The normal motivators for such mega-deals are the cost synergies that executives believe can be extracted, the ability to acquire reserves at attractive prices and the addition of assets that fill gaps in existing portfolios.

The NFL statement last week said Goodell “authorized the discipline that was imposed” by Troy Vincent, the league’s VP of football operations. Now Goodell is exercising his right to hear Brady’s appeal presented by the NFLPA, which has retained league nemesis Jeffrey Kessler to argue the case.

"We've got to wake up" to the dangers of human-caused climate change, she said, ticking off a list of environmental problems that the world is facing. "Shell is trying to make it worse, and that's not acceptable."

Shell International: “Shell sees benefit to the UK being part of the EU. Shell’s business has benefited from the ability to access markets across the EU and co-ordinate operations across member states, for example, linking our business service centres in Glasgow and Warsaw.”