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William Shatner, Captain Kirk in the original *Star Trek* TV series, appears in Ticonderoga **Friday & Saturday, May 4-5**, in conjunction with James Cawley's Star Trek Tours and Mr. Cawley's painstakingly recreated Starship Enterprise. **Details page 27.**

Max: Opiate deaths cutting life expectancy rates; can we unite to fight?

By Max Frost

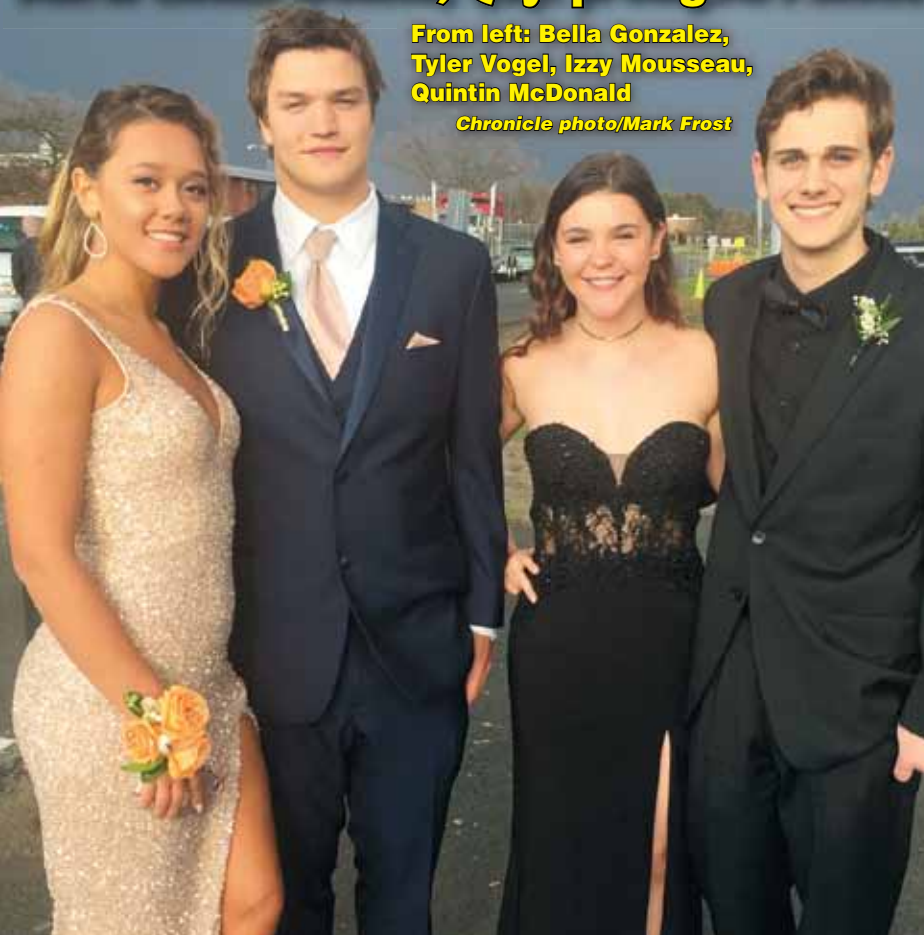
Chronicle Special Correspondent

For all the concern about ISIS, Russia and China, no challenge facing the United States is more serious than the opiate crisis. The rise in drug overdoses has caused the American life expectancy to drop for two years in a row.

Only in one of the last 50 years has life expectancy fallen, and that was during the peak of the AIDS epidemic. The last time American life expectancy fell two years in

More U.S. drug deaths in 2016 than died in whole Vietnam war.

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From left: Bella Gonzalez, Tyler Vogel, Izzy Mousseau, Quintin McDonald
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a row was in 1962-63 during an abnormal flu outbreak.

In 2016, 63,632 people died from drug overdoses, two thirds of which were from opioids. The number for 2015 was 52,404.

For comparison, 58,220 Americans died in the Vietnam War, 39,000 people were killed in the war in Syria last year, and 3,000 people died in 9/11. Drug overdoses are killing as many Ameri-

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The Nobel Trump?

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

The plot of American politics and this presidency have rocketed into infinite absurdity.

Now we have the president of South Korea urging Nobel Peace Prize consideration for President Trump — for his role in bringing the two Koreas into direct conversation and raising hope that progress actually gets made toward reconciliation and defusing the North's nuclear threat.

Yet to those who loathe him, Donald Trump is the exact op-

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