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Tomorrow's issue will be the last one for our newspaper. We all knew this day was coming, and it is a sad day. We lost almost \$20 million last year, and the owners have tried to sell the paper but no one wants to buy it in this economy. I want to thank all of you, all the editors, writers, photographers, page designers, printers — everyone who helped make this paper a city institution for the past 150 years. It's been a pleasure and an honor working with you and supervising you. As you've heard, we will continue to have an online news site with a staff of 25. This re-designed website will begin tomorrow. We hope that it will help fill the gap left by the departed print product. Meanwhile, we have one more issue to put out. Let's get to work and make it the best it can be.

Answer keys

- 1). Who is the intended audience?
(C) Newspaper employees
- 2). Who most likely is the speaker?
(A) Publisher
- 3). What will begin tomorrow?
(B) A news website

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Ok, if I could have your attention please. We have a new board member to formally introduce today. I say new because he's new to those of you sitting at this table, but not to many of you personally. John Clayton has been with our firm for almost 20 years now. He started as a hardware technician and worked his way up to senior manager, then systems director, and finally to his current position of vice president in charge of research and development. Since you're all familiar with John's work, I want to tell you a little about his personal life. John is married with three wonderful children, ages 12, 9 and 7. Last year, his 9-year-old, Luke, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. This was of course terrible news for John and his wife Karen, but they have helped Luke battle the sickness, and he is doing very well. During this difficult period, John was able to do his job despite missing several weeks attending to his family. His election to our board of directors is a testament to his courage, perseverance, and high personal standards. John replaces Martin Lynch, who retired last November, and though those are big shoes to fill, I am confident that he is more than up to the task. But enough blather from me. John...

Answer keys

- 1). Where is this introduction most likely taking place?
(A) In a board room
- 2). What is the speaker mainly discussing?
(B) John Clayton's personal life
- 3). What will happen next?
(D) John Clayton will speak.