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With his fellow forward out of the game, Maxi Galizzi combines hard work and formidable energy to fill the void. Can the Sockers trounce the Dutch Lions FC?

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TRAGEDY UNFOLDS ON I-20



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A mangled red truck is seen in front of a 18-wheeler Tuesday at the scene of a wreck on Interstate 20 underneath the Farm-to-Market 1788 overpass. KOSA reported two people died after a man driving a tractor-trailer was responsible for the crash. The driver of the tractor-trailer left the scene on foot, according to the report. He was identified as Jose Gilvane Oliveira Baldassari, 48. The deaths are the first on roads inside Midland County in July and are the 19th and 20th overall, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The last fatality occurred June 25.

Council: Budget will help deal with growing city

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council anticipates any approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be appropriate for a growing community.

By the city of Midland's metrics, our community is all about growth.

The statistics provided in a 2019 budget workshop document provided the foundation for a general fund budget that, according to the city's preliminary budget, will increase from \$112.1 million to \$128.1 million. Those statistics include:

- A forecasted population increase from 137,975 in 2017 to 142,114 this year.

- Oil and gas permits are on pace to be the second most this decade;

- Residential permits are on pace to threaten the most in one year this decade (1,099 in 2014), and valuations of residential property is on pace to exceed \$212 million (which would be the most this decade);

- 44 commercial permits through May of this year, and valuations totaling \$175.7 million, which already ranks third this decade;

- More than 1,000 multi-family hous-

ing units permitted or already under construction through May. That is the second most of any year this decade.

The Midland City Council has proposed a tax rate — 40.7633 cents per \$100 valuation — that is lower than the current rate of 40.8389 cents. The city reports the budget is the effective rate plus 3 percent. City officials said Tuesday that the increase in population and inflation is closer to a 6.9 percent increase.

"This is appropriate budget for the growth we are seeing," District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy said after Tuesday's council meeting.

The council's workshop packet reported Midland's tax rate — like other taxing entities around the city — compares favorably to other communities around the state. The current rate, according to the city, is lower than Odessa (49.3248 cents), San Angelo (77.6 cents), Abilene (77.51 cents), Lubbock (53.802 cents), Plano (46.86 cents) and Richardson (62.516 cents). That lower rate can be deceptive because Midland's valuations are higher than most on the list, which eliminates any potential savings to the taxpayer. The city reports the average home value will rise from \$211,059 in 2018 to \$235,679 in 2019. Total assessed

valuations inside the city are expected to rise to \$12.922 billion. That is an increase from \$12.241 billion in 2018 and \$7.721 billion as recently as 2013.

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1, said Tuesday that he felt city staff focused on the right things when producing the budget, including a 4 percent cost-of-living adjustments for city employees.

"Employees have to find some place to live," said Sparks, who also noted the \$10 million budgeted for street maintenance and additional dollars for infrastructure.

Lacy said this budget helps deal with the "economy on steroids," delivers on promises the council made on streets and infrastructure and even includes the construction of two fire stations "debt-free" thanks to greater-than-anticipated sales tax collections this fiscal year.

As reported earlier this week, property taxes make up about 36 percent of general fund expenditures in the proposed budget. Last year, property taxes made up 39 percent of general fund expenditures. This year, budgeted sales tax revenue — proposed at \$48 million — is expected to outpace property taxes by more than \$2 million.

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Report: Oil and gas M&A to surge in late 2018

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Oil and gas mergers and acquisitions are expected to surge with upwards of \$50 billion in new U.S. deals for the rest of the year following a spring lull, according to a new report.

The land rush in West Texas' booming Permian Basin largely ended last year, and now it's time for the dealmaking and consolidation to take hold with U.S. oil prices hovering below \$75 a barrel — near their highest levels since late 2014.

The spike in M&A activity is expected to be led by Australia's BHP Billiton selling its roughly \$10 billion portfolio in shale oil and gas assets in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, according to the report from Austin-based Drillinginfo, a leading oil and gas research and analytics firm. BHP holds major acreage in both the Permian and South Texas' Eagle Ford shale.

Potential buyers including leading oil majors like BP, Chevron and Royal Dutch Shell, as well as private equity players. But BP is the rumored frontrunner, Drillinginfo noted, as the British energy giant seeks a major foothold in Texas shale opportunities akin to U.S. rivals Exxon Mobil and Chevron.

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Gold medalist to speak at Pink the Basin

From staff reports

Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton will be the speaker at October's Pink the Basin annual Celebration Luncheon.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 2 at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

Hamilton won the men's figure skating gold medal at the 1984 Olympics. He also has worked as a figure skating analyst.

According to a press release, Hamilton "has experienced the highs and lows of life — from a debilitating childhood disease, losing his beloved mother to breast cancer, to the glory of an Olympic gold medal, to the devastating diagnosis of testicular cancer and three brain tumors. (His) history of collecting life threatening illnesses, finally pushed him to launch his own national charity, Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation, to shine a light on new treatment options for cancer, changing the cancer conversation and aligning people and organizations to raise the bar of cancer care and survivorship."

For more information on the event, including sponsorship opportunities, please call 432-940-PINK (7465) or email info@pinkthebasin.com.

Pink the Basin is a local nonprofit that was incorporated in 2012. Since 2012, Pink the Basin has granted more than \$1.3 million to help women in the Permian Basin with mammograms, prostheses and needed follow-up care.

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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency via AP

This undated photo shows U.S. Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Farris, of Dodson, who died during World War II combat in 1944 in Germany. Farris was buried Monday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS Remains of WWII soldier, 19, buried

The remains of a World War II soldier from the Texas Panhandle who died during combat in 1944 in Germany were recovered and buried in his home state.

Services were held Monday for 19-year-old Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Farris of Dodson. Burial was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency says Farris served with Company B, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was wounded on Nov. 28, 1944, and left for an aid station but never arrived.

Farris was declared missing in action, then deceased in November 1945.

Between 1946 and 1950, dozens of unidentified remains were recovered from Germany's Hürtgen Forest. Some were interred in Belgium, then later in France.

Remains disinterred in 2017 were identified in April as Farris, with help from DNA.

AUSTIN Governor reappoints Lacy to Aerospace/ Aviation committee

Gov. Greg Abbott has reappointed Councilman J. Ross Lacy to the Aerospace and Aviation Industry Committee.

Joining Lacy in serving terms that will expire Sept. 1, 2021, will be Sharon Denny of McKinney, Bob Mitchell of Pearland and Terry Stevens of Waco.

Abbott named Aimee Burnett of Southlake and Lauren Dreyer of Eddy to the committee.

Dan Winston of McKinney will serve a term that ends Sept. 1, 2019.

The committee assists in the state's economic development efforts to recruit and retain aerospace and aviation jobs and investments in Texas.

SAN LEON Kentucky limestone to be used for new oyster reef

Crews are putting millions of pounds of Kentucky limestone on the floor of a Texas bay for a 21-acre oyster reef on a private lease.

San Leon-based Prestige Oysters held a blessing

ceremony Monday for the Galveston Bay oyster cultch, the Galveston County Daily News reported. The mass of stones, broken shells and grit will form an oyster bed off San Leon, 40 miles southeast of Houston.

Hurricane Ike in 2008 battered the area's oyster reefs and devastated the local oyster industry.

Workers used a crane this week to load boats with nearly 5,000 tons of limestone, which will be spread on the bay floor, said Raz Halili, vice president of Prestige Oysters. The company has also used oyster shells and limestone to create thriving habitats for oysters, she said.

"The first option is always shell, but it's just not a plentiful resource," she said. "But oysters thrive on domestic limestone."

The project is the first new reef on a private lease in the area in about 40 years, Halili said.

The company will likely have to wait two or three years for the site to have mature oysters to harvest for consumers. But the mollusk also has ecological benefits for the body of water, according to Clifford Hillman, owner of Hillman Shrimp and Oyster Co. Adult oysters filter up to 50 gallons of water a day, he said.

Halili said reefs also create natural barriers for hurricanes and coastal erosion.

NEW MEXICO Clint Eastwood film set to begin production

SANTA FE — Production on a Clint Eastwood-directed film about a Mexican cartel is scheduled to begin in New Mexico.

New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced Monday that Eastwood's upcoming feature "The Mule," from Warner Bros. Pictures and Imperative Pictures, will film later this month in Las Cruces.

Starring Clint Eastwood, Bradley Cooper, Laurence Fishburne and Michael Peña, "The Mule" is the story of Earl Stone, a man in his 80s who is broke, alone and facing foreclosure of his business. He is offered a job that simply requires him to drive. However, unbeknownst to Earl, he signs on as a drug courier for a Mexican cartel.

The New Mexico Film Office says the production will employ around 85 New Mexico crew members and about 200 New Mexico background talent.

Natural gas drillers are fighting for their lives

Mathew Carr, Mikael Holter, Kevin Crowley, and Anna Shiryayevskaya
Bloomberg

The natural gas industry is on a mission to prove it can keep up with the green energy industry, whose price reductions are starting to become a competitive threat to fossil fuels.

Gas and oil producers have slashed overheads by a third since 2014 and are finding deeper reductions harder to come by, according to energy consultants Wood Mackenzie. That's spurring them to re-write supply contracts, build mobile liquefied natural gas terminals and take more prosaic steps like fixing leaky pipes.

"This is about getting affordable energy out," said Jens Okland, executive vice president of marketing, midstream and processing at Equinor ASA, Norway's biggest energy company. "A lot of these LNG projects are huge. You need to make them cheaper, quite simply."

Keeping gas affordable is a crucial ingredient of the world's effort to shift toward less-polluting forms of energy, since it's gas-fired power generators that can start and stop quickly, helping smooth fluctuations in supply coming from wind and solar farms. Its costs have to fall as cheaper wind turbines and solar panels make utilities scale back their most-expensive traditional power plants.

And gas has plenty of competition even before the rise of renewables. For example, to compete with coal in Asia, gas imports need to land there at about \$4 to \$6 per million British thermal units. That's about half the cost of reported contracts, according to the International Gas Union trade lobby. In Germany, solar and onshore wind power are already comparable to gas based on the value of electricity the assets generate over their lifetime, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

data show.

Expectations about costs are already influencing energy policy as governments decide how to balance supply needs against what voters are willing to pay for. Britain's climate change adviser said last month the nation may need a fivefold increase in gas-fired plants by 2050 to guarantee power capacity - a forecast that suggests a need for more investment at a time politicians are pressing for utilities to cut their bills to consumers.

Gas executives are confident they will keep a major share of the power generation business. So far, no batteries or other storage technology will give the "grid-stabilizing capability" that gas does, De la Rey Venter, Shell's executive vice president for integrated gas ventures, said in an interview in Washington. "For the foreseeable future you can bank on gas."

And companies are bringing down some expenses already by focusing on better-value projects, according to Sanford C. Bernstein analysts. An example is Woodside Petroleum's Scarborough gas field development in Australia. It will probably be more than 60 percent cheaper than Chevron Corp.'s giant Gorgon development, based on a measure of how much spending is needed for each unit of output, detailed in the chart below.

Elsewhere, Exxon Mobil is seeking to reduce expenses as it expands its LNG projects in places as far-flung as Mozambique and Papua New Guinea.

"It's really a function of using technology, using available supply sources out there and find a way to bring those to the market at the lowest-cost supply," Darren Woods, chairman and chief executive officer, said in an interview in May.

Here's more of the ways the gas industry is cutting costs:

1. Smaller LNG terminals

Modular "plug and play" gas liq-

uefaction plants and floating import terminals are smaller, expandable LNG facilities that cater to buyers that need less volume. They're also cheaper to build, so don't need decades-long contracts to fund them.

A converted LNG tanker deployed as a liquefaction facility in Cameroon cost just \$1.2 billion. By contrast, Chevron's Gorgon plant in Australia cost more than \$50 billion.

2. New contracts

Gas buyers are demanding shorter, flexible LNG contracts as supplier competition grows and market liquidity for the super-chilled fuel improves. That's making the traditional oil-linked agreements increasingly irrelevant as LNG benchmark prices emerge. Just cutting contract clauses that specify a fixed destination can reduce shipping costs by reducing time and freeing up vessels.

3. Cool running

Producing LNG in colder countries can also reduce costs because less energy is needed to liquefy the gas.

Novatek PJSC reckons its Yamal plant in Siberia can provide LNG around the world at less than half the prices that China, Japan and South Korea currently pay from other sources because of its temperature advantage over warmer climates such as Qatar, the biggest exporter of the fuel.

4. Reducing leaks

The gas industry still underestimates how much of the fuel leaks away when it's extracted and transported, according to a survey by the Energy Institute. Producers can reduce that leakage by 75 percent simply by improving practices in the supply chain, with about half of that cut at no net cost.

Oklahoma fast-tracking medical marijuana, but with pushback

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma pushed ahead with emergency rules Tuesday aimed at fast-tracking operations of the medical marijuana industry, but not before concerned health officials tacked on requirements that cannabis advocates say will only slow things down.

The state Board of Health narrowly voted to prohibit the sale of smokable marijuana and require that dispensaries must have a pharmacist on staff. The board's own attorney advised against the additions, and the changes rankled medical marijuana proponents who accused the board of defying the will of the people.

"The people were clear. They wanted to be able to smoke medical marijuana," said former state Sen. Connie Johnson, a long-time advocate for legalized marijuana. "This flies in the face of what the people wanted."

Legal wrangling has gummed up the rollout of medical marijuana in several other states, including in neighboring Arkansas, where a proposal approved

by voters in 2016 remains on hold because of a legal challenge. There were years of court fights in Michigan after voters there approved medical marijuana in 2008.

But state lawmakers and Republican Gov. Mary Fallin stepped aside after residents of traditionally conservative Oklahoma voted June 26 to legalize medical marijuana, paving the way for a quicker start. Nearly 57 percent of voters said yes to one of the least-restrictive laws in the country that makes it legal to grow, sell and use marijuana for medicinal purposes. The law, which made it to the ballot through signature petition, outlines no qualifying conditions, which would allow physicians to authorize its use for a broad range of ailments and gives a 60-day timeline to implement.

Implementation could face strong headwinds, though, from opponents in the business, medical and law enforcement fields that pushed hard against the proposal. Groups representing doctors and hospitals, both of which opposed State Question 788, recommended the ban on selling smokable marijuana and the pharmacist requirement.

Health board member Charles Skilling, the CEO of a hospital in Shawnee who proposed the ban, said he did it out of concern for public health. Health advocates have pushed for so long against smoking cigarettes that it was hard for them to endorse smoking of any kind.

Oklahoma's interim commissioner of health said the agency is fully prepared to move forward with a regulatory framework for the new industry in the state, although he acknowledged legal challenges are likely.

"I have no reason to think it won't go smoothly and that the will of the people won't be adhered to," said Commissioner Tom Bates.

Chip Paul, who helped write the medical marijuana state question and push for its approval, said the board's last-minute changes were problematic, but he's optimistic the state is closer to helping patients.

"Even with a pharmacist on site, even with no smokable marijuana, we now have a program where

patients who are suffering can at least get some relief, and that's a giant, huge deal," Paul said.

Bud Scott, an attorney who represents several marijuana businesses, called the board's actions "an insult to our democratic institutions."

"This is an attempt to kneecap the program," Scott said, "not a good-faith effort to implement it safely."

Scott has called for a special legislative session for lawmakers to set up a regulatory framework, and Fallin initially supported the idea. But the governor reversed course when lawmakers expressed little appetite to return to the Capitol to tinker with the new law just ahead of the November election.

Meanwhile, marijuana advocates are gathering signatures for a statewide vote on whether to fully legalize cannabis for recreational use in Oklahoma. Organizers say they've gathered about 84,000 signatures so far and need about 40,000 more by Aug. 8 to qualify for the November ballot.

M&A

From 1A

U.S. oil and gas M&A only hit \$8.7 billion in the second quarter of this year, versus about \$45 billion in the first six months of 2017. The \$50 billion projected for the back half of 2018 would exceed that busy period in early 2017. In addition to so-called Big Oil majors, private equity players and international companies in Asia, Europe and the Middle East also are expected to become more active in the U.S., especially in onshore shale.

"We expect the legions in quality asset packages to begin to move quickly in the second half of 2018 as the sub-\$50 oil price risk is largely over," said Drillinginfo senior director Brian

Lidsky. "These are exciting times and buyers have plenty of choices to rapidly deploy capital."

Apart from Midland-based Concho Resources buying rival RSP Permian for about \$8 billion, the first six months of 2018 have been relatively quiet in dealmaking. But Drillinginfo considers that the calm before the storm with companies now poised to strike.

As for BHP, the Australian mining giant bought big into U.S. shale in 2011, purchasing Houston-based Petrohawk Energy for about \$15 billion, including debt, and Fayetteville shale acre-

age from Oklahoma City's Chesapeake Energy for \$5 billion.

But BHP took a big hit during the recent oil bust, writing down the value of its shale assets by \$7 billion two years ago. The company is planning to get out of shale, considering the business too risky.

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A Thai Buddhist monk prays for 12 boys and their soccer coach on June 27 in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand.

Trapped Thai boys being closely watched for health problems

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The 12 youth soccer teammates who were trapped in a flooded Thai cave for more than two weeks are finally out, and now they are being closely monitored in a hospital.

The boys — who ranged in age from 11 to 16 — emerged in relatively good shape. Here is a breakdown of the health issues they still face:

WHAT CONDITION WERE THE BOYS IN?

The first eight boys rescued came in with low body temperatures and were provided with heaters, Thai doctors said Tuesday.

One had a low heart rate, and one had a scratch on his right ankle. Doctors suspected two had lung infections — probably pneumonia — based on irregular X-rays.

HOW ARE THEY FEELING AFTER TREATMENT?

Overall they were feeling better, with no fever, and were getting around on their own and smiling.

But doctors said the boys were being kept quarantined. Parents were allowed to see them through a glass isolation barrier and talk to them via hospital phones.

It could be at least seven days before they can be released from hospital, said Jedsada Chokdumrongsaek, permanent secretary at the Public Health Ministry.

WHY ARE THEY BEING QUARANTINED?

The boys were malnourished and weak, and doc-



Ajit Solanki/Associated Press

Students at a school in Ahmedabad, India, hold candles and pray on Monday for a group of Thai youth soccer players and their coach who were trapped since June 23, in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand.

tors are probably worried that they could be susceptible to germs spread by family members or other visitors, said Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, a Columbia University infectious diseases expert.

But it's also possible they are infection risks to others. Thai doctors have said they don't know what type of unusual illnesses the boys may have picked up in the cave.

"We have never experienced this kind of issue from a deep cave," and doctors are running a battery of tests on the boys, Jedsada said.

Bats live in caves. They can spread viruses ranging from rabies to Nipah, which can cause pneumonia, seizures and death. The boys told doctors they did not see any bats or other animals, and experts say it's unlikely bats would dwell as deep in a cave as the boys were.

Lipkin said more likely risks are tetanus bacteria that could infect a wound, diarrhea-causing bacteria that could have contaminated the cave waters, and

inhalable fungal spores that could cause breathing problems — including pneumonia.

WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE BOYS?

Lipkin said the most likely problems will stem from "the stress associated with this harrowing experience."

One of the Thai doctors said the boys were happy but that psychologists would be evaluating them. The guided escape was stressful, and Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said the boys were given an anti-anxiety medication to help calm their nerves.

People who endure such an intense and dangerous event can go on to suffer lasting anxiety, depression and other symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. Thailand's Department of Mental Health said hospitals are working with the families to help the boys mentally recover, including by not digging for details about what they endured.

Will Barr's racist tweet doom 'Roseanne' Emmy chances?

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If "Roseanne" has a shot at Emmy honors, it's because television academy voters are willing to overlook Roseanne Barr's racist tweet that ended the revival after one triumphant season.

Barr, the sitcom and its cast are vying for Emmy nominations to be announced Thursday morning. They were submitted for consideration before the show was axed and no one — including its lightning-rod star — asked to be withdrawn.

The comedian could have "ducked and hidden" because of her online insult targeting former Obama aide Valerie Jarrett that prompted ABC to cancel the series despite its high ratings, said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys."

Barr and others who worked on the show are hoping that attention will be focused on what they achieved and not the controversy, said O'Neil, editor of the Gold Derby awards handicapping website.

The "Roseanne" revival threw a political twist into the mix: Barr's support for President Donald Trump was mirrored by her character, Roseanne Conner, who gleefully clashed with her liberal sister. Viewers liked the approach, making it the most-watched series last season with an average audience of 18.7 million tuning in on Tuesdays.

Writers, directors and ensemble cast members including Laurie Metcalf, John Goodman and Sara Gilbert have reason to seek Emmy attention beyond ego: It's a chance to highlight "The Conners," the spinoff featuring the cast minus Barr that's set to air next season on ABC.

There will be other contests to scrutinize when Samira Wiley ("Handmaid's Tale") and Ryan Eggold ("The Blacklist," upcoming "New Amsterdam") announce nominees for the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards beginning at 11:25 a.m. EDT Thursday. The ceremony airs Sept. 17 on NBC with Colin Hanks and Michael Che of "Saturday Night Live" as hosts.

The growing dominance of streaming services including Hulu and Netflix, combined with premium cable networks HBO and Showtime, continue to overshadow the broadcast networks that were once the definition of television. Although they air the annual awards in rotation, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox are fighting for viewers and a place at the Emmy banquet.

In the best drama series contest, last year's champ was Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale," which is expected to defend its title against previous two-time winner "Game of Thrones." The HBO fantasy saga missed airing within the 2017-18 eligibility window due to its production schedule but is back in contention for its next-to-last season.

"Handmaid's Tale" star Elisabeth Moss, winner of last year's top drama actress

award, is likely to end up competing one more time against another Elizabeth — Claire Foy's British queen in Netflix's "The Crown," with Foy abdicating the role as the saga progresses.

Mandy Moore, whose "This Is Us" character Rebecca endured the death of Milo Ventimiglia's Jack, could reap her first nod. Ventimiglia may end up vying with formidable NBC series castmate Sterling K. Brown, who won the award for drama series actor last year and a trophy the year before for "The People vs. O.J. Simpson."

On the comedy side, the contest is wide open with the absence of three-time HBO winner "Veep" and its powerhouse star Julia Louis-Dreyfus — six lead actress trophies for the show — because of production timing. FX's "Atlanta," which earned best acting and directing trophies for creator-star Glover, is expected to compete with Amazon newcomer "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" and NBC's "Will & Grace," the other big sitcom revival.

Glover may have an unexpected rival in Bill Hader, star of HBO's hitman comedy "Barry." "Mrs. Maisel" star Rachel Brosnahan has considerable buzz for an acting nod, but she'll be face serious competition likely including Tracee Ellis Ross of ABC's "black-ish" and Allison Janney of CBS' "Mom," fresh off an Oscar win for "I, Tonya."

Every year offers another measure of how the 20,000-plus member Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is inching toward diversity. In 2015, "How to Get Away with Murder" star Viola Davis became the first actress of color to win top drama series honors. Last year, when Brown and Glover won, Lena Waithe became the first African-American woman honored for comedy series writing, for "Master of None," sharing the award with series co-creator Aziz Ansari, who is of Indian heritage.

If "Roseanne" ends up in the running, the comedy about a blue-collar family's struggles will show voter openness to economic diversity as well — a rarity on TV and in the Emmys.

In its original 1988-97 run, "Roseanne" failed to earn a single best comedy-series bid, with some observers pointing toward the industry's ingrained preference for sitcoms about affluent characters, such as the much-honored "Frasier." Or "Will & Grace," which in its original 1998-2006 run earned 83 nods and won 16 Emmys, compared to 26 nominations and four trophies for "Roseanne."

While "Roseanne" was slighted, its cast wasn't. Metcalf received four nods and won three times for her portrayal of Barr's sister, Jackie, while John Goodman, who played husband Dan Conner opposite Barr, was nominated seven times (without a win).

Barr herself was nominated four times and claimed the top acting award once.



This image shows Roseanne Barr, left, and John Goodman in a scene from the comedy series "Roseanne."

In New Mexico, 'praying for rain' won't be enough

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico's supply of groundwater should be reserved for periods of drought, communities should have sharing agreements in place when supplies are short and alternatives such as desalination should be explored regardless of the cost.

The recommendations are part of the state's draft water plan released late Monday by New Mexico's top water managers.

Updated every five years, the plan acknowledges the growing pressures of dry conditions and climate change on New Mexico's drinking and irrigation supplies. Like the rest of the American Southwest, New Mexico remains mired in severe drought because of record-high temperatures and record-low precipitation in the winter and spring.

Stretching of the Rio Grande have gone dry, mountain pastures along the Arizona-New Mexico border are brown, and the aquifer that serves parts of



Susan Montoya Bryan/Associated Press

Refiners flood the Rio Grande on Tuesday near the Central Avenue bridge in Albuquerque, N.M. New Mexico's top water managers have released a draft of the 2018 state water plan as New Mexico deals with a persistent drought that has left some stretches of the river dry south of Toledo.

New Mexico, Texas and several other states continue to drop.

"There's no question we need a long-term strategy when it comes to water shortage, and it can't be praying for rain," said New Mexico Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth, a Senate

Fe Democrat who has been working on water issues for years.

Not enough money has gone into water planning in recent years, and the plan has become more a reaction to the evolving conditions, Wirth said.

There are also legal

pressures that could force the state to make changes, namely a lawsuit filed by the state of Texas over New Mexico's management of the Rio Grande. That case is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court and could end up costing the state millions of dollars.

"Status quo is not going to work, and the external factors are moving at such a pace that we can either sit back and suffer the consequences or be proactive and really try to drive this forward in a collaborative way," Wirth said during an interview Tuesday.

The water plan covers the challenges of balancing supply and demand, the need for more data on how much water is being used, conservation and billions of dollars in infrastructure needs.

One of the projects highlighted in the plan is the Ute pipeline. Decades in the making, the pipeline aims to ease the strain on the Ogallala aquifer along the Texas-New Mexico state line by tapping into Ute Reservoir. Some critics say the cost will outweigh the benefits as the reservoir could be uncertain as drought persists.

Building new ways to divert water won't solve New Mexico's problems, said Jon Peltz with the environmental group WildEarth Guardians.

The new draft state water plan is just business as

usually for New Mexico," she said. "Instead of working to live within our means and come up with strategies to use and manage water in a sustainable manner, the state continues its policy of trying to stretch supplies as far as possible with new infrastructure and denial."

Despite short-term relief for some areas as the monsoon season kicks into gear, forecasters have said it will take more than a single robust rainy season to erase the water deficit that has built up.

About 30 miles of the Rio Grande below Toledo Pueblo and north of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge are now a sandy wash, prompting the rescue of endangered silvery minnow from the dry river.

In the Zuni Mountains near the Arizona-New Mexico border, pastures have been reduced to crisp tufts of dormant grass and watering holes have evaporated, leaving behind only dry cattail stalks.

The dry conditions and threat of wildfire also forced the temporary closure of popular trails and camping spots in northern New Mexico in June.

Hero or villain? Trump's court pick is in for a fight

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To hear Republicans tell it, Brett Kavanaugh is a skilled and well-respected judge who reveres the Constitution. To Democrats, he's a threat to women's reproductive rights and the Obama health care program.

It's likely to become the most turbulent confirmation fight for a Supreme Court justice in years, with Kavanaugh already being cast as a hero or villain.

A look at the ammunition both sides will use ahead of the vote in the Senate, where he'll need a simple majority to spend a lifetime on the nation's highest court.

HIS INSIDER STATUS

President Donald Trump may relish his status as an outsider, but Kavanaugh is anything but.

The 53-year-old Yale-educated appellate court judge was born in Washington, D.C., aided arguments for President Bill Clinton's impeachment, and worked at the White House under President George W. Bush.

Kavanaugh still lives in the D.C. area, raising his kids in the Maryland suburbs just miles from the White House.

That insider status can help Kavanaugh win over the Washington elite and secure enough Senate votes to avoid an embarrassing loss for Trump. But Democrats will cast Kavanaugh as part of the same Washington "swamp" Trump vowed to drain.

Both sides will be poring over Kavanaugh's some 300 legal opinions in his 12 years as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit, not to mention his legal articles and speaking engagements.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ABORTION

There's a record number of women raising their hands for public office in recent months, putting a focus on female empowerment in an era of #MeToo.

That may have been on Kavanaugh's mind late Monday when the federal judge seemed to go out of his way to praise his "inspiring" wife and "spirited" daughters, and told the story of his mother, a teacher-turned-prosecutor who "overcame barriers" to become a trial judge.

"I am proud that a majority of my law clerks have been women," Kavanaugh added.

But Democrats say nothing short of *Roe v. Wade* is on the line and have cast Kavanaugh as a far-right judge who threatens women's reproductive rights. It's unclear what evidence there is for that, other than Trump's promise to appoint anti-abortion judges.

In his 2006 confirmation hearing to become a federal judge, Kavanaugh told the Senate, "I would follow *Roe v. Wade* faithfully and fully" because it's "binding precedent" that has been "reaffirmed many times."

At the White House Monday, Kavanaugh invoked the value of legal precedent again, saying, "a judge must interpret the

Constitution as written, informed by history and tradition and precedent."

Kavanaugh disappointed social conservatives in a 2017 case involving a pregnant teenage immigrant in federal custody who wanted an abortion. He supported releasing the girl to a sponsor, where she could obtain an abortion if she chose to do so and leave the government out of it.

HEALTH CARE

If Democrats can convince voters in red states that Kavanaugh is a threat to Obama-era health care, they might be able to peel off the one or two GOP votes needed to sink Kavanaugh's nomination.

The focus is on GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Neither faces re-election this year, and both are centrists who've backed abortion rights and helped block their party's 2017 effort to repeal former President Barack Obama's health care statute.

One case likely to draw attention is Kavanaugh's 2015 dissenting opinion on the health care law's contraceptives mandate. Kavanaugh sided with a religious group that objected to having to notify their insurer or the federal government if they wanted an exemption.

The Affordable Care Act is "wildly popular and necessary in the reddest of states," said Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, in an interview Tuesday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "If the American people come to believe this court would overturn women's reproductive freedom and the ACA, we would get a majority of votes," he added.

PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY

This issue may not get as much buzz as abortion or health care, but it's probably the one that's directly relevant to Trump. The president has faced allegations of sexual harassment and remains under investigation for obstruction of justice in the Russia election meddling investigation. Trump also has suggested he could pardon himself.

In 2009, Kavanaugh floated the idea that presidents should be immune from criminal and civil charges while in office because of the pressures of leading the nation.

Congress, he wrote in *The Minnesota Law Review*, should pass a law that would temporarily protect the president from both civil suits and criminal prosecution. Bill Clinton, for example, "could have focused on Osama bin Laden without being distracted by the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and its criminal investigation offshoots," Kavanaugh wrote.

"If the President does something dastardly, the impeachment process is available," Kavanaugh wrote.

That line of thinking would be useful to Trump, who is unlikely to face impeachment so long as Republicans control Congress.



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Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, right, listens as Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, left, speaks Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Kavanaugh is on Capitol Hill to meet with Republican leaders as the battle begins over his nomination to the Supreme Court.

Business groups and unions clash over Supreme Court nominee

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Business groups and labor unions have lined up on opposing sides of the pitched battle shaping up over President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, whose approach to the law is widely seen as business-friendly.

Kavanaugh's rulings and written dissents generally convey skepticism toward government regulatory and consumer protection efforts — positions that tend to enjoy broad support among business organizations. He has also usually sided with employers in labor law cases.

"In employment discrimination claims, Judge Kavanaugh's opinions over the years typically favored the employer," Michael Lotito, a lawyer at Littler, an employer law firm, wrote Monday.

"I expect Kavanaugh will be very much in the mold of Chief Justice Roberts, who has generally been friendly to business," Russell Wheeler, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Still, if Kavanaugh is confirmed, he won't likely change the outcome

of many business cases before the Supreme Court. That's because Justice Anthony Kennedy, whom Kavanaugh would succeed, typically voted in favor of business interests. So have several of the court's other justices, including some who are generally viewed as members of the court's liberal wing.

"Most of the court's business cases are not 5-4," said Ilya Shapiro, a senior fellow in constitutional studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, referring to the narrow votes that often emerge in contentious cases. "It's generally a pro-business court."

In January, Kavanaugh dissented from a ruling by a federal appeals court that upheld the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which was established in 2010 to protect Americans against abusive financial products and services. Kavanaugh argued that the agency's director effectively wielded too much power, making its structure unconstitutional. The issue may eventually come before the Supreme Court, where Kavanaugh's view of the CFPB could prevail.

Kavanaugh has been particularly skeptical of regulation that is only tenuously related to legislation

passed by Congress, Shapiro said. If he embraced that approach on the court, it could affect a broad range of rules in such areas as the environment, financial regulation and labor rights.

"A seat on the Supreme Court would let Kavanaugh and his allies expand attacks on the ability of government to regulate and enforce the rules on behalf of ordinary people," said Linda Jun, senior policy counsel at Americans for Financial Reform.

In 2016, Kavanaugh ruled in favor of a division of Verizon, which had ordered employees to stop displaying pro-union signs. The union had agreed to waive its right to picket in a collective bargaining agreement.

Judge Kavanaugh routinely rules against working families, regularly rejects employees' right to receive employer-provided health care, (and) too often sides with employers in denying employees relief from discrimination in the workplace," said Richard Trumka, president of the AFL-CIO. "Any senator who believes Supreme Court justices should protect the rights of all Americans should reject this nomination."

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for each department is about a \$2 million increase from last year.

The proposed budget also shows "personnel" makes up \$77.286 million in expenditures (about 60 percent).

The city also expects an unappropriated fund balance (city savings account) of \$55 million in 2019.

Budget calendar

July 21: Council to establish proposed tax rate.
Aug. 14: First public hearing on tax rate.
Aug. 21: Second public hearing on tax rate.
Aug. 28: Public hearing on budget, council to adopt

budget ordinance (first reading), adoption of the tax rate ordinance (first reading).
Sept. 11: Council to adopt budget ordinance (second reading), adoption of the tax rate ordinance (second reading).

OPINION

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Kavanaugh has answered public service call

■ Trump's nominee worked for me on the Whitewater probe, embodies grace and civility

KENNETH W. STARR

Special to the Washington Post

Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the nation's highest court comes at a watershed cultural moment in America's history as a constitutional democracy. Life in the nation's capital these days all too frequently turns into a shouting match. Seemingly gone are the days when political archrivals — think President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill — could wrestle over policy by day and then enjoy a convivial drink together once the sun had set.

In comes Kavanaugh. Quite apart from his formidable legal talents and work ethic, Kavanaugh also possesses a basic sense of decency and goodwill that an increasingly impoverished public discourse sorely needs. He is willing to engage, respectfully, with those who hold contrary views even as he remains steadfast to the traditions and principles that animate his life and work. He is, in a word, judicious.

I came into Kavanaugh's orbit 25 years ago when he was leaving his Supreme Court clerkship with Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose retirement has created the opening that Kavanaugh has been nominated to fill.

I was in private law practice, helping to recruit Kavanaugh for the law firm Kirkland & Ellis. His sterling credentials included no fewer than three clerkships, and the competition to snag him was fierce.

Kirkland & Ellis won the Kavanaugh recruiting derby, but about that time I unexpectedly found myself with a new responsibility — as independent counsel in the far-flung Whitewater investigation involving Bill and Hillary Clinton — and I wanted him on the team. He could have chosen to stick with his plan to start a lucrative career in private law practice, but instead he answered the call of public service.

Kavanaugh immediately established himself in the independent counsel's office as a capable, hard-working professional, exercising judgment well beyond his years. He would listen carefully, assemble and assess the facts, and then make his judgment. Leading our office's examination into the tragic death of Vince Foster, Kavanaugh guided forensic agents

and investigators, and he wrote the draft definitive report that answered conclusively every reasonable question about the cause of Foster's death — suicide at the site where his body was found in Fort Marcy Park in northern Virginia.

In the most controversial phase of the Whitewater investigation, Kavanaugh urged restraint in our office's referral to Congress resulting in President Bill Clinton's impeachment. Regarding details of the president's sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, Kavanaugh counseled offering less description, rather than more. In his view, the dignity of the historic process soon to unfold on Capitol Hill would inevitably be eroded by including explicit details of the president's trysts. His advice was thoughtfully reasoned and carefully measured, but he understood when our office chose not to follow it.

Those qualities of judicious reason and care have been amply on display over the 12 years of Kavanaugh's service on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, sometimes known as the nation's second-highest court. During that time, Kavanaugh has shown that he stands in a long tradition of jurists — that of Holmes, Brandeis, Cardozo, Frankfurter, Harlan and Stewart — who deeply respect both the democratic process and the structural principles undergirding our

constitutional republic, while honoring the elaborately enumerated protections of "We the People" enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

Kavanaugh is not quick to overturn judgments reached through the legislative process, no matter how untidy. His pro-democracy, let-the-people-govern-themselves vision has been evident in his incisive questioning of the modern-day judicial emphasis on courthouse deference to administrative agencies.

If Kavanaugh moves six blocks up to new chambers on Capitol Hill this fall, the nation will see exactly what those of us who've worked with him over three decades have known all along. He's the classic good person, one who plays respectfully and amiably in the high-stakes sandbox of Washington.

If confirmed by the Senate, Kavanaugh will have an opportunity to expand his teaching beyond the university classrooms of Georgetown, Harvard and Yale, to a raucous nation itself. Through his service and his example both in and out of the courtroom, Kavanaugh offers an invaluable lesson in the virtues of grace and civility toward all.

Starr is a former U.S. solicitor general and federal judge.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump's nominee is no Roberts clone

Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings to be a Supreme Court justice will take place in the shadow of the nomination of John Roberts to be chief justice 13 years ago.

Roberts was confirmed on a 78-22 vote in 2005. That's the most votes any justice has received for more than two decades. But some buyer's remorse about Roberts has set in since then.

His liberal critics think he hasn't lived up to his promise to the Senate to "call balls and strikes" as a justice. They think that, with rare exceptions, he has instead been batting for the Republicans: voting to narrow affirmative action programs, weaken the Voting Rights Act, subject abortion to restrictions, deregulate campaign finance and so on.

The conservatives seize on a very big exception: Obamacare. In a 2012 case, all the court's Democratic appointees voted to uphold the Affordable Care Act's requirement that nearly everyone buy health insurance. All the court's Republican appointees except for Roberts voted to strike down that requirement and with it the whole law. Roberts, as the fifth vote, split the difference.

The requirement, he ruled, was unconstitutional. But it could plausibly be reinterpreted as a tax on a person going without health insurance, and if it were so interpreted it was constitutional. If the court can plausibly interpret a law to make it constitutional, he explained further, it should. So Obamacare stayed.

The conventional wisdom on the right became that Roberts had lost his nerve, coming up with a clever rationalization to spare himself criticism from President Barack Obama and his allies. During the 2016 presidential campaign, both Sen. Ted Cruz and Donald Trump described Roberts as the kind of justice to avoid nominating.

Enter Kavanaugh. He resembles Roberts in some respects. He is comfortably ensconced within the Republican establishment, specifically its Washington, D.C., division. The resemblance in affect was noted before, when Kavanaugh was up for confirmation to his current job. The Washington Post reported in 2006 that Kavanaugh "is widely described as brilliant, affable and disarming, attributes that prevented Democrats from successfully demonizing Roberts."

After watching Roberts in action, though, Kavanaugh's Republican-approved smoothness reads to the left like a stealthy way for a right-wing ideologue to get his way. And to portions of the right it seems like a sign that he won't be a reliable ally when the chips are down.

While Trump was selecting a nominee to replace the retiring Anthony Kennedy and conservatives debated the possibilities, they scoured Kavanaugh's records looking for evidence of this weakness. They found some rulings that concerned them — but they read them as critically as they did because they came to them with the fear of "another John Roberts."

None of this is to say that Kavanaugh is going to have serious trouble getting confirmed. The concern about Kavanaugh on the right will not keep Republicans from closing ranks behind him now that he has been nominated. (It might make for subdued enthusiasm.) Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer says he will "oppose Judge Kavanaugh's nomination with everything we have," but he will find that he doesn't have much as long as Republicans stay united.

Thus Kavanaugh seems likely to get on the Supreme Court — where, in a final irony, he could well be an obstacle to one of the chief justice's major projects. When offered a choice between a narrow ruling with a broad majority and a broad ruling with a narrow majority, Roberts has tried to go for consensus and even unanimity. That hasn't been Kavanaugh's style as an appeals-court judge. He has written separate opinions more often than most judges, and sometimes has been chided by colleagues for reaching out to decide issues he didn't have to decide.

Although Kavanaugh has a lot in common with Roberts, in other words, he will have the chance to differentiate himself soon enough.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

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Health care to top Kavanaugh's docket

■ Yes, abortion also will be in the list, but health care is what's first

Hours before President Trump revealed his Supreme Court nominee Monday night, the White House made a curious announcement.

A Trump spokesman said that the "Sherpa" charged with leading Trump's nominee to confirmation in the Senate would be former Republican senator Jon Kyl, a big-time lobbyist for the pharmaceuticals industry.

Why would the White House put the nomination battle in the hands of a man who famously mocked the Affordable Care Act's requirement that health insurance cover maternal health by saying "I don't need maternity care" — and who as recently as last year was a lobbyist for those fighting to keep drug prices high?

Now it makes sense. In tapping Brett Kavanaugh to be his second nominee to the Supreme Court, Trump has guaranteed that health care will be at the center of the confirmation fight.

Senate Democrats don't have the power to delay a vote on the nomination, nor, likely, the votes to defeat it. But they can use the confirmation to return attention to the health-care fight before the midterm elections. And Trump, with this nomination and other recent actions, made that much easier.

The Trump administration last month took dead aim at what's left of the Affordable Care Act after last year's botched attempt to repeal the law. The Trump administration joined a lawsuit by 20 states that would, if successful, end the requirement that health insurers cover those with pre-existing conditions. The case is due to be heard in district court in Texas and could wind up before the Supreme Court — and Kavanaugh — soon.

Kavanaugh is a polarizing figure in the health-care debate. Among the things that distinguish him from the other finalists on Trump's list is his expansive view of executive power — he argued that a president could decline to enforce a statute such as Obamacare even if a court upholds its constitutionality — and his dissent in a 2011 case in which others on his appellate court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act.

Republicans are likely to bring Obamacare into the confirmation hearings, too. Some conservative groups opposed Kavanaugh because they think his dissent in the Obamacare case didn't go far enough in declaring it unconstitutional.

In the long run, Kavanaugh could shape jurisprudence for decades on abortion, gay rights, voting rights, money in politics, guns, presidential authority and more. But his most immediate impact could be on health care.

There will, of course, be much else to squabble

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over in this confirmation battle. Trump's critics will say, with some evidence, that with Kavanaugh the fix is in. Trump is in some legal jeopardy with the probe by Robert S. Mueller III, and in tapping Kavanaugh, Trump is essentially choosing his own judge and jury — a nominee who argued that presidents should not be distracted by civil lawsuits, criminal investigations, or even questions from a prosecutor or defense attorney.

There will, naturally, also be concerns that Kavanaugh would join a conservative majority in overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

But voters have shown little interest in the Russia probe. And, though highly supportive of *Roe*, they are skeptical that it will be repealed. Except for the strong partisans on both sides, voters don't get excited about the Supreme Court in general.

They do, though, get excited about health care. They trust Democrats on the matter far more than Republicans. And the threat to health care, unlike abortion, is evident.

The Trump administration and congressional Republicans very publicly attempted to repeal the Affordable Care Act last year, and they succeeded in repealing the individual mandate. Trump cut off payments to insurers that stabilized the Obamacare markets, and he took various other steps to sabotage the exchanges and reduce participation. As a result, health-care premiums are set to soar this fall.

And now Trump has formally issued a legal brief asking that courts rule as "invalid" the Obamacare provisions requiring insurers to cover pre-existing conditions and not to raise premiums based on illness or gender.

In a Kaiser Family Foundation poll last month, 76 percent of respondents said that it's very important for the protections for pre-existing conditions to remain, while an additional 15 percent say it's somewhat important. But Trump's legal brief and his nomination of Kavanaugh put those extraordinarily popular health-care provisions in the bull's eye.

Democratic strategist Jesse Ferguson said Democrats had wanted a way to talk about health care for the 2018 midterms, and now they have it. "Republicans hoped their bad dreams about defending health-care repeal had stopped," he said. Now, the nightmare is real.

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A woman transports goods past workers sleeping on a street-side Tuesday in Beijing. In his trade war with China, President Donald Trump wields one seeming advantage. The United States could ultimately slap tariffs on more than \$500 billion in imported Chinese goods. Beijing has much less to tax. It imported just \$130 billion in U.S. goods last year.

Stuck in trade war, US and China face uncertain path to deal

By Paul Wiseman and Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the trade war between the world's two largest economies nears the end of its first week, its most unsettling fact may be this: No one seems to foresee any clear path to peace.

The United States insists that China abandon the brass-knuckles tactics it's used to try to supplant America's technological dominance. Yet Beijing isn't about to drop its zeal to acquire the technology it sees as crucial to its prosperity.

Having run for the White House on a vow to force China to reform its trade policies, President Donald Trump won't likely yield to vague promises by Beijing to improve its behavior — or to pledges to buy more American soybeans or liquefied natural gas.

"It certainly feels like we're in for a protracted fight," said Timothy Keeler of the law firm Mayer Brown and a former chief of staff at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. "Truthfully, I don't know what the off-ramp is."

The first shots sounded July 6: The United States slapped 25 percent taxes on \$34 billion in Chinese imports. Most of them are industrial goods that the Trump administration says receive subsidies or other unfair support from Beijing. China quickly lashed back with tariffs on \$34 billion in U.S. products.

The two countries have targeted an additional \$16 billion worth of each other's products for a second round of tariffs. All told, Trump has threatened eventually to slap tariffs on up to \$550 billion in Chinese imports more than China actually exported to the United States last year — if Beijing won't relent to U.S. pressure and continues to retaliate.

At the heart of the dispute: The Trump administration's complaints that China has used predatory practices in a relentless push to grant Chinese companies an unfair advantage in the industries of the future, including robotics, electric cars and biopharmaceuticals. These tactics include the outright theft of trade secrets, government subsidies to homegrown tech firms and demands that U.S. and other foreign companies hand over technology if they want access to China's vast market.

Eliminating the new tariffs will prove a lot harder than it was to raise them in the first place, said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator who is a vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute. "Both sides have too much at stake and don't want to back down."

So how does the trade war end? Analysts offer several potential scenarios:

CHINA BLINKS

The Trump administration boasts that China has moved to lose in a trade war. After all, Beijing sold \$524 billion worth of goods and services to the United States last year and bought far less

\$188 billion. So China has far fewer goods to tax than the United States does. And China's benchmark stock index — the Shanghai Composite — has dropped 15 percent this year, at least partly on fears about damage from the trade conflict with Washington.

"It's a dicey time for the Chinese economy," said Claude Barfield, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and former consultant to the U.S. Trade Representative.

Beijing is trying to contain a run-up in corporate debt and manage a difficult transition away from fast but unsustainable export-driven growth based on exports and often-wasteful investment toward steadier growth built on consumer spending. The International Monetary Fund expects Chinese economic growth to decelerate to 6.6 percent this year from 6.9 percent in 2017.

So it's possible that economic pressure could persuade Beijing to cave. Yet many analysts are skeptical. Eswar Prasad, an economist at Cornell University, said the economic damage from U.S. tariffs is "likely to be muted since China has enough room to forestall a growth slowdown" by increasing government spending or adopting easy-money policies that put more cash into the economy.

Mary Lovely, an economist and trade expert at Syracuse University, says it's unclear how China could appease Trump, even if it wanted to. China has pledged in the past to police cyber-theft and end coerced technology transfers. So any negotiations, Lovely said, would raise more questions: Would the Trump administration accept another promise? How would any promise be verified? How long would it take to determine whether Beijing has actually reformed its ways?

And China's leaders might prove reluctant to back down and risk a backlash from the public.

"They have nothing to gain internally by kowtowing to President Trump, and that's exactly what it would be," Lovely said.

TRUMP BLINKS

Trump faces pressures, too. The Chinese designed their tariffs to inflict political pain in the United States. They have, for example, targeted soybeans and other farm products in a shot at Trump supporters in the American heartland. And U.S. farmers are represented by trade groups and congressional delegations who aren't shy about attacking U.S. policies that threaten farm incomes.

But the president would also find it hard to back down. He's already considered one possible solution only to back away from it. In May, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced after a meeting with the Chinese that the trade war was "on hold" and the tariffs suspended after Beijing agreed to reduce the U.S. trade deficit by buying more American energy and farm products.

Yet the cease-fire quickly collapsed once critics complained that the Trump administration was letting China buy its way out of the impasse.

"The president felt the sting of that and didn't like that," Keeler said. So the administration decided to "drive a harder bargain," and it revived — and ramped up — its tariff threat.

A WIN-WIN RESOLUTION

Taiya Smith, a former Treasury official who handled negotiations with China, says it's possible a deal could be reached in which Beijing ends its predatory practices but can still keep itself competitive in advanced industries. The key, she says, is persuading China that its tech companies don't need massive assistance from the state. "Their companies are becoming very powerful," Smith said. "They have to be willing to compete on a level playing field. They no longer need a leg up."

But she said the U.S. would have to make concessions, too, perhaps by agreeing to let China play a bigger role in global economic policymaking.

Advocacy group offering \$20 million to aid immigrant families

Melissa Fletcher Stoeltje
San Antonio Express-News

RAICES, a group that provides legal services to immigrants, is putting up \$20 million in bond money to reunify families recently separated by President Trump's now-reversed zero-tolerance policy.

The group is calling for all separated families to be reunited and to demand that the Trump administration accept the bond money to enable the "speedy release" of the mothers of about 2,500 children who were separated by the government.

Representatives of RAICES will be joined at a news conference by U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, Sens. Cory Booker and Chuck Schumer and other lawmakers, according to a RAICES news release.

A recent court order required all separated children under age 5 to be released today, but the government has

asked for more time, saying it can't comply with the order. Most of the families had entered the U.S. illegally across the southern border, with some fleeing violence in their home countries in Central America.

The \$20 million was raised from more than 1 million donors worldwide, according to RAICES.

The donations were intended to be used for bond payments to get mothers released from detention centers so they can be reunited with their children.

Bonds often cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000; the \$20 million could pay for about 2,500 bonds, RAICES officials said.

RAICES said it plans to hold a 24-hour "People's Filibuster to #ReuniteEveryChild" starting at 2 p.m. today outside the White House, calling on Trump and the Department of Homeland Security to accept the \$20 million check.

Reuniting separated families: Why is it taking so long?

By Astrid Galvan and Noman Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Trump administration hit a court-ordered deadline Tuesday to return immigrant children under the age of 5 to their parents, forcing the government to roll back many of the family separations that resulted from its "zero-tolerance" border enforcement policy.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw gave authorities 14 days to reunite parents with children under 5, and 30 days to reunite parents with all other children.

Here are some answers to questions about how the process will work and some potential problems ahead:

HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE SEPARATED?

At least 2,000, according to estimates issued last month by the Department of Health and Human Services, which shelters immigrant minors under federal law.

On Thursday, HHS Secretary Alex Azar told reporters that the number was "under 3,000." That raised questions about whether the number had risen.

At least 34 children were to be reunited with parents Tuesday, the HHS said. That's less than half of the number of children under 5 the Trump administration says are covered by the court order.

The Justice Department said more than 50 separated children could be back in the arms of their parents by the end of the day.

The exact number of reunions will depend on whether authorities can confirm the parents' identities. Authorities gave few details on where the reunions would be held, and many were expected to take place in private.

Some families will miss the deadline. The administration says some of those parents have been deported, and eight have been previously released in the United States.

WHAT DOES THE PROCESS INVOLVE?

The parents who were expected to get their children back Tuesday were being moved to detention facilities close to the shelters where their children are, Justice Department lawyer Sarah Fabian said.

HHS has conducted DNA testing to confirm that the adults and children are related. The government is also doing criminal background checks on parents

and potential sponsors.

There are significant disagreements between the government and the ACLU over the process, including whether DNA testing is necessary. The government says it should be the general rule, and the ACLU says it should be done only when no other evidence is available to prove parentage.

WHAT ARE FAMILY MEMBERS DOING TO GET THEIR KIDS BACK?

A handful of parents have gone to court. They include a Congolese woman who was separated from her 7-year-old daughter after they sought asylum in California. The ACLU sued on her behalf and expanded its lawsuit to broadly include parents separated from their children.

Many adults bring records with them to prove parentage to government agencies.

The government and the ACLU jointly filed a form late Monday that would be read to all parents in detention without their children. The notice says that a parent separated from his or her child "should not be pressured to agree to removal" from the U.S. to be reunited.

The notice also says that parents who are going to be deported can decide beforehand whether to ask for their child to go with them.

WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG?

At the time that Sabraw set the 30-day deadline to reunite all separated parents and children, HHS said children in its care were spending an average of 57 days in a shelter.

Former officials in the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement say its system is accustomed to serving teenagers who arrive in the U.S. alone, often knowing the name of a relative who could potentially sponsor them. Now, some children in the system are too young to talk or struggle to answer questions.

The process also relies on coordination between HHS, which shelters children, and the Department of Homeland Security, which detains adults and initially separated parents and children. HHS says its case managers are working with ICE to link families.

But HHS acknowledges it's working with "disparate data sets." Azar has had to order an audit by hand of all records to confirm which children in his department's care have been separated from a parent.

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Knowledge is power when faced with diagnosis

As a radiation oncologist at Texas Oncology, I help many breast cancer patients navigate through the complex maze of their health care journey.

What weighs on each patient's mind is the question, "Am I going to be OK?" Thankfully, the answer is often a resounding, "Yes!" Although breast cancer is expected to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in 2018, it's one of the most treatable and survivable when discovered early. Women diagnosed with breast cancer that has not spread outside the breast have a higher survival rate, according to the American Cancer Society. Steady declines in breast cancer mortality

DR. ROBIN AKINS
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since 1990 are attributed to a combination of early detection and treatment improvements.

While each patient's fight against breast cancer is unique, here's what I recommend women to do, and to not do, when they are

More Information

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diagnosed with breast cancer.

■ DO: Take a deep breath, organize your thoughts, and take it one step at a time.

Patients say their minds race when they're diagnosed with breast cancer. They immediately think about who else may be affected, the treatment and how their life

will change. It is important to take a moment to organize your thoughts and allow the reality of the diagnosis to sink in.

■ DON'T listen to friends and family tell horror stories.

While friends and family mean well, they often share negative cancer-related experiences. It's easy to begin thinking their stories apply to your situation, but that's generally not true. Amazing advances in breast cancer treatments have made increased and less invasive options available.

■ DO: Educate yourself about breast cancer using reliable sources.

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WELLNESS TOUR



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Children spray a fire hose as they try to push a volleyball across a line Aug. 16, 2017, at Wet 'n' Wild with the Midland Fire Department, one stop on the annual citywide Wellness Tour. This year's Wellness Tour is July 31-Aug. 4 at various locations around Midland. The activities include Wet 'n' Wild; free classes and workouts at local gyms and studios; free health screenings and health education at Midland Memorial Hospital; back-to-school immunization clinic; mental wellness symposium; fun run and walk; restaurant discounts and special menus. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit midlandwellnesstour.com.

GUEST VIEW

Texas must help consumers understand freestanding ERs

The Dallas Morning News

You probably drove by a freestanding emergency room today. Red crosses and vaguely optimistic names like "Excellence" and "Five Star" emblazon buildings all across North Texas, promising convenient emergency care with the ubiquity of a Starbucks.

But the names of these 24-hour facilities do little to clarify how they differ from the "urgent care" clinics that close early and treat only minor illnesses — or to make crystal clear that their prices still rival those of a hospital emergency room.

The state should bear more responsibility in monitoring these standalone centers and helping potential users understand them. In these instances of consumer protection, the consumers are patients and "harm" takes on a more consequential meaning.

Privately owned freestanding ERs offer little public data on their safety. Standalone clinics don't have the multidisciplinary staff of an emergency room at a full-service hospital, and they often call 911 for patients who need a higher level of care than they can offer on-site. Public records don't reveal many details about those cases — just that they happen often.

No matter which type of emergency center you end up at, hospital-based or freestanding, you can bet you'll pay.

Emergency rooms in general are overutilized, a problem that insurers are seeking ways to reduce. Earlier this year, Blue Cross Blue Shield announced a controversial move that might deny claims for ER visits later deemed as non-emergencies. The policy's implementation has been delayed, but it is still likely to go into effect.

Responding to concerns, Blue Cross officials specifically cited the proliferation of Texas' freestanding emergency market as exacerbating the problem of ER overutilization. The insurer offered consumer education about what constitutes in-network vs. out-of-network care by issuing a sort of user's guide for emergency care, called SmartER. This too was cited as a tool to help avoid the "unconscionable" prices of freestanding ERs.

The various ER options create a complicated system, and insurers can only do so much to inform consumers. A 2017 law requires freestanding ERs to post that they charge like traditional emergency rooms. That was a step in the right direction.

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MARCIA NORTON
Centers



Set rules for summertime internet use

June 21 was the first official day of summer. The children are out of school and they have a lot of extra time to themselves. Many youths will entertain themselves with television, movies, streaming videos, gaming devices and texting their friends. The internet can be a great source of fun and socializing for children, but it can also be a dangerous place. The more time your child spends on the internet, the more time he/she could be exposed to inappropriate content and other dangers.

Following are some suggestions to keep your child safe when online this summer:

■ Spend time with your children on a daily basis.

Try to do some activity that does not

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BRIAN WINGFIELD
Seminar Counseling Center



Planned activities can beat summer boredom

It is a summer time which means that school is out and children are often left with a lot of free time on their hands. This can become a source of frustration for both children and their parents.

To help alleviate such difficult situations, it can be useful for parents to be intentional about promoting emotional well-being for their children during the summer. A 2007 study in American Journal of Public Health reported that the body mass indexes (BMI) of children increased by almost twice as much during the summer compared with during the school year.

Children often complain they are

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Obituaries

**J W (Dub) Graham**

J W (Dub) Graham was joined our lord on Sunday July 8th 2018. He was preceded in death by parents Irvin Clovis Graham and Zora Elizabeth Young Graham. He lived in that area all of his life. He met and fell in love with Alice Ruth Cross at the age of 16 and they married upon graduation from Courtney High School in 1944.

He was inducted into the Army Air Corps in 1945 just a few days before Hiroshima. They attached him to a group called European Air Transport Service which was responsible for moving personnel, equipment, and supplies back to the states because the war was over. He was always very proud of his military service. He returned home in 1946 after Robert was born and worked as a fire fighter at Midland Air Field for a time and then went to work in the home building business in Midland where he worked for many years. He worked for Hays Construction for a number of years and finally worked for and retired from Mid-Tex of Midland.

Somewhere in there Pamela was born. When Dub, Alice, and Robert moved to Midland in 1950, they joined St. Mark's United Methodist Church where J W was a charter member. This church has been an important part of his life ever since.

J W was a wood craftsman. Many are familiar with his pen and pencil sets. But he also made furniture and lamps and many other things. In addition, he was proficient making granite and other granite type cabinetry. J W is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Gene and Max, by Alice Ruth and much of her family, and by his nephew Jerry Wayne Graham.

He is survived by his son Robert and wife Janice of Hobbs, NM; his daughter Pamela of New Braunfels; grandchildren Robert Graham of Dallas, Sara Eldridge and husband Blake of Montana, Tawni Dyer and husband Bill of Hobbs, and James Graham and wife Jennifer of Florida; and six great-grandchildren: Chyanne, Wyatt, Kayla, Alex, Will, and Claire.

A visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice in Mr. Graham's name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

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**Jerry Pool**

Jerry Pool, 71 of Midland joined our lord on Sunday July 8th 2018. He was preceded in death by parents James Arthur Pool (Buck) and Annie Lucy Pool (sister); Janet Mitchell. Jerry is survived by daughters: Priscilla Pothoff, Lisa Moody and son Don Pool, sisters: Bonnie Browning, Glenda Ujhely, Shirley Ross, Bettie Robinson, Peggy Pool, Judy Grissom, Martha Yarbrough, Brothers Larry Pool, Lewis Pool, Jimmy Pool, Bobby Pool, Rodney Pool.

Jerry was one of the best men with a loving forgiving heart and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

**Louis Gabriel Romero**

Louis Gabriel Romero, 32, of Stanton, Texas passed away peacefully on July 7, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He was born and raised in Stanton, Texas on April 14, 1986 to Gabriel Romero and Linda Herrera.

He was a butcher for many years for several grocery stores. He is survived by his father, Gabriel Romero and stepmom Michelle of Colorado City, TX; his mother, Linda Del Rio and stepfather James of Hawley, TX; paternal grandmother, Julia Romero of Stanton; maternal grandmother, Carmen Herrera of Cochoma; sisters, Sonya Moreno of Wichita Falls, TX; Gabriela Deanda of Big Spring; Olivia Redwine and husband Jamie Jr. of Lubbock; Sarah Fernandez and husband Josh of Midland; brothers, Chris Romero and wife Taneah of Midland, Justin Holmes of Midland, Ron Holmes of Orlando, FL; Jared Holmes of Dallas; Richard Luera and wife Kayla of Colorado City; Johnathon Luera and wife Andra of Colorado City; Zachariah Luera of North Carolina; Caleb Del Rio of Hawley; Preston Del Rio; Anthony Del Rio both of Midland; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

seph Catholic Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Ben Herrera, Adolph Herrera, Jocy Herrera, George Herrera, Eric Herrera, Greg Bryant, Gabriel Chapa, Jr., Joseph Chapa, Jamie Redwine and Alex Trujillo. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

**Marie Cochran**

Graveside services for Marie Cochran, 93, of Lamesa will be held Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Dawson County Cemetery with Ben Phipps officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Zena Marie Wells was born on March 21, 1925 in Gracemont, OK to Sophia Tullis and Marion Wells. She passed from this world to eternal life on July 9, 2018 in Lamesa. Along with her mother, she was co-parented by her beloved grandparents, May and Frank Tullis, after the death of her father, when she was six months of age.

Marie became a Christian at the age of 10 and was baptized in the Washita River in Anadarko, OK. She married Chester R. Cochran in Roswell, NM in 1941. They made their home in Roswell, before moving to Lamesa in 1955. They were married until his death on December 31, 1999. They attended Second Baptist Church.

Marie was a beautiful, caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Surviving are her children: Jan Napper Doss and husband, Avery of Lamesa; Thomas Cochran and wife, Ann of Dickinson; Robert Cochran and wife, Cindy of Midland; grandchildren, Lisa Napper of Cedar Park; James Napper of Stanton; Joel Napper and wife, Jana of Lamesa; Ryan Cochran and wife, Jennifer of Midland; Terri Weatherford of Lubbock; and Jerry Doss and wife, Kim of San Angelo; sister, Lucille Green of Roswell, NM; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several special nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, sisters, Ona Wagner, Oola Cates, McClain, Wanda Misset, and brother, Dale F. Wells. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons. Please consider donations to Interim Healthcare Hospice 3305 101st St #200, Lubbock, TX 79423 or Interimhealthcarefoundations.org. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

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**Pete "Supe" DeAnda**

Pete "Supe" DeAnda, 74 passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 24, 2018, with his family by his side. Pete was born January 17, 1944 in Ft. Stockton, Texas to late Pedro and Celestina (Tavarez) DeAnda and was raised in Rankin, TX.

Pete was a US Army veteran. He worked the majority of his life as an electrician. Pete retired in 2016 after working in maintenance for several years. Pete's passion was playing golf and was one of the first members of the Pan American Golf Association, later being elected President in the early seventies. Pete was also a member of the West Texas Trail Riders, where he made many friends and participated on many trail rides. He loved his cowboy expeditions.

Pete is survived by his companion of over twenty six years, Beatrice Bernal, two sons, Xavier DeAnda, and Michael DeAnda (wife Paulina), one daughter Melissa DeAnda. Four sisters Maria Quintanar (husband Ismael), Elvira DeAnda, Annie Valenzuela (husband John), and Emma DeAnda, one brother Eloy Luna. Seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents Pedro and Celestina DeAnda and Sister Enequina Martinez.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 at St. Thomas Catholic Church Located at 100 Mississippi, Rankin, TX. Interment followed at Rankin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Midland 911 W. Texas Ave. Midland TX 79701 and American Cancer Society 2304 W. Wadley Midland TX 79705.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkins@online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

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**RODNEY DALE HATFIELD**

CRANE: Rodney Dale Hatfield, 57, beloved husband, father, grandfather,

son, and brother passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, July 2nd. Rodney was born on March 29th, 1961 to James Junior Hatfield and Wanda Marie Hatfield in Snyder, Texas. He graduated from Crane High School in 1979 and received his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1983.

Shortly after graduating from Texas Tech, Rodney married the love of his life, Melissa Hatfield, and began his career in the energy industry at Phillips 66. Throughout his career, Rodney built life-long relationships with colleagues and customers alike. His last stop was at Outrigger Energy where Rodney believed that this opportunity was one of the biggest blessings of his life. He considered his colleagues at Outrigger as family and was eternally grateful for the compassion they showed him as well as his family throughout his battle with cancer.

Rodney was a devoted husband and father who was happiest when spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed many years of Texas Tech athletics, but especially football. One of his favorite pastimes was tailgating with his wife, daughters, son-in-law's, and friends. He also loved fishing with his brother, golfing with his buddies, and enjoying wine in the Texas hill country.

Rodney's family includes his wife of 34 years, Melissa Hatfield of Midland, Texas; his parents, the late James Hatfield and Wanda Hatfield of Crane, Texas; daughter Jennifer Hatfield Almon, son-in-law Michael, and grandson Lane of Rowlett, Texas; daughter Julie Hatfield Hansen and son-in-law Michael of Dallas, Texas; brother Mark Hatfield and sister-in-law Lisa of Midland, Texas; and sister Gayla Adams and brother-in-law Gary of San Angelo, Texas.

A visitation will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11th at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home in Crane, Texas - 1503 S. Gaston Crane, Texas 79731. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12th at the First Baptist Church in Crane, Texas - 101 East 20th Street Crane, Texas 79731. Rodney was a proud and loyal Texas Tech Red Raider; the family requests guests to wear red and black to the memorial service to honor his love for his alma mater.

The family also requests in-lieu of flowers to donate to a scholarship fund in memory of Rodney Hatfield. Donations can be sent to the Texas Tech Foundation, P.O. Box 42005, Lubbock, Texas 79409. Please include Rodney's name on the donation. An annual golf tournament will also be held in memory of Rodney Hatfield as a source of funding for the scholarship, with details to follow at a later date.

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**Terri Taylor Wardlaw**

Terri Taylor Wardlaw passed away June 30, 2018 in Redding California.

Funeral services for Terri will be held Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. for visitation with the service following at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Terri Taylor Wardlaw was born November 7, 1959 in Midland, Texas. She graduated Robert E. Lee High School in 1978 where she was actively involved Midland Lee High School Chorus along with their successful band program. She then attended Texas Tech University where she graduated in December of 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in Home and Family Life with a concentration in Child Development. Terri loved singing and performing through many musical organizations such as Mountaintop. She moved from San Angelo, Texas to Florence, Alabama in August of 1989 and was actively involved in multiple church ministries such as Kingdom Alignment International and Wagner Leadership Institute throughout her 25 years of residence. She moved from Florence, Alabama in July of 2014 to Redding, California where she passed due to a long-term fight of endometrial cancer.

She was preceded in death by her father Marion Alfred Taylor of Midland.

Terri is survived by her mother Gladys Alexander Taylor of Midland and her children, Derek Taylor Wardlaw, Danielle Grace Wardlaw, and Justin Russell Wardlaw.

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bored. This is because children often lack structure during the summer. While free time is important for children, too much can be a negative (as most parents would attest).

Also, being in school allows children to have daily social interaction. Parents are encouraged to be pre-emptive and avoid the summer doldrums by creating structure for their children during the summer time. Planning activities can help prevent children from staying home and being inactive.

Moderate exercise for at least 20 to 30 minutes three times per week can reduce stress, improve sleep and increase energy levels. Select physical activities that can be fun rather than a chore —

swimming, riding bikes, playing sports or going on walks with the entire family and/or pets.

Parents are also encouraged to come up with creative activities that will help children engage their minds, such as arts and crafts or age-appropriate science projects. Parents can be a valuable resource for parents to find fun (and educational) summer activities.

Children will often increase screen time (television, computer, video games, etc.) when they are bored. It is suggested that parents limit screen time for their children to no more than two hours per day. Parents should consider taking the initiative and inviting friends over for children to have play dates and social interaction with peers.

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involve a television, computer, phone or any other electronic device. Some suggestions: Go out to the park, go swimming or play a board game at home.

Provide fun alternatives when you are not with your children. They can make a fort out of cardboard boxes or indoor camp with tables and sheets. They can do some craft activity. Perhaps the children can attend vacation Bible school or day camp. Many of these are during the day and do not cost anything.

Set boundaries for online use. Limit the time spent on electronics. Make sure your children understand the rules; perhaps you can make a written contract for your child to sign.

Cyberbullying does not always end with the school year.

Some of the signs that your child is being cyberbullied include: behavioral changes, avoidance of the computer or being on the computer late at night.

Stick to the rules on vacation. If you are going somewhere special on vacation, the rules still need to remain in place. A vacation is time to relax and spend time with the family — not time to be on the phone constantly. Make sure you set a good example for your children; do not ignore your children to check your phone.

For safety reasons, do not post vacation pictures, locations or details until you get back from the trip. This information can be intercepted by criminals and could be used against you. Also, make sure you turn off any tracking tools on your devices.

Children might want to meet

online friends in person during the summer.

Any meeting should be in a public place that you have selected. It should have plenty of other people around and be a safe spot (i.e., the mall). You have to give permission and accompany your child to the meeting. Always trust your instincts. If something does not feel right, cancel the meeting.

Monitor online activity. You do not want to appear to want to spy on your children, but you do want to keep them safe. You can use filtering and blocking software to block offensive or harmful content. It is also possible to use software to limit your child's time online. Make sure you know what your child is watching online. Once again, trust your instincts. If something seems wrong to you, it probably is.

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APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Guests gather for Chocolate Decadence Feb. 9 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. The annual event benefits the Aphasia Center of West Texas.

Many people struggle to communicate after strokes, other traumatic events

The Washington Post

What if you wanted to speak but couldn't string together recognizable words? What if someone spoke to you but you couldn't understand what they were saying? These situations aren't hypothetical for the more than 1 million Americans with aphasia, which affects the ability to understand and speak with others.

July is Aphasia Awareness Month, a fine time to learn more about the disorder, which occurs in people who have had strokes, traumatic brain injuries or

other brain damage. Some victims have a scrambled vocabulary or are unable to express themselves; others find it hard to make sense of the words they read or hear.

The disorder doesn't reduce intelligence, only a person's ability to communicate.

And although there is no definitive cure, it can be treated. Many people make significant recoveries from aphasia after a stroke, for example.

The TED-Ed series offers a lesson on aphasia, complete with an engaging video that describes the condition, its causes and

its treatment, along with a quiz, discussion questions and other resources. Created by Susan Wortman-Jutt, a speech-language pathologist who treats aphasia, it's a good introduction to the disorder and how damage to the brain's language centers can hamper an individual's ability to communicate. Another resource is the National Aphasia Association. Its website, aphasia.org, contains information about the disorder and links to support and treatment options. Aphasia can have lasting effects, but there is hope for people whose brains are injured.

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but the terms don't actually provide much information about the charges you'll face just know they will be big.

Additionally, the law didn't receive much regulatory follow-up. A February report showed that more than six months after the bill became law, only 15 of 200 freestanding ERs had been inspected for compliance concerning their posted warnings.

Not that a posted notice will change much when you're facing 2 a.m. chest pains.

State Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress.

who introduced the 2017 bill, recently wrote to the Texas Health and Human Service Commission to urge better enforcement and more clarity. We hope he will expand his fight in the next legislative session.

There's no denying that freestanding ERs save lives, and often do so more quickly than many hospital-based emergency rooms. But it's precisely these lifesaving impacts that make transparency surrounding cost and safety even more important. There's a lot at stake. The state shouldn't look away.

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Most women try to gather as much information as possible about the disease. Each case is different, so it's important to first allow your doctor to explain your exact circumstances. Texas Oncology recommends visiting several reliable websites to learn more, including breastcancer.org, cancer.gov, and cancer.org.

■ DON'T just search "breast cancer" on the internet.

The internet's vastness makes it difficult to determine medical-based sources from misleading information. Simply searching for "breast cancer" can yield sensational information not applicable to your

experience. Reliable online information is posted by established organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, that have standards for scientifically verifying and updating information.

■ DO Stay positive. Remaining positive while undergoing treatment can be difficult. We encourage patients to identify one thing that helps them relax and re-focus, then use this tool to stay positive throughout their fight against cancer. Staying close to friends, family and support groups also helps.

■ DON'T ever stop asking questions. Be your own advocate. While you should trust your oncology team and know

they're providing you with quality care, you should also be comfortable with your treatment plan every step of the way.

Knowledge is power. We offer nutrition and wellness classes through Midland Memorial Hospital and support groups through Gifts of Hope to provide an educational, supportive environment for patients and caregivers to achieve the greatest outcomes possible. With nearly 50 Texas Oncology providers throughout West Texas, we are a knowledgeable, local resource for patients.

Dr. Robin Akins is a radiation oncologist at Texas Oncology — Midland Allison Cancer Center.

Many doctors aren't knowledgeable about food

■ Texas Tech is among medical schools that have integrated nutrition into curriculum

By Rachel Cernansky

Special to The Washington Post

When Americans hear about a health craze, they may turn to their physician for advice: Will that superfood really boost brain function? Is that supplement OK for me to take?

Or they may be interested in food choices because of obesity, malnutrition or the role of diet in chronic disease.

But a doctor may not be a reliable source. Experts say that while most physicians may recognize that diet is influential in health, they don't learn enough about nutrition in medical school or the training programs that follow.

An estimated 50 to 80 percent of chronic diseases, including heart disease and cancer, are partly related to or affected by nutrition, according to Martin Kohlmeier, a research professor in nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

For those experiencing risk factors early on, a change in diet is important.

"People are gaining a pound or two a year, and nobody says anything. But then by age 50 or 55, they've often gained 30 or 40 pounds, which has huge impacts on their health," said Walter Willett, an epidemiology and nutrition professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "In the younger years, middle age, people are acquiring the risk factors that often don't show up as major diseases until later in life."

According to the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, malnutrition is prevalent but underrecognized in the United States. That does not surprise Kohlmeier, who said, "This is what happens when you don't teach nutrition. You can practice only what you know." He oversees UNC's Nutrition in Medicine project, which offers educational modules for medical students. But Kohlmeier said these are far from enough.

"You cannot learn in two hours what it takes 20 hours to learn," he said.

In a 2015 survey of 121 four-year medical schools, Kohlmeier and colleagues found that 71 percent did not require at least 25 hours of nutrition education and that fewer than 20 percent required a nutrition course — fewer even than 15 years before.

"The biggest thing that drives a lot of medical schools to put particular things in their curriculum is what gets tested on the boards. And unfortunately, as of right now, doctors are not tested on what foods a patient should eat," said Tracy Rydel, a clinical associate professor of medicine at the Stanford

School of Medicine.

Stanford and UNC are among medical schools working to turn that tide by integrating nutrition into their curriculums. Others include Tulane, Vanderbilt, Tufts, Texas Tech, Oakland University in Michigan, and Boston University. Some, such as Stanford and Tulane, have established teaching kitchens. Proponents say this hands-on element may be particularly valuable because it can help physicians discuss food with patients in a more knowledgeable and engaged manner, and if it instills healthier eating habits in the students, that's a bonus for their future patients, because physicians who eat wisely tend to give better advice about eating.

"Just like it was really important that doctors stopped smoking — that made them advocates for not smoking," Willett said. "Doctors need to set an example, both for their own good and for the good of their patient." The Association of American Medical Colleges reports a more than 50 percent increase since 2011 in schools offering an elective course that covers nutrition, but that tally counts electives that merely include and don't necessarily focus on the subject.

AAMC medical education expert Lisa Howley is optimistic. "All of our schools are addressing this in some capacity. Some are doing it quite intensively, and others (not as well) — there's a spectrum," she said. "For those who are somewhere on the lower end of that spectrum, it would be lovely to see them learn from their colleagues and, through shared resources, be able to even further integrate this content into their curriculum."

Teaching nutrition requires expertise and resources, but some efforts are underway to streamline the process so every school doesn't need to start from scratch. Rydel and colleagues are working to centralize nutrition-related research and recommendations for medical schools, and the American Society for Nutrition announced in September that it would lead a coordinating center for nutrition education.

Gwen Tillman, the nutrition group's vice president of education and development, said the center probably will work with medical schools and residency programs to find ways to incorporate nutrition into their curriculums.

The nonprofit Caples Institute, meanwhile, focuses on doctors fresh out of medical school and on established physicians, educating both in the basics of nutrition and strategies for incorporating nutritional counseling into a busy practice.

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Les Bleus advance to World Cup final

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — France is back in the World Cup final for the first time since Zinedine Zidane's headbutt in 2006.

Twelve years after one of soccer's most infamous moments, Samuel Umtiti used his head to score from a corner kick in the 51st minute and earn France a 1-0 victory over Belgium on Tuesday in the first of the all-European semifinals.

The French danced on the field after the final whistle and shook the hand of Thierry Henry, who helped Les Bleus win the World Cup in 1998 but had been hoping to eliminate his native country as Belgium's assistant coach.

France's fans sang in the stands long past the end of the match, surrounded by yellow-clad security.

They certainly hope to keep the party going on Sunday in the final in Moscow. France will face either Croatia or England, who play Wednesday at the Luzhniki Stadium in the Russian capital.

"Vive la France! Vive la République!" France forward Antoine Griezmann shouted during the post-match celebrations.

France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris made a great save in each half, denying the potent Belgian attack of Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku the chance to advance the country to its first major final. Belgium reached the quarterfinals at the 2014 World Cup and the European Championship in 2016 but

has yet to fulfil its lofty expectations. The world now gets to see France's luxury squad, collectively valued in excess of \$1 billion and headlined by teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe, in another major final.

Two years ago at home, the French surprisingly lost to Portugal 1-0 in the Euro 2016 title match. In 2006, they were beaten in a penalty shootout by Italy in a World Cup final that was overshadowed by Zidane headbutting opposing player Marco Materazzi in the chest in extra time. Zidane was sent off in what was his final match.

In a tournament dominated by goals from set pieces, France took the lead from a corner. Griezmann curled in the ball from the right and



Netcha Piazonko/Associated Press

French players mob France's Samuel Umtiti after he scored the opening goal of the game during the semifinal match between France and Belgium at the 2018 World Cup Tuesday in the St. Petersburg Stadium in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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Taking the spotlight



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland-Odesa's Maxi Galizzi (left) goes after the ball against Lakeland Tropics' Caine Selgado (right) May 9 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Galizzi fills void for playoff-ready Sockers FC

By Will Korn
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For the first five matches this season, forwards Nathan Regis and Maxi Galizzi combined to form a potent scoring punch at the top of the Midland-Odesa Sockers FC's formation.

But Regis, the two-time NCAA Division II Player of the Year at Pfeiffer University, suffered a tear of his anterior cruciate ligament in a June 9 home match against the Fort Worth Vaqueros. Suddenly, the Sockers' offensive prowess took a major hit as the Trinidadian star returned home for surgery.

Responsibilities at the top fell mostly to the 20-year-old Argentinian Galizzi, who went on to play a key role in Sockers FC winning its final four regular season matches.

He recorded a hat trick in the team's next contest, a 9-0 road thrashing of Tyler FC. Then, he notched the deciding goal in a 6-0 home victory over

Houston Regals SCA, a result that secured MOFC a first-round bye in the National Premier Soccer League playoffs as well as the most successful regular season (.750 winning percentage) in the franchise's 10-year history.

Now, as Galizzi and the Sockers (7-2-1) prepare to host Dutch Lions FC (7-3-0) in today's second round match at 7:30 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium, he said they'll be keeping Regis — known as "Sasa" by his teammates — in their hearts.

"We knew Sasa leaving was really tough for us because he was a really good player, one of the best players I've seen in my life," said Galizzi, who has six goals and three assists on the season. "He was awesome for us. He scored a lot for us and he always took advantage of every opportunity he had. What happened to him was terrible for all of us, but we became stronger. We are taking advantage of every situation that is happening right now."

The winner of today's match will

face either Laredo Heat SC or Fort Worth Vaqueros in Saturday's third round at a time, date and location to be determined.

Sockers FC head coach Luis Rincon said in Regis' absence, Galizzi's hard-nosed play has taken the spotlight. He's paired formidable skill with inspiring grit — a combination that routinely opens up the top of the field for a promising scoring chance for either himself or his teammates.

"Definitely, Nathan was a big player for us. But he only played four games out of the 10," Rincon said. "With that being said, I think Maxi has done a fantastic job. He could have a few more goals to be honest with you, but at the end of the day he works really hard and we appreciate everything he does. He's shown that he is good but he works really hard for us. That helps our system a lot."

This summer in particular, Galizzi

Please see SOCKERS/2C

Red Sox beat Rangers 8-4 for 8th straight win

By Doug Alden
Associated Press

BOSTON — Andrew Benintendi bolstered his All-Star credentials with a pair of doubles and two RBIs in his final game before fan votes are tallied, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-4 on Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to eight games.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a pair of RBI doubles and Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run triple as Boston scored five runs in the third and won for the 15th time in 18 games.

Matt Barnes (3-2) got the win with one inning of relief, striking out the side in the seventh after the Rangers had pulled within 6-4 with two runs in the sixth. He was the fourth of five relievers the Red Sox rode to another victory and improve on the best record in the majors.

Rougned Odor homered and Joey Gallo hit a two-run double for the Rangers, who have lost four of five.

Yovani Gallardo (3-1) made it through the first two innings without allowing a baserunner, but ran into trouble in the third.

After entering the inning with a 1-0 lead, Gallardo faced the entire Boston lineup in the third as the Red Sox tagged him for six hits — three of them doubles — and five runs.

Blake Swihart and Bradley started the rally on back-to-back doubles with one out. Gallardo struck out Mookie Betts for the second out, but Benintendi doubled in a run, Martinez singled and Xander Bogaerts hit a triple over the head of Delino DeShields in the center-field triangle to drive in two more and put the Red Sox up 5-1.

Hector Velazquez allowed one run on two hits over the first three innings. Jalen Beeks, recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket earlier Tuesday, pitched the next 2 1/3, allowing three runs on four hits, before he was pulled for Brandon Workman with one out in the sixth and runners at second and third.

Odor, whose homer in the second cleared the Texas bullpen and landed deep in the tunnel in right, singled and Isiah Kiner-Falefa doubled before Workman came on to face Gallo, whose double to center scored two to pull the Rangers to 6-4.

Barnes took over in the seventh, Brandon Workman pitched the eighth and Ryan Brasier finished it off with a scoreless ninth.

Trainer's room

Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez (broken finger) and IF Marco Hernandez (left shoulder) both had surgery Tuesday. Hernandez will miss the rest of the season and Vazquez is out 6 to 8 weeks, the Red Sox said.

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Serena reaches Wimbledon semis

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press



Kirsty Wignall/Associated Press

Serena Williams of the United States celebrates winning her women's singles quarterfinal match against Italy's Camilla Giorgi, at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships Tuesday in London.

LONDON — There are moments in which nothing at all seems different about Serena Williams, moments such as when she unleashed a 109 mph service winner to even her Wimbledon quarterfinal at a set apiece, leaped forward and yelled, loudly as can be, "Cooooome ooooo!"

Or when, about 10 minutes later, she stretched for a lunging backhand winner to break at love and take control of the third set, then raised a fist, figuring a berth in her 11th semifinal at the All England Club was close at hand.

And after Williams came up with a comeback to beat 52nd-ranked Camilla Giorgi of Italy

3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday, she headed off Centre Court with her right index finger aloft. Yes, no matter what the rankings or seedings say, no matter how long she was away, Williams still looks capable of playing like someone who's No. 1, just about 10 months after having a baby.

"Everything right now is a little bit of a surprise. To be here. To be in the semifinals. I mean, I always say I plan on it, I would like to be there, have those goals," Williams said. "But when it actually happens, it still is, like, 'Wow, this is really happening.'"

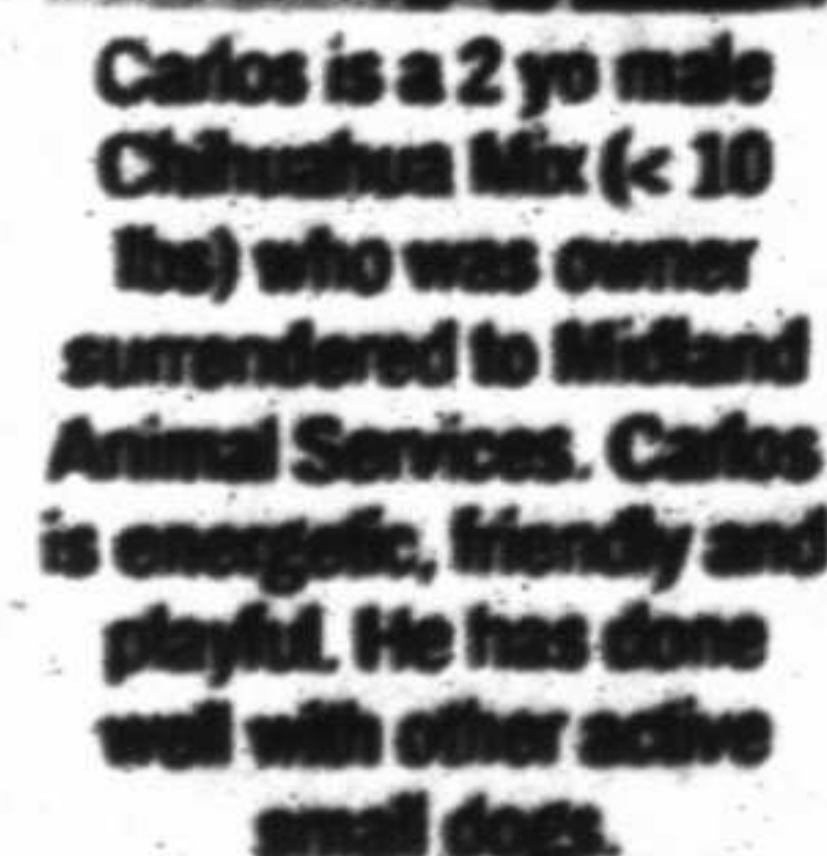
So what if she's still getting her game in gear?

So what if Giorgi wouldn't

Please see WIMBLEDON/4C



Boston Red Sox catcher Justin Brantley Jr. makes a catch on Texas Rangers' Ronald Guzman during the sixth inning Tuesday in Boston.





Associated Press file photo

Portland Trail Blazers' Kermit Washington gains control of a loose ball on Dec. 25, 1979, during an NBA game in Portland, Ore. Washington was sentenced Monday in Kansas City, Mo., to six years in federal prison for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in charity donations on vacations, shopping sprees and plastic surgery for his girlfriend.

Former NBA player Washington sentenced for charity fraud

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former NBA player Kermit Washington has been sentenced to six years in federal prison for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in charity donations on vacations, shopping sprees and plastic surgery for his girlfriend.

The U.S. attorney's office said in a news release that the 66-year-old Las Vegas man was also ordered Monday to pay nearly \$970,000 in restitution after pleading guilty in November to making a false statement in a tax return and aggravated identity theft.

Washington played for several NBA teams in the 1970s and 1980s. He is best known for throwing a punch that fractured Houston Rockets player Rudy Tomjanovich's face and left him unconscious during a 1977 game. Washington was playing

for the Los Angeles Lakers at the time.

Prosecutors accused Washington of using his position as representative of the National Basketball Players Association to refer professional athletes to Ronald Jack Mix, a Pro Football Hall of Famer and San Diego lawyer who specialized in workers' compensation cases. Mix filed workers' compensation cases for the athletes then donated about \$155,000 to Washington's charity, The Sixth Man Foundation, which did business as Project Contact Africa. Donors were told the charity was supporting work in Africa, including a medical clinic for needy families and HIV-positive children.

In his plea, Washington admitted that he diverted that money to pay himself and for personal expenses. He also admitted that he didn't report

that income to the charity on Project Contact Africa's IRS filings for several years.

Mix pleaded guilty in 2016 to making donations ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for referrals of athletes and then claimed those payments as charitable contributions on his individual tax returns from 2010 to 2013.

Washington also admitted that he accepted \$82,025 in contributions to his charity from Reza Davachi, of Damascus, Maryland, which he also diverted for his personal use. He also admitted that he used the identity of another person in numerous state and federal filings on behalf of the charity to perpetuate the fraud.

Washington's case was prosecuted in Kansas City, Missouri, because some of the athletes he referred to Mix lived in Missouri's Western District.

Rays propose \$900 million stadium in Tampa

By Dick Scanlon
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday unveiled an elaborate plan for a new domed stadium that would take them across Tampa Bay to the Ybor City section of Tampa at a cost of nearly \$900 million.

The 32,000-seat stadium would be the smallest in Major League Baseball and would be covered by a fully enclosed and translucent roof, not a retractable dome.

Stuart Sternberg, principal owner of the Rays since 2005, called the plan "a dramatic break from the past" and explained the blueprint as the franchise's latest attempt to make a long-term commitment to the region.

"That has the best opportunity to happen here in Tampa, at the center of the Tampa Bay region," Sternberg said. "We believe that baseball cannot only survive but thrive here in Tampa, and Tampa Bay, and all the growth that comes ahead of us."

The Rays have consistently ranked near the bottom in attendance at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, about 20 miles away from the proposed new site. The Ybor City site is bordered by Chan-

nel Drive on the west, 15th Street on the east, 4th Avenue on the north and Adamo Drive on the south.

No plans were revealed about stadium financing. The Rays, now in their 21st season in the American League, made the presentation partly to solicit corporate support.

"The test is when people see this," explained Matt Silverman, the club's president. "If people are getting behind this vision for how our ballpark can look and see how it can feed into Ybor City, if we're on the same page there, we have a better shot at figuring out the plans."

Melanie Lenz, the Rays' chief development officer, calculated the "total project cost" as \$892,429,823, 30 percent of which applies to the roof.

Sternberg has said he expects to play at Tropicana Field for at least four or five more years, and a best-case scenario for the opening of the new ballpark would be 2023.

"I think you're looking at a four-to-five-year build, 36 months on the construction side," said Tampa mayor Bob Buckhorn. "Will we live or die based on whether we have this stadium? No. We're going to be fine with or without it, but I would love to have it."

RANGERS

From 1C

Up next

Rangers RHP Bartolo Colon (5-6, 4.65 ERA) gets another chance at passing Dennis Martinez as the winningest Latin-

American pitcher in major league history. Colon and Martinez are tied with 245 career victories.

Red Sox LHP Chris Sale (9-4, 2.36) has struck out 11 or more in each of his last four starts.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League

RAYS 5 TIGERS 2

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wilson Ramos hit a three-run homer, five Tampa Bay pitchers combined on a five-hitter and the Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 5-2 Tuesday night.

The Rays (47-44) moved three games above .500 for the first time since Aug. 6 last year after posting their 13th win in the last 14 home games.

Tampa Bay lost its bid for a third shutout in four games when the Tigers scored twice in the ninth. After blanking the Mets in New York on Saturday and Sunday, the Rays outslugged the Tigers 10-9 in 10 innings Monday night.

ATHLETICS 7 INDIANS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Journeyman Edwin Jackson earned his first win with Oakland, pitching neatly into the seventh inning as the Athletics got their season-high sixth straight victory.

Matt Olson, Dustin Fowler and Josh Phegley homered to help the A's win for the 12th time in 14 games. They've won seven straight against Cleveland and nine of their last 10 against the Indians in Oakland.

ANGELS 6 ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Albert Pujols' RBI double highlighted a five-run eighth inning and Los Angeles handed Baltimore its seventh straight loss.

Playing their 3,000th game under manager Mike Scioscia, the Angels trailed 2-1 before

using three hits, three walks and a hit batter to take control against the free-flying Orioles. After Mychal Givens (0-6) issued a pair of one-out walks, Pujols tied it with his 632nd career double, tying David Ortiz for 10th place on the all-time list. An intentional walk followed, and the go-ahead run scored when Chris Young hit into a force play at third base.

RED SOX 11 YANKEES 0

NEW YORK — Chris Sale pitched his latest Bronx gem, Rafael Devers went 5 for 5 with a first-inning grand slam and the Boston Red Sox held the New York Yankees to two hits during an 11-0 rout Saturday night to take back baseball's best record.

Sale (5-4) allowed only Giancarlo Stanton's clean single over seven innings, striking out 11. He has a 1.73 career ERA against the Yankees, best among pitchers with at least 10 starts against them since 1920. He ERA at Yankee Stadium is 1.86, second only to Seattle's Felix Hernandez among pitchers with five starts.

ROYALS 9

MINNEAPOLIS — The decision that allowed the Royals to snap a 10-game losing streak here on Tuesday was made long before Twins starter Aaron Slegers threw the first pitch of the game.

Royals manager Ned Yost went over his roster and wondered if it was time to give Adalberto Mondelo a day off or if outfielder Jorge Soler needed it more. He decided on



Partick Kinsler/Daily Herald via AP

Chicago White Sox's Omar Narvaez taps out St. Louis Cardinals Yairo Munoz during a baseball game in Chicago on Tuesday.

Bonifacio and gave Mondelo his fourth start at shortstop in five days.

And on a night the Royals needed enough to avoid a season-high 11 consecutive losses, Mondelo came through twice to guide the Royals to a 9-4 victory over the Twins.

National League

PHILLIES 7 METS 3

NEW YORK — Enyel De Los Santos won his major league debut and the Philadelphia Phillies got home runs from Markel Franco and Odubert Herrera in a 7-3 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

Franco drove in four runs as the Phillies, who began the day tied with Atlanta atop the NL East, won for the 10th time in 13 games. Nick Williams had three hits and two RBIs, and

Rhys Hoskins also got three hits.

BREWERS 8

MILWAUKEE — Christian Vachek had three hits and four RBIs, Travis Shaw homered and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Minnesota Twins 8-4 on Tuesday night.

Shaw and Tyler Saladino had two RBIs each, and Milwaukee won for the seventh time in nine games. Jhoulys Chacin (5-3) allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out three and walked three.

Curtis Barnes pitched two perfect innings in his major league debut for the save.

Shane Bieber (1-1) pitched six innings and allowed two runs.

NATIONALS 5 PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Anthony Rendon hit a two-run homer, Daniel Murphy doubled twice and had four hits, and the Washington Nationals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Rendon hit his 15th homer off starter Jon Muzgrove (3-4) in the fifth inning, and Washington added three more runs in the sixth against the bullpen.

Jeremy Hellickson pitched five strong innings, and the bullpen closed it out from there. Hellickson (3-1) allowed two hits and struck out three, leaving after 67 pitches.

Bryce Harper went 0 for 5 with four strikeouts for Washington. His batting average fell to .215.

Interleague

REDS 7 INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Joey Votto hit a go-ahead three-run double during a seven-run ninth inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Kolten Wong had four hits, including a two-run homer and a double, as every St. Louis starter except catcher Yadier Molina got at least one hit. Jose Martinez had three hits and two RBIs.

Fowler led off his sixth homer this season, but first since May 6, to cap the Cardinals seven-run sixth. He finished with two hits and played right field in only his second start since June 27.

Fowler entered batting just 157 — and 111 in his previous 20 games. Wong entered hitting only 208 for the season, but has 10 hits in his last 16 at-bats.

BLUE JAYS 6

ATLANTA — Russell Martin's sharp single in Toronto's five-run eighth drive in the go-ahead run, Marcus Stroman allowed pitched seven strong innings, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Atlanta 6-2 on Tuesday night to knock the Braves out of first place.

The Braves, who have lost six of their last seven, fell to second in the NL East after beginning the day tied with Philadelphia for the lead. The Phillies beat the Mets 7-3. Atlanta held at least a share of first since May 30.

CARDINALS 14
WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO — Slumping outfielder Dexter Fowler hit his fourth career grand slam, as St. Louis' Miles Mikolas tossed six innings of three-hit ball and the St. Louis Cardinals routed the Chicago White Sox 14-2 on Tuesday night.

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MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

1. Rays 47-44

2. Tigers 42-49

3. White Sox 38-54

4. Athletics 37-55

5. Indians 36-56

6. Angels 35-57

7. Orioles 34-58

8. Yankees 33-59

9. Red Sox 32-60

10. Mariners 31-61

11. Blue Jays 30-62

12. Pirates 29-63

13. Cardinals 28-64

14. Mets 27-65

15. Phillies 26-66

16. Braves 25-67

17. Dodgers 24-68

18. Cubs 23-69

19. Padres 22-70

20. Giants 21-71

Today's scores

1. Rays 5, Tigers 2

2. Athletics 7, Indians 2

3. Angels 6, Orioles 2

4. Royals 9, Yankees 0

5. Red Sox 11, Yankees 0

6. Phillies 7, Mets 3

7. Brewers 8, Twins 4

8. Nationals 5, Pirates 1

9. Blue Jays 6, Braves 2

10. Cardinals 14, White Sox 2

11. Yankees 6, Red Sox 1

12. Rays 5, Tigers 2

13. Athletics 7, Indians 2

14. Angels 6, Orioles 2

15. Royals 9, Yankees 0

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17. Phillies 7, Mets 3

18. Brewers 8, Twins 4

19. Nationals 5, Pirates 1

20. Blue Jays 6, Braves 2

21. Cardinals 14, White Sox 2

22. Yankees 6, Red Sox 1

Today's games

1. Rays vs. Tigers

2. Athletics vs. Indians

3. Angels vs. Orioles

4. Royals vs. Yankees

5. Red Sox vs. Yankees

6. Phillies vs. Mets

7. Brewers vs. Twins

8. Nationals vs. Pirates

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14. Angels vs. Orioles

15. Royals vs. Yankees

16. Red Sox vs. Yankees

17. Phillies vs. Mets

18. Brewers vs. Twins

19. Nationals vs. Pirates

20. Blue Jays vs. Braves

21. Cardinals vs. White Sox

22. Yankees vs. Red Sox

Tomorrow's games

1. Rays vs. Tigers

2. Athletics vs. Indians

3. Angels vs. Orioles

4. Royals vs. Yankees

5. Red Sox vs. Yankees

6. Phillies vs. Mets

7. Brewers vs. Twins

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Southgate, England ready to face music of soccer history

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Gareth Southgate and England are ready to face the music.

No other soccer nation dwells on decades of failure quite like the English. Southgate was so demoralized by his penalty kick failure against Germany in the 1996 European Championship semifinals, he avoided The Lightning Seeds' "Three Lions," the team's official song when it hosted the tournament.

Now the song, with its repeated chorus of "football's coming home," is a staple again. No. 5 this week on YouTube UK's top music videos chart with more than 2 million views on the day of England's last match.

"Football's coming home" is a song I couldn't even listen to for 20 years, frankly, so far me it has a slightly different feel," Southgate said Tuesday on the eve of England's World Cup semifinal match against Croatia. "But it's nice to hear people enjoying it again."

When the song first was released, the chorus proclaimed "Three lions on a shirt/Jules Rimet still gleaming/Thirty years of hurt/never stopped me dreaming." A 1998 update changed the third verse to "no more years of hurt."

England hasn't played in the semifinals of a major tournament since Southgate's penalty kick at Wembley was saved by Andreas Kreppe 22 years ago, and Andrea Moeller put the next kick over David Seaman and under the crossbar. The most-cherished national team memory remains the 1966 World Cup final victory at

Wembley over West Germany, a demarcation point in the island's history as much as 1066 (the Norman invasion) and 1707 (union with Scotland).

"It was a long time ago, so not too many of us can remember that far back," said midfielder Jordan Henderson, born in 1990.

The winner Wednesday advances to Sunday's final against France. Southgate wants to break stereotypes, and not just on the field.

"I'm rare breed. I'm an Englishman that doesn't drink tea," he said.

England and Croatia are teams that innovated over time but have generally been immutable during the World Cup, sticking to virtually identical starting lineups except for group phase finales, after advancement was secure. In the other four games, Croatia's only variable to its 4-2-3-1 formation was whether to start captain Luka Modric in a deep midfield role and Andrej Kramaric more advanced, or to move up Modric and start Marcel Brozovic.

Right back Sime Vrsaljko limped off during the quarterfinal win over host Russia and goalkeeper Danil Subasic had a hamstring injury during extra time but remained in the match. When asked about injuries, Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic responded through a translator with inconclusive palaver about Vrsaljko having "this niggle."

England has gone with a 3-5-2, and the only change was to start Ruben Loftus-Cheek in midfield after Dele Alli injured a thigh.

"The biggest thing that the gaffer's brought since he's come in, which he's brought



Rebecca Blackwell/Associated Press

Croatia's Domagoj Vida kicks a ball during a training session at Luzhnik Stadium on the eve of the semifinal match between Croatia and England Tuesday at the 2018 World Cup in Moscow.

right from day one, was identity, and about the way that we wanted to create a team," Henderson said. "You can see that together on the pitch now, and I think that's valuable in crucial moments in big games, and yeah, I can definitely say this is most together England team that I've been involved in, and so I think that makes a massive difference and you get your rewards for that."

With an average age of 26, England is one of the youngest teams at the World Cup. "We were never quite sure how far this team could go," Southgate said. "The age of the players, the improvement in the players, the hunger in the players has been apparent for everybody to see. We're really proud in the style that we've played, with the intelligence that we've played, and that we've performed under pressure and dealt with difficult situations in games where we've had to wait until the last minute to score, we've had to recover from conceding in last minute, we've been through extra time, penalties."

Croatia made its only semifinal appearance in 1998, losing 2-1 to host France. Defender Dejan Lovren is a teammate of Henderson's on Champions League finalist Liverpool, and Lovren bristled when asked about a 4-1 loss at Tottenham last October when England striker Harry Kane scored twice.

"It's completely irrelevant," he said through a translator. "Why didn't you ask me how I played well against him? You are just nitpicking my poor performances."

WORLD CUP GLANCE

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, July 10
At St. Petersburg, Russia
France vs. Belgium 9 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11
At Moscow
England vs. Croatia 12 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 14
At St. Petersburg, Russia
Belgium vs. England/Croatia loser 9 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 15
At Moscow
France vs. England/Croatia winner 10 p.m.

FRANCE

From 1C

Umtiti got in front of tall Belgium midfielder Marouane Fellaini to knock in his header at the near post.

"It's me that scored," Umtiti said, "but we all delivered a big game."

Up in the corporate seats, French President Emmanuel Macron reacted to the goal by shaking the hand of King Philippe of Belgium as FIFA president Gianni Infantino watched on between them.

The goal capped an impressive display by Umtiti, who helped to shut out the most productive attack in the World Cup with 14 goals, and meant three defenders have now scored on France's route to the final. Benjamin Pavard and Raphael Varane scored in previous matches.

In search of the equalizer, Belgium repeatedly sent over crosses from both wings but Umtiti and Varane, both center backs, used their bodies cleverly to hold off Fellaini and Lukaku. Varane, in particular, was outstanding.

France coach Didier Deschamps has faced some criticism for being too pragmatic and functional despite having so many stars in his squad, but the organization of the team was superb and Belgium was largely restricted to only minor chances that were kept out by the flying Lloris.

Deschamps now has the chance to become the third person to win the World Cup as a player and a coach, after Germany great Franz Beckenbauer and Brazil's Mario Zagallo. As France captain, Deschamps won soccer's most prized trophy in 1998.

With Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Neymar no longer in Russia, Eden Hazard and Mbappe have taken over as the stars of the World Cup and there was a buzz every time

either got the ball.

Yet while Hazard faded after a strong opening 30 minutes, Mbappe was a constant threat. His first touch was after 10 seconds and, after receiving the ball on the right wing, he sped past Jan Vertonghen and then Mousa Dembele in a thrilling run.

At 19, Mbappe wasn't even born when France won the World Cup for the first and only time with a squad that is just as diverse as the one Deschamps is leading 20 years later.

Lloris is the captain and he played a key role against Belgium, diving to his right midway through the first half to claw away Toby Alderweireld's shot and then getting in front of Lukaku to punch away one of substitute Dries Mertens' many crosses. "Unfortunately for us, the difference is just a dead-ball situation, a set play," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said. "The game was, as you can imagine, very close, very tight, and it was going to be decided (on) maybe the one that it could find that final touch in the box."

Instead of a trip to Moscow, Belgium will return to St. Petersburg for the third-place match.

In the stands

Along with the French and Gabonese presidents and the king and queen of Belgium, there was rock 'n' roll royalty watching the game.

Mick Jagger was one of the many famous faces in the stands at St. Petersburg Stadium. The Rolling Stones frontman is a big soccer fan, having attended the World Cup final in Brazil in 2014 as well as many England games.

Former Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson, who is the partner of France defender Adil Rami, also was present.

WIMBLEDON

From 1C

seem to miss while moving out to that early lead? Williams never was worried about losing.

"It's weird. Sometimes I feel, 'Man, I'm in trouble. Sometimes I feel, 'I can fight.' For whatever reason, today I was so calm," said 36-year-old American, who has been wearing compression leggings as a precaution after a blood-clot scare following her daughter's birth. "Even when I was down the first set, I thought, 'Well, she's playing great. I'm doing a lot of the right things.'"

Asked whether that might represent a new way of looking at things, Williams smiled.

"No. Just to be clear, that was just today. I mean, I'm hoping this is, like, a new thing," she said. "Honestly, I highly doubt it."

Next up for Williams as she tries to earn her eighth title at the All England Club and 24th Grand Slam trophy overall will be a match Thursday against No. 13 seed Julia Goerges of Germany, a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 winner against No. 20 Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

"It's pretty unreal for me," said Goerges, who reached her first major semifinal at a tournament where she exited in the first round each of the past five years.

The other semifinal is No. 11 seed Angelique Kerber of Germany vs. No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia.

Kerber is a former No. 1 who owns two Grand Slam titles and was the runner-up to Williams at Wimbledon two years ago. Ostapenko won last year's French Open.

Kerber needed seven match points to close out No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 7-5 at Centre Court, while Ostapenko defeated 2014 Australian Open runner-up Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-5, 6-4 at a windy No. 1 Court.

After a series of upsets made this edition of Wimbledon the first since the 1970s that none of the top 10 women reached the quarterfinals, Nos. 11, 12 and 13 are still around. And so is No. 25, Williams.

The All England Club seeded her there as a nod

to all of her past success at the grass-court major, including titles the last two times she entered, in 2015 and 2016. She missed Wimbledon a year ago because she was pregnant, going about 16 months between Grand Slam tournaments, so her ranking is just outside the top 180.

That is going to change now.

Told she is guaranteed of rising to 51st next week — and higher if she reaches the final or wins the championship — Williams joked: "Get to keep trekking on, though. Serena Williams, 51? Eh, it doesn't have that same ring to it. The '1' part does, but not the '5' ..."

Williams is 3-0 against Goerges, winning in straight sets each time.

"Everybody starts from zero," Goerges said. "Everybody has the same chances to win that match, and I'm looking forward to it."

After their most recent meeting, in the French Open's third round last month, Williams pulled out of that tournament, citing a chest muscle injury that made it too painful to serve.

She went a couple of weeks without practicing serves, and the test did wonders. She hit one at 122 mph against Goerges, delivered six of her seven aces in the final set, and won 44 of the last 54 points she served.

"I messed up too much on my return," said Goerges, questioning her decision to stand inside the baseline to receive serve.

Rare is the player who can produce Williams' sort of pace on serves — Goerges' average speeds were actually faster on first and second serves, and she delivered the match's first three aces — and mirror her power in groundstroke exchanges at the baseline.

But Goerges plays with more of a grace and finesse, taking risk, that chips at the ball with curves, returns, forehands and backhands. She harbors no compunction about striving for a point-ending winner with every stroke. When she's celebrating properly, it all can be tough for opponents to handle.

Even Williams. Well, for a set, anyway.

Wimbledon Results

LORCA — Results Tuesday from Wimbledon at the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. Rankings in parentheses.

Men's Singles
First Round
Juan Martin del Potro (15), Argentina, def. Carlos Gomez, France 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5).
Quarterfinals
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia 6-3, 6-4.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Andy Murray (4), Great Britain 6-3, 7-5.
Nick Kyrgios (12), Australia, def. Stanislav Kuznetsov (16), Russia 6-3, 7-5.
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PGA to May the critical piece in golf's new schedule

COMMENTARY

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. — The timing for a revamped PGA Tour schedule could not have been more appropriate.

This is the 50-year anniversary of the PGA Tour breaking away from the PGA of America, leading to years of disharmony. Well, as much as this gentle game allows. And yet all these years later, it took a strong relationship between the two organizations for American-based golf to get the schedule it wanted.

Next season's schedule was released Tuesday, and there were lots of moving parts, most of them already known.

The FedEx Cup playoffs have been reduced from four events to three, with the opening event alternating between the New York area and Boston. The season will end at the Tour Championship on Aug. 25, allowing the richest playoff in golf — expect that \$10 million FedEx Cup prize to increase significantly next year — to be awarded before fans shift their interest to college football and the NFL.

Minnesota replaces Houston. Golf returns to Detroit and leaves Washington. Florida will have four straight tournaments in March for the first time since 2006.

None of this works, however, without the PGA Championship moving from August to May.

Without the commitment and great partnership with FedEx, and the great partnership with the PGA of America, we're not where we are today," PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said Tuesday.

Monahan's main concern was his biggest corporate partner, FedEx, which in 2007 poured up \$35 million in bonus money for a year-end business aimed at giving the PGA Tour a more defined focus to its season. It was critical to establish continuity and heritage for the tour to renew its deal, and that meant creating more value — more attention — for the FedEx Cup.



Chris Carlson/Associated Press

PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan speaks at a news conference at the PGA Championship golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., to announce the PGA Championship moving to May.

That was tough to do in late September in Atlanta. Even with Jordan Spieth capping off a great year, Rory McIlroy hurling out a shot from the fairway, Bill Haas splashing out of a lake to make par in a playoff, golf had to compete with America's most popular sport. And it was a losing battle.

"We wanted to finish before football and other sports," Monahan said, "and own August."

The PGA Championship moving to May allows that to happen.

Monahan speaks of the "cadence" to the new schedule, though nothing really changes. Golf still has a big event every month, only it now starts in March with The Players Championship instead of April with the Masters. The PGA is in May, the U.S. Open is in June, the British Open is in July, the FedEx Cup in August.

The finished product doesn't seem all that complicated now, though it required cooperation from just about everyone. "Everybody, including us, had to give along the way," Monahan said. "You do that if you think the end result is worthwhile. We never wavered on that front."

Still to be determined is how this works out. For next season, 46 tournaments will be crammed into 41 weeks. There will be even more golf in the 2019-20 season when Monahan and Cramer are in the fall, with plans for an official event in Japan, and perhaps one other domestic event. That's also an Olympic

year, and the tour is considering an off week during the men's competition.

The strongest competition might be found outside the ropes as tournaments try to persuade the most appealing players not to take time off during their events.

Tournament officials at the Honda Classic and Valparaiso Championship already are nervous about whether Tiger Woods will return, mainly because those two tournaments fall into a seven-week stretch that includes the Genesis Open at Riviera (run by the Tiger Woods Foundation), Bay Hill (where he has won eight times), The Players Championship and two World Golf Championships, assuming Woods is eligible.

Fan forward to the end of the season. While the top 125 players still qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs, one fewer playoff event means only the top 70 — instead of the top 100 — advance to the second round before the top 30 make it to the Tour Championship.

"We have a stronger conclusion to our season. By having a stronger conclusion, it's making every event that much more important," Monahan said. "Depending on where you are, a lot less people will be comfortable with their position because they have one fewer at-bat."

Monahan is banking on players competing more, keeping the PGA Tour relevant right up until the end. Right before kickoff.

South rose with dummy's ace of clubs and led a spade to his jack. He reacted with surprise and horror when Bide won this with the queen and cashed the king of clubs. The ace of diamonds was still to come and the unbeatable contract had been defeated. Great play!

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Wife of perfect husband cheats without remorse

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband of 11 years and three children. "Carl" is attentive, caring and always puts the needs of our family first. You could say he is everyone's dream husband. Long story short, I cheated on him while I was on vacation. It started as innocent flirtation, but then it went further. When "Brad" kissed me, I knew it wasn't going to stop there. Afterward, I not only didn't feel guilty, I did it again. I have been quietly communicating with Brad and sent him revealing photos and a graphic video of myself. He loved it, and we plan to meet again soon. Please help me understand why I am cheating on such a wonderful husband. Shouldn't I feel guilty? What can I do to stop this before it gets out of control and Carl finds out? I really don't want to lose him. — **DON'T FEEL GUILTY**

DEAR DON'T FEEL GUILTY: I have a flash for you. This thing is already out of control. While the excitement may have gone out of your marriage, I guarantee that when Carl gets wind of this — and the consequences may — you'll have an abundance of it. If you really value your marriage, start devoting as much energy to working on it as you have been devoting toward Brad. And pray that Brad is a good enough sport to delete the incriminating photos and video.

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 99440, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with a man who is 28 years younger than I am. I'll call him Albert. We want to get married, but I'm not sure how much the age difference really matters. We have been seeing each other for almost a year, and I know he loves me. We haven't told anyone except a few people. My son, 28, and my daughter, 40, don't know how serious we are. My granddaughter knows everything. I know my children may object because of the age difference and the fact that Albert is from another country (in Africa). To me, that doesn't matter, and it may not to them, but Albert is worried that immigration may question us. We are both private people, and we want to be together as husband and wife. I can't give him children, but there are other ways we can have a child of our own. I want my kids to be happy for me. I really need to know what you think. — **LOST IN LOVE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR LOST: That Albert is afraid of the questions immigration might ask raises a red flag for me. What I think is that if you choose to proceed — as I suspect you probably will — you should be very cautious doing so.

DEAR ABBY: I have a concern I suspect is shared by others. Keeping a journal has been shown to be of significant psychological benefit, but I do not want my private thoughts and concerns read by others after my death. Is this silly of me? I realize I'll be dead and gone, but the possibility of it happening inhibits me from recording my thoughts and feelings. Thanks for any insights you and/or your readers can offer. — **PRIVATE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR PRIVATE: Unless you have an ancestor you can trust to dispose of your journals when you are gone, my recommendation would be to keep your journals online, in the cloud, and able to be accessed only by you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Surprise, surprise

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 975
♥ A76
♦ KQJ73
♣ A4

EAST
♠ 866
♥ KJ932
♦ A85
♣ 932

WEST
♠ A4Q
♥ QJ54
♦ 92
♣ K10864

SOUTH
♠ KJ10432
♥ 8
♦ 164
♣ 375

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ 2♣ 2♦ 2♥
3♥ 3♠ 4♠ 4♠
4♠ 4♠ 4♠ 4♠
— Pass to South

Opening lead: Heart of ♠

The auction shows methods — two no-trump asking for shortness — that are popular in Europe, but not well known in the USA. West was Danish expert Morten Bilde. Bilde himself was not well known in the USA until he started coming over with his son, Dennis, a few years ago and doing

very well in major North American championships. His son is now considered one of the world's best players. He had a good teacher. Bilde led the nine of diamonds, won by South's jack when East ducked his ace. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart to the ace and then led a spade to his 10. Bilde won this with the ace! He shifted to a low club after having set the bait. Look at this from declarer's point of view. Should he take the club finesse and lose to the king, he might easily suffer a diamond ruff and go down in a cold contract. After all, the finesse for the queen of trumps was "known" to be working. South rose with dummy's ace of clubs and led a spade to his jack. He reacted with surprise and horror when Bilde won this with the queen and cashed the king of clubs. The ace of diamonds was still to come and the unbeatable contract had been defeated. Great play!

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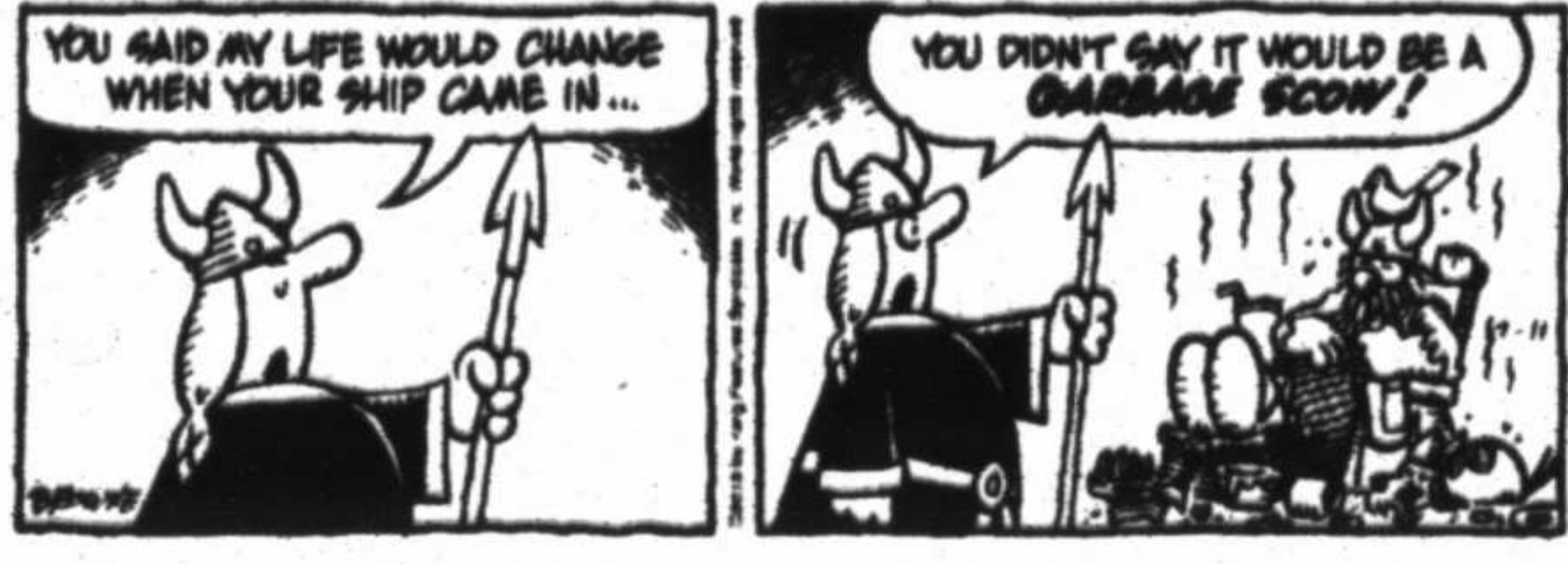
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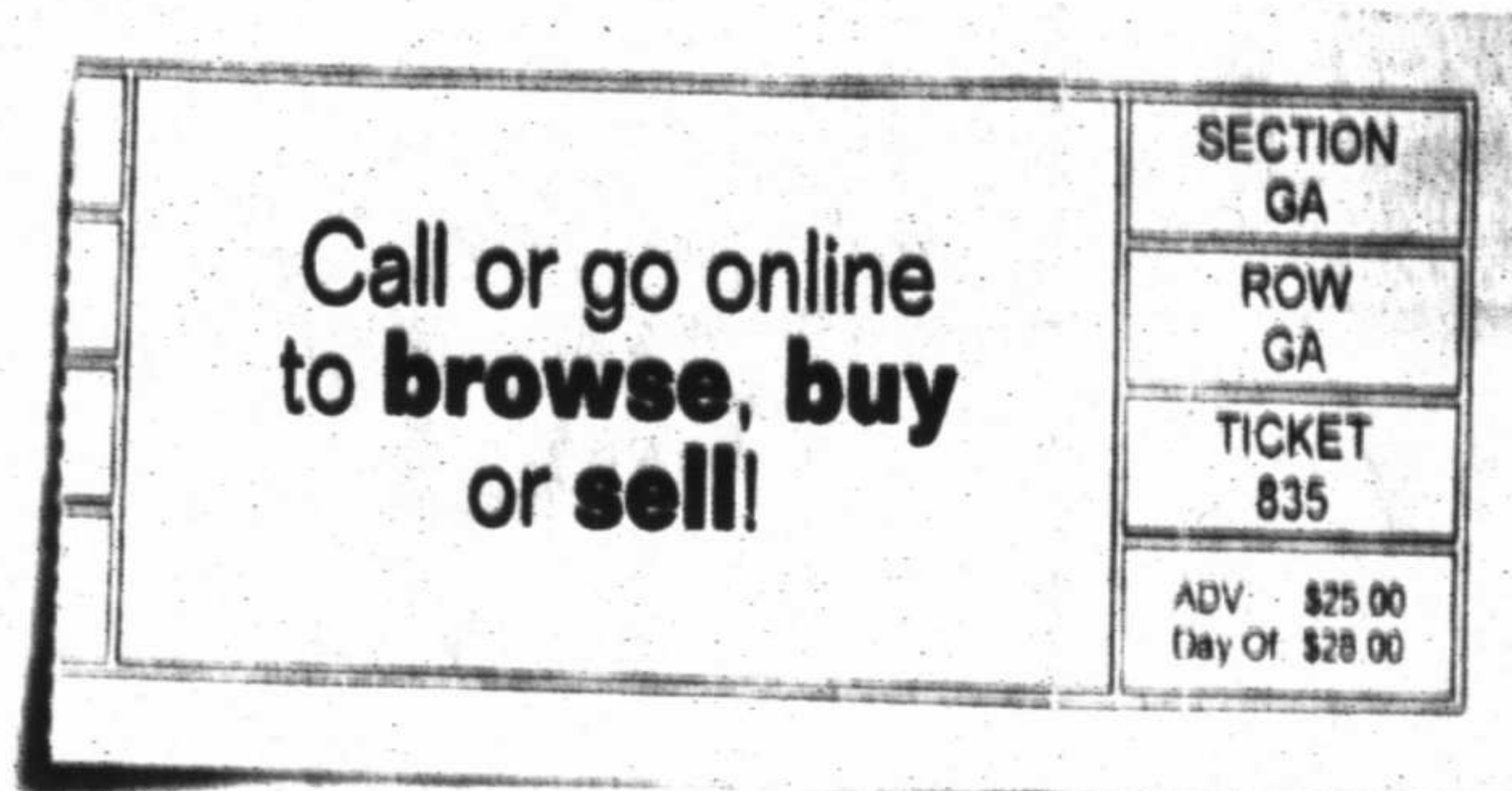
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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Winkelmann & Associates, Inc., for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for an Office Center to LR-3, Local Retail District on the following property:

Lot 1A, Block 6, Barberdale Addition, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas

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On the north portion of a 115-acre tract of land out of Section 6, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County Midland Texas.

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