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## Off-road vehicle ban, roofing discussion highlight Big Spring council meeting



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**August 21, Sanitation Truck Driver Edward Gonzales, left, assisted a Big Spring citizen having a seizure, called 9-1-1 and stayed with her until help arrived. Gonzales was presented the City of Big Spring Star Employee of the Month award Tuesday evening for his actions. Shown with Gonzales are City Manager Todd Darden, center, and Mayor Larry McLellan.**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Off-road vehicles are now banned in Big Spring city parks.

Following a discussion on the topic at the Sept. 25 City Council meeting, the item was placed on the agenda for the council's meeting Tuesday. With councilmen Raul Marquez and Doug Hartman absent from the meeting, Mayor Larry McLellan and the other four councilmen voted unanimously to approve the ban.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a Recreational Off-Road Vehicle on the grounds of any city park located inside the city limits..." reads the ordinance approved at the meeting, although some exceptions are listed.

Banned vehicles include All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROVs), Utility-Type Vehicles (UTVs), and any "Recreational Vehicle" designed for off-highway use. Golf carts are not included in the ban.

Exceptions to the ordinance include vehicles used by city staff in the performance of their job duties; event organizers and staff

during setup, breakdown, and during a city-permitted event; and mobility-assistive devices for those with mobility impairments.

Penalties for violation of the ordinance were also approved at the meeting; violators will be subject to a fine from \$50 to \$200.

In other business, the council heard a presentation from Eric Brown of Prime Source Construction of Fort Worth regarding roofing options for the City Hall Annex and the Dora Roberts Community Center. Brown focused on two types of roofing material that could be used to do the job: Duro-Last, a flexible sheeted material designed to install over existing roofs; and TPO, a more rigid material manufactured by Carlisle SynTec.

City Financial Director Don Moore, introducing Brown, said the city has had good experience in the past with the Duro-Last product.

"With the hailstorms we had April, two and a half years ago, we ended up installing a lot of the Duro-Last product and it seemed like a very good thing," Moore said. "His company has done a lot of it, and we have some really good experience with them."

Moore clarified that the item was on Tuesday's budget as a discussion item only, and could be voted on at a future meeting.

Brown provided samples of the two materials for the council members to examine.

"You've got two samples in your little folders there. You've got a sample of the Carlisle TPO, and the Duro-Last PVC," he said. "Those are going to be your two most common roofs. Your Duro-Last membrane is about twice as strong as the TPO when it comes to gripping strength, puncture strength, seam strength... there's a couple of specification deals that I put in there that have all the numbers on them."

Brown said the Duro-Last was also easier and cheaper to install, and more resistant to water ponding on the roof for long periods of

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## KBSB plans Fall Sweep



HERALD file photo

**Keep Big Spring Beautiful members pose with their trash collection at last year's Fall Sweep. This year's Fall Sweep will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at ABC Park to clean West Third and Fourth streets.**

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**

Staff Writer

Spring cleaning isn't just for springtime anymore. Keep Big Spring Beautiful is planning on giving a section of Big Spring a good autumn cleaning this Saturday.

The event is group's "Fall Sweep," and it's set for Saturday at 10 a.m. The group will meet up at ABC Park on West Fourth St. between Presidio and Price streets. The Sweep is open to anyone who wants to get involved in cleaning up the community, including church groups, companies, families, or individuals who want to help.

"This is even a good opportunity for those who need to work some time off of community service hours," Keep Big Spring Beautiful member and Event Coordinator Liz Halfley said.

Saturday, the group plans to tackle West Third and Fourth streets, and the event will continue until noon.

"We are going to finish the clean up around noon this time, because last year, it was so cold, and that can

make it hard for people to want to get out, or decrease the amount of people that planned to come out once again. This is our second year, and although we had a good turnout, it was about 20 degrees outside, and we all think it would be much better to clean up in the sun," Halfley said.

Overall the goal is just to have a cleaner community, and help the fight against those who throw their trash out the window of the car, or even just the garbage that blows out of vehicles or from around houses, she added.

"Anyone is more than welcome to come out and join us, it's encouraged. We want to make and keep Big Spring as beautiful as we can," Halfley said.

If you need any additional information on the Fall Sweep or other clean up activities contact the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Facebook Page.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

## 'Golden Blooms' at the Art Show



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

**Lori Grizzard, daughter of Loretta Bennett Farquhar who had played many roles in the Art Community, presents a Special Recognition award to Michelle Worthan for her piece "Golden Blooms" at the Big Spring Art Association's annual Art Show. Grizzard said the piece really stood out to her and reminded her of her mother, who has recently passed away. Voting on the Art Show's People's Choice awards wraps up Oct. 22, and when the show is over, Worthan plans to give "Golden Blooms" to Grizzard.**

## Ward to offer 'Dentistry From the Heart'

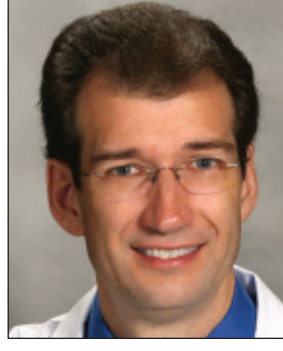
By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Ward Family Dental, 1500 S. Scurry St., will offer free dental services Saturday, Oct. 20. Early registration will be at 7:30 a.m., and services will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The free services are part a national charitable program called "Dentistry From the Heart."

"Basically the idea of it is, for one day a year, to open up the doors and try to serve the underserved members of the community," said Dr. David Ward DDS. "This is our first time to do it. We've always done some individual charitable work on individual patients that were, oftentimes, referred from local churches and things. But we haven't ever had a day where we've told people, 'Come on down!'"



Dr. Ward

Ward said the care provided will be basic, and people should be prepared for long lines.

"It will be mostly basic-level care; in other words, extractions, fillings, cleanings," he said. "And that's probably as far as we'll go, assuming we'll have the crowd that I think we'll have. People probably will be in line for a while, if things work out the way they do in other places. It's just a chance that we have to give back to the community, and we're just looking forward to working as hard as we can for about eight hours that day to provide a lot of care."

For more information about Dentistry From the Heart, visit their website at www.dentistryfromtheheard.org. For more information about Ward Family Dental, visit their website at www.davidwarddds.com, or call 432-267-1677.

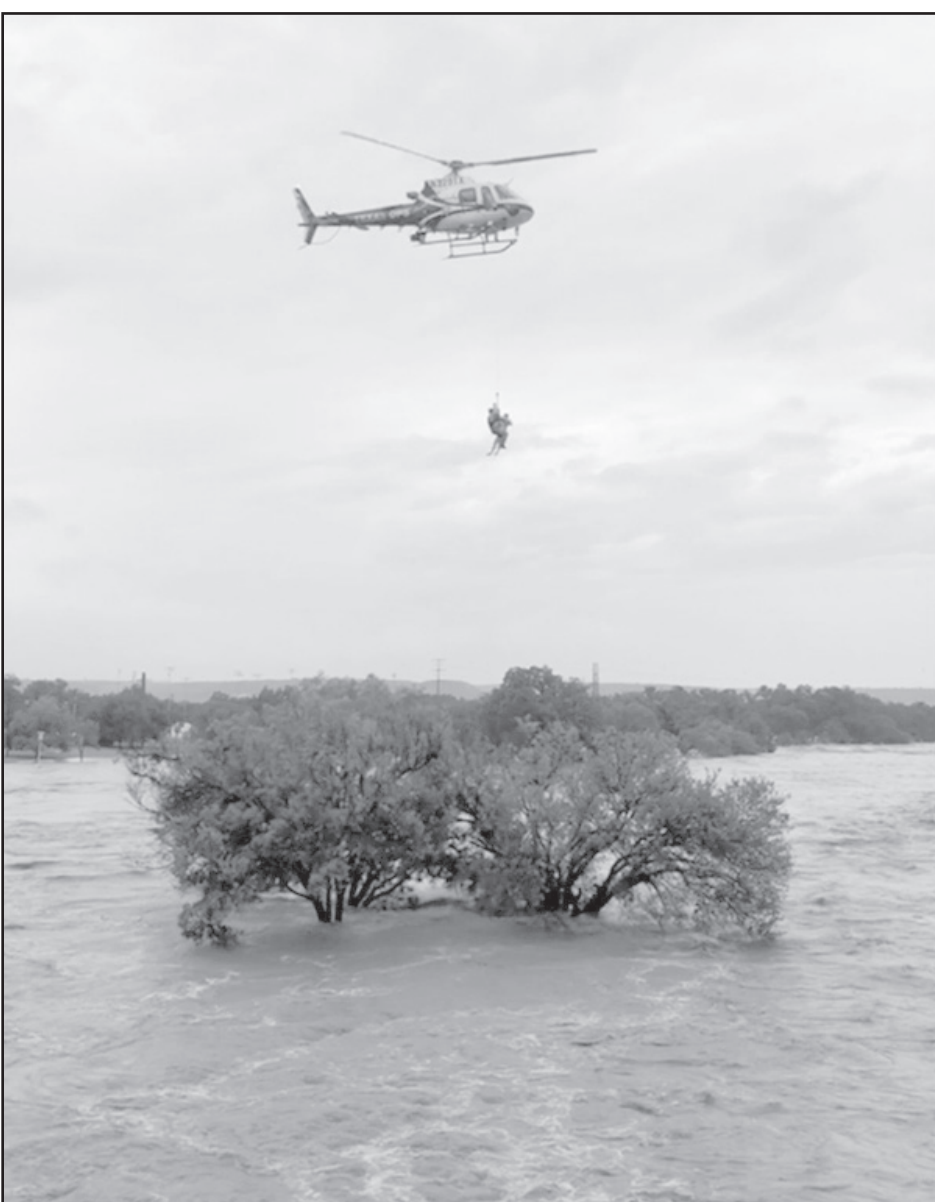
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# Officials: 4 people remain missing in West Texas flooding



pected to help in the search. Rains that brought more than 12 inches of rain to the area beginning Sunday night caused the South Llano River to rise in Junction, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) west of Austin. The floodwaters early Monday swept away people staying at the South Llano River RV Park, prompting dramatic air and water rescues.

Emergency crews looked for the four missing people on Monday, but abandoned the search as darkness fell and more rain set in. The search resumed Tuesday morning with rainy skies clearing by early afternoon.

Kellner said Tuesday that the four missing are one woman and three men. Officials on Monday said all four missing were men. Kellner said there were no other people known to be missing.

Officials on Monday were initially able to rescue dozens from the RV park by throwing them life jackets or ropes. But then the water got too high and they needed helicopters and boats for the rescues. Fifteen people were rescued by boat and four by helicopter, including, Kellner said, two people and a dog plucked from a tree. One woman, she said, floated about 18 miles (28 kilometers) down the river on debris before being rescued. She only sustained cuts and bruises.

Kellner said boats looking for the missing people are patrolling from the location of the RV park on the South Llano River in Junction

AP photo

This photo from video provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shows a helicopter crew from the Texas Department of Public Safety performing a rescue from the South Llano River near Junction, Texas, on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. Rescue crews in boats and helicopters are searching for several people missing since heavy rain washed away a recreational vehicle park in the small West Texas city.

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Crews in swift-water boats on Tuesday patrolled a 35-mile stretch of a West Texas river for four people who went missing after a recreational vehicle park was overrun by raging floodwaters a day earlier.

"There's a lot of brush, there's a lot of tree line, so they're slowing down and hopefully if there's anybody that's hung up on a bank or in a tree, they can at least hear them," said Texas Game Warden Rachel Kellner, who added that a drone was also ex-

downstream to the Mason County line. The South Llano River connects with the North Llano River in Junction, becoming the Llano River.

Jake Gosschalk, a spokesman for the Texas A&M Forest Service, said that as search efforts continue, about 50 people with the Texas Military Department — which includes national guardsmen — are on their way to walk the area by the river.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Decker says the next chance of rain in the area will be on Friday.

## Texas commissioner backs Confederate group's license plate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' agriculture commissioner says he will back a Confederate group's latest attempt to sell specialty license plates, because "there's no profit in hiding our history."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans' Texas chapter proposed a license plate in March that features a rebel soldier carrying a Texas regiment's special flag at a Civil War battle, the Dallas Morning News reported. The specialty tag won't include the Confederate battle flag.

Commissioner Sid Miller wrote a letter of support in March that said the Department of Agriculture would sponsor the plate. On Monday, he said he

sees nothing wrong with the group's push for the specialty tag.

"The Confederate flag is one of the six flags that flew over the state," he said. "There's no profit in hiding our history and trying to rewrite history."

Democratic opponent Kim Olson, who will face Miller in the Nov. 6 election, questioned the move.

"Kids are hungry, farmers are struggling, rural communities are suffering, and this is his focus?" said Olson's campaign manager Kolby Monnig. "Kim Olson is working to reach all voters, because the Texas Department of Agriculture must represent all Texans."

## COUNCIL

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time.

"Duro-Last will actually warrant ponding water," he said. "The product actually started as a pit and pond liner. Any time you have ponding water on a TPO roof, that area of the roof will be excluded from the warranty. You get about five to 10 years, it's kind of hard to say, about eight, you could say, on any area that is ponding some water on a TPO. That white area on top will actually disintegrate and you'll be left with this black and a screen in between, and that will be all. It won't be waterproof anymore. Duro-Last can sit under a foot of water for 25 to 30 years, and it will never leak."

The council also:

- Presented the October Star Employee Award to Sanitation Truck Driver Edward Gonzales. "On August the 21st, 2018, while running your normal route, you assisted a citizen who was having a medical event," Mayor McLellan told Gonzales as he presented the award. "The citizen said that you noticed that she was having a seizure outside her home. You came to her aid and contacted 9-1-1 for assistance. You also stayed with the citizen until medics arrived, and she was very grateful for your help. Mr. Gonzales, you went beyond that which normally would be expected, and in doing so proved to be of great assistance to a Big Spring citizen. You have distinguished yourself, and brought credit to the Big Spring Sanitation Department. We would like to

express our heartfelt thanks to you, Mr. Gonzales, for the pride and professional nature you have displayed in assisting this citizen. We are proud to have you as a member of the City of Big Spring staff. You have proved to be a valuable asset to the city, and we congratulate you on a job well done."

- Presented a proclamation declaring October "National Community Planning Month" in Big Spring.

- Amended the city budget to accept a \$1,250 donation from the Love Family Affiliated Fund for the Historic Spring Restoration Project.

- Authorized a lease amendment on the water towers at 3403 Randolph Blvd with AT&T Mobility Texas.

- Approved re-appointment of city committee and board members, including, to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals: Edward Roach and Ron Howell; to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Lupe Dominguez and Bebe McCasland; to the Zoning Board of Adjustments: Steve Herren and Veronica Zuniga; and to the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board: Bobby McDonald. The council tabled a vote on appointing former Community Services Director Debbie Wegman to the Convention and Visitors Center Board as the

position had only been open one day, to give additional people a chance to file resumes. One position on the Zoning Board of Adjustments remains vacant due to lack of applicants.

- Approved an agreement between the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Big Spring Independent School District to provide \$4,558 for a third- and fourth-grade robotics program in Big Spring schools. Thanks to previous donations by the city and by SM Energy, BSISD will now have robotics programs in place for kindergarten through 12th grade.

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# Homeland Security to waive laws for South Texas border gates



AP photo

In this Aug. 11, 2017, file photo, a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol vehicle passes along a section of border levee wall in Hidalgo, Texas. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, that it will waive environmental laws so it can build gates between sections of border barriers in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley. The waiver posted online Tuesday lists 11 locations where the government plans to install gates in existing fencing.

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday that it will waive environmental laws so it can build gates between sections of border barriers in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

The waiver posted online lists 11 locations where the government plans to install gates in existing fencing. DHS has in recent months issued similar waivers of environmental laws for other projects to construct barriers along the southwest border.

The U.S. government already has around 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) of fencing on the southwest border. In far South Texas, segments of fencing stop and start along the levee built next to the Rio Grande, the river separating the U.S. and Mexico. Many parts of the fencing are built a significant distance from the river, in some cases bisecting private property.

The proposed gates would seal some of those gaps in Cameron County. U.S. Customs and Border Protection typically grants affected residents access to the gates so they can get to the other side of their land.

The government also separately plans to begin building new barriers to fulfill President Donald Trump's signature campaign pledge to build a border wall. Congress earlier this year approved \$1.6 billion for new border wall spending, which included funding for 33 miles (53 kilometers) of construction in the Rio Grande Valley.

Some of the planned construction would cut through the National Butterfly Center and other environmentally sensitive areas. It may also leave some border town residents on the so-called "Mexican side," still on American land but cut off by a wall.

The valley is the busiest corridor for illegal border crossings, and U.S. government officials say it is targeted by human and drug traffickers.

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Jean Ann Farley, 93, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 8 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Richard Price, 56, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Democratic opponent Kim Olson questioned the move. Her campaign manager Kolby Monig says candidates should be focusing on the state's hungry children and struggling farmers, not license plates.

Olson will face Miller in the Nov. 6 election.

A Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman says the plate's design may be considered in December.

## American Airlines shares hit 2-year low on investor update

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Shares of American Airlines are sinking to their lowest level in more than two years as the carrier warns about rising fuel prices and lost revenue from Hurricane Florence.

The shares fell \$1.90, or 5.3 percent, to \$34 in Tuesday afternoon trading.

American says it canceled 2,100 flights during Florence, costing it \$55 million in revenue and \$50 million in pretax income.

Aside from the storm, American says revenue for every seat flown one mile rose between 2 percent and 3 percent in the third quarter, a sign that fares and fees are rising.

But American also says it paid \$2.28 to \$2.33 a gallon for fuel in the quarter, six cents more than it expected in July. Fuel prices have jumped more than one-third in the past year.

## 1 killed, 5 hurt when unfinished Dallas town house collapses



AP photo

Emergency workers attempt to rescue people trapped under a three-story structure under construction that collapsed in Dallas, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

DALLAS (AP) — A construction worker is dead and five co-workers are hospitalized with injuries after a three-story town house they were building in Dallas collapsed during a thunderstorm.

The collapse happened about 4 p.m. Monday about a mile (1.6 kilometers) west of the city's downtown.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says 20 to 30 people were working in and around the wood-frame structure when it collapsed, trapping six workers.

One worker died at the scene, while five others were taken to hospitals. Evans says their injuries did not appear to be life-threatening.

The cause of the collapse remains under investigation. However, the National Weather Service reported wind gusts exceeding 60 mph (97 kph) and a rainfall rate of 4 inches (101 millimeters) per hour in the vicinity.

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In the waiver, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen writes that there is "an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads" along the border. Nielsen waived regulations under the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and about two dozen other laws.

The waiver "continues to chip away at crucial protections for people and wildlife in the Rio Grande Valley," said Laiken Jordahl of the Center for Biological Diversity. "They deserve clean air, clean water and the same legal rights as everyone else in the country."

A former CBP official said in March that the agency wanted to start installing the gates in October. CBP declined Tuesday to confirm that is still the agency's plan.

# Trump to allow year-round sales of high-ethanol gasoline

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

— The Trump administration is moving to allow year-round sales of gasoline with higher blends of ethanol, a boon for Iowa and other farm states that have pushed for greater sales of the corn-based fuel.

President Donald Trump is expected to announce he is lifting a federal ban on summer sales of high-ethanol blends during a trip to Iowa on Tuesday.

The long-expected announcement is something of a reward to Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, who as Senate Judiciary Committee chairman led a contentious but successful fight to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. The veteran Republican lawmaker is the Senate's leading ethanol proponent and sharply criticized the Trump administration's proposed rollback in ethanol volumes earlier this year.

At that time Grassley threatened to call for the resignation of the Environmental Protection Agency's chief, Scott Pruitt, if Pruitt did not

work to fulfill the federal ethanol mandate. Pruitt later stepped down amid a host of ethics investigations.

A senior administration official said Monday that the EPA will publish a rule in coming days to allow high-ethanol blends as part of a package of proposed changes to the ethanol mandate. The official spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of Trump's announcement.

The change would allow year-round sales of gasoline blends with up to 15 percent ethanol. Gasoline typically contains 10 percent ethanol.

The EPA currently bans the high-ethanol blend, called E15, during the summer because of concerns that it contributes to smog on hot days, a claim ethanol industry advocates say is unfounded.

In May, Republican senators, including Grassley, announced a tentative agreement with the White House to allow year-round E15 sales, but the EPA did not propose a formal rule change.

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AP photo

President Donald Trump speaks to reporters upon arrival at White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, from a trip to Florida.

## Texas school district says it's facing financial emergency

CROSBY, Texas (AP) — A Houston-area school district has declared that it's facing an official financial emergency, becoming the 16th district since 2012 to inform the state it's facing such a crisis.

Trustees for Crosby Independent School District adopted a resolution Monday that established the financial emergency and the need to cut staff.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the district of 6,000 students needs to cut at least \$5.5 million

through layoffs.

Administrators learned the depth of the problem in June when a new chief financial officer found "cash-flow issues" relating in part to construction spending.

Declarations of a financial crisis have been rare since 2011, when the state created tougher standards for districts to qualify.

They must meet one of five criteria, including losing 20 percent of a district's fund balance.

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# Court mood is jovial as Kavanaugh takes his place on bench



AP photo

This courtroom sketch depicts Attorney Brenda G. Bryn, far right standing, speaking in front of from l-r, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice Samuel Alito Jr., Associate Justice Elena Kagan and Associated Justice Brett Kavanaugh, at the Supreme Court in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

By JESSICA GRESKO and MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh took the bench with his new Supreme Court colleagues for the first time Tuesday in a jovial atmosphere that was strikingly at odds with the tension and rancor surrounding his high-court confirmation.

The new justice dived into his new job, asking a handful of questions in the first arguments of the day following a traditional welcome from Chief Justice John Roberts, who wished Kavanaugh "a long and happy career in our common calling."

Kavanaugh took his seat at the end of the bench to Roberts' far left, a visible manifestation of a moment that Republicans have dreamed of for decades, with five solidly conservative justices on the court, and Democrats have dreaded.

His path to confirmation was turbulent — opposition to him intensified after Christine Blasey Ford accused him of sexually assaulting her decades ago, when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denied it.

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# One of oldest coal companies in US files for bankruptcy

By MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — One of the oldest coal companies in the U.S. filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday to deal with more than \$1.4 billion in debt amid declining demand for the fuel.

Englewood, Colorado-based Westmoreland Coal Co. filed for voluntary Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston as part of a restructuring agreement with an unnamed group of lenders.

Westmoreland, which operates mines across the U.S. and Canada, is the fourth major coal company to file for bankruptcy in the past three years, joining Peabody Energy Corp., Arch Coal and Alpha Natural Resources.

Westmoreland officials said in a statement that operations won't be interrupted and there are no expected staff reductions.

"After months of thoughtful and productive conversations with our creditors, we have developed a plan that allows Westmoreland to operate as usual while positioning Westmoreland for long-term success," interim CEO Michael Hutchinson said in the statement.

Coal companies have struggled as demand drops due to a glut of cheap natural gas, the rise of renewable energy sources and plans by some states to reduce or eliminate coal from their energy portfolios.

There are no new coal plants being built in the U.S., and two major coal consumers, China and India, have canceled projects as they seek to reduce air pollution.

Westmoreland officials warned in August that declining industry conditions and



AP photo

This file photo taken May 25, 2013, shows an aerial view of Colstrip power plants 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the Westmoreland coal mines near Colstrip, Mont.

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# Texas Supreme Court asked to hear sex offender law challenge

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has been asked to consider a challenge to the state's retroactive sex offender laws that some say unfairly stack new punishments on those convicted in plea deals.

More than 2,800 sex offenders remain on the Texas registry despite being no longer required to register under terms of their probation, according to an Austin-American Statesman analysis of the list.

Every qualifying sex offender was ordered onto the registry in 2005 after Texas expanded its sex offense laws. But that included some defendants who were promised in deals with prosecutors that they wouldn't have to be on the list after a certain amount of time.

Donnie Miller struck a deal with Travis County prosecutors after he was charged with sexual assault against a woman outside an Austin gentleman's club in 1993. A jury couldn't agree on a verdict at his trial, forcing Miller to face a second trial and more than \$20,000 in legal fees.

He made a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty and, in exchange,

his record would be cleaned if he stayed out of trouble for 10 years. But Miller received a call a year after successfully completing his probation telling him that Texas had changed the rules and that he'd be on the sex offender registry for life, contrary to the terms of his plea deal.

"If I'd known, why would I have taken a plea deal?" said Miller, 48. "I would have borrowed the money for the retrial."

In a lawsuit before the Texas Supreme Court regarding another similar case, San Antonio attorney Angela Moore argues that undoing plea bargains makes the agreements worthless. About 94 percent of criminal convictions are disposed of with pleas, she said.

Texas Department of Public Safety attorneys warn that the lawsuit could relieve many "other sex offenders of their duty to register."

Texas was among several states to expand state law to include offenders from old cases. The U.S. Supreme Court had ruled in 2003 that Alaska's law retroactively requiring old sex offenders with completed sentences to register

was legal because the registry wasn't intended to be punitive.

But recent studies show that public lists can have severe consequences, such as public shaming and limiting job opportunities. Since the Alaska decision, new research has emerged that disproves what policymakers previously thought to be true about sex offenders and the effectiveness of such laws.

The updated findings are appearing in court cases across the country. Rulings in Maryland, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Alaska eliminated their retroactive sex offender clauses.



# SALES

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administration official said the proposed rule intends to allow E15 sales next summer. Current regulations prevent retailers in much of the country from offering E15 from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Lifting the summer ban is expected to be coupled with new restrictions on trading biofuel credits that underpin the federal Renewable Fuel Standard, commonly known as the ethanol mandate. The law sets out how much corn-based ethanol and other renewable fuels refiners must blend into gasoline each year.

The Renewable Fuel Standard was intended to address global warming, reduce dependence on foreign oil and bolster the rural economy by requiring a steady increase in renewable fuels over time. The mandate has not worked as intended, and production levels of renewable fuels, mostly ethanol, routinely fail to reach minimum thresholds set in law.

The oil industry opposes year-round sales of E15, warning that high-ethanol gasoline can damage car engines and fuel systems. Some car makers have warned against high-ethanol blends, although EPA has approved use of E15 in all light-duty vehicles built since 2001.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers, many from oil-producing states, sent Trump a letter last week opposing expanded sales of high-ethanol gas. The lawmakers called the approach "misguided" and said it would do nothing to protect refinery jobs and "could hurt millions of consumers whose vehicles and equipment are not compatible with higher-ethanol blended gasoline."

The letter was signed by 16 Republicans and four Democrats, including Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, a key Trump ally. New Jersey Democratic Sen. Robert Menendez, whose state includes several refineries, also signed the letter.

A spokeswoman for the Renewable Fuels Association, an ethanol industry trade group, said allowing E15 to be sold year-round would give consumers greater access to clean, low-cost, higher-octane fuel while expanding market access for ethanol producers.

"The ability to sell E15 all year would also bring a significant boost to farmers across our country" and provide a significant economic boost to rural America, said spokeswoman Rachel Gantz.



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# US student detained in Israel for alleged boycott support

By ISABEL DEBRE

Associated Press  
JERUSALEM — In a groundbreaking case, Israel has detained an American graduate student at its international airport for the past week, accusing her of supporting a Palestinian-led boycott campaign against the Jewish state.

The case highlights Israel's concerns about the boycott movement and the great efforts it has made to stop it. The grassroots campaign has made significant inroads in recent years, particularly among university students and millennials.

Lara Alqasem, a 22-year-old U.S. citizen with Palestinian grandparents, landed at Ben-Gurion Airport last Tuesday with a valid student visa. But she was barred from entering the country and ordered deported, based on suspicions she is a boycott supporter.

An Israeli court has ordered that she remain in custody while she appeals. The week-long detention is the longest anyone has been held in a boycott-related case, and it was not immediately clear on Tuesday when a final decision would be made.

In the meantime, she has been spending her days in a closed area with little access to a telephone, no internet and a bed that was infested with bedbugs, according to people who have spoken to her.

Alqasem, from the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Southwest Ranches, Florida, is a former president of the University of Florida chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine. The group is a branch of the BDS movement, whose name comes from its calls for boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

BDS supporters say that in urging businesses, artists and universities to sever ties with Israel, they are using nonviolent means to resist unjust policies toward Palestinians. Israel says the movement masks its motives to delegitimize or destroy the Jewish state.

"Lara served as president of a chapter of one of the most extreme and hate-filled anti-Israel BDS groups in the U.S.," said Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan, who spearheads the Israeli government's efforts against the boycott. "Israel will not allow entry to those who work to harm the country, whatever their excuse."

The ministry said that during Alqasem's involvement with Students for Justice in Palestine, the club advocated a boycott against Sabra hummus, an Israeli-owned brand of chickpea dip.

On Tuesday, Erdan floated a possible compromise, saying in a radio interview that he would rethink his decision to expel her if she apologizes and renounces her support for



**This undated photo provided by Alqasem family shows Lara Alqasem, a 22-year-old American graduate student who has been detained for the past week by Israel at its international airport.**

AP photo

BDS.

"If Lara Alqasem will tomorrow in her own voice, not through all kinds of lawyers or statements that can be misconstrued, say that support for BDS is not legitimate and she regrets what she did, we will certainly reconsider our position," he said.

Israel enacted a law last year banning any foreigner who "knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel" from entering the country. It also has identified 20 activist groups from around the world whose members can be denied entry upon arrival.

It so far has blocked 15 people from entering, according to Erdan's ministry.

The ministry uses a variety of sources to identify BDS activists, including tips from informants and social media posts. The ministry says its suspicions were deepened after learning that Alqasem recently deleted all of her social media accounts.

In her appeal, Alqasem has argued that she never actively participated in boycott campaigns, and promised the court that she would not promote them in the future.

"We're talking about someone who simply wants to study in Israel, who is not boycotting anything," said her lawyer, Yotam Ben-Hillel. "She's not even part of the student organization anymore."

Alqasem is registered to study human rights at Israel's Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The university has thrown its support behind her, announcing on Monday it would join Alqasem's appeal.

She also received a boost from her former Hebrew professor at the University of Florida, who described her as an exceptional and curious student. In a letter to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Dror Abend-David said she had an "open and positive attitude toward Judaism, Jews, and the State of Israel."

In an interview from Florida, her mother, Karen Alqasem, affirmed her daughter's tolerance and intellectual drive.

"Studying and getting to know the country was Lara's dream for as long as I can remember," she told The Associated Press. "She may have been critical of some of Israel's policies in the past but she respects Israeli society and culture. To her, this isn't a contradiction."

Her lawyer and a group of opposition law makers have visited Alqasem and say she is in safe, but subpar, conditions.

In a conversation with her daughter last Friday, Alqasem said Lara complained of a bedbug infestation in her cell. With her phone confiscated and communication mostly restricted to calls with her lawyer, Lara has felt "completely cut off from the world," she said.

## COURT

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In court, Kavanaugh asked questions of both sides in arguments over increased prison sentences for repeat offenders. He jumped in with his first question after most of the other justices had spoken.

Questions from Kavanaugh and Justice Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's two high-court picks, suggested they could vote against the Trump administration and side with a criminal defendant from Florida who is fighting an increase in his sentence from just over six years to possibly more than 15 years.

As Gorsuch did in his first arguments last year, Kavanaugh focused heavily on the importance of following earlier decisions of the court. Both men testified about their respect for Supreme Court precedent, though Gorsuch already has been in the majority to overrule four high-court rulings.

Referring to a 2010 decision known as Curtis Johnson, Kavanaugh asked Justice Department lawyer Frederick Liu what the court should do "if we're trying to follow Curtis Johnson strictly?"

There were no disruptions in the courtroom, and the justices laughed at one another's jokes. Justice Sonia Sotomayor even appeared to playfully pinch Gorsuch's arm as she asked a question about the kind of physical force necessary to have a crime be treated as violent under a federal enhanced sentencing law.

When the session came to an end, Kavanaugh shook hands with his new seatmate, Justice Elena Kagan. They also chatted privately before the arguments began. From time to time, Kavanaugh put on reading glasses to glance at papers in front of him.

Kavanaugh's wife and two daughters were in seats reserved for justices' guests, along with retired Justice Anthony Kennedy. Kavanaugh replaced Kennedy on the bench.

There was a long line of people hoping to see Kavanaugh's first appearance. Police put up barricades in front of the court, but there were few protesters in the early morning.

Those who were there held signs saying "We will not forget" and "We do not consent," following the acrimonious fight that culminated in Kavanaugh's 50-48 Senate confirmation Saturday.

Kennedy's presence in the courtroom underscored the changing of the guard on the bench. Kennedy was a more moderate conservative who sometimes sided with the court's four liberal justices. Kavanaugh, in

contrast, is expected to be a more decidedly conservative vote, tilting the court right for decades and leaving Roberts as the justice closest to the ideological middle.

Republicans had hoped to confirm Kavanaugh by Oct. 1, the start of the new term. Instead, the former D.C. Circuit judge missed the first week of arguments as the Senate considered an allegation that he had sexually assaulted a woman in high school.

Kavanaugh has had busy days since he was confirmed Saturday. That evening, he took his oaths of office in a private ceremony at the Supreme Court while protesters chanted outside the court building.

And on Monday evening he was the guest of honor at a ceremonial swearing-in at the White House. While Trump apologized on behalf of the nation for "the terrible pain and suffering" Kavanaugh and his family had experienced and declared him "proven innocent," the new justice assured Americans that he would be fair and was taking the job with "no bitterness."

The other eight justices also were at the White House on Monday.

Kavanaugh has also begun moving in to his new office at the Supreme Court, taking over space previously used by Justice Samuel Alito, who moved into offices vacated by Kennedy. Kavanaugh has also hired four clerks, all women, the first time that has happened.

On Wednesday, the only other day of arguments this week, the court will hear another two hours of arguments. One of the two cases involves the detention of immigrants, an issue on which Kavanaugh's vote could be key.

Although he missed the court's first week, none of the six cases argued dealt with blockbuster issues. They included a case about a potential habitat for an endangered frog and another about an Alabama death row inmate whose lawyers argue he shouldn't be executed because dementia has left him unable to remember his crime. Kavanaugh won't vote in those cases, but if the court is split 4-4, it could decide to have those cases reargued so Kavanaugh can break the tie.

As the newest member of the court, Kavanaugh will take on a few special jobs. He will take notes for the justices when they meet for private conferences. He'll also be the one to answer the door at those meetings if someone knocks to deliver something such as a justice's coffee or forgotten glasses.

He'll also sit on the committee that oversees the court's cafeteria, which is open to the public. Roberts has previously said that assignment is a way of bringing a new justice "back down to Earth after the excitement of confirmation and appointment."

## COAL

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significant debt "give rise to substantial doubt about our ability to pay our obligations as they come due," according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Westmoreland has \$770 million in assets and \$1.4 billion in debt, according to the bankruptcy filing. One of its creditors is the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which Westmoreland owes \$1.8 million in royalties, according to the bankruptcy filing.

The restructuring agreement, which must be approved by a judge, includes refinancing an outstanding loan and a "business transformation" meant to significantly increase cash flow, the company statement said, without providing details.

The group of lenders that holds a majority of Westmoreland's debt also plans to bid for the company's assets, the statement said. An affiliated company, Westmoreland Resource

Partners, is being sold off separately.

Westmoreland was incorporated in 1854 in Pennsylvania. It has coal mines in Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Ohio, North Dakota and Texas, and a coal-fired power plant in North Carolina.

Westmoreland also has mines in Canada that are not part of the bankruptcy filing.

In Montana, coal demand involving Westmoreland's Rosebud mine is expected to drop when two of the four units of the Colstrip power plant cease operations by 2022. The company's other major Montana mine, the Absaloka mine on the Crow Indian Reservation, has already seen demand drop.

Crow chairman Alvin "A.J." Not Afraid said the mine provides a significant portion of the tribe's revenue. But there is less potential for financial harm after Westmoreland renewed a contract earlier this year with an Xcel Energy power plant in Minnesota, which burns coal from the Absaloka

mine.

In New Mexico, Westmoreland's San Juan mine also serves a power plant that's looking to get out of coal use earlier than expected.

In response to the bankruptcy filing, conservation groups renewed calls for Westmoreland to ensure it has enough money in reserve to clean up its mines and pay severance to workers if it ceases operations.

"Nothing can stop

America's shift away from coal and toward clean energy, but the transition should be managed to ensure workers are treated with respect and that vital environmental obligations are honored," said Mary Anne Hitt of the Sierra Club.

Westmoreland officials have previously said the company is fully bonded to cover future reclamation work at its mines.

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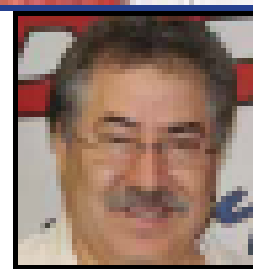
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# Coahoma falls to Jim Ned



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Paige Atkins, No. 13, spikes the ball to the Lady Indians side during the Coahoma Bulldogettes game against Jim Ned held Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in Tuscola. Atkins had 10 kills for the game and 1 ace.

### Special to the Herald

Tuscola - The Bulldogettes started strong against the Lady Indians but couldn't push past Jim Ned's varsity volleyball squad. Coahoma fell in four sets 25-27, 25-10, 25-10, 25-10.

In the opening set, Coahoma quickly took the lead and kept it until the middle of the match. The Lady Indians were able to build up a 2-point advantage halfway through until the Bulldogettes came roaring back. From then on, it was dog fight between the two teams. Coahoma won the battle 27-25. Jim Ned then salted away the next three sets for the

win.

Senior Paige Atkins led the way for Bulldogettes on offense. She had 10 kills for the game and 1 ace. Senior Julia Mashburn had 13 assists and sophomore MaKynlee Overton had 3 aces.

Both Coahoma junior varsity teams - Red and White - lost to the Lady Indians in two sets earlier in the day.

Next: Coahoma will take on Colorado City at home Tuesday. JV Red will begin at 5:30 p.m. with varsity to follow at 6:30 p.m. Both games will be held in the CES competition gym.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Ashley Romero, No. 4, reaches up to push the ball over the net during the Coahoma Bulldogettes-Jim Ned Lady Indians volleyball match up on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, in Jim Ned. Romero had 7 kills, 6 digs, and 2 blocks in the game.

### Varsity stats:

Kills: Paige Atkins, 10; Ashley Romero, 7; MaKynlee Overton, 4; Caitlyn Corley, 2; Julia Mashburn, 1.  
Assists: Mashburn, 13; Jaydan Mann, 9; Romero, 1; Corley.  
Digs: Overton, 9; Romero, 6; Adkins, 6; Sydney Rinard, 3.  
Aces: Overton, 3; Atkins, 1.  
Blocks: Romero, 2; Overton, 2.

## West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament Results

### Special to the Herald

The fourteenth "West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament" was run this past weekend in Comanche Trail Park's two 18 hole courses.

Rain threatened, but never dampened the players' enthusiasm or slowed the Tournament play.

The Open Division, contested by 13 players, ended with Rudy de la Cruz, San Angelo, beating Dillon Vallance, Lubbock, by 2 throws.

Pro Women player Lauren Butler of Elk River, MN, bested the field for first. Pro Masters player Jesse Aguirre of Midland took Freddie Holguin of Forsan and the rest of the field by 6 throws.

The large Advanced Division (25 players) was won by Kade Parker, Austin (and Big Spring native), as his steady play bested Joe Cortez, Abilene by

built a 10 throw win over Jdon Midkiff, Midland. In the elder gentlemen's Division, Amateur Masters (50+), Big Spring native Jimmy Futrelle enjoyed a

1 throw win over Angel Acosta of Ft. Stockton. Intermediate Division winner was Justin Roper and Recreational Division was won by Lucas Acosta.

All 11 players competed over 54 holes that

the City Parks Department "manicured" for the tournament.

Tournament director Chanz Reed says "Thank you to the many sponsors and volunteers that made this tournament possible".

4 throws. Advanced Women's Division winner, Big Springer Wende Neefe, cruised to a 9 throw victory over Melissa Veal, San Angelo. Amateur Masters (40+) player, Donovan White, San Angelo,

the City Parks Department "manicured" for the tournament.

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## Bregman, Astros break into prime time for ALCS Games 1 and 2



AP photo

Houston Astros' Alex Bregman watches his RBI-single in the ninth inning during Game 3 of a baseball American League Division Series against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Cleveland. Tony Kemp scored on the play.

### Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Bregman is getting his wish — the Houston Astros are headed for prime time.

Major League Baseball released the schedule for Games 1 and 2 of the NL and AL Championship Series on Tuesday, and the Astros will play either the Boston Red Sox or New York Yankees on Saturday and Sunday nights.

The Astros played all three of their AL Division Series games

against the Cleveland Indians in the afternoon, with Red Sox and Yankees playing exclusively in prime time.

Bregman sounded off about the scheduling decision to ESPN after the defending World Series champions completed a three-game sweep of the Indians on Monday.

"Does Floyd Mayweather fight the first fight of the night, or is he the main event?" Bregman said. "I mean, does Tiger Woods tee off at 8 a.m.? It's about time the show 'Stros play on

prime-time television, so we're looking forward to the ALCS."

Game 1 of the ALCS will be at 8:09 p.m. Saturday, and Game 2 will be at 7:09 p.m. Sunday. Game 1 of the NLCS between Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Dodgers will be Friday at 8:09 p.m., and Game 2 will be Saturday at 4:09 p.m. The schedule is the same as last year, and Houston would have played Game 2 in prime time regardless because it is the only scheduled game that day.

## Red Sox hold off Yanks in Game 4, face Astros in ALCS

### By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Eduardo Nunez charged Gleyber Torres' four-hopper toward third base and whipped the ball across the diamond. Steve Pearce stretched, falling on his chest for a sprawling catch. The umpire signaled: "Out!"

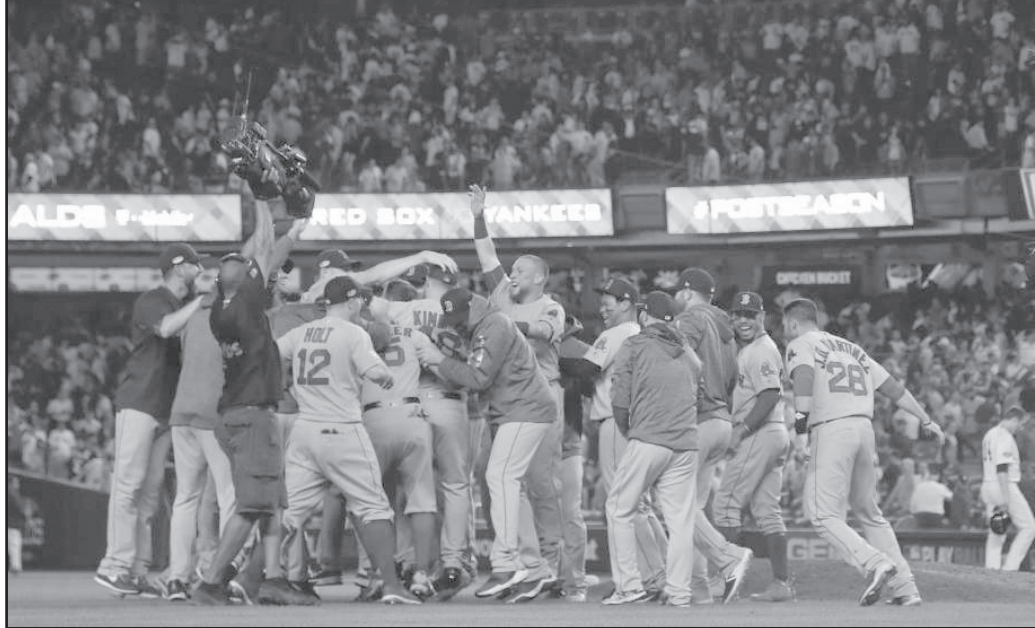
The Boston Red Sox gathered around exhausted closer Craig Kimbrel, hugging and celebrating after the New York Yankees' two-run rally in the ninth inning fell short.

But wait!

In 21st century baseball, the game doesn't always end when it seems, hanging in limbo until umpires in a downtown Manhattan replay room agree.

A Yankee Stadium crowd of 49,641 wondered and the Red Sox paused as they watched from the infield in suspended celebration, fixated on the center-field video board.

After 63 seconds that felt like a



AP photo

The Boston Red Sox celebrate after beating the New York Yankees 4-3 in Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in New York.

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# Tuesday's Sports in Brief

## Associated Press

### GOLF

U.S. Open and PGA champion Brooks Koepka added to his trophy collection Tuesday when he picked up the Jack Nicklaus Award trophy as the PGA Tour player of the year.

Koepka is the sixth player in the last six years to win the award, the longest streak of different winners since PGA Tour players began voting on the award in 1990.

Along with winning two majors, Koepka said he was most proud of his attitude when he wasn't playing. He missed four months at the start of the year recovering from a partially torn tendon in his left wrist but then made up for lost time in a big way.

"I was down when I was missing everything," Koepka said. "I tried to have the most positive spin on it when I was home. It did stink. It was the worst, emotionally tough times for me. Sometimes when I would question it, I kept saying: 'I'll do it. I'll be fine.' Good news or bad news, I had positive energy."

In his fourth tournament back, he was runner-up at Colonial. Three weeks later, he held off Dustin Johnson at Shinnecock Hills to win the U.S. Open for the second straight year, becoming the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion since Curtis Strange in 1988 and 1989.

Two months later, Koepka held off Tiger Woods amid ear-splitting roars on the back nine at Bellerive to win the PGA Championship by two shots. Koepka tied a major championship record by finishing at 264.

He became the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year, joining Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen.

The tour does not disclose how

many votes he received from a ballot that included Johnson, British Open champion Francesco Molinari, FedEx Cup champion Justin Rose, Justin Thomas and Bryson DeChambeau.

Johnson, Thomas and DeChambeau each won three times.

### NFL

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Alex Spanos, the son of Greek immigrants who used a self-made fortune from construction and real estate to buy the Chargers in 1984, died Tuesday. He was 95.

The Chargers announced Spanos' death. Faye Spanos, his wife, died in August at 92.

After building a nationwide construction empire based in Stockton, his Northern California hometown, Spanos realized a lifelong dream of owning an NFL franchise when he bought controlling interest in the San Diego Chargers from Gene Klein in 1984 for about \$50 million. He eventually bought all but 3 percent of the team.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hailed Spanos as "an American success story, driven by a tireless work ethic inspired by his humble beginnings."

"Alex became one of the country's most successful businessmen, but he never forgot his roots and the call to help others," Goodell added in a statement. "Along with Faye, his beloved wife of nearly 70 years, Alex's philanthropic and civic contributions touched many lives throughout California and around the country. He was a marvelous friend and partner whose impact on the NFL will never be forgotten. We all benefited from Alex's compassion, character and zest for football and life."

Spanos hadn't been in charge of day-to-day management of the Chargers

since 1994, when he turned over the responsibilities to Dean Spanos, his oldest son. Dean Spanos decided to move the Chargers from San Diego to Los Angeles last year.

The team announced in 2008 that Alex Spanos was suffering from dementia, and he eventually stopped attending games.

Spanos is survived by four children, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

### BASEBALL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays have rewarded manager Kevin Cash with a contract extension that runs through 2024, plus a club option for 2025.

The 40-year-old Cash had one year remaining on a five-year, \$5 million deal he signed when he replaced Joe Maddon after the 2014 season.

Both Cash, who had no previous managerial experience when he was hired, and management said it was an easy decision to continue their relationship after a bounce-back season.

"Kevin has a long list of positives. ... It's been a joy to see him blossom," general manager Erik Neander said. "He's very deserving of this extension. We're excited for the years ahead."

The budget-minded Rays surprisingly won 90 games, finishing third in the AL East behind the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, despite trimming payroll last winter and purging the roster again in July to transform themselves into a young team with a promising future.

Cash, who turns 41 in December, has led the Rays to a 318-330 record over four seasons.

### SOCCER

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis is back in the hunt for a Major League Soccer expansion franchise after the family behind the rental car company Enter-

prise Holdings announced a bid that calls for a new stadium built mostly with private funding.

Members of the Taylor family said the franchise would be majority-owned by women, a first in MLS and a rarity in professional sports. The group also includes Jim Kavanaugh of St. Louis-based World Wide Technology.

The announcement rekindles hope that St. Louis could become a three-sport town for the first time since the NFL's Rams left for Los Angeles in January 2016.

"We view an MLS team as a lasting legacy to the city we love," Carolyn Kindle Betz, granddaughter of Enterprise founder Jack Taylor and senior vice president at Enterprise, said at a news conference.

St. Louis was considered a front-runner for an expansion team last year until voters in April 2017 turned down a ballot measure that would have used tax money to help fund a new 22,000-seat stadium.

The new plan would seek the same plot of land, near Union Station on the western edge of downtown, currently owned by the Missouri Department of Transportation. But this time, only minimal public assistance would be sought. The ownership group said it is seeking a break on the city's 5 percent amusement tax charged for tickets to sporting events. The St. Louis Board of Aldermen could approve the tax break without a public vote.

The group also would seek state tax credits in 2018 and 2019 to help prepare the site for development.

A 20,000-seat stadium would be expected to cost around \$250 million.

Major League Soccer is expected to eventually add two more franchises, bringing the total to 28. It isn't clear when the additional expansion teams could be announced.

## RED SOX

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"Awesome to clinch this one," Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes said, "but we've got eight more."

A New Jersey native who grew up a Mets fan, Rick Porcello held the Yankees to one run over five innings for his first postseason win in 13 appearances. Barnes and Ryan Brasier followed with a perfect inning each to protect a 4-1 lead.

Red Sox ace Chris Sale told Cora when he arrived at the ballpark that he wanted to pitch, and he followed with a 1-2-3 eighth in a rare relief appearance that extended the Yankees' streak of consecutive outs to 11.

New York had not put a leadoff runner on until Kimbrel, a seven-time All-Star closer, walked Aaron Judge on four pitches leading off the ninth.

Didi Gregorius singled and Giancarlo Stanton struck out, Luke Voit walked on four pitches, and Kimbrel hit Neil Walker on a leg with a next pitch, forcing in a run that made it 4-2.

Gary Sanchez fell behind 0-2 in the count, worked it full and sent a drive that had the crowd roaring only for Andrew Benintendi to catch it on the left-field warning track, a few feet short of a series-tying grand slam.

"I hit it well. But I got under it," Sanchez said through a translator.

Then came Torres' bouncer.

"You never want to give a game back and go to a Game 5, so it's great that we could do it tonight," said Kimbrel, who got his second save of the series.

A night after Boston romped to a record-setting 16-1 rout in a game that included three replay reversals, Martinez, Ian Kinsler and Nunez drove in runs in the third inning off a wobbly CC Sabathia, who took the loss. For the second straight night, Yankees rookie manager Aaron Boone hesitated to remove his starting pitcher early.

When Boone brought in Zach Britton to start the fourth, and Christian Vazquez led off with an opposite-field drive over the short porch in right field for his first career postseason homer.

Not even the presence of 1978 AL East tiebreaker star Bucky Dent for the ceremonial first pitch could inspire the 100-win Yankees, who were outscored 27-14 in the series, including 20-4 in the final two games. New York set a major league record this year for most home runs in a season, but didn't go deep in the two games at Yankee Stadium and hit .214 in the series, which included 3 for 14 by Gregorius, 1 for 15 by Andrew McCutchen and 3 for 15 by Sanchez.

Stanton, New York's big acquisition last off-

season, was 4 for 18 (.222) with no RBIs.

"I don't want to experience the postseason. I want to win it all," Stanton said.

Dent's home run over Fenway Park's Green Monster in the 1978 AL East tiebreaker propelled the Yankees to their second straight World Series title, but Boston eliminated its rival in the Bronx in the teams' second straight postseason meeting. In the 2004 ALCS — with Barnes in the crowd as a teen, rooting for the Yankees — the Red Sox became the first big league team to overcome 3-0 postseason deficit, winning the final two games on the road and going on to sweep the World Series for its first title since 1918.

Boston added championships in 2007 and 2013, becoming one of baseball's elite clubs. But the Red Sox were knocked out in the Division Series in 2016 and '17, had not reached the sport's final four since their last title.

A lanky, bearded 29-year-old right-hander, Porcello lived a traffic jam from Yankee Stadium in Chester, New Jersey, and is a 2007 graduate of Seton Hall Prep in West Orange — the baseball field there was renamed in his honor last year after he helped fund artificial turf and pro-style dugouts. The 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner entered with a 0-3 in 12 previous postseason appearances, which included four starts.

He didn't allow a run until a sacrifice fly in the fifth by Brett Gardner, like Sabathia playing perhaps his last game for the Yankees. Aaron Hicks missed a two-run homer by about 4 feet on a foul drive down the right-field line.

Sabathia escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first when Kinsler hit an inning-ending flyout to Gardner in front of the left-field wall. Sabathia nicked

Benintendi on the right shoulder with a slider on his first pitch of the third, Pearce sliced a cutter into right-center to put runners at the corners and Martinez hit a third-inning sacrifice fly for second straight night, giving him a series-high six RBIs.

With David Robertson starting to warm up, Kinsler hit a two-out double over a leaping Gardner for a 2-0 lead and Nunez singled on the next pitch for his first RBI of the postseason.

New York's starting pitchers allowed 15 runs in 13 innings, and Masahiro Tanaka was the only one to get an out in the fourth — a sign the Yankees may pursue top free-agent pitchers such as Dallas Keuchel and Patrick Corbin.

"I think we're right there knocking on the door," Boone said, "very close to being a championship club right now. We just got to continue to improve on the margins in every facet. Pitching is one of those."

### BEHIND THE PLATE

A night after three of his calls at first base were reversed on video reviews, Angel Hernandez was the plate umpire. Benintendi argued after he was called out on a breaking ball with the bases loaded for the final out of the eighth, a pitch that may have been outside. Sabathia was livid. "I don't think Angel Hernandez should be umpiring playoff games," he said. "He's absolutely terrible. He was terrible behind the plate today. He was terrible at first base." Major League Baseball declined comment, spokesman Mike Teevan said.

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