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Russell Wilson threw for two touchdowns in the first half. Chris Carson added a 5-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, and the Seattle Seahawks avoided a 0-3 start with a win over the Cowboys.

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David Petraeus to offer message to MC students

Retired US Army general, former CIA director to speak as part of Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series

By Simone Jasper
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With time served in the military and as CIA director, retired U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus built up a resume of leadership experiences and international work. Petraeus is expected to share advice with students who are pursuing their own careers when he speaks Tuesday at Midland College.



Petraeus

Petraeus was chosen to deliver his message at the college as a part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series, which gives students and residents the opportunity to learn from

accomplished speakers. This semester's free, public event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

The Reporter-Telegram caught up with Petraeus via email to find out the nature of his upcoming speech and his connection to a famous Midlander.

MRT: What message will you share with the West Texas audience?

Petraeus: Keeping in mind that the audience will include a sizable number of students completing their education before embarking on their chosen professions, I will seek to convey several messages to them:

First, that life is a competitive endeavor: "just showing up is important," to be sure, but hard work, focus, continued professional development and study, inter-personal skills, and discipline all

matter enormously.

Second, that while luck and timing are important, without question, I agree with the Roman philosopher Seneca, who observed that, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

Third, that while winners do, indeed, "win stuff," they sometimes need to compete to be the best team player, not just the best individual in every pursuit.

Fourth, that life is not without setbacks, and the measure of the man is often not just determined by how high he jumped, but by how high he jumped back after a misstep, setback, or mistake.

And, fifth, that they should seek what might be termed "out of one's intellectual comfort zone experiences." (For me, these included doing grad school at Princeton and a fellowship at Georgetown, as well as spending a summer in Central America

and later serving as the Chief of Operations of the UN Force in Haiti. Each was off the normal path that military officers followed, but each was enormously instructive and valuable later in my career when dealing with unexpected situations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other countries in which I served. (In the case of Princeton, I was warned that going there rather than to another infantry unit would be an act of "professional suicide." Needless to say, that did not prove to be the case.)

MRT: How does it feel to be among those selected as speakers in the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series?

Petraeus: It is a tremendous honor to have been invited to be part of the Davidson Lecture Series and to follow in

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REACHING OUT TO FAMILY



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: From left: Jemorrion Glover, Jaythan Jones, Helen Glover, Sema Glover and Dominica Glover pose to remember Essence Glover, a Lee High School student who died after collapsing at basketball practice last week. **RIGHT:** From left: Eliza Rodriguez, Jaythan Jones, Destiny Baeza and Jenna Gonzalez pose in front of Lee High School wearing a T-shirt Jones and Baeza are selling to raise money for Glover's family.

Students sell T-shirts to raise money for the family of Essence Glover

From staff reports

The celebration of Essence Glover's life continues.

Jaythan Jones, a member of the boys basketball team at Lee, and Destiny Baeza are selling shirts to raise money for Glover's family.

Glover, a senior, passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital this past week after collapsing at a Lee

practice.

"I met with Essence's family and they loved the shirts and they loved the poster I got made for them," Jones wrote to the Reporter-Telegram. "God touched my heart to help them out."

Jones wrote that if they order a shirt, it will be ready Friday morning (before school) and then Friday afternoon (after school) at Lee High School in front of the flag pole.



OPEC, allies agree not to further increase oil production

Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — A meeting of OPEC and its allies ended without any decision to further increase oil output despite President Donald Trump's call for lower prices.

Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries met on Sunday in Algiers with non-members including Russia.

The committee said in a statement that it was satisfied "regarding the current oil market outlook, with an overall healthy balance between supply and demand."

Trump has been calling publicly for OPEC to help lower prices by producing more.

The price rise is notably caused by a recent drop in Iran's supply because of U.S. sanctions.

OPEC and Russia have capped production since January 2017 to bolster prices. Output fell below those targets this year, and in June the same countries agreed to boost the oil supply.

O'Rourke, Cruz debate claims need closer look

■ At the first of three U.S. Senate campaign debates, Ted Cruz and Beto O'Rourke lobbed attack after attack. Here's the history behind some of their claims

By Emma Platoff
Texas Tribune

At their first debate in Texas' 2018 U.S. Senate general election campaign, U.S. Rep. Beto

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Did you know?

A judge will sentence **Bill Cosby** today. Cosby's legacy has created a generational divide. Page 4A

The big number

Cocaine valued at about **\$18 million** was discovered inside a shipment of bananas donated to a prison. Page 2A

Word of the Day:

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Report finds dozens of gas leak explosions since 2006

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — More than two dozen homes in north and central Texas have blown up since 2006 along a network of pipelines operated by one of the largest natural gas companies in the U.S., leading to nine deaths and badly injuring at least 22 other people, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Atmos Energy Corp. has some of the nation's oldest pipes in the country and the company's largest division, Atmos Mid-Tex, has received five times as many state safety violations as Houston's CenterPoint, the other large gas distribution company in Texas.

Atmos Energy has reported \$3.3 billion in profits since 2005. The newspaper reported that the company would not discuss individual accidents but said it was not at fault.

Atmos Energy said safety violations are only alleged and that any problems cited by state regulators are fixed. It also noted that the number of citations peaked in 2013 and has markedly declined since then, which the company says reflects its emphasis on safety.

"Since 2005, we have been pouring profits back into the system," says Elizabeth Beauchamp, an Atmos spokeswoman.

In a statement, Atmos Energy said its employees wake up every day resolutely dedicated to our mission to keep people safe.

A pipeline safety expert said Atmos Energy's track record should worry Texas residents.

The many accidents and state safety citations over the years "suggest Atmos really needs to up its game in terms of creating a safety culture," said Rebecca Craven, program director for the Pipeline Safety Trust, a national nonprofit group.

Records show Atmos Energy seldom accepts responsibility for explosions, the newspaper reported. The company

blamed lightning strikes and other bad weather, poor soil conditions in North Texas, mysterious sources of underground gas or careless digging by construction crews.

Atmos Energy told regulators last year that 500 miles of cast iron pipes remain in its network and that it will need at least three more years to remove them. Federal officials have urged the removal of cast iron pipes since the 1980s. In Houston, CenterPoint removed virtually all of its cast iron gas pipes more than two decades ago.

More than a third of Atmos Energy's pipes were installed before 1940, the company re-

ported to federal regulators last year. Among the country's big operators, only one, in Philadelphia, had such a significant share of old pipes.

Atmos Energy officials say that older pipes aren't necessarily more problematic, and that only one of the accidents highlighted by newspaper involved pre-1940 pipes.

"Although we'd like to replace all older pipelines immediately, just like with replacing older roads and bridges, replacing pipe takes time and resources," the company said in a statement.

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Obituaries



Don Julian Hernandez

Don Julián Hernandez nació el 19 de junio 1915 y falleció el jueves, 20 de septiembre a la edad de 103 años. Se ubicaba en la residencia de su hija Ramona Jaquez en Midland, TX. Nació en Barranco Azul de Ojinaga, Chih. En su vida fue agricultor, padre adorado por once (11) hijas e hijo. Era un amante de la música ranchera y le encantaba tocar el violín y guitarra. Su pasión incluía leer literatura y era un devoto cristiano que amaba a su Dios Jehovah. Se casó en 1938 con Guadalupe Montoya de El Paradero, Municipio de Ojinaga, Chih. Sus hijos son Angel Hernandez, Maria Jesus Galindo, Ramona Jaquez, Reyna Esconrias, Francisca Rodriguez, Manuela Ramirez, Delma Hernandez, Sixto Hernandez, Maria De La Luz Olivas, Maria Elena Hernandez, y Maria Elva Saldana. Es sobre vivido por su 5 hijas e hijo con 5 yernos y nuera, 30 nietos y 85 bisnietos. Servicios de visita será el domingo 23 de septiembre hasta lunes 24 de septiembre a las 8 de la mañana hasta las 8 de la tarde. Se hará un servicio memorial el domingo a las 7 de la tarde, 23 de septiembre. El rosario será el lunes 24 de septiembre a las 7 de la tarde y misa el martes 25 de septiembre a las 10 de la mañana.

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\$18M worth of cocaine found in bananas given to Texas prison

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Authorities say bananas donated to a Texas prison turned out to have nearly \$18 million worth of cocaine hidden inside the boxes.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice says in a Facebook post that the drugs were found in two pallets of bananas that were donated because they were already ripe. The donation arrived Friday.

The department says sergeants who picked up the boxes found a bundle of a white powdery substance under the bananas. U.S. customs officials were called to the scene, and authorities say 540 packages of cocaine were found in 45 boxes of bananas.

The department says federal officials and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection are investigating.

3D gun advocate accused of sex with minor is jailed

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The owner of a Texas company that sells plans to make untraceable 3-D printed



Wilson

guns was back in the U.S. Sunday after being arrested in Taiwan, where police say he flew after learning he was being investigated for allegedly having sex with an underage girl.

The U.S. Marshals Service said 30-year-old

Cody Wilson was booked into Harris County Jail in Houston early Sunday and was being held on \$150,000 bond. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney yet.

He was arrested Friday at a hotel in Taiwan by local police. He is facing sexual assault charges in Austin, according to a statement from the U.S. Marshals Service.

Authorities say Wilson met the girl through the website SugarDaddyMeet.com. According to an affidavit, the girl said they met in the parking lot of an Austin coffee shop in August and then drove to a hotel. The girl

told investigators that Wilson paid her \$500 after they had sex and then dropped her off at a Whataburger restaurant.

Wilson is the owner of Austin-based Defense Distributed. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia had sued the Trump administration to dissolve a settlement it reached with the company over allowing it to disseminate its designs for making a 3D-printable gun. The lawsuit by mostly Democratic state attorneys general argued that such weapons could be used by criminals or terrorists.

A federal court last month barred Wilson from posting

the designs online for free. He then began selling them for any amount of money to U.S. customers through his website.

Wilson, a self-described "crypto-anarchist," has said "governments should live in fear of their citizenry."

Law enforcement officials worry the guns are easy to conceal and are untraceable since there's no requirement for the firearms to have serial numbers. Gun industry experts have said the printed guns are a modern method of legally assembling a firearm at home without serial numbers.

DEBATE

From 1A

O'Rourke, D-El Paso, and incumbent Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican, traded blows Friday over a range of issues that included immigration and criminal justice. The face-off was often heated, with candidates tossing attacks back and forth.

Were all of those attacks true? Here's a little more context for some of the candidates' claims:

Did Beto O'Rourke refer to law enforcement as "modern-day Jim Crow"?

"Just this week, Congressman O'Rourke described law enforcement — described police officers — as modern-day Jim Crow," Cruz said Friday, referring to a post-Reconstruction system of legally sanctioned racial segregation.

O'Rourke immediately took issue with that claim, arguing that "what Sen. Cruz said is simply untrue. I did not call police officers modern-day Jim Crow."

Cruz seems to be referring to comments O'Rourke made this week at a town hall at Prairie View A&M University, a historically black college in Southeast Texas. O'Rourke used the phrase "new Jim Crow" to refer broadly to an unjust criminal justice system that targets African-Americans.

"That system of suspecting

somebody — solely based on the color of their skin. Searching that person — solely based on the color of their skin. Stopping that person — solely based on the color of their skin. Shooting that person — solely based on the color of their skin. Throwing the book at that person and letting them rot behind bars — solely based on the color of their skin. It is why some have called this — I think it is an apt description — the new Jim Crow," O'Rourke said.

Cruz says he supports health insurance protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions.

Texas' junior senator said Friday that "everyone agrees we're going to protect pre-existing conditions" in the health care system — a group estimated to include about 130 million Americans. But Cruz has also signaled support for a Texas-led lawsuit that aims to kill the entirety of the Affordable Care Act — including the pre-existing conditions protections, which are among its most popular provisions.

Cruz, a longtime Obamacare critic who has often campaigned on the issue, has said Texas' legal argument "has considerable force" and that if the courts side with Texas, it would be a "win for health care consumers across the country." But his comments

Friday and in the past suggest he seems prepared to support a legislative fix to protect individuals with pre-existing conditions should the lawsuit succeed in striking them down.

Does O'Rourke support legalizing "all narcotics"?

Cruz attacked O'Rourke, a former El Paso City Council member, for introducing a resolution in the council "calling for a national debate on legalizing all narcotics." Cruz, who lost his sister to drug addiction, said it would be "a profound mistake" to legalize all narcotics amid the country's opioid crisis.

O'Rourke countered, as he has in the past, that he was merely using the resolution to catalyze discussion on the subject.

"To be clear, I don't want to legalize heroin and cocaine and fentanyl," O'Rourke said Friday. And he used Cruz's comment to pivot to one of his go-to campaign promises: a call to decriminalize marijuana.

O'Rourke says he did not flee the scene of a 1998 drunken driving accident

The El Paso congressman has acknowledged his 1998 drunken driving arrest, describing it as "a serious mistake for which there is no excuse." His car hit a truck driving in the same direction on Interstate 10 and crossed a median onto the other side of the

interstate. But O'Rourke denied Friday that he attempted to flee the scene.

A witness told police at the time that O'Rourke had "attempted to leave the accident but was stopped," according to a police report of the incident published by the Houston Chronicle last month. O'Rourke recorded a 0.136 and 0.134 on police breathalyzers, exceeding the limit of 0.10.

Asked about the incident at Friday's debate, O'Rourke acknowledged the accident but denied that he had tried to flee.

"I did not try to leave the scene of the accident, though driving drunk, which I did, is a terrible mistake for which there is no excuse," O'Rourke said.

How often was Cruz absent from the Senate while running for president?

O'Rourke claimed last night that Cruz missed "one-quarter" of Senate votes in 2015 and "half" in 2016. That's true, according to data compiled by GovTrack, which indicates Cruz missed 24 percent of eligible votes in 2015 and 50 percent in 2016. Cruz countered that he has always been on the ground in Texas when constituents needed him, including last year during Hurricane Harvey.

PETRAEUS

From 1A

the footsteps of previous speakers such as David McCullough, Sandra Day O'Connor, Doris Kearns Goodwin, and Dr. Jane Goodall, among many other previous speakers for whom I have long had enormous admiration.

MRT: You recently paid tribute to the late U.S. Sen. John McCain. What can the country learn from his legacy?

Petraeus: Sen. McCain was a true American hero who demonstrated extraordinary physical and moral courage, who always put country first, and who never wavered in seeking to uphold the freedoms and principles that have made our country great. As I noted in my eulogy for him at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, "No one had the backs of our men and women in uniform more than he did." And no one did more to ensure that we had what was needed to prevail on the battlefields of the post-9/11 wars. Beyond that, though, we should also learn from his willingness to reach across the aisle from time to time, giving a little in an effort to get a lot. Those in Washington who seem engaged

in hyper-partisan trench warfare should reflect on that as they try to deal with the legislative, policy, and regulatory headwinds that prevent the U.S. from capitalizing fully on the opportunities presented by the four great revolutions we are leading, or in which we are among the leaders: the energy revolution, the IT revolution, the life sciences revolution, and the manufacturing revolution.

MRT: Your resignation as CIA director garnered public attention. How have you moved forward from that situation?

Petraeus: As I noted earlier, life is not without setbacks, missteps, and mistakes — some, as in my case, self-inflicted. In such cases, I think it is vital to acknowledge what happened, to take ownership of it, to apologize for

damage done, to seek to learn from the experience, and then to put the rucksack back on and strive to drive on. This is what we did when operations did not go as planned on the battlefield or in intelligence operations during my time in uniform and at the CIA. And that is what I believe one should do — and what I sought to do. Frankly, some 5 1/2 years since leaving government, I am very fortunate to have been able to build a wonderful "portfolio" of stimulating, enjoyable, and rewarding business, academic, and veterans-support endeavors. And though they entail a great deal of international and domestic travel, I generally manage to get home on the weekends, and then enjoy various family activities, which now include our first grandchild, a

9-month-old baby girl. **MRT:** Retired U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks has ties to Midland. Have you had a chance to know him personally?

Petraeus: Yes, indeed. In fact, I watched Gen. Franks from afar with considerable admiration during my first 20 or so years in the Army, and I then got to know him well as a commander for a stint in Kuwait under him when he was a three-star general and I was a one-star. Then, most significantly, I was the commander of the great 101st Airborne Division during the fight to Baghdad and the first year in Iraq when he was the four-star commander of U.S. Central Command (a position I held some 5 1/2 years later). He was, frankly, a "larger than life" figure for our soldiers and those of my generation.

He had a great way with our men and women in uniform, and he obviously oversaw some exceedingly important operations in Afghanistan and Iraq in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

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1. by a route that touches or passes through.
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Panelists to discuss
state of journalism

Fake News, Real News and Censorship: A Discussion about Journalism is planned for 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250N.

The event is part of Banned Books Week, an annual awareness campaign promoted by the American Library Association and its Office of Intellectual Freedom.

Four local news professionals — KMD anchor Channing Curtis, Odessa American Executive Editor Laura Dennis, Midland Reporter-Telegram Editor Stewart Doreen and KOSA News Director Scott Pickley — will discuss the state of contemporary journalism. Event will be moderated by Library Director John Trisch III.

Things to do

■ STEAM Sprouts is a hands-on, interactive program for children 4 and 5. The six-week sessions will focus on Fairy Tale STEAM programming with age-appropriate experiments and creative activities. 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. \$80 members, \$100 non-members. Pipetro.org.

■ Sew Basic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

■ Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero, 5:30 p.m., Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

■ Bingo. 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play. 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ "Not Fade Away — The Ultimate Buddy Holly Experience," 7 p.m., Wagner Hotel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$35. liveonstage-gb.com.

■ The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series presents Olympia La Pointe. Hailed as "The New Einstein," La Pointe has worked with Boeing and helped with the launch of 28 shuttle missions. 7 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Free but reservations encouraged. Pipetro.org.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.00 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlers: 5320 W Loop 250 N. bowlers.com.

Meeting

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Scouting out some clay



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

David Chapman, CEO of the Buffalo Trail Council, empties his gun after shooting a round during the Spring Fling for Scouting sporting clay shoot to benefit the Buffalo Trail Council and the Scout Ranch on Aug. 24 at Windwalker Farms.

This date in Texas

Ten years ago: Officials reopened Galveston to residents who were warned about Hurricane Rita's debris and disruption of utilities.
Source: Associated Press

Today in history

Today is Monday, Sept. 24, the 267th day of 2018. There are 98 days.

left in the year

Today's highlight:
On Sept. 24, 1789, President George Washington signed a Judiciary Act establishing America's federal court system and creating the post of attorney general.

On this date:
In 1890, the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Wilford Woodruff, wrote a manifesto renouncing the practice of plural marriage, or polygamy.

In 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1968, the TV news magazine "60 Minutes" premiered on CBS; the undercover police drama "The Mod Squad" premiered on ABC.

In 1976, former hostage Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was released after 22 months

after receiving clemency from President Jimmy Carter.)

Five years ago: Conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, began an old-style filibuster lasting nearly 22 hours over President Barack Obama's health care law.

One year ago: More than 200 NFL players knelt or sat during the national anthem after President Donald Trump criticized the players' protests in a speech and a series of tweets.
Source: Associated Press

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Sunday's temperatures

High.....83
Low.....52
Normal high.....85
Normal low.....60

Sept. 23 records

High: 99, set in 1933
Low: 45, set in 1994 and
equalled in 1995

Precipitation

Saturday.....Trace
Sunday.....0.00 inches
Month total.....2.56 inches
Year total.....11.06 inches
Normal total
(year to date).....11.18 inches

Winds

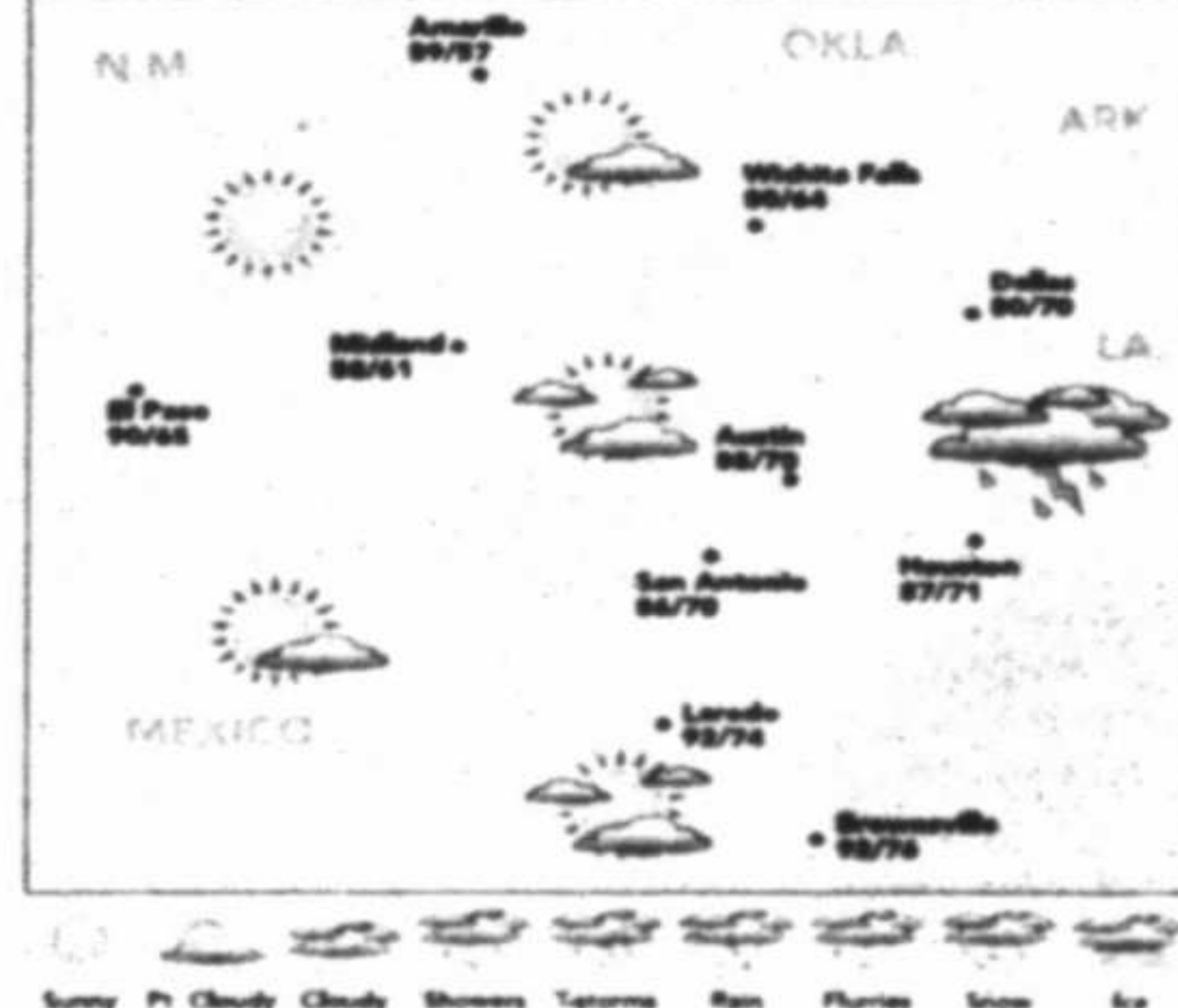
Average speed: 5.7 mph
Highest sustained: 9 mph

Sept. 24 forecast

High: 89
Low: 63
Conditions: Sunny during
the day/clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during
the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, September 24, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Pisces if born before 7:04 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Sept. 24, 2018: This year, you come to an understanding with those who often take the opposite point of view from yours. In fact, your comprehension will help resolve some hot issues. Your focus will be on finances and potential enhancements. If you are single, you will have quite a few opportunities to be coupled up, but you may back out of several potential bonds. Get involved only with someone who is right for you. If you are attached, your sweetie might not be as agreeable as usual. Give him or her some space for now. ARIES often stands up to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your dreams could be more significant than you initially believe. Because of your prognostic abilities, you might opt to head in a new direction. You could feel a push and pull between you and others when discussing an issue. Keep your cool. Tonight: Do some juggling!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You have been unusually focused as of late. Stay centered, as plans could change when you wake up. Honor the need to change your emphasis. You might find a drive to do some long-overdue research. You need more facts at your fingertips. Tonight: Visit with an older friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You have been very deep in your own thoughts. Today, you will start acting on some insights. You might not feel comfortable with what you are seeing. Sharing your thoughts works well in getting your message across. Be ready for a myriad of responses. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might be a bit frazzled as you swing from feeling levelheaded and logical to emotional. Tune in to your inner self and consider recent reflections before you take the lead. Follow through on what you feel and know. Your imagination goes wild. Tonight: Take charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue that could be drawing a lot of attention. Of course, everyone has a different opinion that he or she might want to share. You could be overwhelmed by everything you hear. Step back, if possible. Tonight: Break a pattern.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Close relating draws many people toward you. You could have a disagreement with several people over how to handle finances. You might find a midpoint of agreement if you can understand where others are coming from. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You'll want to approach a personal matter differently. Before you are able to act, the other party could make the first move. Know that this person feels as strongly as you do, which might be a positive thing, as you can find a point of

agreement. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Keep your focus on your work and on daily matters. Be sure to schedule a doctor's appointment. Try to understand where someone is coming from, especially if the two of you have a difference of opinion. Encourage others to be more understanding. Tonight: Take a walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Opportunities head your way if you remain open. Your creativity sparks each time an offer comes in. You might enjoy some of the perks that emerge as a result. Do not get caught in a power struggle

involving a loved one. Step away from control games. Tonight: Time for fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating could prove to be rather fruitful. Nevertheless, keep what you know to yourself right now. Answers might come forward in an odd manner. Someone is likely to ask a question that reveals more knowledge. Honor a promise. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You often tell it like it is. You could be challenged by your knowledge of a situation. Hold off on speaking

your mind for now. Weigh the pros and cons of a situation, and decide what might be most effective. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Call a friend at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Take charge, and run with an idea while you can. Others won't intend to interfere, but they will. You have reason to back off completely, as confusion seems to surround communication. Play it low-key. Tonight: Don't challenge anyone's authority.

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'House With a Clock' debuts at No. 1

By Anousha Sakoui
Bloomberg

"The House With a Clock in Its Walls," a new fantasy film from Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures, topped the box office in one of the quietest weekends of the year, outdrawing movie debuts from Michael Moore and Amazon.com Inc.

Co-produced with Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment, "The House With a Clock in Its Walls" collected \$26.9 million from cinemas in the U.S. and Canada, ComScore Inc. estimated in an email Sunday. Moore returned to theaters with the political documentary "Fahrenheit 11/9" landing in eighth place, while Amazon Studios' widest release yet, the drama "Life Itself," placed outside the Top 10.

Based on the novel by John Bellairs and Edward Gorey, "The House With a Clock in Its Walls" follows a young orphan who moves in with his uncle, played by Jack Black. He soon discovers he's living with a warlock and that they must track down a magical clock that counts down to doomsday. The film cost \$42 million to make and exceeded the \$22 million debut-weekend estimate of Box Office Pro, a good start for a movie with a modest production budget.

The weekend itself was projected to be among the slowest of the year, with Box Office Mojo predicting the top films would struggle to produce \$80 million in North America. Just 63 percent of critics recommended "The House With a Clock in Its Walls," according to review aggregator RottenTomatoes.com.

Moore had a better time with critics, with his feature about the Trump era earning 81 percent positive reviews, but difficulty at the ticket booth. It brought in \$3.1 million, about half of the \$6 million that Box Office Mojo predicted.

Amazon's "Life Itself" arrived with a thud, with just 14 percent of reviewers recommending the movie and sales of \$2.1 million, less than the \$5.2 million Box Office Mojo forecast. From the writer and director of the popular NBC TV show "This Is Us," the film features Oscar Isaac and Olivia Wilde as a young New York couple in a multigenerational saga that follows their romance from college to the birth of their first child.

"The Predator," last weekend's box office leader, fell to fourth place with sales of \$8.7 million for theaters and its distributor, 21st Century Fox Inc.

Plants, but no pants: Florida man gardens in the nude

Associated Press

STUART, Fla. — Being in touch with nature is one thing. But gardening au naturel is quite another for some neighbors of a Florida man who's been doing yard work in the nude.

The miffed residents tell news outlets they've called the Martin County Sheriff's Office, but the man continues to do yard work naked.

Sheriff William Snyder tells WFTV he believes the man's refusal to wear clothes has breached two statutes: lewd and lascivious behavior and breach of peace. He says authorities will begin taking statements from neighbors.

Neighbor Melissa Ny said the man was bent over winding up a garden hose when she put the trash out.

Neighbor Aimee Canterbury says she's just taught her six kids to look the other way if the neighbor is naked.

High school journalists stand up to censorship

By Lisa Rathke
Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Armed with a new Vermont law that protects student journalists, four high school editors have stood up to censorship and won, prompting their school to revamp its media policy.

The Burlington High School students had posted a story on the school newspaper website that they collectively wrote on a school employee facing unprofessional conduct charges from the state. They had gotten a tip about the investigation and filed a public records request, posting the story the night of Sept. 10.

The next morning, the principal asked the students' adviser to take it down. The students quickly consulted with legal experts about what to do and wrote on the website that their article had been censored.

Days later, the principal said the students could repost the story since it had been picked up by local media. Then, Sept. 15, the school did another about-face and said it would change its policy on media, based on the New Voices law.

"I think I've learned more in the past week than I have in my entire life. It's been really incredible," senior Halle Newman, 17, said.

The big lesson is she's learned to stand up for herself and what



Lisa Rathke/AP

BHS Register editors, from left, Julia Shannon-Grillo, Halle Newman, Nataleigh Noble and Jenna Peterson stand outside the Burlington High School in Burlington, Vt. The students stood up to censorship in their student newspaper and won.

she believes in and for their rights as a student press, she said. They've also witnessed how important journalism is to a community, she said, from the community reaction and support.

"I think on a larger scale we've just learned how important and how vital the first amendment is to just our country, and our society and our government," said senior Nataleigh Noble, 17.

Burlington High School Principal Noel Green didn't return a phone call seeking comment. The school district announced Sept. 15 that "all previously practiced or adopted guidelines regarding

publications in the BHS Register are no longer in effect." The school board, and the administration, will develop a written policy consistent with the new law, in a process involving the students, the district said.

"The New Voices law is intended to ensure free speech and free press protections for public school students in order to encourage students to become educated, informed, and responsible members of society," the district said. Thirteen states have passed similar legislation.

"The importance of this case was that it really did provide a

good solid example that these laws really are important and do work," said Mike Hiestand, legal consultant for the Washington-based Student Press Law Center, where about 40 percent of the incoming calls are about censorship.

Now at least two of the Vermont students see journalism in their futures.

"We've gotten like such a rush from putting out this important information and helping out community," said Noble. Newman said she'd always wanted to pursue journalism but the experience confirmed it.

Billionaires buying media: Savior complex or civic duty?

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Washington Post. Time Magazine. The Atlantic. The Village Voice. The Los Angeles Times. All American media icons, all bought by billionaires in the past half decade. Some are thriving. One died. On the rest, the jury's still out.

Still, for beleaguered news organizations the prospect of a deep-pocketed savior — even from the very same tech industry that has kneecapped the media's traditional business model — is all but irresistible.

But success is not guaranteed. And risks run from industry outsiders making poor business decisions to exposure to undue influence on editorial operations.

For the billionaires, meanwhile, ownership of storied magazines or newspapers provides an alluring combination of a trophy property, a high-profile opportunity to demonstrate their business acumen and a chance to display high-brow civic-mindedness.

"There is nothing more satisfactory than seeing your name on top of a masthead as publisher or editor or owner," said Samir A. Husni, journalism professor at the University of Mississippi.

While some new billionaire owners say they

are doing it for civic purposes and to ensure that journalism will continue as an institution, at the end of the day these folks are still businesspeople, Husni said. If their investments don't work out, it's not guaranteed they'll want to run publications as charities.

Billionaires are accustomed to success. But they also have enough money to fail. That includes tech magnates like Jeff Bezos, who bought The Washington Post in 2013 for \$250 million, or Marc Benioff, the Salesforce CEO who just snapped up Time Magazine for \$190 million, and even Steve Jobs' widow, Laurene Powell Jobs, who has acquired a majority stake in The Atlantic.

Benioff told the technology journalist and New York Times columnist Kara Swisher this week that he sees Time magazine as a startup that's been "opportunity constrained."

"But we are here to unshackle them," he said. Having these tech titans enter a centuries-old industry could help bring in fresh ideas and new blood, not only reinventing the magazines and the newspapers but also the age-old business model of relying on advertising for revenue, Husni said.

"What they see even more than even people in legacy media," he said, is the need to change the industry's business model.

Still, a deep-pocketed newspaper owner who has civic duty and a higher purpose in mind may be more forgiving if that newspaper doesn't immediately turn a profit, or if that profit growth is in the low single digits.

Bezos has said that the Post is profitable. But even if it weren't, the world's richest man — whose own company Amazon.com Inc. did not turn a profit for years — would likely be more patient than a hedge fund or even Wall Street.

For many of the recently purchased media companies, it is too soon to tell whether their new owners are content waiting for years.

"They want publications to be run in a businesslike way and not be throwing money around and owing money," said Rick Edmonds, media business analyst at the Poynter Institute. "That would sour them."

Joe Ricketts, the founder and CEO of TD Ameritrade and owner of the Chicago Cubs, shut down two popular New York news sites last year citing business reasons — a week after their staffs voted to unionize. He founded one of them, DNAinfo, in 2009 and bought New York's Gothamist earlier in 2017 (Gothamist was later purchased and restarted by the public radio station WNYC).

"That was a pretty clear

case of a business person choosing to exit the business because of the business problems with it," Edmonds said.

New York's iconic Village Voice closed down last month after 63 years of Pulitzer Prizes, muckraking investigations and its infamous personal ads. Its publisher, Peter Barbey, whose family made its billions in the textile and apparel industry, bought the alternative weekly in 2015. Barbey wanted to save the Voice after a series of ownership changes, staff departures and losses in readership and advertising that had left it in a state of perpetual peril.

He shuttered the print edition last summer in an attempt to save money. It didn't save the Voice.

"Like many others in publishing, we were continually optimistic that relief was around the next corner," Barbey wrote.

Longtime media analyst Ken Doctor said the new wealthy owners sometimes forget that it's not the decline of an individual company, but an entire industry, they are witnessing.

"It has been on the decline for a decade and no one has turned that around," Doctor said.

John Henry, the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox, paid \$70 million for The Boston Globe in 2013, but five years later he is still trying to turn the paper's business around.

Biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong bought The Los Angeles Times and other newspapers this year for \$500 million, saying they are "more vital than ever" and calling fake news "the cancer of our times."

But Soon-Shiong also acknowledged that digital shifts "pose an existential threat to the traditional newspaper industry" and that the newspapers "must be run as a business in order to grow and thrive."

Bezos didn't want the Post at first, when a friend first approached him about buying it.

"I had no intention of buying a newspaper," he said earlier this month at The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. "It never occurred to me. It wasn't like a childhood dream."

He said he changed his mind because he realized it was "an important institution."

That purchase has received steady criticism from President Donald Trump, who says Bezos is using it as a mouthpiece to support Amazon. The newsroom says Bezos stays out of editorial decisions.

"It is the newspaper, in the capital city of the most important country in the world," he Bezos said. "The Washington Post has an incredibly important role to play in this democracy."

Cosby sentencing reveals divide over legacy

By Terry Tang
Associated Press

Keon McGuire has no real attachment to Bill Cosby or his landmark show.

As a black man, he's aware of the sitcom's place in pop culture, but he was barely in elementary school when "The Cosby Show" went off the air. Years later, he mostly tuned Cosby out after a widely panned speech to the NAACP in 2004, when the star ranted about black mothers, clothing choices and language.

"That for me was kind of an emotional — I won't say reckoning — but it made me reposition how I felt about Bill Cosby as this figure within the larger representation of black leadership," said McGuire, a 32-year-old education professor at Arizona State University.

McGuire's mindset reflects a broader generational divide over Cosby, who is scheduled to be sentenced today in a Philadelphia courtroom for drugging and molesting a woman. The sentence — anything from probation to 30 years in prison — will mark the final chapter of the 81-year-old entertainer's resounding fall from grace.

Those who grew up viewing Cosby's NBC show struggle to reconcile the conviction with the wise, warm television father they knew. But many millennials see him as long-irrelevant figure, and



AP file photo

Bill Cosby, marking 25 years as pitchman for Jell-O desserts and a donation of children's books from his "Little Bill" series, talks with schoolchildren April 28, 1999, at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago. Cosby is facing the start of a sentencing hearing today, at which a judge will decide how to punish the 81-year-old comedian who was convicted in April of drugging and sexually assaulting former Temple University athletics employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

the #MeToo era has cast him as someone who was deservingly vanquished, like so many other misbehaving men in power.

"The generational gap plays a huge role in the contrasting, at times conflicting, views of Cosby's cultural importance," said Michael Eric Dyson, a sociologist at Georgetown University. "Those of us who are older have memories of Cosby as a cultural ambassador, a black icon and an American hero."

Jon Francois, a 26-year-old radio deejay in Lyndonville,

Vermont, was too young to have grown up with "The Cosby Show." But he became a fan as a child when he found his parents watching reruns on cable. He didn't see it as a rarity until he later compared the show to older sitcoms that depicted the black experience as more lower class. Cosby's Cliff Huxtable was a doctor and his wife, Clair, a lawyer in New York City.

"It wasn't until I got older and kind of studied 'The Cosby Show,' that I realized 'Oh hey, this was

a groundbreaking thing to have a black family portrayed like this as upper middle class."

When sexual assault allegations started to surface against Cosby in large numbers, Francois said, younger relatives were more objective about it. The claims by women were too much to ignore. But his mother and aunt had the hardest time believing the accusations.

"They were still stapled on the idea of Bill Cosby, the man they enjoyed and loved so much on TV, America's dad, that they just didn't really want to acknowledge the fact that he's an alleged rapist," Francois said.

An underlying issue is the lack of humanizing portrayals of African-Americans in popular media, he added.

"If anything, that's a serious indictment on the culture, that someone would feel losing Cosby is losing a positive representation of black folks," he said.

The entire ordeal leaves him with mixed emotions — mostly sadness and disappointment.

"If all this sexual assault stuff didn't happen, he could have retired and went off into the sunset and had this great legacy left behind as a groundbreaking comedian-actor who paved the way for so many African-Americans," Francois said. "It's so surreal even now he's being convicted."

As Senate hearing set for Kavanaugh, new accuser emerges

By Lisa Mascaro
and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee scheduled a hearing Thursday for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, a woman who says he sexually assaulted her as a teenager, as a claim of sexual misconduct emerged from another woman.

The New Yorker magazine reported Sunday night that Senate Democrats were investigating a second woman's accusation of sexual misconduct by Kavanaugh dating to the 1983-84 academic year, Kavanaugh's first at Yale University.

The New Yorker said 53-year-old Deborah Ramirez described the incident in an interview after being contacted by the magazine. Ramirez recalled that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a drunken dormitory party, thrust his penis in her face, and caused her to touch it without her consent as she pushed him away, the magazine reported.

In a statement provided by the White House, Kavanaugh said the event "did not happen" and that the allegation was "a smear, plain and simple." A White House spokeswoman added in a second statement that the allegation was "designed to tear down a good man."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, called Sunday night for the "immediate postponement" of any further action on Kavanaugh's nomination. She also asked the committee's chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, to have the FBI investigate the allegations of both Ford and Ramirez.

The New Yorker said it contacted Ramirez after learning of a possible involvement in an incident with Kavanaugh and that the allegation came to Democratic senators through a civil rights lawyer. She had been considering speaking to the magazine for at least a week. Meanwhile, Republicans were pressing for a swift hearing and a vote.

The magazine reported that Ramirez was reluctant at first to speak publicly "partly because her memories contained gaps because she had been drinking at the time of the alleged incident." She also acknowledged reluctance "to characterize Kavanaugh's role in the alleged incident with certainty."

The magazine reported that after "six days of carefully assessing her memories and consulting with her attorney, Ramirez

said that she felt confident enough of her recollections" to recall the incident.

The new information came hours after the Senate committee agreed to a date and time for a hearing after nearly a week of uncertainty over whether Ford would appear to tell her story.

The agreement and the latest accusation set the stage for a dramatic showdown as Kavanaugh and Ford each tell their side of the story. The developments could also determine the fate of Kavanaugh's confirmation, which hangs on the votes of a handful of senators.

It had seemed assured before Ford, a 51-year-old California college professor, went public a week ago with her allegation that Kavanaugh assaulted her at a party when they were in high school.

Kavanaugh, 53, an appellate court judge, has denied Ford's allegation and said he wanted to testify as soon as possible to clear his name.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, wrangled with Ford's lawyers for the last week over the exact terms of her appearance. She made several requests, some of which were accommodated — a Thursday hearing, three days later than originally scheduled, and a smaller hearing room with less press access to avoid a media circus, for example. Grassley's staff also agreed to let Ford testify without Kavanaugh in the room, for there to be only one camera in the room, "adequate" breaks and a high security presence.

The committee said it would not negotiate on other points, though, including Ford's desire for additional witnesses and a request to testify after, not before, Kavanaugh.

"As with any witness who comes before the Senate, the Senate Judiciary Committee cannot hand over its constitutional duties to attorneys for outside witnesses," Mike Davis, Grassley's top nominations counsel, wrote in an email exchange with Ford's lawyers obtained by The Associated Press.

"The committee determines which witnesses to call, how many witnesses to call, in what order to call them, and who will question them. These are non-negotiable."

Ford's lawyers said it was still unclear who will ask questions, as Republicans were trying to hire an outside female counsel who could take over the questioning. The 11 senators on the GOP side of the dais are all men, which could send an unwanted message on live television against the backdrop of the #MeToo era. They could also use Republican staff attorneys on the committee.

100 years ago, US fought its deadliest battle in France

By Sylvie Corbet
and Oleg Cetinic
Associated Press

ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON, France

— It was America's deadliest battle ever, with 26,000 U.S. soldiers killed, tens of thousands wounded and more ammunition fired than in the whole of the Civil War. The Meuse-Argonne offensive of 1918 was also a great American victory that helped bringing an end to World War I.

Officials, descendants of soldiers and visitors have braved strong winds and rain to attend a remembrance ceremony on Sunday afternoon in the Meuse-Argonne cemetery, which is surrounded by green fields and forests in Romagne-sous-Montfaucun, a village in northeastern France.

All day, volunteers have read the soldiers' names aloud, to honor those who sacrificed their lives for liberty, freedom and democracy. Covering 130 acres, Meuse-Argonne is the largest American cemetery in Europe.

Organizers were forced to cancel the planned lighting of 14,000 candles because of the bad weather.

Gerald York, grandson of World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York, praised a "beautiful commemoration."

"The weather's a little dreary, but that's the way it was 100 years ago for the battle. So we're kind of getting a view of what they did, what they fought in and the conditions they had to endure," he said.

His grandfather earned the Medal of Honor for his efforts during the Meuse-Argonne battle. Sgt. York 100 years ago, US fought its deadliest battle in France as an attack on a German machine gun nest, killing at least 25 enemy soldiers, and capturing 132 Germans.

"It was the first real modern warfare that the U.S. was in. Machine guns, airplanes, tanks, mustard gas that killed many," York said. "In that area was the largest battle and the most casualties because you had men going up against machine guns. And machine guns

were just mowing folks down."

William M. Matz, secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) that maintains the site, told The Associated Press that this piece of history must be retold to younger generations.

"I think it's important for their teachers, their parents to bring them to these beautiful sites, let them walk through the rows of crosses, let them look at the walls of remembrance, let them go into the cemetery chapels and let them learn the history of what these men did 100 years ago," he said.

"It's because of their brave deeds, their acts of valor and courage and commitment ... that these young folks are able to live and enjoy the life that they're living," he added.

During seven weeks of

combat, 1.2 million American troops led by Gen. John J. Pershing fought to advance on the entrenched positions held by about 450,000 Germans in the Verdun region.

The offensive that started on Sept. 26, 1918, was one of several simultaneous Allied attacks that brought the war which started in 1914 to an end, leading the Germans to retreat and sign the armistice on November 11.

Pershing said "the success stands out as one of the very great achievements in the history of American arms."

At the cemetery, eight wide grave sections with long regular rows of crosses stretch between the trees on the gentle slopes of a hill. On top is a chapel where the names of 954 missing American soldiers, whose bodies were never found or identified, are engraved.

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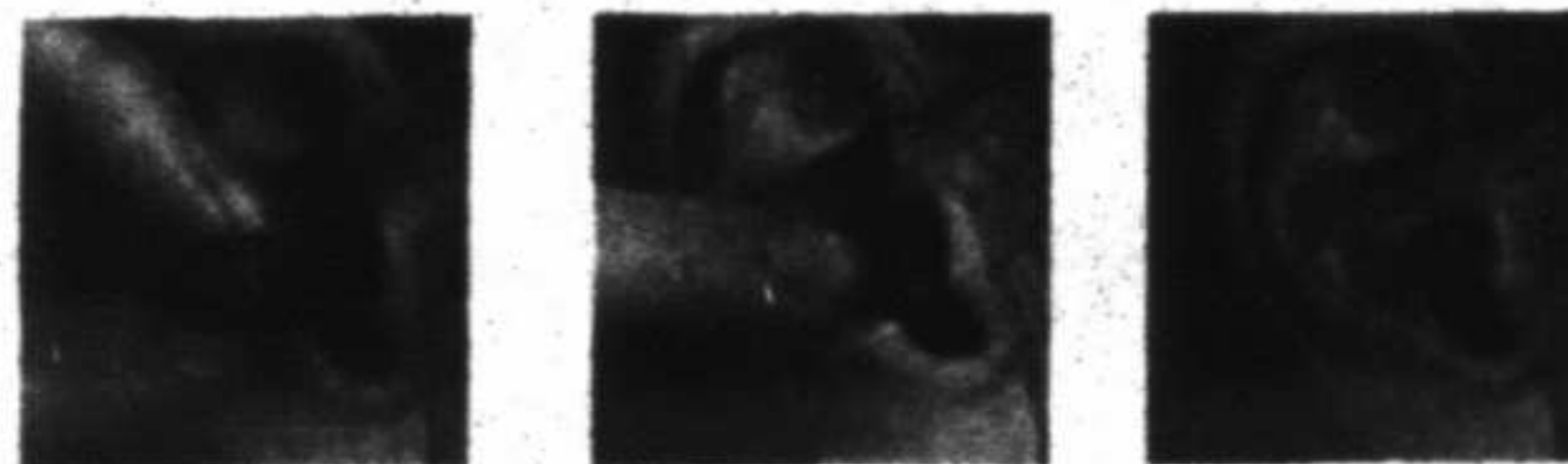
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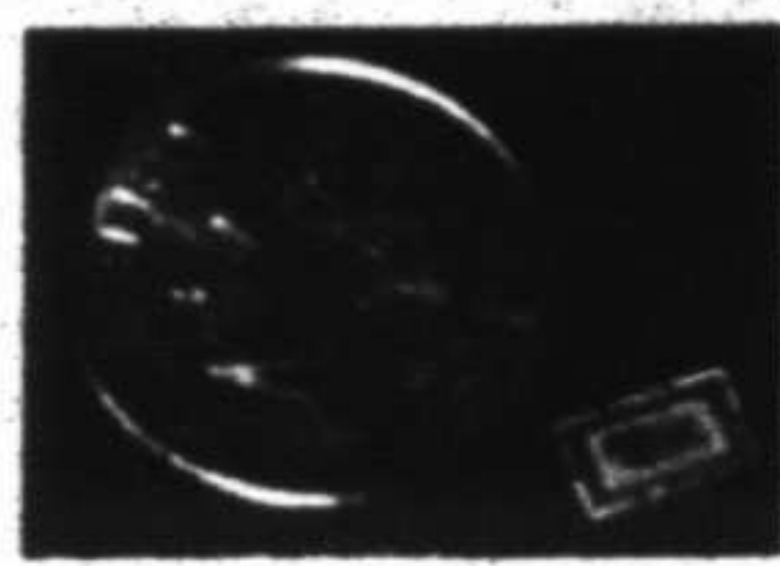
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Kavanaugh has a doppelganger — not that one

■ No good cause, however just, requires the ritual scapegoating of members of a despised class as an atonement for the sins of the others

In all the novelistic twists of Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court, the theory that Kavanaugh may have a doppelganger is the most astonishing by far. On Thursday night, Ed Whelan, a conservative lawyer who is the president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and known to be close to Kavanaugh, unveiled an elaborate theory in a series of tweets suggesting that one of Kavanaugh's high school classmates, now a middle school teacher in Georgia, may have been the person who allegedly attempted to rape Christine Blasey Ford during an alcohol-fueled gathering in suburban Maryland in the early 1980s.

A firestorm of jeers and outrage ensued. Why would Whelan rope an ordinary citizen, by name, into this increasingly radioactive matter? Even Whelan seems to regret it; on Friday morning he took down the tweet and apologized for his "appalling and inexcusable mistake of judgment."

Certainly Twitter was the wrong place to air such a theory. Yet a misidentification cannot be ruled out entirely; such mistakes do happen. My Washington Post colleague Elizabeth Bruenig just pub-

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lished a brilliant and shattering account of an alleged acquaintance rape that took place in her hometown, in which believing the victim (for the record: I do) also probably entails believing that she somehow misidentified one of her two attackers in the immediate aftermath of a harrowing attack. Given the vagaries of memory and time, such a misidentification is at least possible in the case of Kavanaugh and Ford, especially now that the fourth witness, a lifelong friend of Ford's, has said not merely that she doesn't remember the party in question but that she has no recollection of ever having met Kavanaugh.

But if a doppelganger theory is really too incredible to entertain, why do so many people seem so eager to make Kavanaugh serve as a universal body double for sexual predators who resemble him in some way?

Shortly after The Post unveiled Ford's identity and her story on Sept. 16, Emily Peck wrote in HuffPost: "If Brett Kavanaugh makes it through the nomination process and takes his place on the Supreme Court despite being accused of sexual assault, the message to the country will be clear: Women don't matter quite as much as men." Only accused? Doesn't it matter whether the accusation is true, or at least how plausible it is?

Meanwhile, the Atlantic's Caitlin Flanagan seemed to imply that her faith in Ford's account was bolstered by her own experience with sexual assault in high school at the hands of a senior athlete. A letter made the rounds from alumnae of Ford's high school who had no direct knowledge of what Kavanaugh may have done to Ford — some of the signatories hadn't been born when he graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School — but proclaimed that prep-school boys do things like this all the time. And for a week, my social media feeds have been clogged with echoes of these arguments.

As a prep-school graduate myself, let me first say: Oh, yes, the boys certainly do. But the question before us is what this particular prep-school boy might have done. Once you acknowledge that a misidentification or a brutal attack is well within the realm of possibility, you have to concentrate on this attack, on this identification, on the two human beings before us, thrust into a harrowing public confrontation that neither of them wanted.

Ford isn't merely the avatar of every feminist or Democrat who ever angered conservatives. She's a person who, as best I can tell, sincerely believes that she was grievously wronged by a man who now proposes to sit in judgment on our most important moral and legal questions. She doesn't deserve the shameful abuse she has suffered from partisans too blinded by their anger to see the person they're wronging.

But likewise, Kavanaugh isn't the doppelganger of every prep-school predator or fraternity rapist. He isn't a stand-in for every privileged white man who ever got away with something he shouldn't have; he is not the distilled essence of the patriarchy. He's an individual, not a stock character, one accused of a very specific act.

In assessing whether Kavanaugh is guilty of that act, we of course consider his character. But we should not automatically ascribe to him the character of other white men, prep-school boys, high-school athletes, fraternity brothers, Catholics, pro-lifers, conservatives or lawyers we have known.

No good cause, however just, requires the ritual scapegoating of members of a despised class as an atonement for the sins of the others. Women or men, Democrats or Republicans, we're all Americans, and I'd still like to believe America is better than that.

GUEST VIEW

While Trump berates Sessions, who suffers?

President Donald Trump has made it clear, once again, that he is dissatisfied with his handpicked attorney general, Jeff Sessions. "I don't have an attorney general. It's very sad," Trump told Hill TV in an Oval Office interview Tuesday. But unlike previous criticisms, which mostly stemmed from Sessions' decision to recuse himself from the Justice Department's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, Trump said: "I'm not happy at the border. I'm not happy with numerous things, not just this [Sessions' recusal]."

We have no way of knowing how long Sessions will remain attorney general of the United States. But we do know he has been very active "at the border," trying to streamline the adjudication of removal procedures and asylum requests in our immigration courts and expedite the backlog of nearly 700,000 cases — often at the expense of the independence of immigration judges and the due process of those seeking asylum.

On the same day Trump delivered his scathing remarks, Sessions used his authority as head of the Justice Department to further erode the powers and independence of our nation's roughly 350 immigration judges, who, unlike state and federal criminal courts, are technically Justice employees and part of the executive branch, not the judicial branch. That distinction allowed Sessions to deliver a decision Tuesday reversing immigration judges' authority to dismiss or terminate cases or removal proceedings except in extremely narrow circumstances and instead "refer these cases to me."

This move follows the attorney general's May decision to end immigration judges' use of "administrative closure," commonly used before this administration's zero-tolerance policy to postpone a court date or removal proceedings to more thoroughly address a case.

The Justice Department says these and other actions, including a streamlined hiring plan for immigration judges and annual quotas for the number of cases a judge must hear, are necessary to reduce the tremendous backlog of cases. But others see the recent Justice rulings as an attempt to turn immigration judges into little more than administrative enforcers of zero tolerance.

Ben Johnson, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, told us Sessions' recent rulings are "going to make the backlog and dysfunction in the immigration courts worse, not better." Judges, he says, need to have the freedom to rearrange their dockets to ensure due process and the rights of individual immigrants, asylum-seekers and their families.

Johnson says these rulings and other recent Justice Department actions "evidence a clear effort to systematically marginalize and minimize the role of judges in their own courtrooms." This, he says, combined with the rising quota numbers and a "preference for speed," turns the courtroom into "even more of a deportation mill than it is currently."

While we understand the dire need for reform, we do not believe that limiting the judicial independence of our immigration courts or an arbitrary quota for the number of cases heard is the solution.

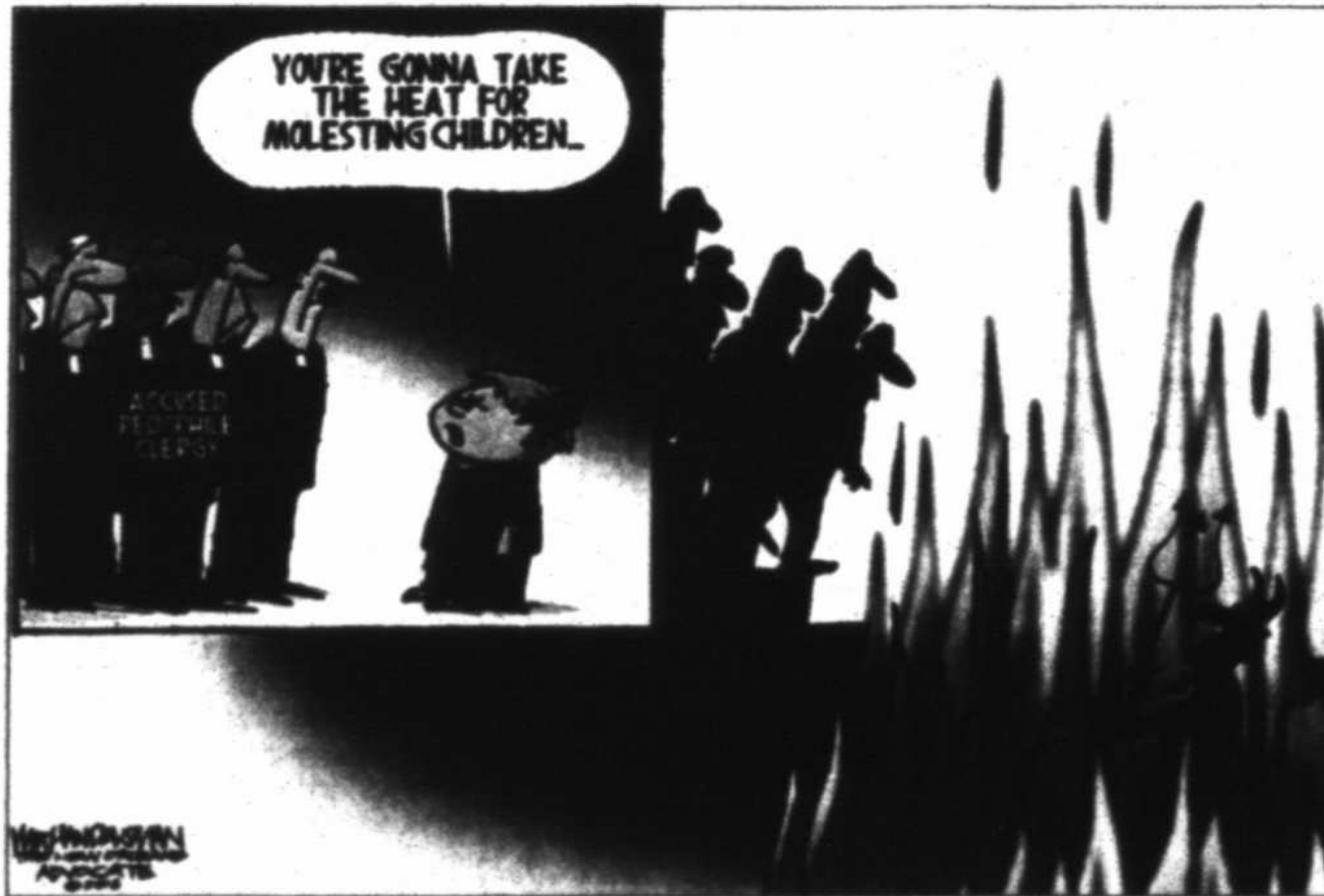
Yes, technically immigration judges are employees of the Justice Department. But stripping them of the independence they need to properly adjudicate cases that are for many asylum-seekers a matter of life and death — especially for the recent influx of Central Americans fleeing gang violence and criminal networks — transforms them from arbiters of immigrants' rights under U.S. law to merely another branch of law enforcement.

As Mary Meg McCarthy, executive director of the National Immigration Justice Center, told the Senate Judiciary Committee in April, "The immigration court system's dysfunction is largely due to its position within the Department of Justice, where it is vulnerable to the political whims of the executive."

As residents of the Lower 48's largest border state, we understand the dysfunction of the current immigration system perhaps better than others. But that doesn't mean we support this administration's willingness to sacrifice due process for expediency. Sessions may not be the attorney general much longer, but we certainly hope his legacy in our state will not be summed up in five words: Justice stops at the border.

— Dallas Morning News

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Partisan politics are trampling American ideals in Kavanaugh confirmation saga

Even if it could be proven that Christine Blasey Ford deliberately slandered Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — and I am not saying that's the case — that act of willful character assassination wouldn't be the worst thing about this horrid chapter in American life.

Donald Trump has received an enormous amount of criticism for the damage he's done to constitutional and democratic norms. I have been among those critics at times. But few of his transgressions can hold a candle to the mob assault on many of those norms in recent days.

Over and over, elected officials and leading commentators alike have insisted Ford's allegation that Kavanaugh attempted to drunkenly rape her must be true because other men have done such things. "But really," said Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), "guess who is perpetuating all of these kinds of actions? It's the men in this country. And I just want to say to the men in this country: Just shut up and step up, do the right thing for a change."

Substitute "blacks" for "men" and this demagoguery is instantly recognizable as bigotry.

One of the greatest revolutionary ideas in all of human history is the classically liberal notion that there is no such thing as group rights. For thousands of years, aristocrats had more rights than peasants. When America was founded, whites had more rights than blacks, men had more rights than women, and rich white men had more rights than everybody else. This wasn't always true on paper, but it was overwhelmingly true in the real world.

America has worked — as a matter of law, politics and moral education — to live up to our ideals of individual rights, and we've made enormous progress. These last few days have not only proved how much more work is left to be done, but how easily we can go in the wrong direction when partisan fury drives our politics.

Just as there are no collective rights, there is also no such thing as collective guilt. It is of course true that most rapes are committed by men, but that doesn't mean most men are rapists. Nor does it mean that because some other men committed rape, a man who didn't is guilty or loses the presumption of innocence. If you cannot understand this bedrock democratic norm, I invite you to

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review terrorism debates over the last two decades. Just because all jihadi terrorists are Muslims, not all Muslims are jihadi terrorists.

The same basic insight applies to every subcategory of men — white men, black men, privileged men, conservative men, etc. And yet Hirono is not alone in giving voice to this glib and wholesale slander. It's everywhere.

Over and over, opponents of Kavanaugh are arguing that Ford is credible because of the actions of other men. That argument is fine as far as it goes, but it does not go very far. Credible means "believable." It does not mean "true." And yet the argument made a thousand times a day on cable news and social media is that because the charge is (allegedly) believable, it must also be believed.

And while as a man, I do take offense at the presumption of guilt, my true objection has nothing to do with "male pride," since I find the concept fairly ridiculous. The real problem is that these arguments set a torch to many of the best ideals of this country.

Individuals have a right to confront their accuser. They have a right to defend themselves. Accusers have a right to be heard. They do not have a right to be believed absent evidence or to make anonymous charges and then refuse to support them. Partisans cannot prove an individual's guilt by invoking the real or alleged crimes of others. Nor should they insist that even if he's innocent, he should let himself be bullied into surrender for the greater good.

That is not the rule of law; it's not even decency. It's the rule of the mob, and the fact that it is coming from prominent journalists and senators doesn't make it any less repugnant.

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Tiger caps off amazing comeback with a win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A comeback not even Tiger Woods saw coming a year ago. A chaotic celebration that golf hasn't seen even in the best of times.

Woods delivered the perfect ending to his amazing return from four back surgeries on Sunday with a performance that felt like the old days. He left the competition feeling hopeless as he built a five-shot lead early and hung on to win the Tour Championship.

Woods raised both arms over his head after he tapped in for par and a 1-over 71 for a two-shot victory over Billy Horschel, the 80th victory of his PGA Tour career and his first in more than five years.

"It was a grind out there," Woods said. "I loved every bit of it."

It felt like a coronation coming down the 18th green after he hit his second

shot to the par 5 safely in a bunker in front of the green. The crowd came through the ropes and walked behind him, just like that walk from the left side of the 18th fairway when he won the Masters in 1997, and when the enormous gallery of Chicago followed after him when he won the Western Open that summer.

They chased after any inch of grass they could find to watch the ending. This felt just as big as a major, maybe better considering where Woods had been.

"I didn't want to get run over," Woods said with a laugh.

Only when he was on the green, the last one to putt after Rory McIlroy tapped in for birdie, did it start to sink in.

"All of a sudden it hit me that I was going to win the tournament. I started tearing up a little bit," Woods said. "I can't believe I pulled this off."

He paused as his voice started to

crack.

Several players, from Zach Johnson to Rickie Fowler to Horschel, waited to greet him. It was Johnson who unveiled red shirts at the Ryder Cup two years ago in the team room that said, "Make Tiger Great Again."

"They knew what I was struggling with," Woods said. "It was special to see them."

One year ago, Woods was still waiting for his lower back to fuse and wasn't sure he could ever play again. He told stories of being unable to get off the couch to watch his kids play soccer, much less to chip and putt. He said after the second and third back surgeries in the latter end of 2015 that he already has achieved plenty in golf and anything else would be "gravy."

He was becoming a legend only in video highlights.

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John Amis/AP

Tiger Woods hits out of the sand to the fifth green Sunday during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament in Atlanta.

DALLAS DROPS THE BALL



Elaine Thompson/AP

Seattle Seahawks running back Chris Carson (32) gets past Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith (54) to score a touchdown Sunday during the second half in Seattle.

Seahawks defeat Cowboys 24-13

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Russell Wilson threw for two touchdowns in the first half, Chris Carson added a 5-yard TD run in early in the fourth quarter, and the Seattle Seahawks avoided a 0-3 start with a 24-13 win over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Wilson hit Jaron Brown on an 18-yard touchdown early in the second quarter, and later hit Tyler Lockett streaking up the sideline on a 52-yard scoring pass as Seattle (1-2) built a 17-3 halftime lead and cruised past the Cowboys.

The duo of Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott didn't have the answers against a Seattle defense that had safety Earl Thomas on the field and welcomed back Bobby Wagner after the Seahawks' defensive leader missed Week 2 with a groin injury. Prescott was intercepted twice by Thomas, including with 3:09 remaining

at the Seattle 15 on a deflected pass, with Thomas bowing to the Dallas sideline at the end of the play.

Prescott was sacked five times and Dallas (1-2) had just 58 net yards passing entering the fourth quarter. Elliott had momentary flashes, busting off a few long runs, but they were too infrequent for Dallas' stagnant offense.

Thomas' second interception was one of two turnovers forced by Seattle in the fourth quarter. Elliott broke free for a 26-yard run to the Seattle 19 earlier in the quarter, but had the ball punched free from behind by Bradley McDougald and recovered by the Seahawks.

Prescott finished 19 of 34 for 168 yards and a 3-yard shovel pass TD to Tavon Austin with 7:11 remaining. Dallas failed to pass for 200 yards for the ninth time in the past 11 games dating back to last season. Elliott had 127 yards on 16 carries. Meanwhile, Wilson had the kind of

protection that's been absent most of the season. After being sacked 12 times in the first two games, Wilson was 16 of 26 for 192 yards and sacked twice by Dallas' defense that was second in the league in sacks. Despite missing starting center Justin Britt, the offensive line gave Wilson enough time for a few big plays in the passing game.

Wilson's 16-yard strike to Brown gave Seattle a 7-0 lead and he took advantage of the absence of safety Jeff Heath when he found Lockett on a 52-yard TD late in the second quarter. Heath departed with a left ankle injury earlier in the drive and Wilson found Lockett streaking up the sideline. Heath's replacement, Kavon Frazier, was late to rotate over and Lockett went untouched, high-stepping the final few yards for a 14-3 lead.

Carson's TD run was the first by a Se-

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Michael Wyke/AP

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) celebrates after sacking New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) Sunday during the second half in Houston.

Manning throws 2 TDs as Giants beat Texans 27-22 for 1st win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Eli Manning threw for 297 yards and two touchdowns and rookie Saquon Barkley added a score as the New York Giants got their first win with a 27-22 victory over the struggling Houston Texans on Sunday.

The Giants (1-2) were up by 14 at halftime but had trouble moving the ball in the second half and the Texans (0-3) had cut the lead to five before Manning threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard with about two minutes left.

Deshaun Watson threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Lamar Miller with 1 second left to cut the lead to 27-22, but New York recovered the onside kick.

Watson threw for 385 yards and two scores, but his interception was one of two second-half turnovers by the Texans, off to their worst start since dropping their first four games of 2008.

Odell Beckham Jr., had nine receptions for 109 yards and Barkley finished with 82 yards rushing as the Giants came one point shy of matching their points total from their first two games combined.

A 54-yard field goal got Houston within 20-9 in the third quarter. The Texans forced a punt and were driving again when Miller caught a short pass and fumbled after a hit by Donte Deayon. The Giants recovered but couldn't move the ball and had to punt after a drive that featured a sack by J.J. Watt. The defensive end, who played just eight games in the 2016-17 seasons because of injuries, finished with three sacks, three tackles for losses, four quarterback hits and a forced fumble.

But the Texans turned over the ball again, this time when Watson was intercepted in the end zone by Alec Ogletree.

Houston cut the lead to 20-15 when Will Fuller grabbed a 6-yard pass from Watson with about 7 1/2 minutes remaining, but the 2-point conversion failed.

After leading the NFL in yards rushing through the first three games, the Texans couldn't get anything going on the ground. They finished with 59 yards rushing, and Miller managed just 10 yards on as many carries.

The Texans led 3-0 after a 23-yard field goal by Ka'imi Fairbairn on their first drive. The Giants took their first lead this season when Barkley shed multiple tackles on a 15-yard run that made it 7-3.

New York added two field goals before Manning connected with Rhett Ellison on a 16-yard touchdown to push the advantage to 20-3 late in the second quarter.

Watt had a strip sack on third down to

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Tiger is back, and golf is better for it

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

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ATLANTA — They had waited more than five years for this moment.

No way were those frail little ropes, strung up on flimsy poles, going to hold them back.

No way were they listening to those red-shirted marshals, a bit of terror in their eyes as they pleaded futilely for everyone to come to their senses.

They had to feel it, touch it, see it with their own eyes.

Maybe that was the only way to persuade themselves that this most remarkable of comebacks had actually happened.

Tiger Woods.

A winner again.

The staid old Tour Championship became a boisterous street party late Sunday afternoon, the fans storming down the middle of the 18th fairway like a bunch of crazed college kids laying siege to a football field after a last-second victory.

"Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!" they chanted over and over, looking very much like they may storm the Tudor-style clubhouse, the roar carrying all the way to Peachtree.

It was thrilling, exhilarating, even a bit frightening for those caught in the middle of the mob.

Then again, it was not an unexpected reaction given what Woods has meant to the game of golf — to the entire sporting world, really.

"From one goat (greatest of all time) to another I can only imagine what a Tiger Woods is feeling today," tweeted Michael Phelps, the winningest athlete in Olympic history.

"Pumped to be watching this today!! Have fun out there today my man!!!"

Despite an influx of talented young players in recent years, golf just hasn't been the same since Woods went away, his brilliant career derailed by debilitating injuries and personal demons.

As NBC analyst Roger Maltbie put it, "He doesn't just move the needle, he is the needle."

But that needle looked broken beyond repair as days without a win grew to months, the months without a win grew to years.

It had been 1,876 days since his last victory, and even Woods had moved on from the idea of ever winning another golf tournament.

He was more concerned about his quality of life.

"The low point was not knowing if I'd ever be able to live pain-free again," Woods said. "Am I going to be able to sit, stand, walk, lay down without feeling the pain that I was in. I just didn't want to live that way. Is this how the rest of my life is going to be? (If so), it's going to be a tough rest of my life."

So, I was beyond playing. I couldn't sit. I couldn't walk. I couldn't lay down without feeling the pain in my back and my leg."

On April 19, 2017, he underwent surgery for the fourth time, this time to fuse his lower back.

About six weeks later, he was arrested on suspicion of DUI after being found asleep behind the wheel of his car with the motor running.

Woods blamed it on a bad combination of pain



John Amis/AP

Tiger Woods, right, is handed a trophy Sunday after winning the Tour Championship in Atlanta.

medications. Everyone figured he's gotten hooked on drugs as a way of coping with a body that never stopped hurting.

The idea of ever playing competitive golf again — much less winning — seemed downright ludicrous.

Then, miraculously, the dark cloud lifted. Woods got himself cleaned up. The pain went away. Just four months after reporting he couldn't hit the ball more than 60 yards, Woods rejoined the PGA Tour and made the cut in his first event at Torrey Pines.

By the time the summer rolled around, he was in the mix at the major championships.

He earned a spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team. He played his way into

the finale of the FedEx Cup playoff. Finally, on a blistering fall day in Atlanta, he made it official.

The comeback was complete. "I just didn't know whether or when this would ever happen again," he said. "I just didn't know if I could ever piece together a golf swing."

Woods wasn't fully aware of all the commotion going on behind him as he strolled down the 18th fairway, chatting and smiling with playing partner Rory McIlroy in the final group.

When he got up to the green, Woods could finally survey the remarkable scene.

It reminded him a bit of Jack Nicklaus winning the U.S. Open at Baltusrol in 1980, the crowds invading

the course as the Golden Bear wrapped up a victory that defied those skeptics who thought he was all washed up at age 40.

"Jack Is Back," the scoreboard famously proclaimed. "I just didn't have the tight pants and the hair," Woods quipped. "But it was all good."

There was no message on the East Lake leaderboard. This time, the most telling moment came after Woods teed off at the 14th hole, which dissects the walk to the tee for No. 17.

His closest challenger, Billy Horschel, was heading that way.

He saw Woods coming. He stopped to let him pass. It only seemed right. Tiger Woods is back. And golf is better for it.

TOUR

From 1B

Woods brought it all to life over four days at East Lake, and the players who have taken turns at No. 1 during his absence caught the full brunt of it.

McIlroy faded early.

Justin Rose faded late.

All that was left was the 42-year-old Woods in that Sunday red shirt blazing brighter than ever and a smile he couldn't shake walking up to collect another trophy.

He finished at 11-under 269 and won \$1.62 million, along with a \$3 million bonus for finishing second in the FedEx Cup.

The only disappointment — a minor one under the circumstances — was realizing as he came down the 18th that Rose had made birdie to finish in a three-way tie for fourth, which gave him the FedEx Cup and the \$10 million bonus.

Without that birdie, Woods would have won his third FedEx Cup title after starting at No. 20 going into the Tour Championship.

"Congrats, Rosie," Woods told him. "World No. 1, hell of a season."

Actually, former world No. 1 for Rose. His four bogeys over the last 10 holes cost him the No. 1 ranking back to Dustin Johnson, who shot 67 and finished third.

But this wasn't about the FedEx Cup or even the world ranking. This is Tiger's big day, and nothing was going to change it.

Woods had never lost when



John Amis/AP

Rory McIlroy tries to come under the ropes as law enforcement moves a bystander out of his way on the eighth fairway Sunday during the final round of the Tour Championship in Atlanta.

leading by three shots or more going into the final round.

That was when he was regularly winning multiple times every season, compiling trophies at a rate never before seen in golf.

Was anything different having

gone more than five years without winning?

Rose had said it was a bit more unknown, and "there's a lot on it for him" as well as everyone else. But this was still Woods' arena.

The walk from the putting green

snakes some 80 yards across the road and through a gallery, and everyone could hear him coming from the procession of cheering.

And within the opening hour, the Tour Championship had that inevitable feeling.

No one brings excitement like Woods, even when he plays so good and so smart that he eliminates any potential for drama.

The buzz was endless. A couple of teenagers climbed into a tree to see him make a 10-foot birdie on the first hole.

When the putt dropped and cheers died, there was a wild sprint some 200 yards up the hill as fans tried to get into position for the next shot.

He tapped in for par, and another stampede ensued to line the third fairway.

On and on it went. No one wanted to miss a shot.

A year ago, there was no guarantee anyone would see much of Woods, much less Woods winning.

He's back again. This victory, his first since the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone in August 2013 — 1,876 days, to be exact — brought him to No. 13 in the world.

Not bad for a 42-year-old with four back surgeries who returned to competition in December at No. 1,199.

The next stop for Woods is to board a plane with the rest of his U.S. teammates for France and the Ryder Cup.

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Justin Rose (400)	\$372,000	66-67-68-73-274
Wesley Snipes (400)	\$372,000	69-70-68-67-274
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Portugal Masters Leading Scores
Sunday
At Dom Pedro Victoria GC
Vilamoura, Portugal
Purse: \$2.5 million
Vantage: 7,148; Par: 71

Tom Lewis, England	72-63-61-66-262
Eddie Pepperell, England	64-66-68-67-265
Lucas Herbert, France	63-67-64-71-265
Sorenim Lee, South Korea	67-69-67-64-267
Marcus Kinhult, Sweden	66-65-68-68-267
Shane Lowery, Ireland	64-68-68-67-268
Sergio Garcia, Spain	66-70-68-69-269
Ricardo Gonzalez, Portugal	67-65-70-69-269
Kim Ki-young, Finland	66-68-68-67-269
Raphael Jacquelin, France	66-67-68-69-269
Oliver Fisher, England	71-69-70-70-269
Chris Wood, England	72-66-66-66-270
Jason Scuderi, Australia	66-67-68-69-270
Phil Agnew, Spain	70-65-65-70-270
Wesley Krieger, Finland	66-68-64-71-270

PGA TOUR Championship-Sanford International
Sunday
At Windward Point GC
Sanford, Fla.
Purse: \$1.8 million
Vantage: 6,739; Par: 70

Steve Stricker, \$270,000	63-67-67-167
Tyrell Hines, \$144,000	68-68-65-201
Justin Smith, \$144,000	63-68-70-201
Brandt Jones, \$87,200	63-67-72-202
Kevin Sutherland, \$87,200	65-70-67-202
Woody Austin, \$64,800	69-64-70-203
Tommy Lee, \$64,800	68-68-68-203
Kyle Taylor, \$64,800	68-68-68-203
Clayton Kober, \$43,200	68-68-70-204
Joe Durant, \$43,200	67-72-68-204
Paul Griesbach, \$43,200	64-70-70-204
Brian Harman, \$43,200	72-67-68-204
Rocco Mediate, \$43,200	66-70-68-204
Clayton Kober, \$32,400	67-71-68-205
Scott McCarron, \$32,400	64-68-73-205
Duffy Woodard, \$32,400	66-70-68-205
Mike Gonzalez, \$27,000	68-68-72-206
Tom Pernice Jr., \$27,000	67-70-68-206
Wes Short Jr., \$27,000	66-67-73-206
Tommy Fleet, \$26,100	67-73-67-207
Stephen Ames, \$26,100	66-68-70-207
Tommy Armour Jr., \$26,100	66-72-68-207
Jay Haas, \$26,100	66-70-68-207
Lee Janzen, \$26,100	64-70-73-207
Colin Hearn, \$26,100	66-69-70-207
David Toms, \$26,100	67-71-69-207
Scott Dunlap, \$13,995	66-72-67-208
Ben Cline, \$13,995	65-72-70-208
Clayton Kober, \$13,995	67-68-73-208
Kurt Jones, \$13,995	67-71-70-208
Billy Horschel, \$13,995	70-72-68-208
Mark O'Meara, \$13,995	70-68-70-208
Scott Patten, \$13,995	66-70-72-208
Jaeger Mottram, \$13,995	69-68-71-208
Larry Mize, \$10,575	66-71-70-209
Colin Montgomerie, \$10,575	67-71-71-209
Jeff Burton, \$10,575	71-67-71-209
Mark Walker, \$10,575	67-71-71-209
Marco Dawson, \$8,640	69-72-69-210
Carlos Pons, \$8,640	70-69-71-210
Jeff Kelly, \$8,640	68-74-68-210
Paul Lawton, \$8,640	70-69-71-210
Jeff Maggari, \$8,640	68-74-68-210
David McQuinn, \$8,640	69-77-70-210
Paul Broadhurst, \$8,640	66-72-71-211
Tommy Fleet, \$8,640	67-72-72-211
David Frost, \$8,640	68-70-73-211
Scott Hend, \$8,640	65-75-71-211
Phil Hogen II, \$8,640	66-72-71-211
John Huhner, \$8,640	65-76-70-211
Steve Jones, \$8,640	67-70-74-211
Tom Lehman, \$8,640	73-70-68-211
Craig Parn, \$8,640	67-73-71-211
Jon Dor Blase, \$4,320	73-70-68-212
Mike Small, \$4,140	69-73-71-213
Clayton Kober, \$3,780	70-71-73-214
Steve Pate, \$3,780	68-73-72-214
Ryan Seaton, \$3,780	67-70-77-214
Billy Andrade, \$3,150	67-72-72-215
Don Foreman, \$3,150	70-72-73-215
Scott Smith, \$3,150	74-73-68-215
Blaine McCalister, \$3,150	71-73-71-215
Gary Hallberg, \$2,430	66-75-73-216
Tom Kite, \$2,430	68-77-70-216
Sandy Lyle, \$2,430	71-74-71-216
Vijay Singh, \$2,430	74-69-73-216
Pro Quin, \$1,680	70-73-74-217
Oliver Dillman, \$1,748	72-74-72-218
Arny Sundboe, \$1,748	72-70-76-218
Darren Clarke, \$1,530	72-72-72-218
Charles Howell II, \$1,530	72-72-72-218
Mark Brooks, \$1,314	71-76-73-220
Robert Gomez, \$1,314	73-72-75-220
John Hays, \$1,188	73-76-74-223
Mark Calcavecchia, \$1,116	69-78-80-225
Steve Lowery, \$1,044	77-74-75-228

Web.com Tour Championship Scores
Sunday
At Atlantic Beach GC
Atlantic Beach, Fla.
Purse: \$1 million
Vantage: 6,486; Par: 71

Points: 91 million	
Season 1, 1996, Per: 71	
Final	
Erny McCarthy, \$190,000	64-65-67-65-251
Lucas Dorn, \$108,000	64-64-68-68-251
Cameron Davis, \$45,100	66-67-67-68-255
Ben Shuman, \$45,100	63-68-67-68-255
Sepp Straka, \$45,100	65-68-64-71-258
Cameron Tringali, \$45,100	65-67-67-68-258
Chase Whittle, \$45,100	66-67-67-64-258
Chad Campbell, \$23,333	67-68-69-64-257
Benjamin Hoge, \$23,333	69-65-70-65-257
Chase Seifert, \$23,333	67-68-69-68-257
Kieran Hedges, \$23,333	68-68-69-67-257
Nicholas Laursen, \$23,333	68-68-67-67-257
Curly Lamb, \$23,333	67-68-64-71-257
Chris Pritchard, \$23,333	61-74-63-68-257
Adam Scott, \$23,333	67-65-67-68-257
Adam Townsend, \$23,333	64-68-68-68-257
Roberto Diaz, \$14,500	69-68-64-68-258
Harold Gentry, \$14,500	67-69-70-65-258
Felipe Gomez, \$14,500	68-68-69-63-258
Wesley Roach, \$14,500	67-67-69-68-258
Erik Compton, \$9,400	68-65-70-65-259
Mark Evans, \$9,400	64-65-70-67-259
Ben Kohles, \$9,400	66-68-67-68-259
Justin Lewis, \$9,400	66-68-68-68-259
Harvik Norheim, \$9,400	67-67-67-68-259
David Brown, \$9,400	68-70-68-68-259
Julian Sui, \$9,400	68-68-68-67-259
Michael Thompson, \$9,400	68-68-64-71-259
Roger Dean, \$7,000	68-72-68-67-270
Josh Teater, \$7,000	67-68-70-68-270
Anders Ahlstrom, \$6,225	72-64-68-67-271
Sam Gilson, \$6,225	70-65-68-70-271
Parker MacLachlan, \$6,225	71-65-68-67-271
Shane Smiley, \$6,225	68-64-69-71-271
Brad Dorn, \$6,225	68-67-67-72-272
Robert Garriga, \$6,225	73-64-68-68-272
David Hearn, \$6,225	70-65-70-68-272
Mark Hoddinott, \$6,225	69-69-69-70-272
Mark Anderson, \$4,400	68-69-71-68-273
Dylan Fritsch, \$4,400	65-72-68-68-273
Brad Hargrave, \$4,400	69-69-69-68-273
Cyler Mize, \$3,700	67-69-68-70-274
Shane Pate, \$3,700	69-69-70-68-274
Conrad Swoboda, \$3,700	69-69-67-70-274
Wesley Wilson, \$3,700	67-67-70-68-274
Brant Campbell, \$2,840	69-69-69-68-275
Sensation Cappelen, \$2,840	67-70-67-71-275
Vince Covatta, \$2,840	69-69-69-70-275
Edmund Lee, \$2,840	68-68-69-70-275
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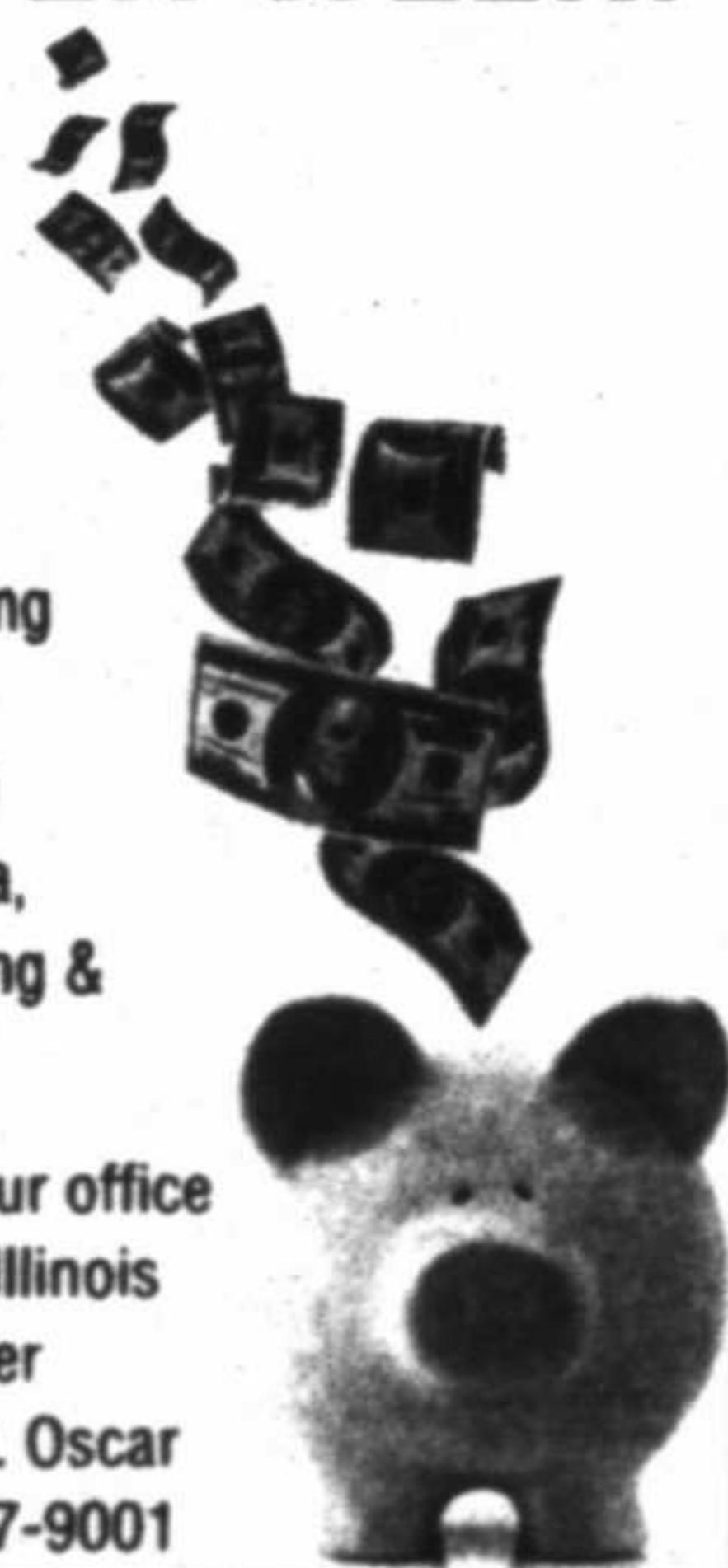
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