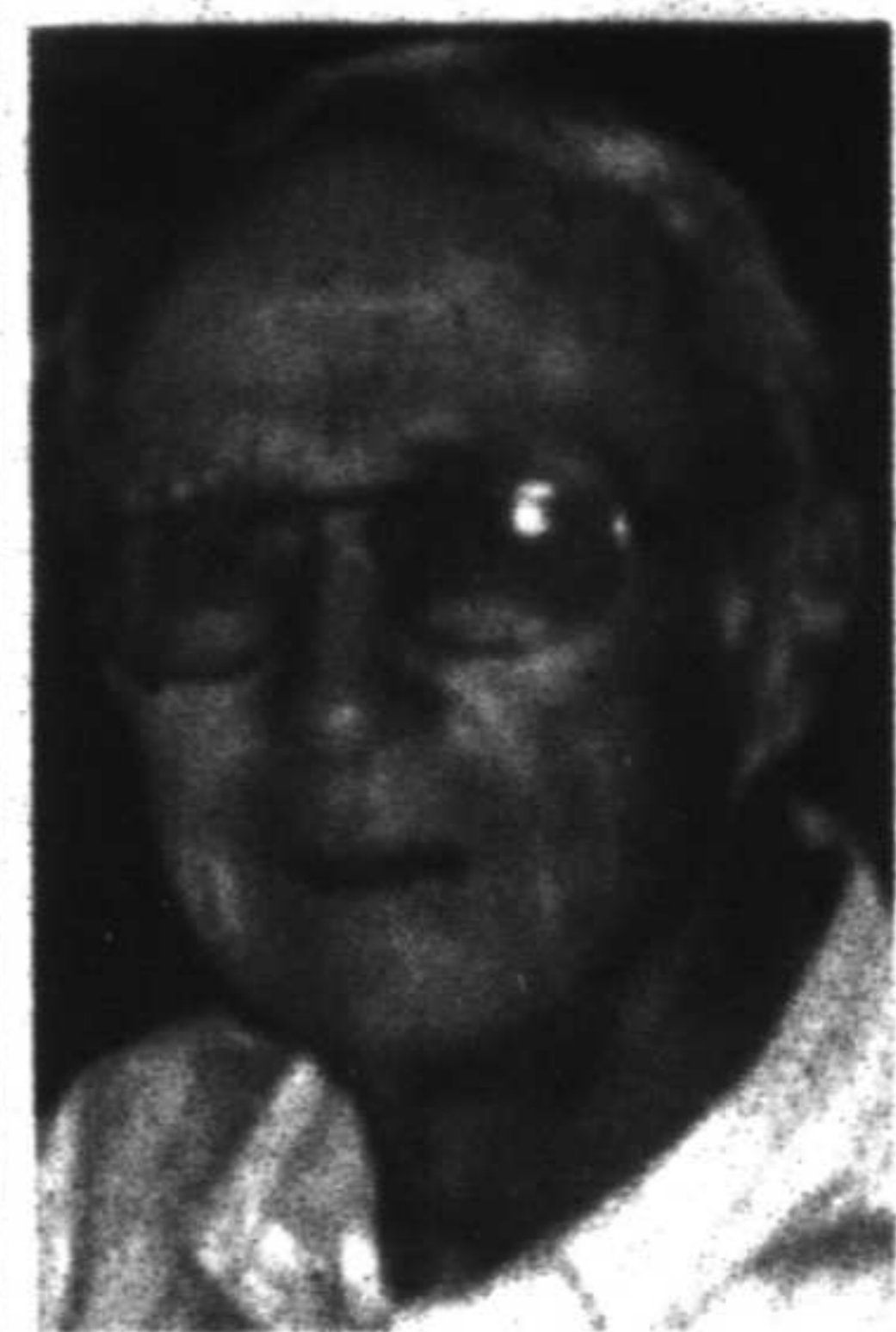
A memorial celebration of life service will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Midland. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sam Pyeatt

Sam Pyeatt, 79, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 24, 2018 surrounded by his family.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 27, 12 noon at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Sam was born on June 18, 1938 to Harold and Winona Pyeatt. He graduated from Midland High School in 1956 and attended Texas Tech and Texas Western in El Paso. He was married for 59 years to his wife Jo Ann Benton and together they had three sons - Britt, Garth, and Tryon. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Sam enjoyed playing, coaching, and officiating sports, but family was always the priority. His five grandchildren, Brittany (Chane) Blandford, Deonna (Aaron) Hardaway, JR Pyeatt, Derrick Edmond, and Cole Pyeatt and his three great-grandchildren, Casen and Holt Blandford and William Hardaway were a great joy.

In his younger days, Sam was employed by El Paso Natural Gas, Palo Verde Irrigation District and Palo Verde Unified School District. On returning to Midland from California, Sam and Jo Ann began their own snack food distribution company. After retiring, Sam could be found on the Nueva Vista golf course or volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Bill and Totsy Benton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Meals on Wheels.

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Death Notices

John Martin

John Martin, 85, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

A Memorial Mass will be Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas at 10:00 a.m.

John is survived by one brother.

U.L. Strambler

U.L. Strambler, 86, of Midland, departed this life on January 17, 2018 to begin his eternal rest with our Lord and Savior.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church at 1801 N. Carver St. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park following services.

President George W. Bush and Chad McQueen help Barrett-Jackson top \$100 million in charity donations during 2018 Scottsdale auction

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Former U.S. President George W. Bush and Chad McQueen helped Barrett-Jackson speed past the \$100 million mark in funds raised for charity as ten vehicles brought in \$6.21 million for non-profit organizations during the 47th Annual Scottsdale Auction at WestWorld.

Former U.S. President George W. Bush and Chad McQueen helped Barrett-Jackson speed past the \$100 million mark in funds raised for charity.

The top fundraisers included Lot #3010, the first current-generation Ford GT that has been donated for charity since the car was introduced, bringing in \$2.55 million to push the company to nearly \$102 million since 1971. On Saturday, President Bush joined Chevrolet on the block for the sale of a 2018 Corvette Carbon Fiber 65 Edition (Lot #3007), which sold for \$1.4 million to benefit The George W. Bush Presidential Center's Military Service Initiative while film star Chad McQueen was on stage Friday as the Ford Mustang Bullitt brought \$300,000 for Boys

Republic.

"I'm incredibly proud that we've reached such a historic milestone of raising almost \$102 million in total charity donations at our home in Scottsdale," said Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "Our company was founded on the principle of charitable donations by my father Russ Jackson and his partner, Tom Barrett, and I'm grateful to be able to carry on that banner in their honor. This has been an incredible 47-year journey for our company, driven by our tremendous bidders, consignors, sponsors, celebrities and the entire collector car community, whose heart is only matched by their generosity and outpouring of support. The amount of good that has come from the \$102 million we've raised together is simply immeasurable. But we're not going to stop here as this is simply a milestone on our journey to continue to help those who need our help the most."

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barrier..." Rouse said.

Rouse is also the author of "Nessipees: Nesseys Recipes for Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Wholeness" a cookbook with inspirational articles. She wrote it in 2008 while suffering from Lyme disease and it was published in 2012. She was bitten by a tick while living in Nashville, Tenn.

"I have overcome years of fighting Lyme disease and its detrimental effects," Rouse said.

She added that she also writes about encouragement and that while going through difficulties there is a hope of new beginnings.

Corman said when he first

met Rouse she could barely stand because of Lyme disease. Part of the time she was in OC, Corman said she was in a wheelchair.

He added that Rouse is an incredible worker with an "excellent mind."

"One of the most amazing moments in the 14 years that I've been here we did a spring concert here in Jack Rodgers at OC. She was in wheelchair. She'd been out for a month or so. She came back at the last minute (for the performance) and she did the song 'God Help the Outcasts' from 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' There wasn't a dry eye in the house. It was electric," Corman said.

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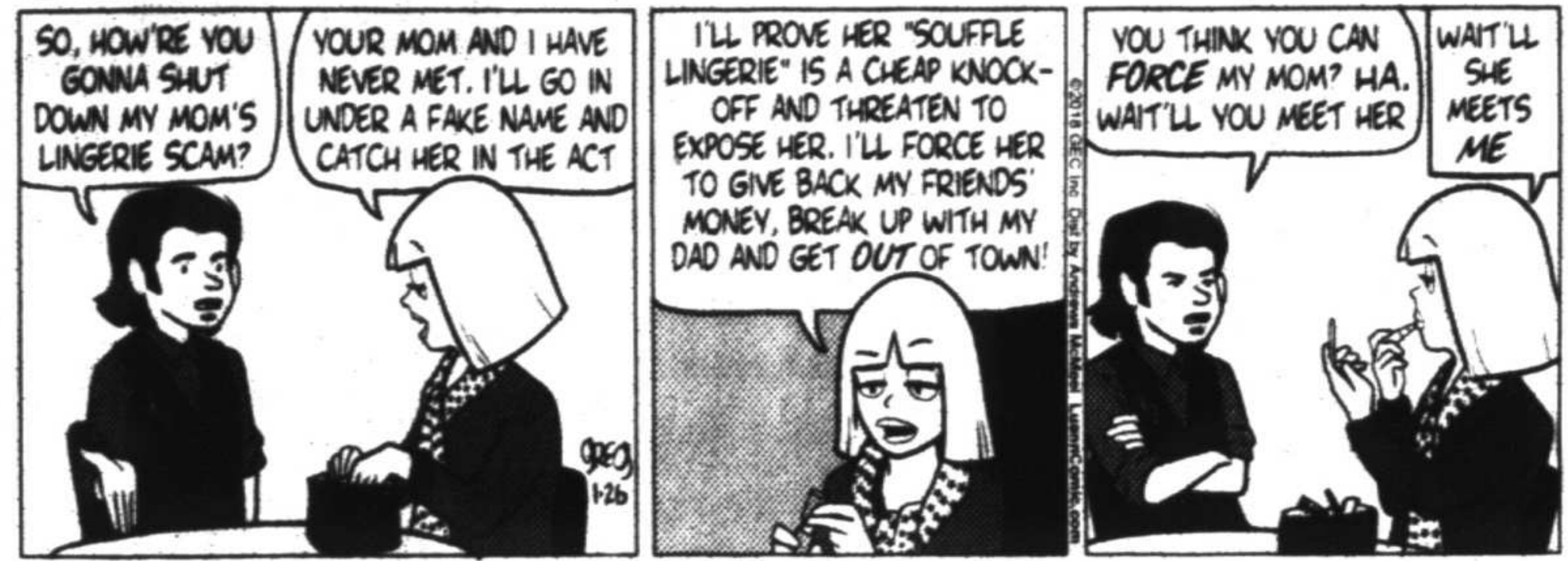
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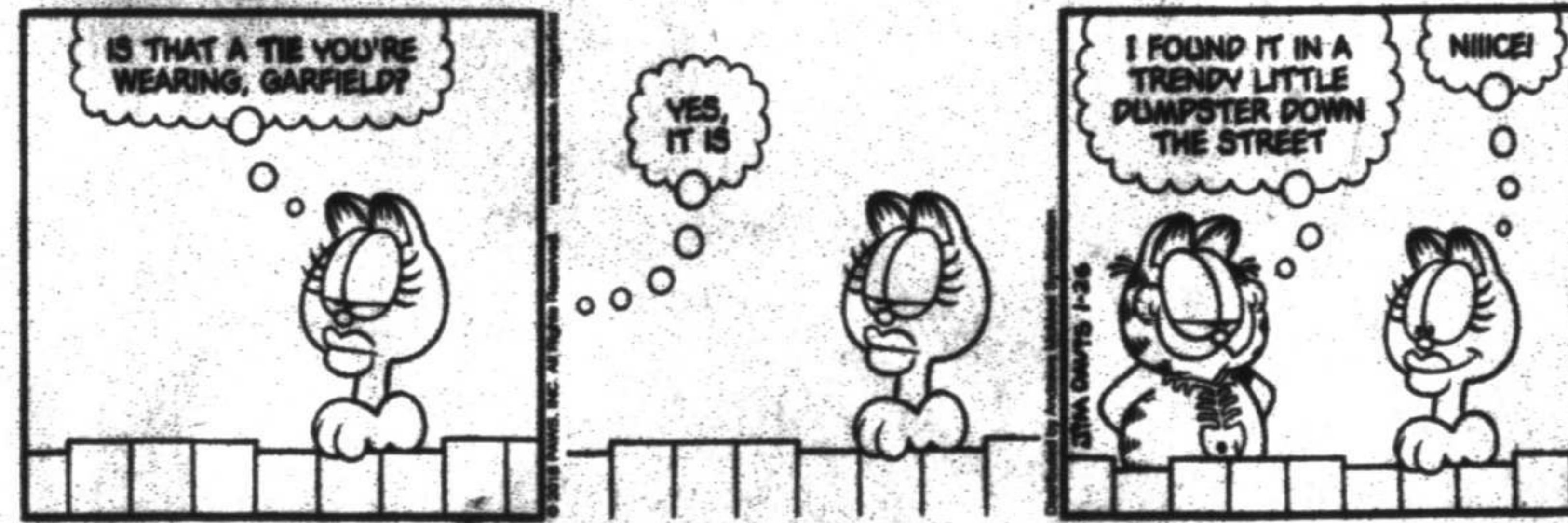
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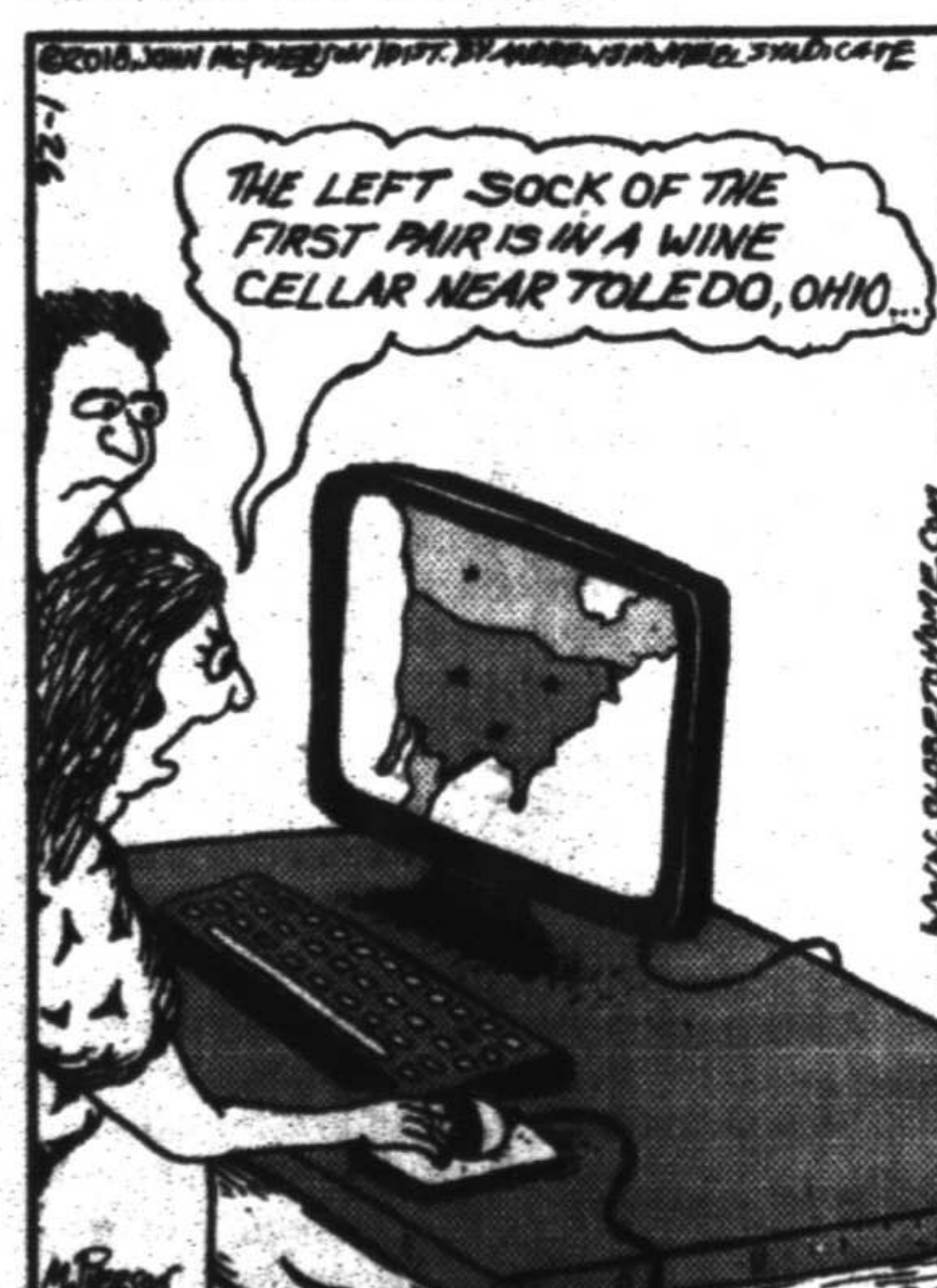
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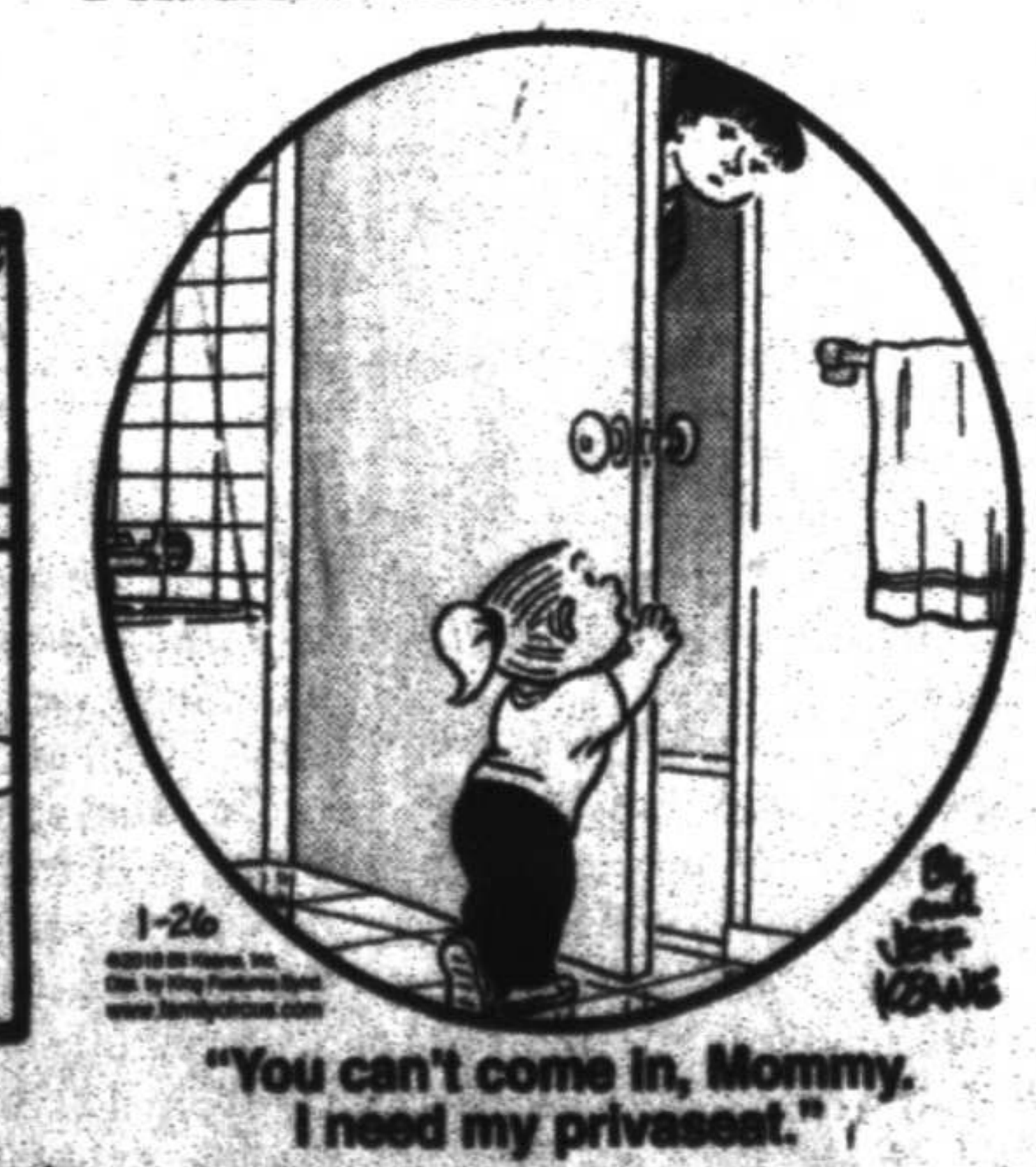
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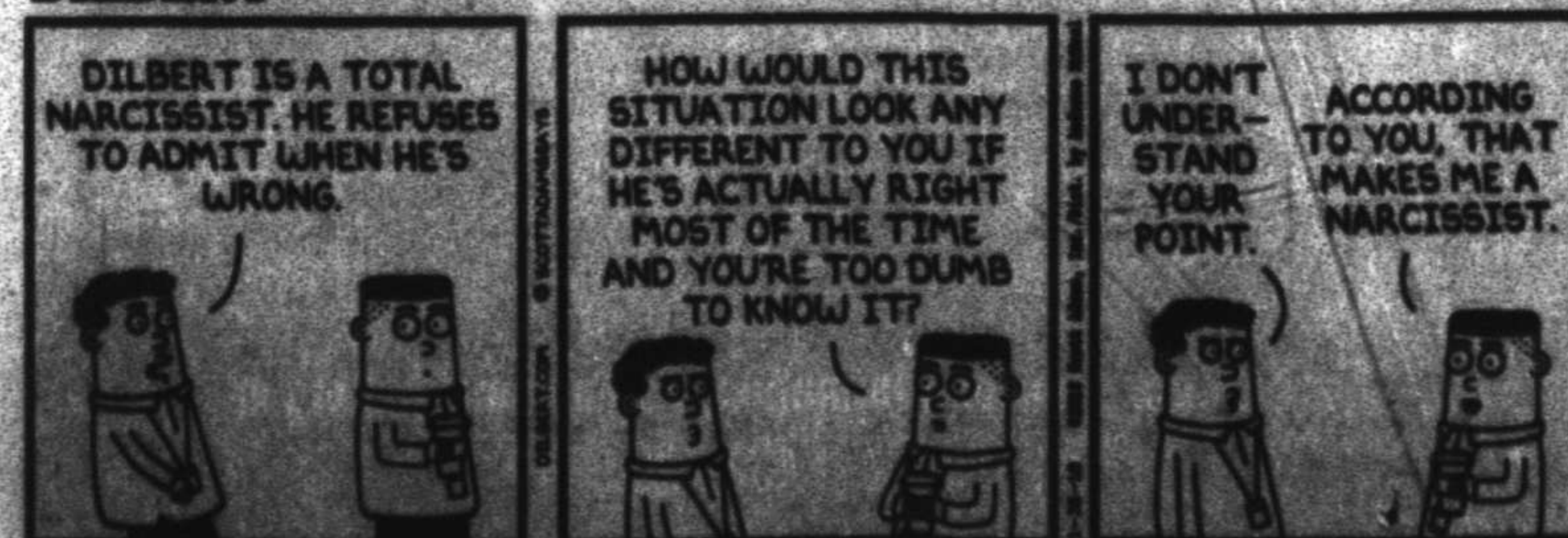
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SATURDAY

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Genealogy Society Social introduces area societies — including the Family History Center, Mayflower Society and Midland Genealogical Society — to those interested in genealogy. Refreshments provided. 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Living Room Reser parenting seminar with Kirk Cameron, Matt Hammitt, 7 p.m. at New Life Chapel, 914 N. Texas Ave., Odessa.

MONDAY

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

"Of Ebony Embers - Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance" is an evening of music and theater work celebrating African-American poets Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay with a score by Jazz Age composers. 7 p.m. in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 4600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Belly dancing class, 8

p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

TUESDAY

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

Jeness Rouse and Friends. The concert benefits the Life Center. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

WEDNESDAY

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

La Hacienda Alumni: Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 432-553-7220.

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Rajanish Kakade/Associated Press

Members of a Hindu organization hold placards as they stage a protest while demanding the ban on the Bollywood film "Padmaavat" on Jan. 20 in Mumbai, India. The film has opened to thin crowds after months of often violent pre-release protests, including death threats for the lead actress amid rumors that the film depicted a relationship between a Hindu queen and a Muslim sultan.

Thin crowds greet Bollywood film after rumors set off anger

By Muneeza Naqvi
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — There was anger about a rumored romance between a Hindu queen and a Muslim invader. There were death threats. There were buses burned and grandstanding politicians.

But when the Indian film "Padmaavat" was finally released on Thursday amid heavy security and breathless TV coverage, Bollywood's latest over-the-top offering turned out to be just that: an opulent period drama with multiple songs and dances and a thin story line and not the slightest hint of the rumored relationship.

At a theater in the Indian capital, dozens of policemen and even a few armed paramilitary troops were posted outside.

There were no posters

announcing the release and less than a 100 people watched the film in a theater meant for a thousand viewers.

The film is based on a 16th century epic Sufi poem, "Padmaavat," in which a brave and beautiful Rajput queen chose to immolate herself in a ceremonial fire rather than be captured by the Muslim sultan of Delhi, Allaudin Khilji.

Over centuries of retelling, the epic has come to be seen as history, despite little evidence.

The main character of Queen Padmini has become an object of veneration for many Rajputs, the clans of former warriors and kings from the western state of Rajasthan.

And that is where the film's many woes originated.

Rumors, denied multiple

times by the film's producer and director Sanjay Leela Bhansali, swirled that the film depicted a romantic dream sequence between the invading sultan and the queen of legendary beauty he madly coveted.

As it happens, Queen Padmini and Khilji, the sultan, never interact in the film and are in the same frame for just a few seconds.

The film's sets were vandalized several times by Rajput groups over the last year and Bhansali was manhandled by a mob.

Members of several small Rajput groups continued to be enraged about the film despite Bhansali's protestations.

They kept finding reasons to be enraged.

The film's trailer showed the queen and her female companions dancing during a religious

celebration, which angered some protesters. A demure Rajput queen would never be seen dancing in public. In fact, in the film she is seen dancing only in front of her husband.

Others were angry that during the dance her bare midriff was visible briefly — so the filmmakers used special effects to cover her up.

As the film's initial release date of Dec. 1 inched closer, the threats grew and spread outside Rajasthan.

In November, Suraj Pal Amu, a member of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party from the northern state of Haryana, offered 100 million rupees (\$1.5 million) to anyone who beheaded Bhansali and lead actress Deepika Padukone.

The head of the Rajput Karni Sena in Rajasthan said Padukone should have her nose cut off — a symbol of public humiliation — for being in a film that he said insulted the famed queen.

Four Indian states, all ruled by the Hindu nationalist BJP, said they would ban the film because it hurt local sentiments.

6 trends to affect philanthropic landscape in 2018

When it comes to the world of philanthropy, 2018 promises to be transformational. Pessimists are concerned about the impact of new federal tax laws, the increase in income inequality, and the growing need for critical social services. Optimists see more reason for hope, believing that we have entered the "golden age of giving."

Watch for these trends in 2018:

"TRICKLE-DOWN PHILANTHROPY" NOT LIKELY

"Trickle-down economics" is a theory in which reducing taxes on businesses and the wealthy is supposed to stimulate business investment in the short term, benefiting society at large in the long term. It is widely discredited. "Trickle-down philanthropy" is the similar notion that lower taxes for businesses and corporations will lead to more generous giving. It is even less likely.

The new federal income tax law doubles the standardized deduction — to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for those filing jointly. This will likely reduce the percentage of taxpayers who itemize deductions from the current 30 percent to only the wealthiest five percent. As a result, giving in 2018 could fall by \$20 billion.

The top five percent — those who will still itemize — tend to focus their giving on big institutions like universities and hospitals. They give less to local, social service and safety-net nonprofits. Historically, smaller nonprofits have been supported by middle-class donors — who no longer have a tax incentive to give.

Plus, the increased estate tax exemption wipes out any tax incentive for all but the wealthiest 1800 Americans to make donations at death. This change is predicted to reduce giving by additional billions.

TRUMP-INSPIRED GIVING WILL SUSTAIN

In 2017, there was a surge in politically-motivated "patriotic philanthropy" across the political spectrum as huge

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numbers of people gave to organizations that reflected their deepest beliefs.

Both supporters and detractors of President Trump recognize the vital role played by many nonprofits in important issues such as constitutional rights, environmental protection, immigration, healthcare, veterans' issues — and more. In 2018, Americans will likely continue to use philanthropy as an important and influential form of civic engagement.

GIVING CIRCLES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW

In the past decade, giving circles — where individuals (mostly women) pool their money and decide collectively how it will be donated — have tripled in number.

The Collective Giving Research Group found that these giving circles have donated \$1.29 billion and engaged more than 150,000 donors. Four out of five giving circles focus their efforts on local causes — highlighting human services, women and girls, and education. According to the report, giving circles are "a highly accessible and effective philanthropic strategy to democratize and diversify philanthropy, engage new donors, and increase local giving." Look for them to grow.

IMPACT INVESTING WILL FLOURISH

Currently, trillions of U.S. dollars of assets are under management using environmental, social and governance factors. These statistics are provided by the US SIF Foundation, which monitors sustainable, responsible and impact investing.

The nearly \$1 trillion sitting in foundations and donor-advised funds, on the other hand, represents an enormous resource that could be invested for the double bottom line of both

financial return and social impact. In 2018, expect that more foundations will "put their money where their missions are" and work to achieve their missions from the engine of their philanthropic assets, not just the fumes.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING RECOGNIZED

With each new research study, the benefits of volunteering become clearer. Health benefits to the volunteer include lower blood pressure and decreased mortality.

"Voluntarism is good for the health of people who receive social support, but also good for the health of people who offer their help," said Ichiro Kawachi, professor of social epidemiology at Harvard's School of Public Health. These benefits should inspire businesses, health care facilities and other entities to provide more opportunities for volunteers to give back.

PHILANTHROPIC STRATEGY TO GO "MAINSTREAM"

Increasingly, leaders in families, foundations and businesses understand that philanthropy consists of much more than the transactional act of writing checks or clicking online donation buttons. Today, philanthropy is seen as a strategic and intentional investment that can be transformational — for both society and the donor.

As we ponder the philanthropic landscape in 2018, there is both good news and bad news. Significant challenges will be presented by the new federal tax laws, which remove many traditional incentives for giving — especially to smaller and local nonprofits.

At the same time, positive ongoing trends include the increase in issue-related giving, giving circles, impact investing, and volunteerism. Without doubt, it will be an interesting and impactful year!

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Venzant brings maturity, versatility to MCS

By Will Korn
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Midland Christian freshman point guard Joseph Venzant may have just turned 15, but he brings seasoned and fearless leadership to the Mustangs this season.

Joseph, the younger brother of former MCS star and now Cal State Fullerton guard Daniel, plays a game that seems to extend beyond his years. Fortified by experience playing up in the AAU program, a strong defensive foundation, a mental calm and a true desire to grow in every area of the sport, Venzant is a player the rest of his elder Mustang teammates can rally behind.

"For a freshman, I really do feel like the other guys have respect for Joseph and they have respect

for his game," said MCS head coach Chris Ryburn. "He is a vocal player. He's a vocal presence out there and he's competitive and he communicates. There is no age limit on leadership and Joseph is a good example. He has learned how to take the game as it comes and learned how to manage his emotions, which is really important in close district ball games."

Venzant, who stands about 6-foot-2, takes pride in his versatility on the court, as evidenced by his 16-point, 15-rebound game in the Mustangs' 53-40 TAPPS 1-5A win over Fort Worth All Saints last Friday. Improved team effort on the boards is one reason why MCS (20-12, 3-1) has vaulted into a tie for first place in the district and has won six of its last seven contests overall.

"(Venzant) really takes pride in his rebounding and I think our whole team does," Ryburn said. "That's such an important part of our game. I talk about rebounding because I see it as part of the defense. It makes a big difference for our team."

Joseph and Ryburn both acknowledged that Joseph is a much different player than 5-foot-8 older brother Daniel, an explosive scorer who was capable of a 40-point effort on any given night. But the brothers share an unfettered drive to compete and win and for Joseph, that means doing as many things as he can at a high level for his team.

"We're completely different besides just trying to win," Venzant

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Midland Christian's Joseph Venzant (24) dribbles against Lubbock Christian's Lantz Duncan (35) on Jan. 4 at McGraw Events Center.

Thursday heartbreak



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Amari Hale (2) attempts to score against Howard College's Jake Hutchings (22) and RicQuall Smoot (23) on Thursday, at Chaparral Center.

Hawks spoil inspired Chaps' effort with game-winning 3

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College men's basketball coach Pat Rafferty knows his team is capable, now the Chaparrals just need to keep taking steps forward.

The Chaparrals played great defense and gave Howard College all it could handle on Thursday night, before Jake Hutchings' 3-pointer with 2.39 seconds left helped the Hawks escape with a 56-54 victory at Chaparral Center.

It was a heartbreaker for an

undermanned but gutsy Chaparral team that has grown in Rafferty's first year back with the program.

"We did a lot of the right things tonight," Rafferty said. "We're starting to show some grit, we're starting to be able to grind. Each guy individually has to take one more little step and collectively as a group they just need to take one more step."

"Leading up to (Monday's Western Texas College 66-52 win) and after the Western game I thought we were capable of winning some of these games. But

now I know we're good enough. We just have to make a couple of extra plays and make the solid, basic plays that are in front of us and we're going to win these games."

For every punch the Hawks delivered, the Chaps had a counterpunch.

MC (6-15, 2-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) had one last chance, but Marquell Fraser's desperation 3 just past the half-court line, missed its mark, helping the Hawks (16-6, 4-4) get

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Thacker finds shot in Lady Chaps' win

By Oscar LeRoy
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Bianca Thacker is finally feeling like her old self again.

Dealing with a left hand injury for most of the season messed with the Midland College sophomore's shooting touch.

The hand has been getting better, and on Thursday, Thacker regained her shooting form when she poured in a game-high 25 points to help the Lady Chaparrals to a convincing 69-45 victory over rival Howard College at Chaparral Center.

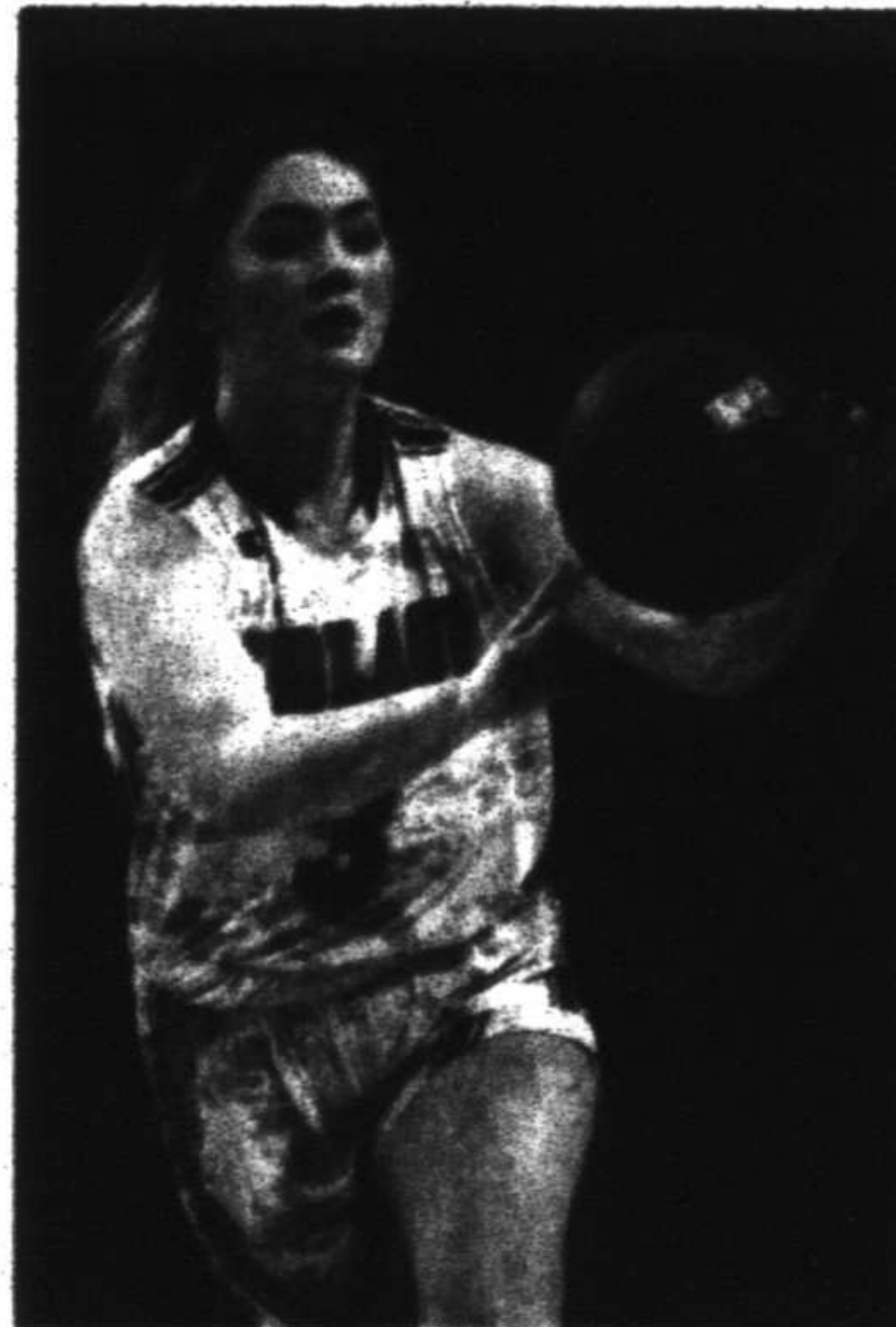
"That's kind of the way she played in the fall," said MC coach Ron Jones of Thacker. "She really hasn't gotten back in that rhythm and it will obviously help us if she can be a scorer for us and knocking shots the way she did."

Added Thacker, the 5-foot-11 guard/forward from Australia: "That's the way I played before I injured my thumb. It was good to get a game like that under my belt. I've had a few quiet games lately. I just decided to play hard and see what comes from that."

In addition to Thacker's big night, the Lady Chaps (11-8, 4-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) had one of their better all-around games of the season. They showed great energy on both ends of the floor, shot 43 percent from the floor and cut down their turnovers from 30 in Mondays' 65-60 win at Western Texas College to just 12 on Thursday night. They did this also with only nine players suited up because of injuries and illness.

"That's two games in a row where

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Midland College's Bianca Thacker (3) passes against Howard College on Thursday, at Chaparral Center.

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Golf LPGA: Pure Silk Bahamas Classic, 2nd Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Farmers Insurance Open, 2nd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, 3rd Round, 2:30 a.m., GOLF
Men's College Basketball Wagner at St. Francis-PA, 4 p.m., ESPN
Buffalo at Ohio, 5:30 p.m., CBSN
St. Peter's at Rider, 6 p.m., ESPN
Wisconsin at Michigan State, 7 p.m., FS1
Oakland at Northern Kentucky, 8 p.m., ESPN
Men's Soccer Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 1:20 p.m., FS2
FA Cup: Yeovil vs. Manchester United, 1:30 p.m., FS1
National Basketball Association Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m., ESPN
Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Tennis Australian Open: Boys & Girls Finals, 8 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open: Women's Final, 2:30 a.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
Australian Open: Men's Double Final, 5 a.m., TENNIS
X Games Men's Snowboard Big Air Final, Snowmobile Freestyle Final, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Women's College Basketball Seton Hall at Providence, 1p:30 a.m., FSN (FSSW)
RADIO National Basketball Association Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
NAHL Hockey Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

- HS Boys Basketball Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Chaparral Center
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 8 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 7 p.m.
Amarillo Ascension at MCA, 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo San Jacinto at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Pecos at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
Merkel at Stanton, 8 p.m.
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Garden City at Bronte, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at O'Donnell, 6:30 p.m.
HS Boys Soccer Midland High at Amarillo High, 6 p.m.
HS Girls Soccer Midland High at Amarillo High, 4 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper vs. Lee, 5 p.m. Grande Communications Stadium
HS Swimming and Diving TAPPS North Regional Meet, 10 a.m., Mansfield

Texas Tech football to hold Tall City scrimmage

From staff reports

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech announced Thursday afternoon that the Red Raider football program will return to Midland for the sixth consecutive year on March 24 to kick off the first of three opportunities to catch the Red Raiders this spring.
The scrimmage will begin at 11 a.m. at Grande Communications Stadium.
The Red Raiders will then wait two weeks before traveling to the Metroplex on April 7 for a scrimmage inside the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco.
"The Midland and Dallas-Fort Worth areas are so important to our athletics department," Texas Tech Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt said. "We're excited to bring our football program back to both Midland and Frisco this year while also hosting the Spring Game in front of our fans in Lubbock. Our fan base was tremendous in their support of this format last year, so we look forward to playing in front of Red Raiders throughout the state again this spring."
The official Spring Game will return to Jones AT&T Stadium on April 14 as Tech rounds out spring practices in front of its hometown fans. The Spring Game is slated for a 6 p.m. start with

television coverage to be determined at a later date.
The Red Raider Club will host evening events prior to both the Midland and Frisco scrimmages as well as in Lubbock the day of the Spring Game.
These events will replace the previous Recruiting Reviews, which will allow Red Raiders to experience a full weekend of Texas Tech Athletics.
All three events will be open to the public with free admission provided to Red Raider Club members. There will be a \$25 charge to any non-member, which will cover entry into the event as well as membership into the Red Raider Club for 2018.
Red Raiders head coach Kliff Kingsbury and his staff as well as Hocutt will be on hand at every event this spring to preview the upcoming 2018 season. Times and locations will be announced in the weeks prior to the March 23 event in Midland and the April 6 event in Dallas-Fort Worth.
"The atmosphere and support our program received last spring was incredible," Kingsbury said. "We enjoyed playing our three scrimmages last year where we were able to showcase our team in front of fans across the state. We look forward to returning to both Midland and Frisco and then ending

our spring at home in Jones AT&T Stadium."
The Red Raider Club will host two events April 14 leading up to the Spring Game at Jones AT&T Stadium. Red Raider Club members are invited to a tailgate early in the day outside Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park prior to the Red Raider baseball team's 2 p.m. first pitch against Kansas State.
In addition, fans attending the Spring Game will also have an opportunity to tour the newly-opened Sports Performance Center from 5-6 p.m. that afternoon. Admission will be free to all Red Raider Club members and \$25 for any non-members, which covers the cost of membership for 2018.
For questions regarding any of the spring events, please contact Audra McMeth in the Red Raider Club at either rrc@ttu.edu or 806-742-1196.

- 2018 TEXAS TECH SPRING FOOTBALL DATES
March 3 - Start of Spring Practices
March 23 - Midland Scrimmage (Grande Communications Stadium)
April 7 - Frisco Scrimmage (Ford Center at The Star in Frisco)
April 14 - Texas Tech Spring Game (Jones AT&T Stadium)
2018 RED RAIDER CLUB SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR
March 23 - Midland (Location and Time TBA)
April 7 - Frisco Scrimmage (Ford Center at The Star in Frisco)
April 14 - Red Raider Baseball Tailgate/Sports Performance Center Tour (Lubbock)
May 3 - San Antonio-Hill Country (Location and Time TBA)
TBD - Houston (Date, Location and Time TBA)

Local swimmers aim for state berths at TAPPS regional meet

By Christopher Hadorn chadorn@mrt.com

Seven Tall City swimmers will be hoping to earn state meet berths when the TAPPS North Regional Swimming Championships take place at 10 a.m. today at Mansfield ISD Natatorium in Mansfield.
Midland Classical sophomore Chloe Parker, Trinity senior Eric Adams, Midland Christian junior Claire Keck and Midland Christian sophomore Xen Gonzalez will be looking for repeat bids to the TAPPS State Swimming Championships, Feb. 7-9 in Mansfield.
Meanwhile, Midland Christian sophomores Travis Wantuck and Brent Martin and Midland Classical

junior DeLaney Beattie will be vying for their first state meet appearances.
The top three finishers in each event will secure automatic berths to state. Additionally, the next top eight non-qualifying performers from all three regional sites will also be invited to state.
Parker will be looking to qualify in both the Division III girls 100-yard butterfly and 500 freestyle for the second straight year.
As a freshman in 2017, Parker claimed a bronze medal at state with a third-place finish in the 100 fly



Parker

and also finished fourth in the 500 free.
Parker has dealt with adversity in her sophomore year, suffering a sprained anterior cruciate ligament in her knee earlier in the season.
"I was on crutches for a week, so I haven't had a full season of training and that's definitely not in my corner," Parker said. "But right now I would say the 100 fly is the fastest because distance has just been harder getting back."
Wantuck will compete in both the Division II boys 100 breaststroke and 50 freestyle in his second



Wantuck

regional meet. Wantuck believes his best chance to advance is in the 50 free.
"Springing is my best, it's my strong suit," Wantuck said. "I just like that it's quick and I can just go all out."

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- TAPPS North Regional Swimming Championships Local participants
Division I
Midland Christian
Cairo Keck, Jr. - girls 800 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly
Xen Gonzalez, Sr. - boys 200 IM, 100 breaststroke
Brent Martin, Sr. - boys 800 freestyle, 100 breaststroke
Travis Wantuck, Sr. - boys 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke
Division II
Midland Christian
DeLaney Beattie, Jr. - girls 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle
Chloe Parker, Sr. - girls 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle
Wesley Eric Adams, Sr. - boys 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke

UTPB athletics gets high marks on academic report

From staff reports

Over half of UT Permian Basin's 364 student-athletes recorded a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher during the fall semester as UTPB athletics released its fall 2017 academic report.
Six of 16 athletic programs recorded a team GPA above 3.0, led by women's tennis with a 3.7 GPA,

including all eight student athletes above 3.0, and men's tennis with a 3.56 GPA.
Other programs with a team GPA surpassing 3.0 included softball (3.24), men's swimming (3.15), men's soccer (3.12) and baseball (3.11). The Falcons had 140 student athletes make the Lone Star conference Commissioner's Honor Roll by earning a GPA of 3.3 or above

for the fall semester. This placed UT Permian Basin third in the Lone Star Conference.
"Much of this credit goes to our coaching staff for creating a culture that emphasizes a great academic experience that will build a foundation of success for our student athletes well beyond their years at UTPB," Falcons director of athletics Scott Farmer said in a press release.

McElhinney has 39 saves, Kadri 2 goals as Leafs beat Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — Curtis McElhinney made 39 saves while playing for the first time in more than a month, helping the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Dallas Stars 4-1 on Thursday night.
Nazem Kadri scored twice, and Zach Hyman and Auston Matthews had one each for the Maple Leafs.
McElhinney's effort turned around the recent fortunes of two teams in playoff position at the All-Star break. Toronto, third in the Atlantic Divi-

sion at 28-18-5, had been 2-3-2 in the previous seven games. Dallas, coming off a 4-0-1 stretch, still holds the first wild card in the Western Conference at 28-18-4.
The Leafs' Jake Gardiner had three assists for the second time in four games. William Nylander assisted twice.
Tyler Seguin scored to bring Dallas within 3-1 late in the second period, but Matthews restored Toronto's three-goal lead at 2:38 of the third. Ben Bishop had 25 saves for To-

ronto.
Kadri scored the game's first goal at 15:50 of the first period. With three Leafs in front of the net, Mitchell Marner passed across the goal mouth to Kadri, and Bishop had little chance to stop him.
After Toronto finished a penalty kill, Hyman extended the Leafs' lead to 2-0 at 1:55 of the second. Nylander's shot from the left circle went off Bishop, over his left leg, and fell just short of the goal line. Hyman was there to put it in.

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL American League Minnesota Twins - Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Magill and OF Andy Wilkins on minor league contracts.
Toronto Blue Jays - Agreed to terms with RHPs Piner Cruz and AI Abreu on minor league contracts.
National League Miami Marlins - Traded OF Christian Yelich to the Milwaukee Brewers for OF Lewis Brinson, INF Sean Diaz, OF Monte Harrison and RHP Jordan Vanaman.
Basketball National Basketball Association NBA - Fined Golden State Warriors \$1.5 million for public criticism of the officiating.
Atlanta Hawks - Assigned F Tyler Calver and G Isaiah Taylor to Erie (NBAGL).
Football National Football League Washington Redskins - Re-signed LB Mason Foster.
Hockey National Hockey League Calgary Flames - Recalled F Ryan Lomberg from Stockton (AHL) and G Mason McDonald from Kansas City (ECHL) to Stockton. Assigned G Tyler Parsons from Stockton to Kansas City.
Edmonton Oilers - Assigned G Nick Elice from Bakerfield (AHL) to Wichita (ECHL).
Nashville Predators - Assigned G Matt O'Connor from Milwaukee (AHL) to Manchester (ECHL).
New Jersey Devils - Placed F Marcus Johansson on injured reserve. Recalled G Mackenzie Blackwood and F Kevin Rooney from Binghamton (AHL).
New York Rangers - Assigned F Dan Castellano to Hartford (AHL). Claimed F Cody McLeod off waivers from Nashville.
Olympic Sports USAID - Imposed a four-year sanction on American cyclist Jennifer Schrummer after testing positive for a prohibited substance.

NBA GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Today's Games. Includes team names, wins/losses, and game times.

NHL GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Today's Games. Includes team names, wins/losses, and game times.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Table with columns for AFC and NFC. Includes team names, dates, and times for playoff games.

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No. 3 Baylor women win 15th straight, 81-56 over No. 6 Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Kristy Wallace scored a career-high 27 points, big posts Kalani Brown and Lauren Cox both had double-doubles and No. 3 Baylor won its 15th straight game by overwhelming No. 6 Texas 81-56 in a matchup of the Big 12's top two teams Thursday night.

Wallace scored nine of her points in a game-turning 28-7 run for the Lady Bears (18-1, 8-0 Big 12), who were in control before the end of the first quarter. That spurt included a 14-4 run over the final 3 1/2 minutes of the first quarter and a 14-3 start to the second quarter. Brown had 17 points and 11 rebounds, her ninth double-double this season and 21st in her career. Cox had 17 points and 10 rebounds. The 6-foot-7 Brown and 6-4 Cox have combined for 129 points and 83 rebounds the last three games. Brooke McCarty led Texas (15-4, 6-2) with 16 points on 5-of-19 shooting. Lashann Higgs added 13 points and Ariel Atkins 11.



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Baylor guard Kristy Wallace, right, reacts after scoring against Texas, next to guard Alexis Morris during the first half of an NCAA basketball game, on Thursday in Waco.

Texas went the final 3 1/2 minutes of the first quarter without a field goal after a Joyner Holmes layup tied the game at 14-all. Brown's tiebreaking free started the quarter-ending 14-4 run.

Big picture

Texas: Just 10 days earlier, Texas took No. 1 Connecticut to the wire before falling 75-71 at home. The Longhorns were also

coming off a record 51-point win at Texas Tech. But they were only able to tie the game five times in the first 6 1/2 minutes, and never led, before the Lady Bears took over. McCarty and Atkins were a combined 2-of-15 shooting before halftime.

Baylor: After winning their first seven Big 12 games by an average margin of nearly 23 points, this was supposed to be the first significant test for the

Lady Bears. They passed it without problem and have a two-game lead over second-place Texas going into their next game that will mark the halfway mark of the 18-game conference schedule.

Remembering Chamoka

There was a video tribute moment of silence before the game Chameka Scott, the player that coach Kim Mulkey called "the heartbeat" of Baylor's first national championship team in 2005. Scott died Sunday from colon cancer that was first discovered in 2015. Members of Scott's family and former Lady Bears teammates attended the game.

Up next

Texas plays four its next six games at home. The Longhorns host Iowa State on Saturday night. Baylor also faces Top 25 games in its next two games, Sunday at No. 20 West Virginia

MEN

From 1C

a key win to stay in the top half of the WJAC standings.

Howard coach Scott Raines said his team didn't play its best but gave credit to the Chaparrals and the way they played on both ends of the floor, especially on defense.

"We knew they were so well coached and they just grind you," said Raines about the Chaps. "We had it on the board in there, 'play for 40 minutes.' If we're ahead, it's going to be a 40-minute game. If we're behind, it's going to be a 40-minute game. Tonight, we were able to make plays down the stretch.

"We've known since the regional tournament last year that Jake Hutchings may miss a shot but he's not going to miss a shot because he's scared. He made quite a few big shots for us last year and he did it again tonight."

Fraser, who was one of Chaps in double figures with 14 points, gave MC a 54-53 lead with 32 seconds left when he drove and scored on a layup.

Howard came down but missed a 3-point attempt from the right baseline. As the ball was going out of bounds, Fraser got the rebound and appeared to call timeout in mid-air. After the officials first said it was the Chaps' ball, they met and the call was overturned, giving the Hawks the ball back with 5.6 seconds left.

"I thought he had called time out, to be honest with you," Rafferty said. "I thought the original call was accurate. He had called the timeout when he was in the air, but he didn't according to (an official)."

It was no secret that the Hawks were going to get the ball to the husky 6-foot-9 Amari McCray, who received the ball but was able to kick it out to Hutchings out on the right

2017-18 WJAC Men's basketball standings

District	Overall		
	W	L	Pct.
Odessa College	7	0	100.0
South Plains	6	1	85.7
Clarendon College	4	3	57.1
Howard College	4	4	50.0
N.M. Military	3	4	42.9
Western Texas	2	5	28.6
New Mexico JC	2	5	28.6
Midland College	2	5	28.6
Frank Phillips	2	5	28.6

Thursday's Scores
Howard College 66, Midland College 54; Frank Phillips College 66, Western Texas College 52; Odessa College 85, New Mexico JC 54; South Plains College 81, Clarendon College 55; New Mexico Military Institute 66, Northern New Mexico JV 66 (non-conference).

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

wing for the game-winner. "This is part of the learning process, but we had a foul to give," Rafferty said. "We had talked about it and if the guy gets it and he's in a non-shooting situation to foul him. The big kid was in a non-shooting situation and we didn't foul him and he was able to make the pass to Hutchings, and he hit a big shot. You've got to give him credit."

Hutchings finished with a game-high 17 points, McCray had 10 points and nine rebounds, while Derrick Green added 10 points.

Kayo Goncalves led MC with 15 points, and Amari Hale matched Fraser with 14 points.

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HOWARD COLLEGE 56, MIDLAND COLLEGE 54

Howard College (16-6, 4-4) - Amari McCray 3-8, 4-10, Jeremy Hayes 3-11, 0-7, Andre Ferguson 2-4, 1-3, Derrick Green 2-6, 5-10, Jake Hutchings 6-11, 0-17, Andria Balanac 0-0-0, Jake Pegenkopf 1-5, 0-3, Cameron Fields 0-0-0, Christian Fields 0-0-0, Ricquel Smoot 1-4, 1-13, Totals 18-49, 11-32.56
Midland College (8-15, 2-5) - Marquell Fraser 4-11, 5-6, 14, Amari Hale 6-15, 0-14, Kayo Kangu 2-6, 0-5, Jordin van der Koopt 0-1, 1-2, Kayo Goncalves 6-10, 0-15, Isert Palaco 0-0-0-0, Erkam Kirs 2-4, 0-5, Totals 20-47, 7-8.54
Halftime - MC 27, HC 22. 3-point goals - HC 9-26 (Hutchings 5-9, Hayes 1-6, Ferguson 1-3, Green 1-4, Pegenkopf 1-4), MC 7-24 (Goncalves 3-6, Hale 2-9, Kangu 1-5, Kirs 1-1, Fraser 0-3). Total fouls - HC 13, MC 8. Fouled out - (Fraser 7), Assists - HC 8 (Hayes 3), MC 9 (Kangu 4). Turnovers - HC 12, MC 14.
Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at New Mexico JC, 8:45 p.m. (CST) Feb. 1.

Kentucky-West Virginia highlights Big 12-SEC Challenge

Associated Press

A look at the upcoming weekend around the Big 12:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND:

Kentucky at No. 7 West Virginia. The Mountaineers have lost three of their last four games after falling at TCU 82-73 on Monday. But the Wildcats aren't the power they usually are, falling out of the Top 25 for the first time in nearly four years Monday.

West Virginia was a ghastly 25-of-75 shooting against the Horned Frogs.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Big 12-SEC Challenge arrives Saturday, with each team in the league in action. Fifth-ranked Kansas, which fell at No. 12 Oklahoma 85-80 on Monday, hosts a Texas A&M team that is just 2-6 in SEC play. The Sooners travel to Alabama, which has won four of its last five games. Iowa State hosts No. 22 Tennessee, surging Kansas State hosts Georgia and Ole Miss

travels to Texas. TCU (Vanderbilt), Oklahoma State (Arkansas) and No. 14 Texas Tech (South Carolina) will be on the road this weekend.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Oklahoma PG Trae Young. After scoring 48 points on 39 shots in a loss to Oklahoma State, the Sooners' brilliant freshman found some much-needed efficiency against the Jayhawks. Young scored 26 points on just nine shots from the field and added nine assists, including a kick-out to Christian James for a corner 3 that proved to be the game's decisive shot. Young is putting up numbers for a rookie not seen since Kevin Durant's only season at Texas, with 30.3 points and 9.6 assists per game.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Every team in the league is scoring more points than their opponent. The Mountaineers rank first at plus-15.3, while the Cyclones are last at just plus-1.2. ... TCU is the only team

left shooting at least 50 percent from the field. The Horned Frogs are at .500, while the Jayhawks are at .499. K-State is third at .492. ... Kansas is first in the Big 12 with an average of 16,367 fans per home game, followed by Iowa State (14,025) and West Virginia (11,493). ... KU's Devonte Graham is leading the race for Big 12 player of the year for guys not named Trae Young, as he's second in the league in points per game (17.8) and assists (7.4).

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE: TCU cracked the Top 25 for the first time since 2010 this week. The Horned Frogs are No. 24. ... Third-ranked Baylor's Kalani Brown was named Big 12 player of the week for the first time this season Monday after she scored 33 points with 19 rebounds in a win over Kansas State. ... Oklahoma State (19th) and West Virginia (20th) were also included in this week's poll.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST	
North Texas 59, FIU 53	Rice 73, FIU 64
SOUTH	
Appalachian St. 72, UALR 67, OT	Austin Peay 60, E. Kentucky 64
Belmont 81, E. Illinois 50	Coastal Carolina 62, Arkansas St. 47
Georgia St. 81, Texas-Arlington 75	Louisiana-Lafayette 76, South Alabama 57
Louisiana-Monroe 76, Troy 71	Middle Tennessee 75, UTSA 51
Murray St. 67, Morehead St. 61	South Florida 80, Tulane 75
Tennessee St. 85, SIU-Edwardsville 57	Tennessee Tech 76, SE Missouri 65
Texas State 62, Georgia Southern 61	UAB 85, UTEP 78
UNC-Wilmington 71, James Madison 68	UT Martin 67, Jacksonville St. 63
W. Carolina 108, Southern Wesleyan 46	
PACIFIC WEST	
Arizona 80, Colorado 71	Duquesne 70, W. Illinois 59
Eastern Washington 65, North Dakota 71	Long Beach St. 67, Cal Poly 71
Montana 71, S. Utah 47	N. Arizona 77, Montana St. 75
N. Colorado 80, Idaho 63	UC Davis 63, CS Northridge 56
Utah 60, Arizona St. 77, OT	
MIDWEST	
Green Bay 66, Cleveland St. 44	Mississippi 66, Youngstown St. 55
N. Dakota St. 73, Nebraska-Omaha 58	Penn St. 62, Ohio St. 79
Purdue 92, Michigan 89	Wichita St. 81, UCF 62
EAST	
CCSU 60, Bryant 74	Col. of Charleston 62, Delaware 54
Duquesne 65, Elon 76	Moravian (PA) 67, Siena 58
Mount St. Mary's 86, LIU Brooklyn 80	Northeastern 61, Hobart 67
Quincy 65, Newark 77	St. Francis Brooklyn 78, Fairleigh Dickinson 70
Tuam 65, William & Mary 82, OT	UConn 68, SMU 52

SOUTH	
Arkansas St. 70, Coastal Carolina 63	Austin Peay 59, E. Kentucky 45
Belmont 59, E. Illinois 57	Charlottesville 68, Samford 58
Duke 75, Boston College 50	Duke 75, Boston College 50
Georgia 62, Missouri 50	Kentucky 78, Alabama 54
Louisville 64, Miami 74	Memphis 65, ETSU 65
Mississippi St. 80, Florida 55	Morehead St. 62, Murray St. 60
NC State 82, Wake Forest 66	SE Missouri 70, Tennessee Tech 66
SIU-Edwardsville 68, Tennessee St. 76	South Alabama 72, Louisiana-Lafayette 57
South Carolina 60, Arkansas 42	Tennessee 75, Mississippi 66
Texas State 81, Georgia Southern 58	Texas-Arlington 61, Georgia St. 78
Troy 86, Louisiana-Monroe 70	UT Martin 71, FIU 61
UNLV 82, Appalachian St. 40	UT Martin 61, Jacksonville St. 57
Virginia 62, North Carolina 70	Virginia Tech 68, Georgia Tech 62
PACIFIC WEST	
BYU 63, Saint Mary's (CA) 54	Cal Poly 75, Long Beach St. 64
Gonzaga 73, Portland 56	Idaho 70, N. Colorado 71
Loyola Marymount 75, Pepperdine 60	Montana 74, S. Utah 55
Montana St. 78, N. Arizona 56	San Francisco 61, Pacific 71
Santa Clara 59, San Diego 50	UC Irvine 61, UC Riverside 71
MIDWEST	
Cleveland St. 71, Wright St. 70	Iowa 103, Ohio St. 69
Marquette 68, Northwestern 65	North Dakota St. 61, Washington 69
South Dakota St. 67, S. Dakota St. 61	Youngstown St. 54, N. Kentucky 51
EAST	
Fortham 72, St. Bonaventure 48	La Salle 62, VCU 57
Notre Dame 67, Pittsburgh 58	Rider 62, Iowa 40
Syracuse 66, Clemson 51	

Top 25 Fared	
1. UConn (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.	2. Mississippi State (21-0) beat Florida 90-53. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
3. Baylor (18-1) beat No. 6 Texas 81-56. Next: at No. 20 West Virginia, Sunday.	4. Louisville (21-1) beat Miami 84-74. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
5. Notre Dame (11-0) beat Pittsburgh 87-53. Next: at No. 8 Florida State, Sunday.	6. Texas (15-4) lost to No. 3 Baylor 81-56. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
7. Oregon (18-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Friday.	8. Florida State (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Sunday.
9. South Carolina (17-3) beat Arkansas 90-42. Next: vs. No. 11 Missouri, Sunday.	10. Tennessee (17-3) beat Mississippi 75-68. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
11. Missouri (17-3) lost to No. 21 Georgia 62-50. Next: at No. 9 South Carolina, Sunday.	12. Ohio State (16-5) lost to Iowa 103-69. Next: vs. Michigan 67, Saturday.
13. UCLA (15-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.	14. Maryland (18-3) beat Northwestern 68-65. Next: vs. Rutgers, Thursday.
15. Texas A&M (16-5) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.	16. Michigan (18-4) did not play. Next: at North Carolina (17-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
17. Oregon State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.	18. Duke (16-5) beat Boston College 75-50. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
19. Oklahoma State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.	20. West Virginia (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Sunday.
21. Georgia (18-2) beat No. 11 Missouri 82-60. Next: at Florida, Sunday.	22. Green Bay (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. UIC, Friday.
23. California (14-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.	24. TCU (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
25. Arizona State (14-6) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Friday.	

Women

SOUTHWEST	
Arizona State 70, Utah 60-77, OT	Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
22. Tennessee (14-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.	
23. Nevada (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wednesday.	
24. Rhode Island (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Saturday.	
25. Michigan (17-4) lost to No. 3 Purdue 82-66. Next: vs. Northwestern, Monday.	

2017-18 WJAC Women's basketball standings	
District	Overall
New Mexico JC	10
Frank Phillips	9
Midland College	8
Clarendon College	7
Howard College	6
Western Texas	5
Odessa College	4
South Plains	3

good team and we all have each other's backs, we all get along really well, so that really helps." MC began to get some separation with an 18-point second quarter which gave the Lady Chaps a 27-13 advantage at the half. The Lady Chaps had as much as a 33-13 lead early in the second half, before Howard battled to within 10 just a few minutes late. But MC put the game away with a run of its own to take a 51-32 lead heading into the fourth quarter. In addition to Thacker's big night, Ogechi Nwodo had 10 points, while Bethany Theodore, Alexandra Washington and Mantregoria Flavell each added nine. The Hawks (12-11, 2-5), which shot just 28.8 per-

cent from the floor, were led by Kaki Simpson's 16 points and Corbyn Cunningham with 14. Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OleRoy_MRT

Boys

From 1C

said. "I try to do as much as I can to try to win. Sometimes stuff isn't going your way, so you have to pick up in other places."

Venzant added that he likes how his team is progressing halfway through its district schedule. He has plenty of belief in himself and his teammates.

"It's going pretty well," Venzant said. "I like the team, coach puts in a good game plan and as long as we follow it, I feel like we can compete with anybody." MCS travels to Fort Worth Southwest Christian at 7:30 p.m. today.

Bulldogs respond, earn big road win

Early on in Tuesday's District 2-6A contest at Wolforth Frenship, the Bulldogs appeared headed for trouble, as they fell behind 11-0 to start the game.

But MHS banded together and regained itself in the first half for a 25-22 lead. The Bulldogs then put together a stellar 46-point second half to run away with a critical 71-53 win over the Tigers.

MHS head coach Shan Hooker said it was a quality effort all around from his team to remain in a tie for third place in district with Amarillo Tascosa.

Freshman post Rayshad Chambers scored a team-high 14 points for the Bulldogs (11-14, 2-2 in District 2-6A), who helped themselves by going 15-for-19 at the free throw line.

"Our two bigs really did well for us too - Suddin Sapien and Rayshad Chambers had an excellent game in particular in the second half," Hooker said. "Our guards were very unselfish in the second half, we shared the ball and there were a lot of assists." MHS next hosts district leader and No. 17-ranked Odessa Permian (22-3, 4-0) at 7:30 p.m. today.

Rangers ready for showdown

Fresh off a 72-64 victory at Pecos Tuesday, Greenwood is now set for a pivotal home contest against District 4-4A leader Monahans

at 7:30 p.m. today. Led by Ryan Snodgrass' 25 points, five players scored in double figures for the Rangers (16-12, 2-1) against Pecos. With a victory today over the Lobos (13-10, 3-0), Greenwood would move into a tie for first place.

Lee heads to Amarillo looking for answers

After dropping their eighth straight game in a 65-37 home loss to Permian Tuesday, the Rebels hit the road to face third place Tascosa (16-9, 2-2) at 7:30 p.m. today.

Lee (7-19, 0-4) is currently last in District 2-6A.

Forsan riding hot streak

Forsan is establishing itself as a dominant force in District 7-2A, as the Buffaloes have won six straight games and now sit at No. 25 in this week's TABC's Class 2A rankings.

Forsan (20-3, 7-0) has outscored its district opposition by an average of 37 points, which included a 68-47 whipping of Miles on Tuesday.

The Buffaloes next host Ozona at 7:30 p.m. today.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK
G Ryan Snodgrass, So., Greenwood - Snodgrass scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Rangers past Pecos, 72-64 in a District 4-4A contest Tuesday. Last Friday, he netted 16 points in a 69-62 loss to Andrews.

HONOR ROLL

G Brett Leach, So., Andrews - Leach poured in 32 points in the Mustangs' 69-62 win against Greenwood last Friday.

G Joseph Venzant, Fr., MCS - Venzant scored 16 points and pulled down a team-best 15 rebounds in MCS' 53-40 TAPPS 1-5A win at Fort Worth All Saints last Friday.

G Rashidun Patterson, Jr., MHS - Patterson paced the Bulldogs with 17 points in MHS' 55-44 home loss to Odessa High Friday in District 2-6A play.

G Ciro Beason, So., Trinity - He totaled 17 points in the Chargers 65-64 home loss to Amarillo San Jacinto Friday.

G Kobe Richardson, Jr., Forsan - Richardson sparked the Buffaloes with 19 points in a 68-47 thumping of Miles on Tuesday.



Baseball Hall of Fame inductees, from left, Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome, right, pose during a news conference, on Thursday, in New York.

Lack of rings stings for new Hall of Famers

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jim Thome, Vladimir Guerrero and Trevor Hoffman sat on a dais and were asked whether they would trade their new Hall of Fame memberships for a World Series title, an honor that eluded the trio during their distinguished careers.

"I'm glad I didn't have to answer that one," Chipper Jones interjected with a big smile.

"Yeah, because you guys beat us," Thome quickly replied.

Baseball's four newest Hall of Famers gathered for a news conference Thursday, a day after they were elected to Cooperstown. They combined for 75 major league seasons and 29 All-Star selections yet just one championship, earned by Jones when his 1995 Atlanta Braves defeated Thome's Cleveland Indians in six games.

For that, Jones received a 10-karat yellow gold ring with 115 points of diamonds, including a 3/4-carat center stone. The sparkler is stashed in his safe.

"I wore it for the first year," he said. "Every once in a while, a special occasion, I'll pull it out, but it's kind of faux pas to wear it. While you're world champs, it's OK to wear it. But once they crown somebody else, you put it away."

For the others, the lack of rings stings.

They received new threads, cream-colored Hall of Fame jerseys, and were lauded with hosannas as glowing family members looked on. Hall President Jeff Idelson reminded all of how rare the honor is: There have been 19,183 men to appear in a major league game, and the Hall has just 323 elected members, including 226 players. Of those, 128 have been voted in by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Players who had responded to thousands of questions struggled for answers to the proposed Hall-for-title swap. Not winning a title left holes in their resumes and egos.

"It's very heartbreaking, I have to tell you," Thome said. "It's something that

you will never lose sight of. You will never lose what it meant to prepare all winter and then to finally be introduced in a World Series is just the ultimate. ... A day like today is special, but I can only envision what it would have been like to win a World Series.

Thome reached the World Series only one other time, in 1997. The Indians were two outs from a title before the Florida Marlins rallied in the bottom of the ninth and won Game 7 in 11 innings.

Hoffman, a minor league infielder for three seasons before switching to the mound, made his only appearance when the San Diego Padres got swept by the New York Yankees in 1998. He made it to the mound in just one game, allowing Scott Brosius' go-ahead three-run homer in the eighth inning of Game 3.

"I think you selfishly prepare and you unselfishly become a teammate," Hoffman said. "And so I'll stand on the fence and basically say both are pinnacles in our game."

Guerrero's only Series appearance was in his next-to-last season, when the Texas Rangers lost to the San Francisco Giants over five games in 2010. He hit a go-ahead RBI single against Tim Lincecum in his first at-bat, then went hitless in his next 13 along with a sacrifice fly.

"Even though we did not win the World Series, it is an experience that I'll share for a long time," he said through a translator.

Jones was in the playoffs each year from 1995-2005 and again in 2012, and he hit .273 with one homer and six RBIs in 16 World Series games. A year after the Braves beat the Indians, they took a 2-0 Series lead against the Yankees only to lose four in a row. In 1999, they got swept by New York.

He joins teammates Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine in the Hall along with manager Bobby Cox and general manager John Schuerholz. In winning a record 14 straight division crowns, the Braves expected to keep on winning the World Series — as did their fans.

"We get bashed for only winning one," Jones said.

Baseball is all about numbers, so is Hall of Fame

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

The only WAR Joe DiMaggio knew about was the one raging overseas as he entered the prime of his career.

World War II would end up costing DiMaggio three years in the major leagues, though his Army service mainly consisted of playing baseball in various exhibitions. It also cost him a higher career Wins Above Replacement, the stat that baseball's ever-expanding analytic wing likes to trot out whenever there is a discussion of the greatest baseball players of all time.

It took three tries for DiMaggio to get elected to the Hall of Fame, though it wasn't because there weren't any new age stats to measure his career by. Voters in the 1950s were a discerning lot when it came to crowning baseball royalty.

They're not quite as discerning these days, as shown by Wednesday's announcement of the 2018 Hall of Fame class. Four players were elected, bringing the total for the last five years to 16.

That's a lot of new Hall of Famers, considering that in 2013 not one player was elected by baseball writers. And it may be reflective of a new voting pattern that celebrates the kind of statistics that have transformed the modern game.

Chipper Jones and Jim Thome would have been automatic picks in any era. Jones played 19 years, hit more than .300 from each side of the plate, and had a career on-base average of .401. He averaged 30 home runs and 105 RBIs for every 162 games played, though he didn't get to the magical 3,000 hit mark.

Thome, meanwhile, hit 612 home runs, and anyone over 600 without a link to steroids is pretty much a Hall of Fame lock.

Statistics are used to judge the two because statistics mean everything in baseball. It's a game of numbers, as any kid who grew up memorizing the batting averages of his favorite players will tell you.

But it doesn't have to be ruled by numbers. And they're beginning to dominate the Hall of Fame debate just like they've changed the way the game is played on the field.

Consider the case of Edgar Martinez, who baseball writers for years treated as a marginal candidate for induction. The fact he was a DH most of his career worked against him, as did his relative lack of home runs and playing most of his career in relative obscurity in Seattle.

But Martinez surged in voting the last two years, propelled by supporters that used WAR and OPS to make his case. He received 70.4 percent of the latest vote, falling just 20 votes shy of joining Jones, Thome, Vladimir Guerrero and Trevor Hoffman in this year's class.

"We are trending up," Martinez tweeted. "Next year may be the year."

Mike Mussina's climb to 63.5 percent of the vote — 75 percent is needed to get in — has followed a similar trajectory in five years on the ballot. His numbers go up each year that his stats are examined through the new prism that defines performance on the field.

Again, there's nothing wrong with using numbers to evaluate careers. Baseball voters have been doing it since the time when batting average, RBIs and home runs were the only standards for hitters, and ERA and wins were what pitchers got rewarded for when they signed contracts for the next year.

But is the fact that Martinez is tied for 32nd in history for OPS enough to get him in the Hall of Fame? Or is it more important to have the kind of impact DiMaggio had on a Yankees team that won a staggering nine World Series titles in his 13 years in pinstripes?

Martinez may indeed make it on his 10th and final year of eligibility. Next year's newcomers won't crowd ballots too much, with Mariano Rivera looking to be the only first-ballot pick. There's a good chance both Martinez and Mussina pick up votes.

There's also a good chance Barry Bonds and the rest of the suspected steroid users on the ballot won't make it. And that might be the best news to come from this year's ballot of veteran baseball writers.

Bonds and Roger Clemens edged up a bit in this year's voting, but Joe Morgan's letter warning against their election may have been the crowning blow to their chances.

1st major, top ranking at stake in Simona Halep-Caroline Wozniacki final

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — For the second time in the tournament, Simona Halep faced match points and knew one mistake would mean an exit from the Australian Open and the likely loss of her No. 1 ranking.

For the second time in just over a week, she attacked rather than take the safe approach. The 26-year-old Romanian saved two match points and needed four of her own against 2016 champion Angelique Kerber before winning 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 in the semifinals.

Halep will face No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki in the final on Saturday, with one of them guaranteed to win a first Grand Slam title. The winner will also be No. 1 when the next rankings are released. Wozniacki, who beat Elise Mertens 6-3, 7-6 (2) in 1 1/2 hours in the first semifinal, hasn't held the top

ranking in six years.

For Halep, playing in her first Grand Slam as the top seeded player, it's a first major final beyond the clay courts of Roland Garros. She lost French Open finals to Jelena Ostapenko last year — having led by a set and a break — and to Maria Sharapova in 2014.

For Wozniacki, it's her first Grand Slam final outside of America. The two-time U.S. Open runner-up also had to save match points to reach her first Australian Open final. She rallied from 5-1 down in the third set of her second-round win and said she's been "playing with the house money" ever since.

Halep is hoping to change that, saying that saving triple match point in her third-round win against Lauren Davis that finished 15-13 in the third set had set her up mentally for the pressure of the semifinals.

"Definitely was very tough. I'm shaking now, I'm

really emotional because I could win this match," Halep said immediately after beating Kerber in another marathon. "I'm glad I could resist. Not easy in the tournament to have these matches, but I have just to enjoy."

Marin Cilic is also enjoying his run, following up his quarterfinal upset against top-ranked Rafael Nadal with a 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-2 win over No. 49 Kyle Edmund. After reaching the Australian final in his 10th attempt, the 2014 U.S. Open champion will face the winner of Friday's semifinal match between defending champion Roger Federer and Hyeon Chung.

Men's Singles Semifinal
Marin Cilic (Croatia, def. Kyle Edmund, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-2)
Women's Singles Semifinal
Simona Halep (Romania, def. Angelique Kerber (G), 6-3, 4-6, 9-7)
Caroline Wozniacki (D), Denmark, def. Elise Mertens (Belgium), 6-3, 7-6 (2)

Men's Singles Quarterfinal
Marin Cilic (Croatia, def. Kyle Edmund, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-2)
Women's Singles Quarterfinal
Simona Halep (Romania, def. Angelique Kerber (G), 6-3, 4-6, 9-7)
Caroline Wozniacki (D), Denmark, def. Elise Mertens (Belgium), 6-3, 7-6 (2)

Coco Gauff, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany and Ben Matlock, Japan, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (6)

Men's Doubles Quarterfinal
Nicola Pietrangeli, Italy, and Marco Panatta, Italy, 6-4, 6-4
Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Eduardo Pagan-Maseras, France and Andrej Gorjan Hvedec, Czech Republic, 6-2, 4-6, 10-11
Gabriele Bonolis, Canada, and Matt Pavic, Croatia, def. Matej Mikolajovic, Netherlands and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-3, 7-6 (6)

Women's Doubles Quarterfinal
Chan Hui Tsang (H), Taiwan, def. Timothy Slocum (U), Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2
Adriano Panatta, Italy, and Flavia Pennetta, Australia, 6-4, 6-2
Svetlana Kuznetsov (R), United States, def. Flavia Pennetta, 6-2, 6-3
Marta Marrero (C), Cuba, def. Hyeon Chung (S), Korea, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5

Men's Singles Quarterfinal
Xin Yu Wang (C), China, def. Hyeon Chung (S), Korea, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2
Cristian Buril, France, def. Dorian Skopljak, United States, 7-6, 6-2
Eliot Telles, Brazil, def. Denis Kudla, 6-4, 6-4
En Bian Liang (S), Taiwan, def. Xin Yu Wang (C), China, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2

BASEBALL BRIEF

MILWAUKEE
Brewers deal for Christian Yelich, sign Lorenzo Cain

It became quite clear Thursday just how much the Milwaukee Brewers wanted Miami outfielder Christian Yelich. And they didn't stop there in reshaping their outfield for years to come.

In a blockbuster deal for the multi-talented Yelich, the Brewers traded away outfielders Lewis Brinson and Monte Harrison, infielder Isan Diaz and right-hander Jordan Yamamoto. Brinson was the consensus No. 1 prospect in the Brewers' system, and Harrison and Diaz were ranked in the top 10.

That news was still fresh when reports surfaced that the Brewers also signed free-agent outfielder Lorenzo Cain to a five-year, \$80 million contract. The team would not confirm that report because Cain has to pass a physical examination first but it was obvious their outfield plans had changed

dramatically.

All indications are the Brewers will announce the Cain signing on Friday. At that time, general manager David Stearns might reveal what the plans are for a very crowded outfield that still includes the three starters from last season — left fielder Ryan Braun, center fielder Keon Broxton and right fielder Domingo Santana.

The Brewers have had Santana on the trade market all winter and no doubt would part with Broxton as well in the right deal. Cain is a tremendous defender in center and likely will see the bulk of the action there. Yelich played left field in Miami before moving to center last season so it remains to be seen if Braun, who has three years remaining on a big contract, will play every day in left.

The trade was a huge vote of confidence in a rebuilding club that surprised many by moving forward in 2017 with 86 victories, falling just one short of tying for the second wild-card berth in the National League.

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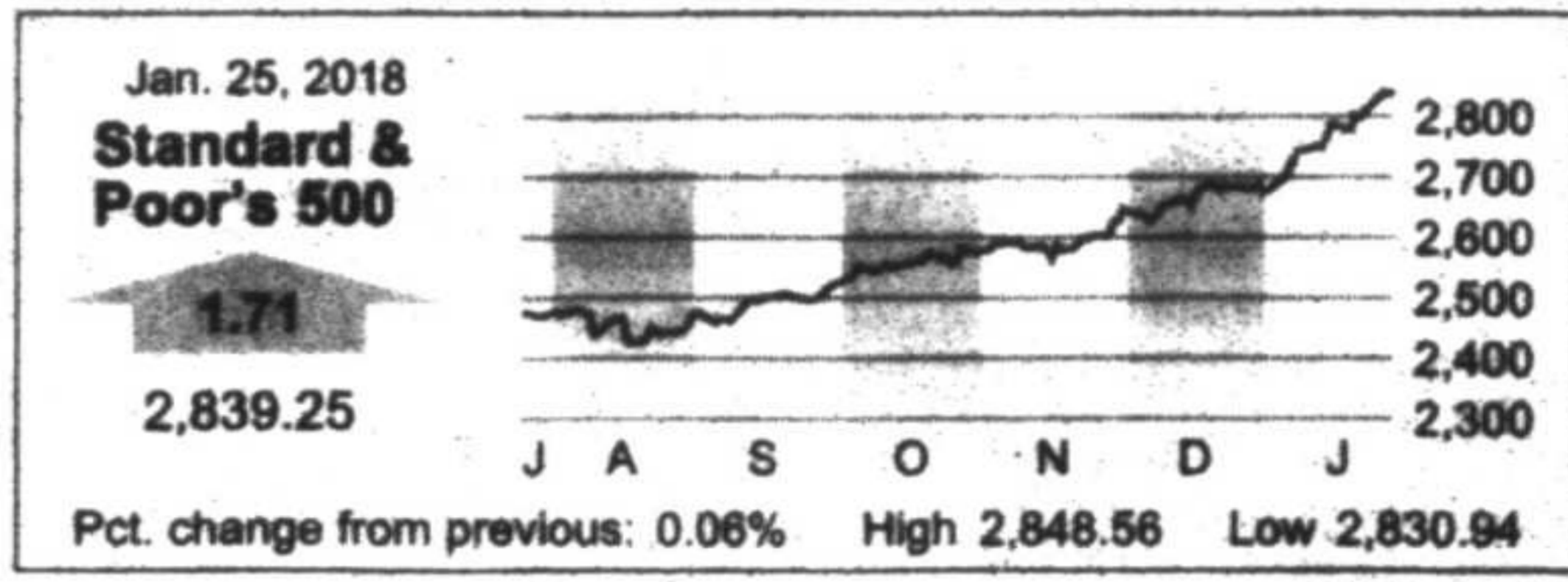
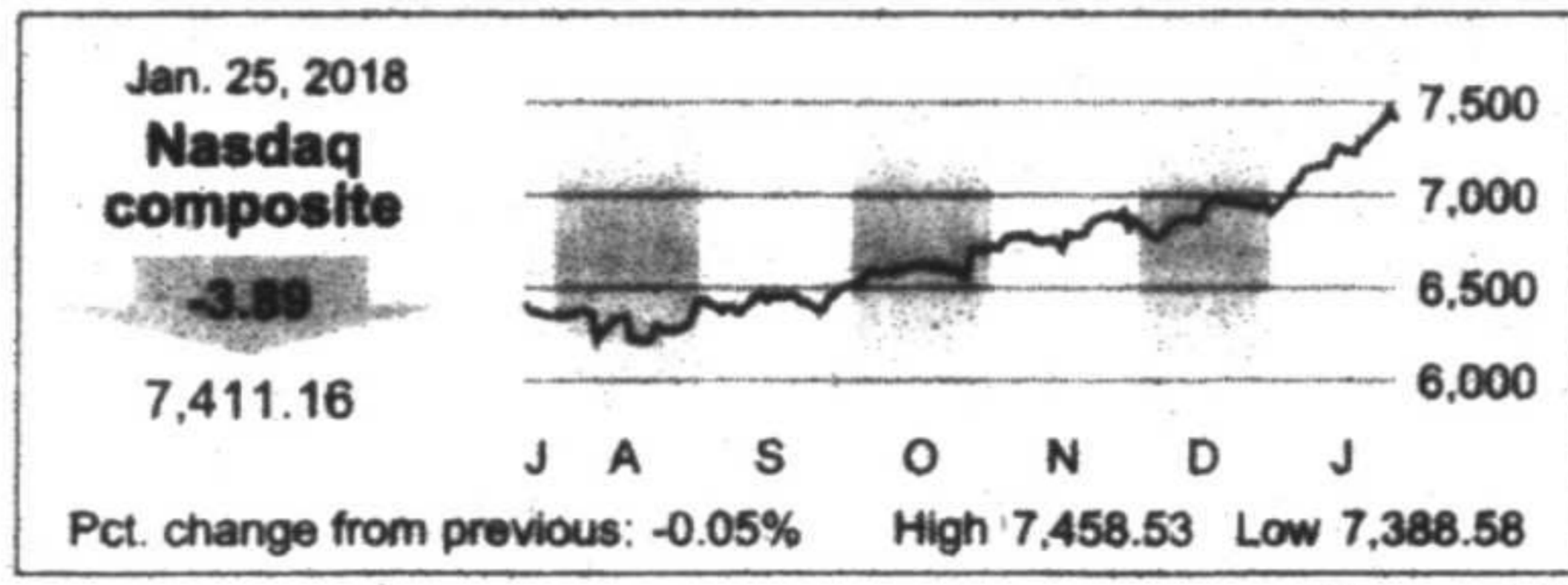
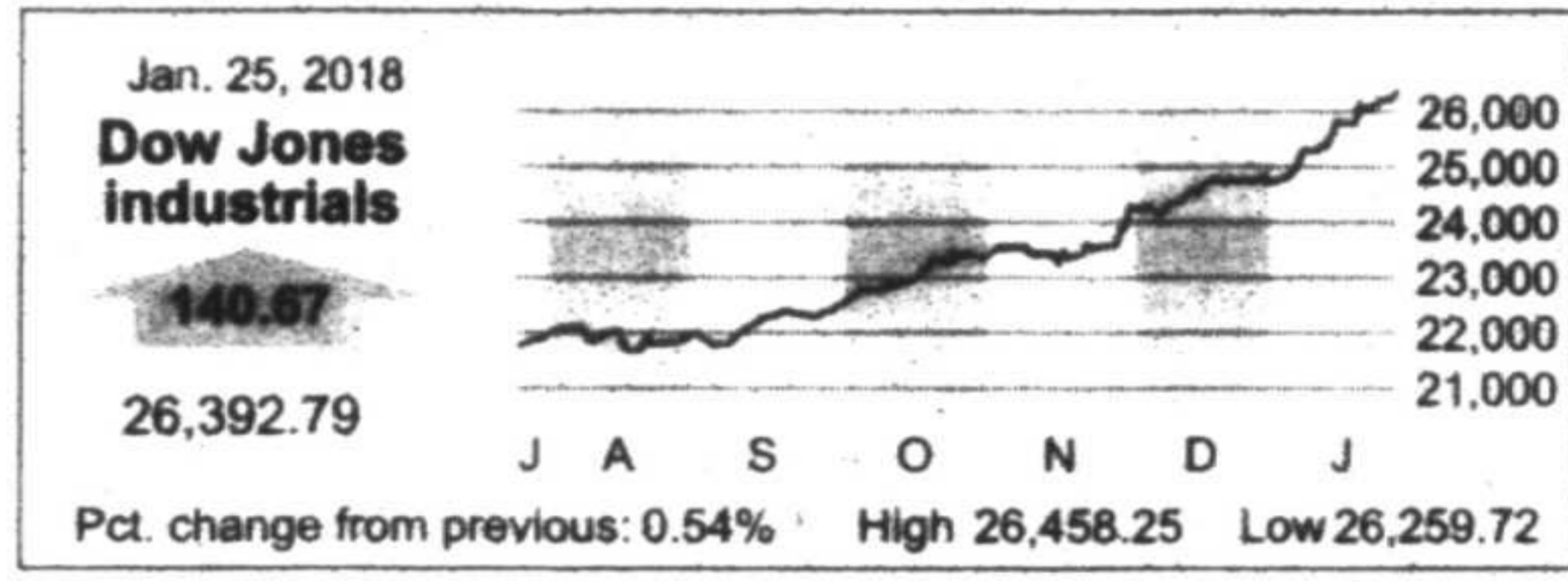
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GOREN BRIDGE With Bob Jones. All out of trumps. East-West vulnerable, North deals. NORTH: ♠A J 9 2, ♥A K J 6 4, ♦A 9 3, ♣6. WEST: ♠7 4, ♥10 2, ♦K 6 4, ♣K J 10 9 8 4. EAST: ♠K 10 6, ♥Q 9 7 5, ♦10 8 5, ♣A 3 2. SOUTH: ♠Q 8 5 3, ♥8 3, ♦Q J 7 2, ♣Q 7 5. The bidding: NORTH Pass, EAST Pass, SOUTH Pass, WEST Pass. *Splitter bid, four-card support with shortness in clubs. Opening lead: Four of ♠. The vulnerability, no doubt, kept West out of the auction. The opening diamond lead was ducked in dummy. South captured East's eight with the queen and led a low spade to dummy's jack. East won with his king and, with nothing appealing to play, led a low club. This worked fine, as West won with his eight and continued the suit, forcing dummy to ruff.

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A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Thursday: \$65.51
Previous: \$65.61

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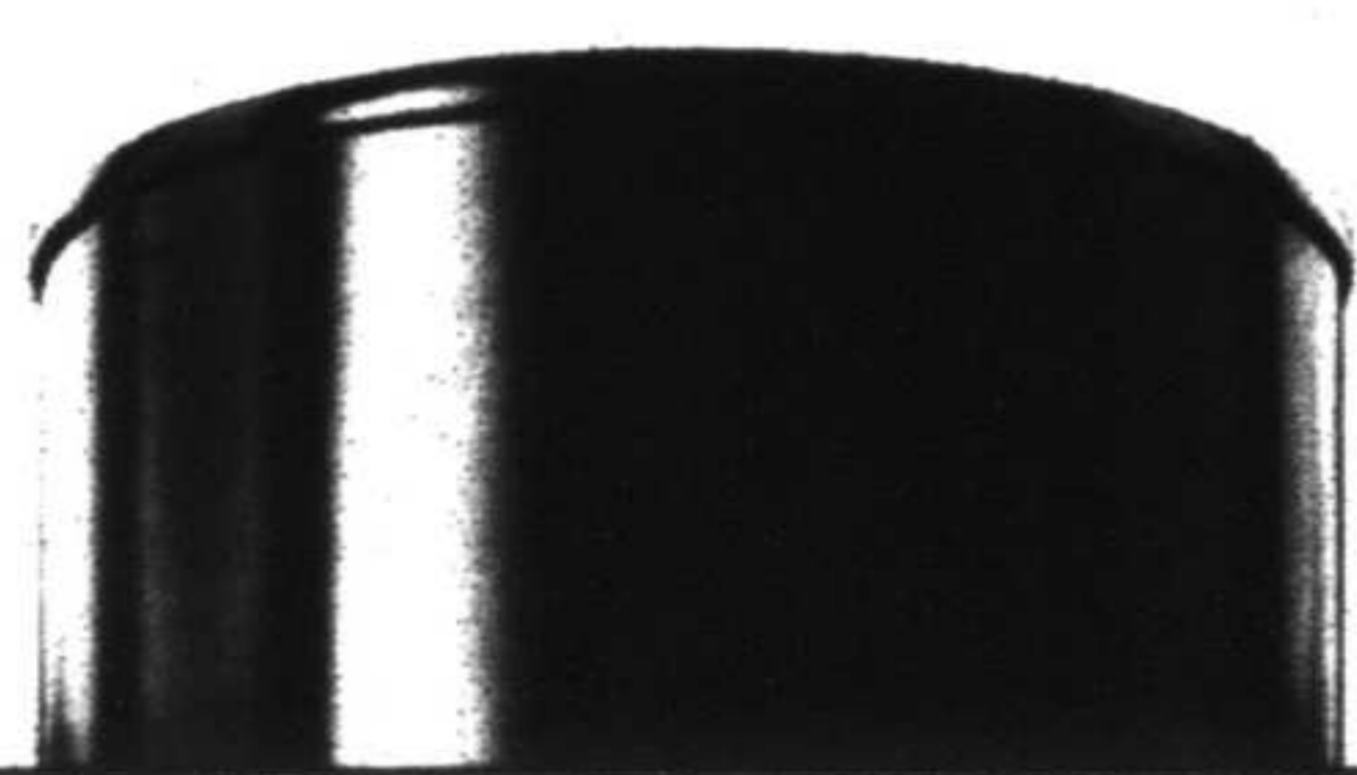
Thursday: \$62.00
Previous: \$62.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: \$59.65
Previous: \$59.65

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: \$3.447
Previous: \$3.509



Can anything stop the stock market's relentless rise?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's been 365 days since the Dow Jones industrial average first crossed 20,000, and it's already up another 30-plus percent as the stock market's relentless rise to records keeps going.

Few market watchers see a sharp reversal for stocks anytime soon, at least this year. But press them on what could possibly derail the market's run, and they usually land on a similar list of potential threats.

The warnings come couched with caveats: The general expectation is for stocks to keep rising, albeit at a slower pace, because the odds seem low for a recession this year. Economies around the world are finally in sync and growing together, and the U.S. is getting an extra kick from recently passed tax cuts. That should keep profits on the upswing for companies, and stock prices tend to follow the direction of profits.

But many potential potholes lie ahead. One concern centers on just how long and strong this bull market has been. Since they began rising in 2009, stocks have become more expensive than they've historically been, relative to corporate profits. That said, stocks have managed to keep climbing in the past, even when they've been as expensive and as deep into a bull run as they are now.

Here's a look at other potential threats that could trip up what's been one of the best runs for stocks in history:

■ An unexpected spike in inflation: Stocks and bonds have ripped higher in recent years as inflation has remained low. In fact, a major worry for years following the Great Recession was that it was too low. Central banks around the world approved massive stimulus programs to avoid a downward spiral where falling prices lead to a weaker economy, which in turn could lead to even lower prices.

Inflation is still relatively modest, but the job market is at its healthiest in years, and the unemployment rate is at a 17-year low. Theoretically, that should lead to higher wages for workers, which could push inflation higher across the economy.

If inflation picks up faster than the Federal Reserve is expecting, it could force the central bank to raise rates more quickly than it has prepped markets for.

Given how expensive stock and bond markets have become, that could trigger turmoil, analysts say.

■ Central banks around the world

tightening too quickly: It's not just the Fed that investors are watching closely. Markets are trying to guess when central banks from Europe to Japan will tighten their spigots of stimulus.

The ultra-low interest rates that they have maintained have made it easier for companies and people to borrow. They've also pushed many investors into stocks, helping to goose their prices higher.

"The idea of the bull market dying because of central banks tightening too quickly, that's the big worry," said Marina Severinovsky, investment strategist at Schroders. She, though, is still optimistic that markets can keep rising broadly given the improvements in the global economy.

■ A trade war: A big reason for the success of many investors' 401(k) accounts is how much U.S. companies are benefiting from other countries' economies doing better.

Companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index got 43 percent of their sales from outside the country in 2016, the most recent full year for which S&P Dow Jones Indices has statistics. The biggest U.S. company, Apple, got 63 percent of its sales from abroad in its most recent fiscal year.

The worry is that a White House led by an "America First" ethos could enact barriers to trade that hurt those sales. One of President Donald Trump's first actions after taking office was to pull out of a trade pact for Pacific nations, and the U.S. government is working to remake the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Earlier this week, the U.S. government moved to tax imported solar cells and washing machines. At a meeting of global business and political leaders in Switzerland, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on Wednesday conceded that China could respond with its own tariffs on U.S. products.

■ A real war: Tensions are high around the world, and so are the stakes when a misstep could lead to nuclear weapons being launched.

"You always worry about geopolitical risk," said Kirk Hartman, global chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Asset Management. "I can't predict Korea."

Besides the war of words that has heated up between the U.S. and nuclear-armed North Korea, investors worry about the potential for conflict in the Middle East and other areas around the world.

Losses for airlines, tech mostly offset other stock gains

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks spent a second day flipping between small gains and losses Thursday as investors again looked for hints about the Trump administration's stance on international trade and the dollar. Major indexes ended the day mixed as airlines plunged while biotech drugmakers climbed.

Homebuilders fell sharply after the Commerce Department said sales of new homes dropped in December. Airlines suffered a second day of sharp losses as investors worried about rising costs and the possibility of lower air fares. Retailers and technology companies slipped, but health care companies including Biogen and Celgene rose.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Dow Jones industrial average still rose enough to set more records, but stocks have wobbled this week as investors monitored the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, to get a sense of how the Trump administration's nationalist stance might affect global trade.

Metal prices mix

Gold picked up \$6.60 to \$1,362.90 an ounce, and after strong gains over the last few days it's at its highest price since August 2016. Silver gained 13 cents to \$17.62 an ounce. Copper fell 1 cent to \$3.22 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Company	Closing Price	Change
Concho Resources (CXO)	\$159.79	Down 1.11
Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)	\$6.60	Up 0.08
Diamondback Energy (FANG)	\$126.85	Down 3.51
Legacy Reserves (LGCY)	\$2.42	Up 0.06
Mexco Energy (MXC)	\$4.20	Down 0.12
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)	\$28.85	Up 0.25
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)	\$20.75	Down 0.68
RSP Permian (RSP)	\$40.74	Down 1.10
Ring Energy (REI)	\$14.81	Down 0.39
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)	\$25.55	Down 0.22

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (21 on issue)				GAINERS (22 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
Form	1146766	11.57	-48	TAL Educ s	33.56	+5.05	+17.7
GenElec	950114	16.18	-26	PPDAI n	8.46	+96	+12.8
S&P500ETF	12719283	30	+18	VarianMed	127.01	+13.96	+12.3
NewellRub	736496	24.81	-6.42	Tillys	15.24	+1.34	+9.6
BioAm	620209	32.09	-	DolbyLab	70.19	+5.78	+9.0

LOSERS (22 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Volume
HorzGld n	9.11	-3.75	-29.2	Declined	1,324		
NewellRub	24.81	-6.42	-20.6	Unchanged	105		
LaredoPet	9.89	-1.63	-14.1	Total issues	3,004		
CarboCer	10.22	-1.34	-11.6	New Highs	263		
Preturn g	7.45	-8.8	-10.6	New Lows	74		
				Volume	3,802,516,923		

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (21 on issue)				GAINERS (22 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
B2gold g	96005	3.11	-13	Can-File	2.25	+35	+18.4
22ndCentury	84827	3.88	+0.1	Myomo n	4.92	+58	+13.4
NwGold g	77956	3.24	-15	Skyline	24.40	+2.52	+11.5
ISHindia bt	56688	37.74	-23	IncOPR	10.90	+97	+9.7
SRC Eng	45155	9.55	-0.6	NTN Buzz rs	5.70	+44	+8.4

LOSERS (22 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Volume
NovoGld g	3.89	-5.4	-12.1	Declined	186		
Cel-Sci rs	2.11	-2.2	-9.4	Unchanged	28		
AvatorMid	2.21	-1.9	-7.9	Total issues	337		
Sitco	6.70	-4.5	-6.3	New Highs	12		
VoltronRX	3.71	-2.4	-6.1	New Lows	10		
				Volume	130,208,055		

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (21 on issue)				GAINERS (22 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc	414358171	111.11	-3.11	Lightbrdg rs	3.41	+1.26	+38.6
MicronT	403492	43.01	-0.7	KeyTech	26.80	+8.94	+9.8
MannKd rs	385724	3.80	+1.11	MannKd rs	3.80	+1.11	+14.3
Intel	355358	45.30	-2.0	lowoTh	14.65	+3.15	+27.4
PwShs	3028974	168.35	-1.0	OpGen rs	6.57	+1.36	+26.1

LOSERS (22 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Volume
CHCustR n	17.21	-3.29	-16.0	Declined	1,378		
ShyTech	2.05	-3.6	-14.9	Unchanged	184		
OculerTher	5.31	-8.8	-14.2	Total issues	3,023		
BalenaPw	3.27	-5.2	-13.7	New Highs	202		
AspenGp n	7.62	-1.19	-13.5	New Lows	30		
				Volume	2,043,108,391		

Reba McEntire to play KFC chain's founder

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The next Colonel Sanders is giving the character a little bit of "country music flair." KFC has picked singer Reba McEntire to play the founder of the fried chicken chain, the first female celebrity in the role.

In commercials starting next week, McEntire dons the Colonel's famous white suit and black tie, but with a twist.

McEntire's outfit has fringe on the back, and a glittery shine, giving the getup "a little bit of the country music flair," she told The Associated Press in an interview.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AK Steel	17	6.29	+0.1	+11.1			Comcast	63	20	42.14	-8.5	+5.6		JP Morgan	2.24	18	115.70	+0.3	+8.2	
AT&T Inc	2.00	14	37.45	+4.3	-3.7		ConAgra	85	21	38.04	+4.4	+1.0		JetBlue	11	20.69	-1.36	-7.4		
AbbottLab	1.12	28	63.22	+1.50	+10.8		ConchoRes	158.79	-1.11	+6.4			Johnson	3.36	20	144.00	+2.33	+2.3		
Abrazas	64	2.55	-0.9	+3.7			ConocoPhill	68.48	-1.01	+8.4			Kimberly	4.00	19	123.44	+3.73	+3.3		
AdaDevEq	1.32e	15.85	-0.4	+6.1			CrackerB	4.80	30	174.12	+1.72	+8.6		KindMorg	50	28	18.82	-3.2	+4.2	
AMD	12.41	-3.0	+20.7				CSX	5.49	+1.8	-9			Kinross g	4.46	-1.5	+3.2				
Alibaba	56	198.33	+2.80	+15.0			CrossTim	30e	15	15.47	+0.6	+5.3		Kroger s	50	16	30.26	+7.8	+10.2	
Altria	2.64	22	69.81	-1.65	-2.1		DCT Mid	3.12	59	41.86	-1.1	+15.3		LegacyRes	2.42	+0.6	+50.3			
Ambev	0.5e	7	8.82	-0.5	+5.6		DTE	3.30	21	105.96	+1.53	-3.2		Lightbrdg rs	3.41	+1.26	+179.5			
Amgen	5.28	17	190.88	-8.5	+9.3		DeltaAir	1.22	11	54.81	-1.99	-2.1		Lulule	3.82	+14.4				
Anadarko	1.00	61.49	+0.6	+14.6			DevonE	24	63	43.91	-8.1	+6.1		MannKd rs	3.80	+1.11	+63.8			
Annaly	1.20	9	11.02	-0.9	-7.3		DrMGM	1.88	17.98	-1.98	+1.2		McDerm	16	8.90	-0.6	+35.3			
Apache	1.80	47.45	-8.7	+12.4			Disney	1.88	19	110.85	+0.5	+2.8		McDerm	4.04	30	175.86	-4.6	+2.1	
Apple Inc	2.52	20	171.11	-3.11	+1.1		EOG Reser	87	117.46	-1.02	+8.8		Merck	1.92	16	61.30	+1.2	+6.9		
ApidMall	40	18	55.76	-1.16	+8.1		EldorGld g	0.2e	27	1.37	-0.6	-4.2		MeritMed	54	48.80	+3.6	+8.3		
Archrock	4.80	10.55	+0.5	+5			Enbridge	0.8	55.52	-2.45	-3.6		MetroEn	4.20	-1.2	+6.9				
ATMOS	1.80	23	82.91	+8.6	-3.5		EnPro	88	51	90.61	-3.3	-3.1		MicronT	9	43.01	-0.7	+4.9		
AutoData	2.52	32	120.63	-2.3	+2.9		ENSCO	0.4	8.65	+0.1	+12.5		Microsoft	1.98	32	92.33	+5.1	+7.9		
BP PLC	2.28	31	43.74	-2.0	+4.1		EntProdP	1.70	23	28.11	-0.7	+8.8		Nabors	24	8.27	+0.9	+21.1		
BocBrad s	1.6e	12.88	+2.5	+25.7			Ericson	11e	6.89	-2.2	+3.1		NOV	20	37.60	-8.9	+4.4			
BioAm	48	21	32.09	-8.7			ExxonMbl	3.88	34	86.37	-1.6	+8.7		Netflix s	289.74	+8.46	+40.5			
B IPVxST rs	27.83	+4.6	-3				Facebook	35	187.46	+9.3	+6.2		NewellRub	82	10	24.81	-8.42	-19.7		
BarrickG	1.20	15.26	+0.6	-			F5	6.51	-5.9	-3.4		NokiaCp	1.7e	4.80	-1.1	+3.0				
BasicEnS	45	-	-	-			FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.09	+9.9	+4.8		NSTFS	3.8e	14.44	-0.4	-4.9		
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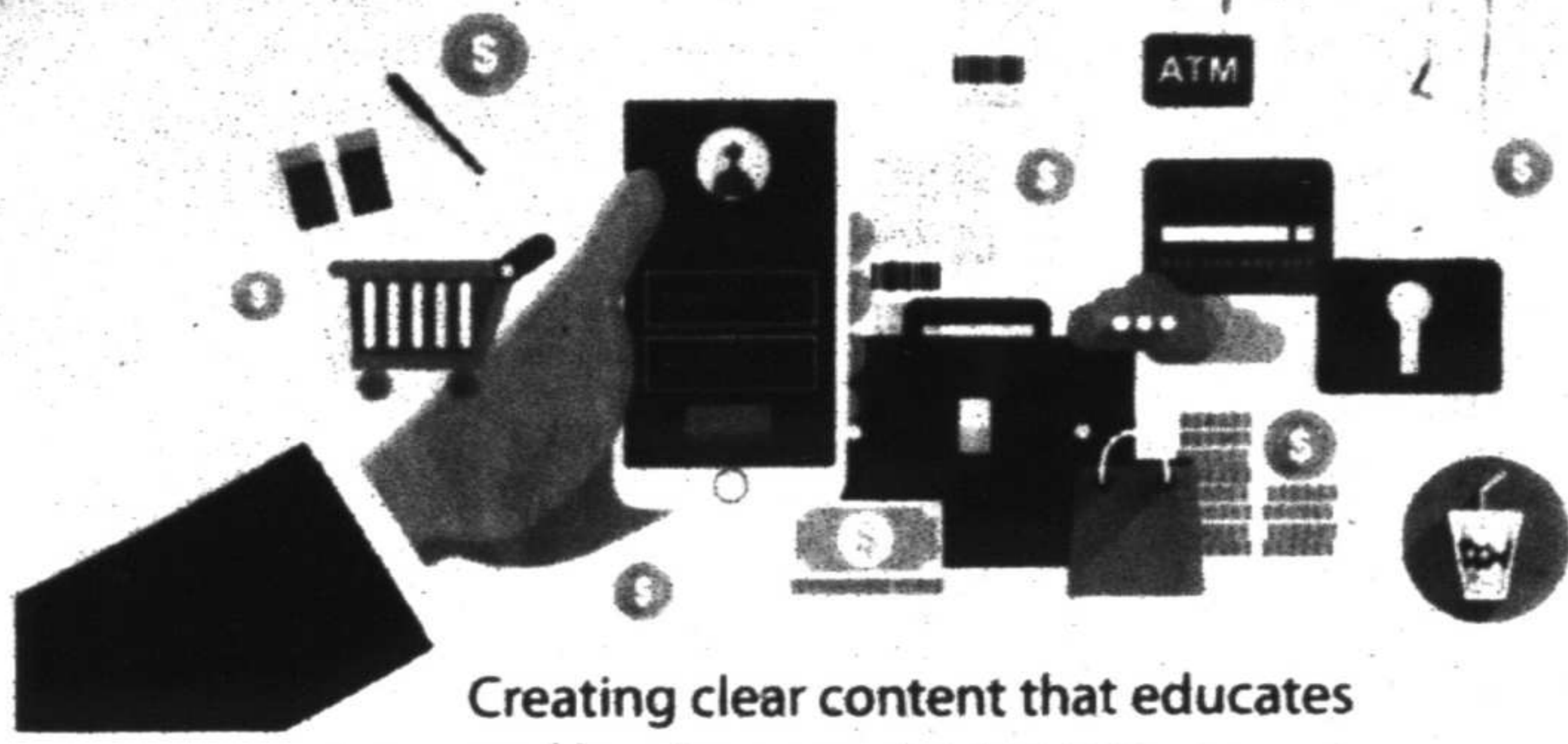
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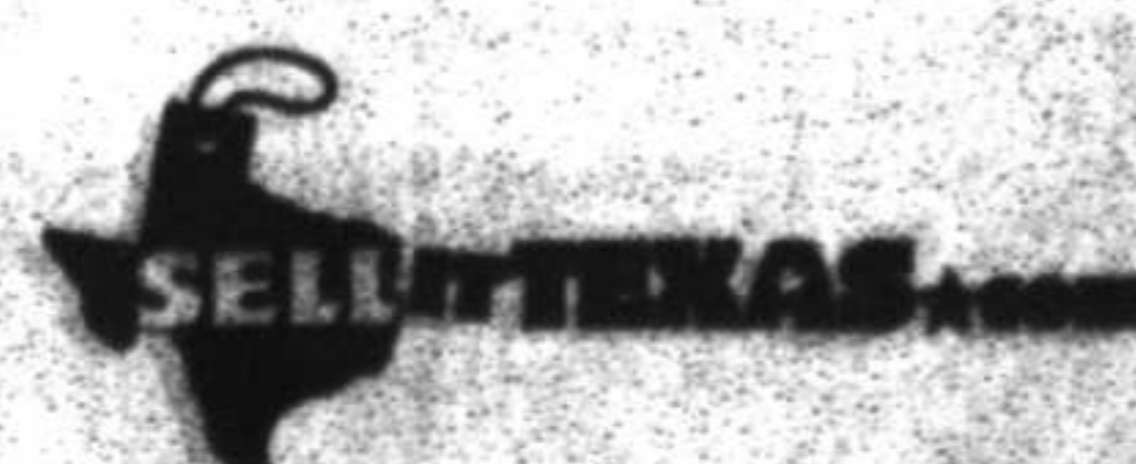
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ORDINANCE 9727

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 1, BLOCK 2, BENT TREE ADDITION, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A TRANSITION DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MIDKIFF ROAD AND BLUEBIRD LANE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland
Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9725

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 2E, BLOCK 33, CORRECTION PLAT NORTHGATE ADDITION, SECTION 21, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 695 FEET WEST OF NORTH MIDLAND DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland
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ORDINANCE NO. 9724

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT 21, BLOCK 4, WOODLAND PARK ADDITION, SECTION 4, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF ALMONT PLACE AND GUNNISON DRIVE), BY PERMITTING A REDUCED REAR YARD SETBACK; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland
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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Diann Louise Dow, Deceased, were issued on January 16, 2018 in Cause No. P19259, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Carolyn Anne Dow Allison.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Carolyn Ann Dow Allison
2912 Roosevelt Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701

DATED the 22nd day of January, 2018

William E. Ward
Attorney for Carolyn Anne Dow Allison
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Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE 9726

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2E, BLOCK 33, CORRECTION PLAT NORTHGATE ADDITION, SECTION 21, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 695 FEET WEST OF NORTH MIDLAND DRIVE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland
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City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alfred Jacob Vogel, Deceased, were issued on January 16, 2018, in Cause No. P19281, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Mary E. Vogel, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2505 Stanolind Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 24th day of January, 2018.

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ATTORNEYS FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Erich Schmidt for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, to PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the following described property: Lot 4, Block 12, Sunset Acres, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of West Golf Course Road, approximately 270-foot west of North Midkiff Road. (Council District 3)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wanda S. Johnson, Deceased, were issued on January 16, 2018, in Cause No. P19286, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Ralph Gregory Johnson, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 3602 Leal Road, Christoval, Texas 76935.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 24th day of January, 2018.

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ATTORNEYS FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by RSP Permian, L.L.C. (MCC HZ Unit 1105H) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 285 feet from the north line and 1,688 feet from the east line, Section 11, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

LOCATION: Generally located between 1,688 feet west of North State Highway 349 and 5,030 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, on a request by Woody's Hide-away for a Specific Use Permit with Term, for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption, in a bar, on the following described property: A 8,280 square foot portion of Lot 3A, Block 1, Gateway Plaza, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Chris Martinez for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, Section 11-1-7.-Area, yard, structure, parking, and miscellaneous lot and use regulations concerning the front yard setback on: Lot 2, Block 5, Correction Plat of Western Hills, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SUSAN CELESTE REEVES, Deceased, were issued on January 23, 2018, in Docket Number P-19,295, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to WESLEY LYNN REEVES, Independent Executor.

The address of record for WESLEY LYNN REEVES is 4817 Timber Lane, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79707.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 24th day of January, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN

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State Bar# 13084500

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF
SUSAN CELESTE REEVES

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by RSP Permian, L.L.C. (MCC HZ Unit 1107H) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 285 feet from the north line and 1,768 feet from the east line, Section 11, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

LOCATION: Generally located between 1,768 feet west of North State Highway 349 and 5,030 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by AE, Agriculture Estates District, to a PD, Planned District for a Housing Development on the following described property: A 40.494-acre tract of land out of the south 1/4 of Section 12, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located east of Harvest Rain Street, approximately 1,498-foot north of East Mockingbird Lane. (Council District 1)

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LOCATION: Generally located between 1,728 feet west of North State Highway 349 and 5,030 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Permian Deep Rock Oil Co., LLC (Charger #H150WB) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 110 feet from the south line and 990 feet from the west line, Section 3, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR. CO. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

LOCATION: Generally located between 1,052 feet east of South Garfield Street and 325 feet north of West County Road 111.

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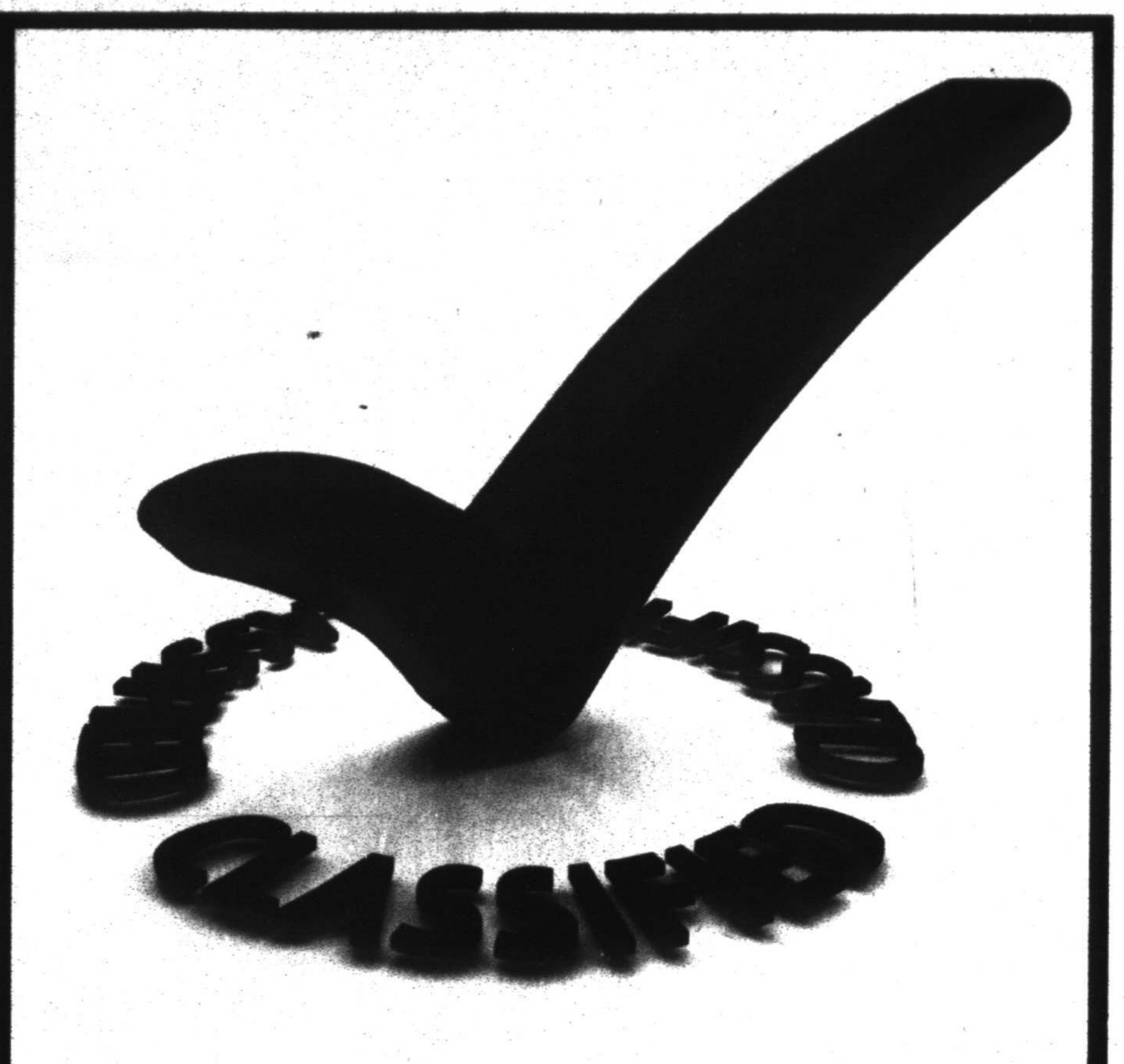
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