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# Mail-in primary ballots go out Tuesday



CARLENE COOMBS, DAILY HERALD

Campaign signs are displayed outside of Skyridge High School in Lehi for the Utah County Republican Convention on April 20.

BY CARLENE COOMBS  
Daily Herald

Mail-in ballots for the primary election will be sent out to voters throughout the state Tuesday.

In Utah County, ballots will include various seats for the state Legislature, state and local school boards, statewide races and Utah's 3rd Congressional District.

This year, Utah County will not provide prepaid postage in an effort to save money and encourage other voting methods, County Clerk Aaron Davidson previously told the Daily Herald.

The U.S. Postal Service still

delivers ballots even without postage and will later attempt to collect postage costs from the appropriate board of elections, such as a county clerk's office.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by June 24, the day before the primary election, or placed in a drop box by 8 p.m. June 25.

Early in-person voting will be offered at the Utah County Elections Office in Provo from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 18-21 and June 24.

Election Day in-person voting June 25 will be open in 10 different locations throughout the county and 18 drop boxes

are available in the county, all of which can be found on [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov).

Utah County also offers "fast cast voting," which allows voters to fill out their mail-in ballot at home, bring it into a voting location with their photo ID and have it tabulated there.

### Who is on the ballot?

In Utah's 3rd Congressional District, which runs from Provo to Vernal to Blanding, five Republican candidates are on the primary ballot vying to replace current Rep. John Curtis, who is now running for U.S. Senate.

Those candidates include current state Sen. Mike Kennedy, Roosevelt Mayor JR Bird, businessman Case Lawrence, current State Auditor John Dougall and former Utah County GOP Chair Stewart Peay.

At the state GOP convention, Kennedy received the party endorsement with 61.5% of the delegate vote. The remaining four candidates gathered signatures to be placed on the ballot.

Four Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate seat, left open with Sen. Mitt Romney

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This photo from July 2022 shows a woman and child eating lunch at a Utah Food Bank free lunch site.

## HUSH MONEY TRIAL

# Republicans from Utah outraged over Trump conviction

BY KYLE DUNPHEY  
Utah News Dispatch

A New York jury on Thursday found former President Donald Trump guilty on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records, and Utah politicians have something to say about it.

The historic verdict marked the first felony conviction of a former U.S. president, and drew a flurry of public outrage from two of Utah's all-Republican congressional delegations. So far, no one has been as vocal as Mike Lee, Utah's senior senator, who made 12 social media posts in the hour following the verdict.

"Welcome to the Banana Republic of America," "Is this an insurrection?" "I don't respect this verdict. Nor should anyone," and "What they're doing to him is wrong," Lee wrote in separate X posts, adding that the verdict "guaranteed Trump's election."

In an official statement, Lee said Thursday was a "sad day for America."

"The verdict against Donald Trump, marred by unclear charges and irregular jury instructions, sets a dangerous precedent. This was a political prosecution to help Joe Biden, a weaponization of our justice system that threatens the very fabric of our Republic," Lee said.

Utah GOP Rep. Burgess Owens also took to social media, where he called

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# Food for thought

## Utah County school districts, Utah Food Bank launch summer nutrition programs

BY CURTIS BOOKER  
Daily Herald

School may be out for the summer, but hunger doesn't take a vacation.

To help ease the burden on low-income families, Utah County school districts and nutrition organizations once

again are providing free meals for children under 18 as well as low-priced lunch and breakfast for adults.

According to the Utah Food Bank, 1 in 10 kids throughout the state are facing hunger. In Utah County specifically, there are over 17,000 children who are unsure

where their next meal will come from, the agency says.

Ginette Bott, Utah Food Bank president and CEO, says without school meals, families often can find themselves in pinch trying to feed their children in the summer

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## '60 DAYS IN'

# TV show follows volunteer inmates at Utah County Jail

BY LAURA GILES  
Special to the Daily Herald

It's not often that people volunteer to be incarcerated. But, seven people recently did just that at the Utah County Jail.

The A&E show "60 Days In" follows seven participants

as they voluntarily go undercover in the jail to help to shed light on possible drugs, contraband and gang activity. The participants live as inmates for 60 days. The new season featuring the Utah County Jail began Thursday on A&E.

"Ultimately, we couldn't reproduce an audit like this," said Utah County Sheriff Mike Smith. "If you really want a close look at what's going on in there, I don't know how else you could do it."

Smith said jail officials

know that drugs sometimes make it into the facility, even though they have many precautions in place. "We have to scan everything. You name it, they're figuring out how to get it in there," he said.

That is why Smith told the participants that he really

wanted them to pay attention to the possibility of narcotics and contraband in the facility and how they're getting in. "If we can tighten up how it's getting into the facility, at the end of the day, we're doing a really good job," he said.

He said he also wanted the

undercover inmates to look at short-term programming, how to better help those who are there for short two- to three-week stays as well as paying attention to other needs of the inmates.

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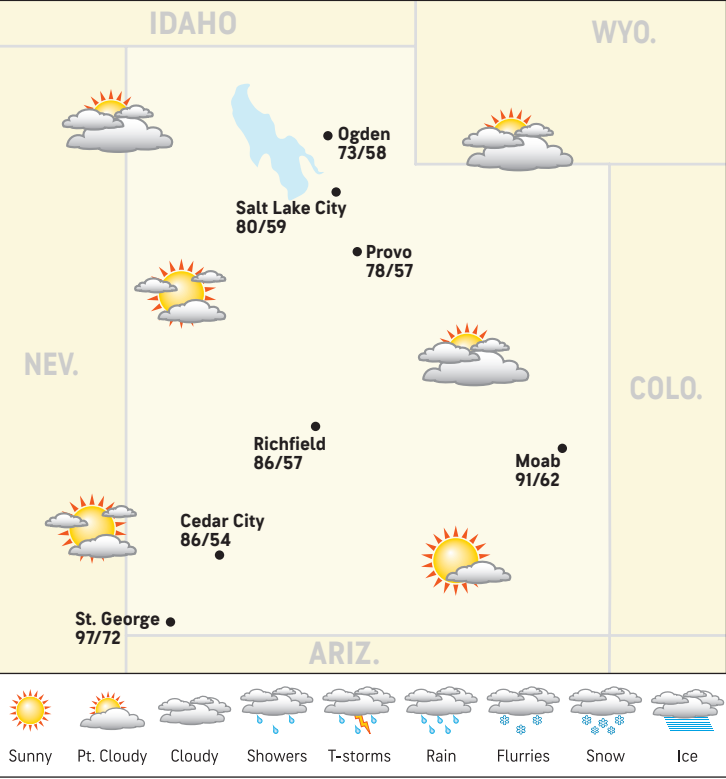
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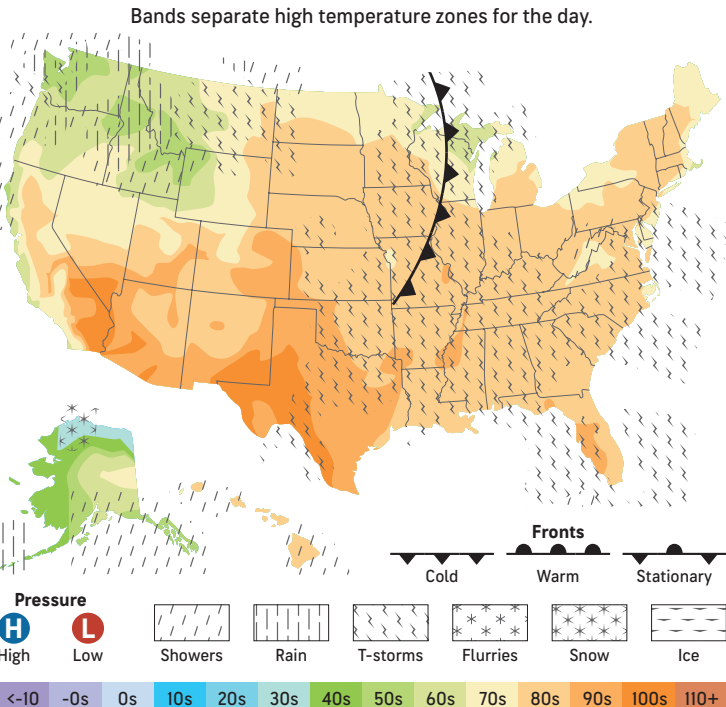




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78 55

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98 66

### NATIVE AMERICANS

# 100 years ago, swing states gave voting rights but not citizenship



SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cecile Gachupin, who oversees the voting center located at tribal headquarters, waits for voters to arrive during the last day of early voting at Zia Pueblo, New Mexico, on May 22.

BY MORGAN LEE  
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Voter participation advocate Theresa Pasqual traverses Acoma Pueblo with a stack of sample ballots in her car and applications for absentee ballots, handing them out at every opportunity ahead of New Mexico’s Tuesday primary.

Residents of the tribal community’s original mesa-top “sky city” that endured after the Spanish invasion in the late 1500s know firsthand the challenges voters have faced across Indian Country, where polling places are often hours away and restrictive voter laws and ID requirements only add to the barriers.

It’s been a century now since an act of Congress granted citizenship to Native Americans, but advocates say that right bestowed in 1924 still hasn’t translated into equal access to the ballot. Inequities are especially pronounced in remote regions across the U.S., and some key Southwestern states with large Native American populations.

New Mexico is trying something new — a test run of sorts

for many new and contested provisions that are part of the state’s Native American Voting Rights Act that was passed last year. The measure promises tribal communities a greater voice in how and where they can vote, even opening the possibility that tribal offices can be designated as a street address for remote households that have none.

This should help at Acoma, where Pasqual said some residents still do not have standard addresses.

Native Americans in New Mexico — home to 22 federally recognized tribal communities and holdings of an Oklahoma-based tribe — were among the last to gain access to voting, decades after the U.S. extended birthright citizenship to the land’s original inhabitants on June 2, 1924 through the Indian Citizenship Act.

That legislation took shape in the aftermath of World War I in which thousands of Native Americans had volunteered to serve overseas in the military.

A patchwork of statutes and treaties already offered about two-thirds of Native Americans citizenship, sometimes in exchange for land allotments that fractured reservations, gestures of assimilation, military service and even the renunciation of tribal traditions. The one-sentence Indian Citizenship Act swept away those requirements in an attempt to grant citizenship to all Native Americans.

At the same time, Congress deferred to state governments qualifications on who qualified to vote. Legal access to the ballot was denied under existing state constitutional provisions and statutes until 1948 in Arizona and New Mexico — and until 1957 on reservations in Utah.

It was by design, said Maurice Crandall, an Arizona State University history professor and citizen of the Yavapai-Apache Nation of Camp Verde. Pointing to the largest Native populations in New Mexico and Arizona, he said: “They don’t want a large group of Native people who can swing elections.”

Fast forward to 2020, he said, and “many people credit the Native vote with deciding to bring Arizona into the (Joe Biden camp).”

Biden won Arizona by about 10,500 votes, as voter turnout surged on the Navajo and Hopi reservations.

At Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, voting has provided Native Americans with a path to power amid the political rise of pueblo member Deb Haaland. She became one of the first two Native American women in Congress in 2018 before taking the reins of the Interior Department to oversee U.S. obligations to 574 federally recognized tribes.

For the upcoming primary, Laguna is on the front lines of two Democratic contests with first-time female Native American candidates competing in districts that were redrawn in 2021 to increase Native influence. In the general election, eligible voters among 8,000 Laguna residents will cast ballots in a congressional swing district rematch between U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez and Repub-

lican Yvette Herrell, who lost in 2022 by 1,350 votes. Herrell seldom invokes her Cherokee heritage.

The state’s new voting rights legislation for Native Americans provides new tools for tribal communities to request convenient on-reservation voting sites and secure ballot deposit boxes with consultation requirements for county clerks and an appeals process.

But there are still obstacles, said Laguna Pueblo administrator Ashley M. Sarracino, pointing to tensions with county election administrators over a decision to withdraw three Election Day voting sites at the pueblo this year, leaving three open.

In Arizona, the anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act stirs up frustration among Native American leaders, including Gov. Stephen Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community. He has denounced efforts by the Republican National Committee and state lawmakers to revive and extend voter ID requirements through the 2024 general election.

Two of Lewis’ community members sued in 1928 after being turned away from the polls, only to have the Arizona Supreme Court rebuff their case. The community wouldn’t realize the right to vote until 1948 — after World War II and the raising of an American flag at Iwo Jima that included Ira Hayes, who was part of the Gila River community.

Lewis during a recent online forum counted the years that passed between the time the U.S. Declaration of Independence was inked and the Indian Citizenship Act was signed. He said elected officials for years have “made laws for us, about us, but never with us.”

Native Americans have held widely divergent views about citizenship and voting, said Torey Dolan, a research fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School and citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Some view U.S. citizenship as incompatible with being Indigenous people; others see it more like dual citizenship.

With approval of the citizenship act, many Native Americans feared the expansion of U.S. citizenship might undermine the special status of trust land that allows tribes to make their own decisions about tax-exempt land and shield it from speculators.

“It was really seen in many parts of Indian Country as being aimed at breaking down tribal cultures, particularly in the Southwest,” said Geoffrey Blackwell, general counsel to the National Congress of American Indians that advocates for Native American rights and sovereignty.

For some, ensuring voting rights was worth the fight. In 1948, Isleta Pueblo member and World War II military veteran Miguel Trujillo challenged the status quo that barred Native Americans in New Mexico from voting by attempting to vote in Valencia County. He was rejected, sparking a landmark lawsuit that was supported by Washington-based federal Indian law pioneer Felix Cohen and the National Congress of American Indians.

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# Mexico awaits results in its presidential election

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Polls closed on Sunday in a national vote that will likely give Mexico its first female president, but the heat, violence and polarization continued almost right through election day.

People turned out to vote in the township of Cuitzeo, in the western state of Michoacán, despite the fact that a town council candidate was shot to death by two hitmen aboard a motorcycle just hours before the election. Residents voted under a heavy police guard — but later passed by the home of murdered candidate Israel Delgado to light a candle for the well-known local politician at an improvised altar on his doorstep.

Nationwide, the voting was largely peaceful, but it appeared that even if the front-runner — former Mexico City mayor Claudia Sheinbaum — wins, she is unlikely to enjoy the kind of unquestioning devotion that outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has enjoyed. Both belong to the ruling Morena party.

Araceli Hernández, 49, a university professor in international studies in Mexico City, said she was voting for Morena. “Even though there are things we don’t like, like militarization, there has been progress.”

Hernández was referring to López Obrador’s policy of relying on the army and the quasi-military National Guard, rather than police, to fight crime. While she was going to vote to continue the ruling party’s grip on national politics, she noted “we are going to continue to be critical” of some government policies.

Mexico City voter Yoselin Ramírez, 29, said she voted for Sheinbaum, but split her vote for other posts because she didn’t want anyone holding a strong majority. “I don’t want everything to be occupied by the same party, so there can be a little more equality,” she said without elaborating.

The main opposition candidate, Xóchitl Gálvez, a tech entrepreneur and former senator, tried to seize on Mexicans’ concerns about security and promised to take a more aggressive approach toward organized crime.

Nearly 100 million people are registered to vote in the race to replace outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Voters were also electing governors in nine of



MATIAS DELACROIX, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ruling party presidential candidate Claudia Sheinbaum arrives to vote in general elections in Mexico City on Sunday.

the country’s 32 states, and choosing candidates for both houses of Congress, thousands of mayorships and other local posts, in the biggest elections the nation has seen and ones that have been marked by violence.

The elections are widely seen as a referendum on López Obrador, a populist who has expanded social programs but largely failed to reduce cartel violence in Mexico. His Morena party currently holds 23 of the 32 governorships and a simple majority of seats in both houses of Congress. Mexico’s constitution prohibits the president’s reelection.

Both major presidential candidates are women, and either would be Mexico’s first female president. A third candidate from a smaller party, Jorge Álvarez Máynez, trailed far behind.

Sheinbaum is running with the Morena party. Sheinbaum, who leads in the race, has promised to continue all of López Obrador’s policies, including a universal pension for the elderly and a program that pays youths to apprentice.

Gálvez, whose father was Indigenous Otomi, rose from selling snacks on the street in her poor hometown to start her own tech firms. A candidate running with a coalition of major opposition parties, she left the Senate last year to



FERNANDO LLANO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Opposition presidential candidate Xóchitl Gálvez shows her inked-stained thumb as she leaves a polling station after voting in the general election in Mexico City on Sunday.

focus her ire on López Obrador’s decision to avoid confronting the drug cartels through his “hugs not bullets” policy. She has pledged to more aggressively go after criminals.

The persistent cartel violence, along with Mexico’s middling economic performance, are the main issues on voters’ minds.

Julio García, a Mexico City office worker, said he was voting for the opposition in Mexico City’s central San Rafael neighborhood. “They’ve

robbed me twice at gunpoint. You have to change direction, change leadership,” the 34-year-old said. “Continuing the same way, we’re going to become Venezuela.”

On the fringes of Mexico City in the neighborhood of San Andres Totoltepec, electoral officials filed past 34-year-old homemaker Stephania Navarrete, who watched dozens of cameramen and electoral officials gathering where frontrunner Claudia Sheinbaum was set to vote. Navarrete said she planned to

# Israel seeks a ‘governing alternative’ to Hamas in Gaza

BY MELANIE LIDMAN  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel is looking into an alternative local governing body for Gaza, the defense minister said Sunday, proposing a future beyond Hamas but giving no idea who those challengers might be.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant’s comments came at a time of new uncertainty in the eight-month war. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is under growing pressure from many Israelis to accept a new cease-fire deal proposed by U.S. President Joe Biden, while far-right allies threaten to collapse his government if he does.

Gallant, part of Israel’s three-member War Cabinet who recently urged the government to have a detailed postwar plan for Gaza, said in a briefing that “we seek a governing alternative to Hamas. The framework for this includes isolating areas, removing Hamas operatives in these areas and bringing in other forces that will enable the formation of a governing alternative.”

That will achieve Israel’s goals of removing Hamas’ military and governing authority in Gaza and returning home the remaining hostages taken in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that sparked the war, Gallant said. He stressed that “we will not accept the rule of Hamas at any stage in any process aimed at ending the war.”

In response to questions, an Israeli defense official told The Associated Press that Gallant hopes to enable isolated, Hamas-free areas in Gaza to become “hubs of local government” and identify forces that can enable a



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Supporters of the Pakistani religious group “Jamaat-e-Islami” take part in a rally against Israeli airstrikes and to show solidarity with Palestinian people living in Gaza, in Karachi, Pakistan, on Sunday.

longer-term formation of a government.

Israel is looking for “local non-hostile actors,” the official said, adding that Gallant believes that “Palestinians should be governing Palestinians.” Israel would facilitate surges of aid to the areas, and the local forces would be responsible for distributing it to strengthen their authority.

But that approach is challenging and has failed before, one expert said.

“I haven’t heard of any local players that are brave enough to present themselves as an alternative to Hamas,” said Michael Milshtein, an Israeli analyst of Palestinian affairs at Tel Aviv University and a former military intelligence officer.

Milshtein said Gallant’s “wishful thinking” would amount to a suicidal mission for any local leader. Hamas has threatened anyone co-operating with Israel’s government.

“Although Hamas suffered severe damage over the past eight months, their impact on the public is still very strong,” he said.

Milshtein noted that Israel has tried this approach in the past. In the 1970s and ‘80s, Israel tried to establish “village leagues,” empowering local Palestinian leaders.

“They were considered in the eyes of Palestinians as collaborators, and it ended in a very tragic manner,” he said. Unless Israel maintains a constant presence in Gaza, any “alternative forces” they try to install will be too fragile, he added.

Netanyahu has said Israel will maintain security control over Gaza but delegate civilian administration to local Palestinians unaffiliated with Hamas or the Western-backed Palestinian Authority, which governs parts of the occupied West Bank. He has ruled out a path to Palestinian statehood.

Top ally the U.S. has proposed that a reformed Palestinian Authority would govern Gaza with the assistance of Arab and Muslim nations.

The Hamas attack on Oct. 7 in southern Israel killed around 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducted about 250. About 100 hostages remain in Gaza, along with the bodies of around 30 more.

Over 36,430 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza by Israel’s offensive, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry. Its count doesn’t differentiate between civilians and combatants. Israel blames Hamas for civilian deaths, accusing it of operating from dense residential areas.

At least five people including a young girl were killed Sunday in a strike on a street in Zawayda, central Gaza, according to Palestinian health officials and AP journalists at al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital who counted the bodies.

The United States continued to press Israel on the cease-fire proposal outlined by Biden, who said Friday it’s time for the war to end. Many of Gaza’s 2.3 million people have been displaced and shelter with few supplies, large parts of the territory have been destroyed and the United Nations has warned of “full-blown” famine.

The deal’s first phase would last six weeks and include a “full and complete cease-fire,” a withdrawal of Israeli forces from all densely populated areas of Gaza and the release of a number of hostages, including women, older people and the wounded, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

Biden acknowledged that moving into the next phase of the deal would require more negotiations.

“This was an Israeli proposal. We have every expectation that if Hamas agrees to the proposal — as was transmitted to them, an Israeli proposal — then Israel would say yes,” White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby told ABC.

Also Sunday, officials from Egypt, Israel and the U.S. ended a meeting in Cairo without any apparent agreement to reopen the crucial Rafah crossing into Gaza, which has been closed since Israel took over the Pales-

tinian side of it in early May, Egypt’s state-run television channel Al-Qahera News reported.

Israel’s military continues to press into Rafah, Gaza’s southernmost city, in search of what’s been described as Hamas’ last stronghold even as the militants regroup elsewhere in the territory.

Citing an unnamed official, Al-Qahera News said Egypt affirmed that Israel must withdraw its forces from the Palestinian side of the crossing before it can reopen. The report said Egypt accused Israel of blocking the delivery of badly needed humanitarian aid to Gaza, which Israel denies.

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Budgeting Hearings

Provo City School District

Provo City Board of Education

June 11, 2024 07:00 PM

June 11, 2024 08:30 PM

Provo City School District Board of Education and Municipal Building Authority will have a public hearing on the final 2023-24 and tentative 2024-25 operating budgets during the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting held June 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Provo City School District office located at 280 W 940 North, Provo UT.

The proposed operating budgets will be available for public review on May 28, 2024 on the District website ([www.provo.edu](http://www.provo.edu)) and at the Provo City School District business office upon request.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a PUBLIC HEARING to be held during a REGULAR meeting of the SOUTH UTAH VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER ASSOCIATION (SUVMWA) , on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Salem City Office, 30 West 100 South Salem, Utah. The purpose of the hearing is for consideration of adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 SUVMWA Budget. Information on the proposed budget is available by contacting Lani Bonnett @ 801-400-2777.

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PROVO CITY CORPORATION will receive sealed bids for Construction of the 2024 Provo City Lakeview Parkway & 2000 North Utility Project, Bid No. PROVOEN202426903. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. June 11, 2024, at the Provo City Engineering Office, 1377 South 350 East, Provo, Utah, 84606, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

WORK PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF: Installation of two storm water mains, two water mains, and trench work for storm and water crossing in Geneva Road, trench repair.

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PROJECT INFORMATION: Information on the 2024 Provo City Lakeview Parkway & 2000 North Utility Project may be requested from Danielle Nixon, Project Engineer, (801) 852-7773.

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## Thelma Theora Marchant Richins

Thelma Theora Marchant Richins passed away Wednesday afternoon on the 29th of May 2024 in her home at the age of 92. She was born to Marvin Wayne Marchant (Harris) and Theora Caroline Ross in Ioka, Utah. Growing up in Charleston, Park City and Coalville, Utah she graduated from North Summit High School. She married Arthur Calderwood Richins on March 30, 1951 in the Salt Lake Temple. They were blessed with 5 children: Maureen (Dennis) Muaina, Brenda (Nolan) Butters, Lisa (Paul) Riddle, Randy (Yvonne) Richins, and Darin Richins.

Thelma was a great example of service her whole life. As a cancer survivor, she volunteered to help cancer survivors through the Cancer Society and received accolades from the Governor of Utah. She loved serving her family, and faithfully served in many callings in the wards in which she resided for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served a mission with her husband, Arthur, in Scotland. Thelma was also a wonderful example of motherhood.

Thelma's love of music was evident by all the songs that were sung around the extended family campfires at Bear Lake. She was able to weave the songs into teaching moments with her grandchildren, as they sat on her lap with her loving arms around them. For over 30 years she sang in a trio with her close friends entertaining many. Thelma loved, loved BYU sports and was an avid fan, kind of NEXT level!!



She also played competition softball throughout the state as a young woman. Thelma was always mindful of those in need and she really was preparing herself, all of her life, to meet Him who will bring peace and love as we all, on bended knee, confess that He is THE CHRIST! Thelma is survived by her children: Maureen, Brenda, Lisa and Randy as well as two sisters, Aloma and Dixie. She was blessed with 24 grandchildren and 84 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Arthur, and her youngest child, Darin and 2 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 11:00 am in the Canyon View 4th Ward, 762 East 1200 North, Orem. Viewings will be Monday 6:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday morning from 9:30-10:30 at the same chapel listed above. Interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery, Orem, Utah. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.walkersanderson.com](http://www.walkersanderson.com). The family would like to especially thank Summerfield Retirement and Bristol Hospice for their loving care.

## Lella Ogden

Lella Ogden, 91, of Orem, UT., passed away, Monday, May 28, 2024. Arrangements entrusted to Wheeler-Sundberg Funeral Home of Orem, 801-225-1530. For full life story and to leave condolences for the family please visit [SundbergOlpinMortuary.com](http://SundbergOlpinMortuary.com)



# Boeing's first astronaut flight axed at the last minute in latest setback



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NASA astronauts Suni Williams, left, and Butch Wilmore talk to family members as they leave the operations and checkout building for a trip to the launch pad at Space Launch Complex 41 on Saturday in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

BY MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Last-minute computer trouble nixed Saturday's launch attempt for Boeing's first astronaut flight, the latest in a string of delays over the years. Two NASA astronauts were strapped in the company's Starliner capsule when the countdown automatically was halted at 3 minutes and 50 seconds by the computer system that controls the final minutes before liftoff.

With only a split second to take off, there was no time to work the latest problem and the launch was called off. Technicians raced to the pad to help astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams out of the capsule atop the fully fueled Atlas V rocket at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. Within an hour of the launch abort, the hatch was reopened. The team can't get to the computers to troubleshoot the problem until the rocket is drained of all its fuel, said Tory Bruno, CEO for the rocket



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Boeing's Starliner capsule, atop an Atlas V rocket, sits on the launch pad at Space Launch Complex 41 after being scrubbed on Saturday in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

maker, United Launch Alliance. Bruno said one of the three redundant computers located near the rocket at the pad was sluggish. All three must work properly to proceed with a launch, he said. Depending on what needs to be fixed, the next launch attempt could be as early as Wednesday. If it doesn't blast off this coming week, then that would be it until mid-June in order to move the rocket off the pad and replace batteries. "This is the business that we're in," Boeing's Mark Nappi said. "Everything's got to work perfectly." It was the second launch attempt. The first try on May 6 was delayed for leak checks and rocket repairs. NASA wants a backup to SpaceX, which has been flying astronauts since 2020. Boeing should have launched its first crew around the same time as SpaceX, but its first test flight with no one on board in

2019 was plagued by severe software issues and never made it to the space station. A redo in 2022 fared better, but parachute problems and flammable later caused more delays. A small helium leak in the capsule's propulsion system last month came on top of a rocket valve issue. More valve trouble cropped up two hours before Saturday's planned liftoff, but the team used a backup circuit to get the ground-equipment valves working to top off the fuel for the rocket's upper stage. Launch controllers were relieved to keep pushing ahead, but the computer system known as the ground launch sequencer ended the effort. "Of course, this is emotionally disappointing," NASA astronaut Mike Fincke, the backup pilot, said from neighboring Kennedy Space Center shortly after the countdown was halted. But he said delays are part of spaceflight. "We're going to have a great launch in our future."

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# Students recovering from setbacks, but millions are making up little ground

BY COLLIN BINKLEY  
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — On one side of the classroom, students circled teacher Maria Fletcher and practiced vowel sounds. In another corner, children read together from a book. Scattered elsewhere, students sat at laptop computers and got reading help from online tutors.

For the third graders at Mount Vernon Community School in Virginia, it was an ordinary school day. But educators were racing to get students learning more, faster, and to overcome setbacks that have persisted since schools closed for the COVID-19 pandemic four years ago.

America's schools have started to make progress toward getting students back on track. But improvement has been slow and uneven across geography and economic status, with millions of students — often those from marginalized groups — making up little or no ground.

Nationally, students made up one-third of their pandemic



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Fifth grade students attend a math lesson with teacher Jana Lamontagne, right, during class at Mount Vernon Community School, in Alexandria, Va., on May 1.

losses in math during the past school year and one-quarter of the losses in reading, according to the Education Recovery Scorecard, an analysis of state and national test scores by researchers at Harvard and Stanford. But in nine states, including Virginia, reading scores continued to fall during the 2022-23 school year after previous decreases during the pandemic.

Clouding the recovery is a looming financial crisis. States have used some money from the historic \$190 billion in federal pandemic relief to help students catch up, but that money runs out later this year. "The recovery is not finished, and it won't be finished without state action," said Thomas Kane, a Harvard economist behind the scorecard. "States need to start planning for what they're going to do

when the federal money runs out in September. And I think few states have actually started that discussion." Virginia lawmakers approved an extra \$418 million last year to accelerate recovery. Massachusetts officials set aside \$3.2 million to provide math tutoring for fourth and eighth grade students who are behind grade level, along with \$8 million for literacy tutoring. But among other states with lagging progress, few said they were changing their strategies or spending more to speed up improvement. Virginia hired online tutoring companies and gave schools a "playbook" showing how to build effective tutoring programs. Lisa Coons, Virginia's superintendent of public instruction, said last year's state test scores were a wake-up call. "We weren't recovering as fast as we needed," Coons said in an interview. U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona has called for states to continue funding extra academic help for students

as the federal money expires. "We just can't stop now," he said at a May 30 conference for education journalists. "The states need to recognize these interventions work. Funding public education does make a difference." In Virginia, the Alexandria district received \$2.3 million in additional state money to expand tutoring. At Mount Vernon, where classes are taught in English and Spanish, students are divided into groups and rotate through stations customized to their skill level. Those who need the most help get online tutoring. In Fletcher's classroom, a handful of students wore headsets and worked with tutors through Ignite Learning, one of the companies hired by the state. With tutors in high demand, the online option has been a big help, Mount Vernon principal Jennifer Hamilton said. "That's something that we just could not provide here," she said. Ana Marisela Ventura Moreno said her 9-year-old daughter, Sabrina, benefited significantly from extra reading help last year during second grade, but she's still catching up. "She needs to get better. She's not at the level she should be," the mother said in Spanish. She noted the school did not offer the tutoring help this year, but she did not know why. Alexandria education officials say students scoring below proficient or close to that cutoff receive high-intensity tutoring help and they have to prioritize students with the greatest needs. Alexan-

dria trailed the state average on math and reading exams in 2023, but it's slowly improving. More worrying to officials are the gaps: Among poorer students at Mount Vernon, just 24% scored proficient in math and 28% hit the mark in reading. That's far lower than the rates among wealthier students, and the divide is growing wider. Failing to get students back on track could have serious consequences. The researchers at Harvard and Stanford found communities with higher test scores have higher incomes and lower rates of arrest and incarceration. If pandemic setbacks become permanent, it could follow students for life. The Education Recovery Scorecard tracks about 30 states, all of which made at least some improvement in math from 2022 to 2023. The states whose reading scores fell in that span, in addition to Virginia, were Nevada, California, South Dakota, Wyoming, Indiana, Oklahoma, Connecticut and Washington. Only a few states have rebounded to pre-pandemic testing levels. Alabama was the only state where math achievement increased past 2019 levels, while Illinois, Mississippi and Louisiana accomplished that in reading. In Chicago Public Schools, the average reading score went up by the equivalent of 70% of a grade level from 2022 to 2023. Math gains were less dramatic, with students still behind almost half a grade level compared with 2019. Chicago officials credit the improvement to changes made possible with nearly \$3 billion in federal relief.

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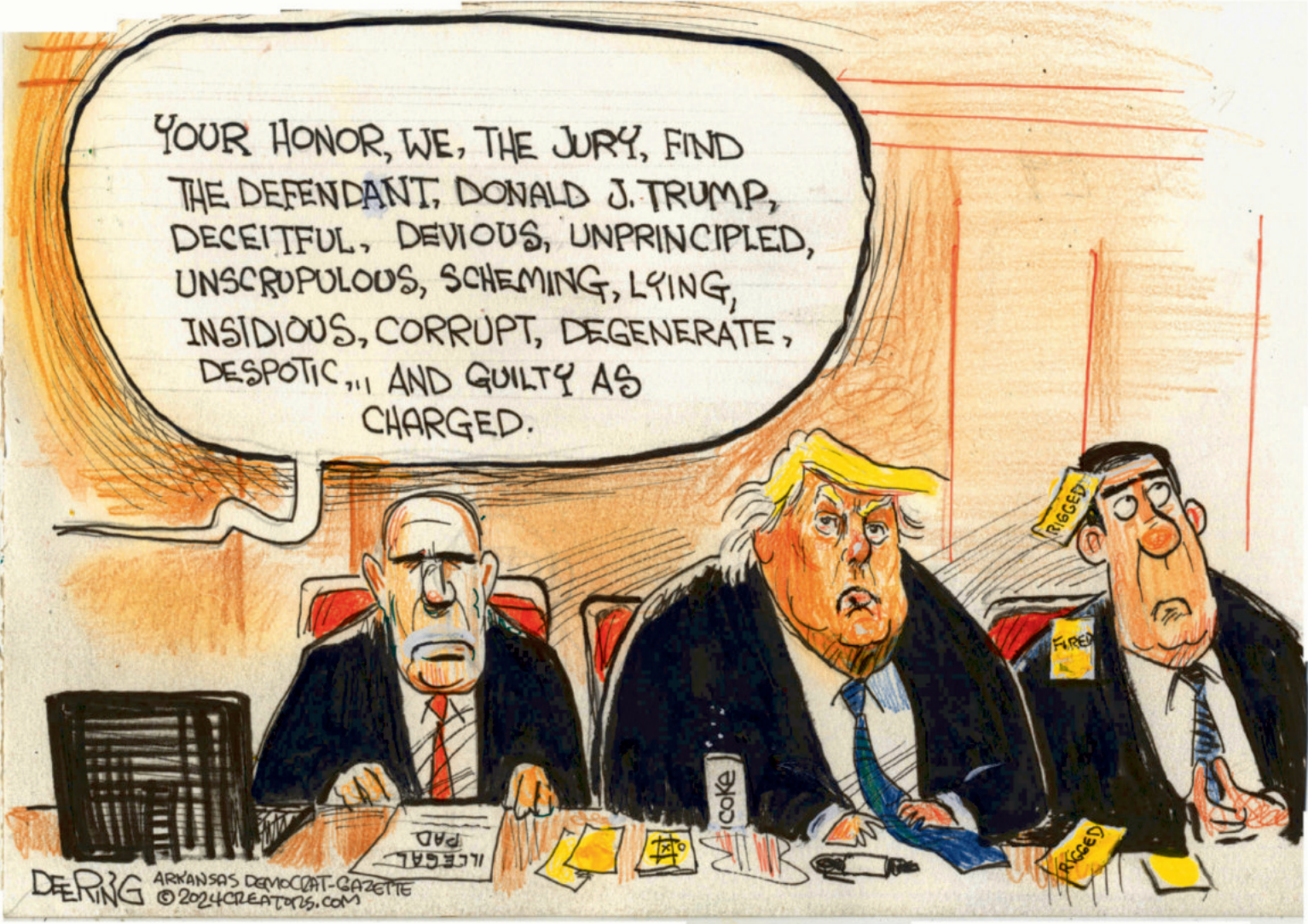
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# Why doesn't the Biden White House ditch its unpopular border policy?

For three and a half years, the Biden White House has seemed remarkably leakproof. Even amid popular backlash to administration policies — the spending splurge in 2021 that was followed by sharp inflation in 2022 and 2023, the changes in enforcement of immigration laws that have produced numbers of incoming illegal immigrants unmatched even in border boom periods in the 1980s and '90s, and the endorsement of policies allowing biological men to compete in women's sports — top officials have stuck to talking points and avoided finger-pointing.

It has not been clear who — Top aides? Cabinet appointees? Family members? — has urged the president on these unpopular courses, which are out of line with his responses over many years in the Senate and seem at odds with his 2020 campaign presentation as a return to normalcy from the volatility of the Trump administration.

Or is it just President Joe Biden himself, feeling free in his final years to indulge liberal impulses he



MICHAEL BARONE

squelched for prudential reasons in half a century of public office-holding and office-seeking?

But there have been signs that, facing this one last election and trailing in the polls, at least some in the administration have been having second thoughts. Take immigration.

“President Biden has come to recognize that the surge of undocumented immigration during his presidency is a threat to his re-election,” the lead sentence of an article by The New York Times’ David Leonhardt reads. “The administration is now considering policies that would undo some of its initial loosening of immigration rules.”

Attached to the article is one of the Times’ fine graphics showing that annual southern border apprehensions averaged 1.97 million in Biden’s first three fiscal years. That’s a huge increase over the 300,000 to 750,000 annually in every year since the 2007-08 financial crisis.

Leonhardt gave short shrift to the administration’s talking point that those results are somehow Republicans’ fault because of their refusal last year to back a so-called compromise immigration bill. That’s not persuasive, as Leonhardt suggested, because the president has “signifi-

cant flexibility” to change immigration procedures, which he loosened upon taking office and could tighten at any time.

Examples include restricting the right to claim asylum for those who cross the border illegally and going back to granting parole, release from custody, “only on a case-by-case basis.” That which can be done by executive order can be undone by executive order.

But what’s the evidence the administration “is now considering” different policies? Leonhardt’s article appeared on Feb. 26, over three months ago. “Biden and his senior-most aides are united on the need to push for greater border security,” Politico reported last week. But as immigration restrictionist blogger Mickey Kaus, referencing the Leonhardt article, replied, “Yet they’ve done nothing, despite a long-rumored crackdown, for 7/8 of his term in office. What kind of WH is this? United on need to act. Doesn’t act!”

Perhaps not united. Politico noted that White House senior counselor Steve Ricchetti, a veteran of the Clinton and Obama White Houses, has been “advocating for more toughness on the border,” but his advice has not been taken. Presumably, those with different views have prevailed — unless this is just an example of the torpor sometimes seen late in an administration.

One possibility is that Biden, at this stage of his life anyway, strongly believes in what amounts to an open-border policy. What may have started as a knee-jerk rejection to every Trump administration policy, and what has become a political liability, may, in the process, have become the conscious preference of this chief executive. That would mesh with reporting that Biden and some around him don’t believe the polls showing him behind.

Strengthening that hypothesis is the response to the House Republicans’ impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) got his Democratic majority to shut off debate

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abruptly, presumably in coordination with the Biden White House.

Is there any reason to expect a different policy in a second Biden term? A president committed enough to an unpopular policy to have spurned advice to change it as he trails in polls before an election is not likely to abandon it after he has won a second term and cannot seek a third.

In time, we may learn more about what has been going on in a surprisingly leakproof White House, one about whose inner workings much of the overwhelmingly Trumpophobic press seem not much interested. They may fear exposing, in former special counsel Robert Hur’s words, a “sympathetic, well-meaning elderly man with a poor memory.” But maybe that’s who’s really in charge.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, June 3, the 155th day of 2024. There are 211 days left in the year.

**Today’s Highlight in History**  
On June 3, 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, whose athletic feats and activism put him among the most revered athletes of all time, died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

**On this date**  
In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1888, the poem “Casey at the Bat” by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1937, Edward, The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Simpson in a private ceremony in Monts, France.

In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound Boeing 707, crashed while attempting to

take off from Orly Airport near Paris; all but two of the 132 people aboard were killed.

In 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to “walk” in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other’s countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

In 1989, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

And Iran’s spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died.

In 2011, physician-assisted suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian died at a Michigan hospital at 83. And actor James Arness of TV’s “Gunsmoke” died at age 88.

In 2012, a Dana Air jetliner carrying 153 people crashed on the outskirts of Lagos, Nigeria, killing everyone on board

In 2018, Guatemala’s Volcans of Fire, one of the most active volcanos in Central America, erupted in fiery explosions of ash and molten

rock, killing more than 100 people and leaving scores of others missing.

In 2020, prosecutors charged three more police officers in the death of George Floyd and filed a new, tougher charge of second-degree murder against Derek Chauvin, the officer who was caught on video pressing his knee to Floyd’s neck. (Chauvin would be convicted on all charges.) Defense Secretary Mark Esper took issue with President Donald Trump’s threats to use the full force of the military to quell street protests.



# Daybell sentenced to death for triple-murder case

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BOISE, Idaho — A jury in Idaho unanimously agreed Saturday that convicted killer Chad Daybell deserves the death penalty for the gruesome murders of his wife and his girlfriend’s two youngest children, ending a grim case that began in 2019 with a search for two missing children. The 55-year-old former Springville man, wearing a dress shirt and tie, sat with his hands in his lap at the defense table. He showed no emotion when learning he would face the death penalty for the murders of Tammy Daybell, 16-year-old Tylee Ryan and 7-year-old Joshua “JJ” Vallow. When asked by the judge whether he wanted to make a statement, Daybell declined. Jurors found him guilty Thursday and decided on the death sentence after deliberating for just over a day. The mother of the children is Lori Vallow Daybell, whom Chad Daybell married shortly after his wife’s



Daybell

death. Vallow Daybell was convicted last year in the three murders and is now awaiting trial in Arizona, charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of her fourth husband, Charles Vallow. Charles Vallow was JJ’s father. The case began in 2019, when a family member called police. Investigators soon realized both children were missing, and a multistate search ensued. Nearly a year later, their remains were found buried on Chad Daybell’s property. Tylee’s DNA was later found on a pickaxe and shovel in a shed on the property, and JJ’s body was wrapped in trash bags and duct tape, prosecutors have said. During a nearly two-month-long trial, prosecutors said Chad Daybell, a self-published author who wrote doomsday-laced fiction, promoted unusual spiritual beliefs including apocalyptic prophecies and tales of possession by evil spirits in order to justify the killings. “This has been a tough case because of its complexity, both in telling the story of an investigation that spanned years and trying to figure out the best way to present it in a

way that would make sense to others,” Fremont County Prosecutor Lindsey Blake said outside the Boise courthouse after the sentencing. Relatives of the victims welcomed the jury’s decision. “This is the best justice we can possibly get. And again, it doesn’t change the outcome, but it is good news, and it brings closure for everybody that’s been hurt,” Colby Ryan, Vallow Daybell’s oldest child, told reporters. Larry Woodcock, JJ’s grandfather, thanked the judge, law enforcement and the people who have followed the case and shared their support over the years. “You are family,” he said. “I look at the faces, and I’m going to tell you all: I’m going to miss you.” “We saw justice,” he added. “Equal, honest and righteous.” Daybell’s defense attorney, John Prior, argued during the trial that there wasn’t enough evidence to tie Daybell to the killings, and suggested Vallow Daybell’s older brother, Alex Cox, was the culprit. Cox died in late 2019 and was never charged, and Vallow Daybell was

convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison without parole. During the sentencing hearing, Prior asked the jurors to judge Daybell on his life before he met Vallow Daybell, describing her as a bomb that blew him off the trajectory of an otherwise wholesome life. But Daybell also declined to offer any mitigating evidence during the sentencing hearing. Mitigating evidence is often used to encourage jurors to have sympathy for a defendant in an effort to show that a life sentence would be more appropriate than capital punishment. Family members of the victims gave emotional statements to the jurors. JJ Vallow’s grandmother, Kay Woodcock, tearfully described how the 7-year-old would show empathy and compassion to others through soft touches and by frequently asking if those around him were OK. She also said Tylee was a doting big sister, and that it warmed her heart to see them together. “I can’t express just how much I wish for more time to create memories,” Woodcock said, beginning to weep.

Ryan, Vallow Daybell’s oldest child, described what it was like to lose his entire family. His father died years earlier. “My three kids will never know the kindness of Tylee’s heart or JJ’s silly and goofy personality ... The only way I could describe the impact of their lives being lost is like a nuclear bomb dropping,” he said. “It’s not an overstatement to say that I lost everything.” To impose the death penalty, the jurors had to unanimously find that Daybell met at least one of the “aggravating circumstances” that state law says qualifies someone for capital punishment. They also had to agree that those aggravating factors weren’t outweighed by any mitigating factors that might have lessened his culpability or justified a lesser sentence. The jury decided there were aggravating factors including an utter disregard for human life and the murders being especially heinous and cruel. Idaho law allows for execution by lethal injection or firing squad, though firing squad executions have never been used in the state.

## Voting

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retiring at the end of his term, made it to the ballot. Curtis, Riverton Mayor Trent Staggs, former Utah House Speaker Brad Wilson and businessman Jason Walton all will be on the ballot this month. Staggs received the GOP nomination at April’s state convention, with 69% of delegates voting to nominate him. In the race for governor, incumbent Gov. Spencer Cox is facing current state Rep. Phil Lyman in the primary after the state lawmaker received the nomination at the convention. Cox will be running alongside current Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, while Lyman’s running mate is Natalie Clawson, a Brigham Young University law graduate and sponsor of the Secure Vote Utah ballot initiative to move Utah back to mostly in-person voting instead of mail-in ballots. Lyman’s original pick for lieutenant governor, Layne Bangarter, was deemed ineligible for the race for not meeting residency requirements in Utah’s constitution, the Deseret News reported.

The race for Utah attorney general contains three Republican candidates — former Utah GOP Chair Derek Brown, Frank Mylar and Rachel Terry. No candidate received the required 60% vote total at convention for the nomination with Terry receiving 40.24% and Mylar getting 59.76% of delegate support. Brown has received endorsements from Cox, former Gov. Gary Herbert and U.S. Sen. Mike Lee, according to KSL. Recently, former attorney general candidate Trent Christensen accused Mylar of promising him a position in the office if Christensen was to endorse him in the race. Mylar told the Deseret News that he quickly retracted the statement after realizing its implications, though Christensen reportedly later filed a police report regarding the matter. For state auditor, Republicans Tina Cannon and Weber County Clerk/Auditor Ricky Hatch are both on the ballot. Neither received an endorsement from the party. Three state Legislature races in Utah County garnered more than one Republican candidate — State House districts 61 and 58 and State Senate District 22. Senate District 24, currently held by outgoing Sen. Curt Bramble, became uncontested in the GOP primary after former state Sen. Dan Hemmert

dropped out of the race, leaving state Rep. Keven Stratton as the sole Republican.

In House District 61, which is held by Rep. Marsha Judkins, who is not pursuing reelection, Provo City Councilman Travis Hoban and Lisa Shepherd, current policy advisor for County Commissioner Tom Sakievich, will be vying for the seat. Shepherd received the party nomination during the county convention in April, with Hoban gathering signatures. In House District 58, Holly Sweeten, a staffer for U.S Rep. Burgess Owens, and David Shallenbergber are on the ballot, with neither receiving 60% at the county convention to gather a nomination.

In the state Senate, incumbent Sen. Heidi Balderree, representing Senate District 22, is facing two primary challengers this year. Balderree first took office last October during a special GOP caucus election after then-Sen. Jake Andregg resigned. The incumbent senator faces Emily Lockhart, daughter of former Utah House Speaker Becky Lockart, and Garrett Cammans, both of whom ran for the office during the party’s special election.

Two Utah State Board of Education races, which are partisan, have more than one Republican running. In District 10, which contains Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs, Republican candidates include Monica Wilbur and incumbent Matt Hymas. Wilbur is supported by current state school board member Natalie Cline, who lost her reelection bid at the Salt Lake County GOP Convention after she came under fire this year for posting a photo of a teenage athlete and falsely implying she was transgender, leading to a slew of online attacks against the girl. Candidates for District 13, which contains Provo and Nebo school districts, are Cari Bartholemew and incumbent Randy Boothe. A third candidate, Alyson Robertson, withdrew from the race after the county convention. Local school board races are non-partisan, but races with more than two candidates get a primary to narrow down candidates for the general election. In Nebo school board District 7, the candidates are B. Scott Wilson, Jason Slack and Carma Heimuli, and in Alpine school board District 5, incumbent Mark Clement is facing Alicia Alba, John Gadd and Tracy McMillian.

## Nutrition

From A1

months. “During the school year, parents can rely on up to two meals a day being served to their children, sometimes three meals at schools where we offer our Kids Cafe program after school,” she said. And as prices at the grocery store continue to rise due to inflation, Bott says the need is likely to increase. Where to get free meals Alpine School District is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to offer meals at nine of their schools this summer from June 3-28. Last summer, just over 1,300 lunches and 700 breakfasts were served each day. Buffy Swensen, ASD’s director of nutrition services, doesn’t rule out the potential of the need increasing this summer. “Yeah, we’re hoping more (will come) for sure. But a lot of the students that are in summer school participate. And so it depends on summer school and, obviously, community members will come eat too,” she said. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 8-9 a.m., with lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cherry

Hill, Greenwood, Mountain Trails, Parkside, Westmore and Windsor elementary schools. Bonneville Elementary serves breakfast from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to noon. Mountain View High and Orem Junior High serve breakfast from 7:45-8:45 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast is \$2 and lunch is \$5 for adults. The Provo City School District’s Summer Meals Program also is sponsored by USDA and offers meals from June 3 to July 18. Breakfast is offered from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Franklin, Provo Peaks, Spring Creek, Sunset View, Timpanogos elementary schools, as well as Independence and Provo high schools. Each school provides meals Monday through Thursday, though no meals will be served June 19 and July 4. Meals are free for children and teens ages 18 and under. Adult meals cost \$2 for breakfast and \$4 for lunch. No application is needed and children do not have to attend a school in the district to drop in for a meal. To encourage outdoor activity

during the summer, Nebo School District once again is partnering with the Utah Food Bank to provide meals within the district at community parks. The program is underway and runs throughout a majority of the summer, ending Aug. 9. Meals will be served Monday-Friday with the exception of June 19, July 4 and July 24. Families can stop by for lunch with their children while enjoying summertime activities. Meals are offered from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Spanish Fork City Center Library Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Springville Splash Pad and library, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Payson Municipal Building and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Centennial Park in Santaquin. Additionally, the Utah Food Bank will provide meals from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Cory Wride Memorial Park in Eagle Mountain and Hillcrest Park in Orem, and 10:30-11:45 a.m. at Downtown Park in Pleasant Grove. No meals will be served during the week of June 17. Adult meals and breakfast are not offered at these sites. Parents also can text “FOOD” to 304-304 for a list of all summer meal sites, including those sponsored by other partners.

## Republicans

From A1

the country’s justice system “a two-tiered sham.” “The American people know this crooked case was never about the rule of law, but a political witch-hunt perpetrated against the Democrat’s top political opponent, President Trump,” Owens wrote. In Utah, a number of state politicians and candidates also took to social media, with Democrats suggesting the verdict delivered justice, while Republicans mostly echoed the sentiments from Lee and Owens. Utah Gov. Spencer Cox has for months criticized the charges and on Thursday reaffirmed his opinion that the case was “deeply problematic.” “The DA further used a novel legal theory to turn misdemeanors into felonies. No one is above the law, but in this case I believe the indictment was a mistake and should have never been brought forward. This outcome is a dark day for our country,” Cox said in a statement. Salt Lake City Democrat and gubernatorial candidate Rep. Brian King said in a statement that

Thursday’s conviction “reaffirms the importance of our judicial system. Beyond the verdict itself, the process demonstrates the validity of our system of justice.” “Many Utahns feel abandoned by their political party, experiencing a sense of political homelessness. This conviction will mark a critical point for many in our state. If you voted for former President Trump in 2016 or 2020, but find this conviction to be your tipping point, know that you are not alone,” said King. “I invite you to join our coalition of pragmatists — individuals seeking trustworthy leadership that strives to improve our lives, rather than perpetuating chaos and uncertainty.” As of Thursday evening, Reps. Celeste Maloy, Blake Moore and John Curtis had not made public statements regarding the verdict. Nor had outgoing Sen. Mitt Romney, who has been a thorn in Trump’s side but has been skeptical of the trial. In an interview with MSNBC earlier this month, Romney said Biden made an “enormous error” not pardoning the former president, a move that would have given Biden the upper hand. However, candidates vying for

Romney’s soon-to-be-empty Senate seat waded into the discourse on X — Riverton Mayor Trent Staggs, who Trump endorsed, called the conviction “the single, most vivid example of election fraud in our country’s history” And former Utah House Speaker Brad Wilson said the verdict “makes a mockery of our criminal justice system,” calling it “an attempt to interfere with the American people’s right to decide for themselves who our next President should be.” Trump was charged by New York prosecutors in connection with a number of invoices, checks and ledger entries related to reimbursements to his former attorney Michael Cohen. Cohen told the court he wired \$130,000 to adult actress Stormy Daniels leading up to the 2016 election in hush money payments to keep her from going public about an alleged affair with Trump. Trump is also facing three additional criminal cases in Washington, D.C., Florida and Georgia.

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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

*In re Franciscan Friars of California, Inc.*

Case No. 23-41723 WJL

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## ‘60 Days In’

From A1

The seven participants came from different parts of the country and were screened by the production company, coming from a variety of backgrounds with a variety of reasons for wanting to participate. Cameras recorded the goings-on inside the jail as the participants interacted with other inmates. The process began in January, with filming wrapping up in mid-April. Overall, Smith said it was a positive experience. “We made some changes immediately and we’re working on other changes that came out of the process.” Smith said he feels a strong desire to help those who are in jail due to problems associated with addictions. “If you’re only here a month

CHRIS SAMUELS, DAILY HERALD FILE PHOTO

The Utah County jail is photographed in Spanish Fork on July 15, 2016.

and we can’t get you clean in a month, programming is never going to work,” he said. “If we can get you clean and you have some clarity of

thought and we have some programming in place, you might think, ‘I want more out of my life.’” “60 Days In” is in its ninth

season, taking place at a different jail each time. There will be 13 episodes this season from the Utah County jail.



## Drury finishes fourth to lead UVU wrestling at U23 Freestyle Nationals

**BY RYAN PICKENS**  
UVU sports information

Utah Valley's Haiden Drury took home fourth place at the 2024 U23 Freestyle Nationals at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio on Sunday. He advanced to the semifinals before suffering a loss to move into the consolation rounds. Drury, the No. 8 seed, finished the weekend 5-2

in the tournament. "I would have liked to finish the weekend with three medalists, but I'm happy for Haiden Drury and his fourth-place finish. He was our star with a win over an All-American. That is definitely building his confidence going into next year. Our group has a lot of momentum from this weekend," said UVU

head coach Adam Hall. No. 8 Drury won his quarter-final match, knocking off No. 1 Kollin Rath of Steller Trained in a 10-0 final score to advance to the semifinals. He then suffered his first loss of the tournament to No. 4 Joshua Saunders (Spartan Combat RTC).

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**LAWRENCE SLATER, LBS PHOTO**  
UVU wrestler Haiden Drury competes at the U23 Freestyle Nationals at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio, on Saturday.

### LOCAL PRO ROUNDUP

## Arango hat trick leads RSL to big win

**DAILY HERALD**

Real Salt Lake dazzled a standing-room crowd of 21,078 home fans at America First Field on Saturday night with a dominant 5-1 victory over Austin FC thanks to a Chicho Arango hat-trick and an Anderson Julio first-half brace.

The win cements RSL atop the Western Conference standings and extends the Club's historic unbeaten streak to 13 matches.

RSL would break through to claim a 1-0 advantage with an absolutely world-class goal from MLS MVP front-runner and RSL Captain Chicho Arango in the 16th minute.

In a seemingly pedestrian situation with Arango standing over the ball just inside the halfway line, Chicho looked up to see Austin FC's Brad Stuver off his line. Without hesitation, he wound up and uncorked a 58-yard blast at net, his shot soaring over the outstretched glove of a helpless Stuver, under the crossbar and into the back of the net.

Not satisfied with one, RSL pushed to earn its second goal in the 24th minute.

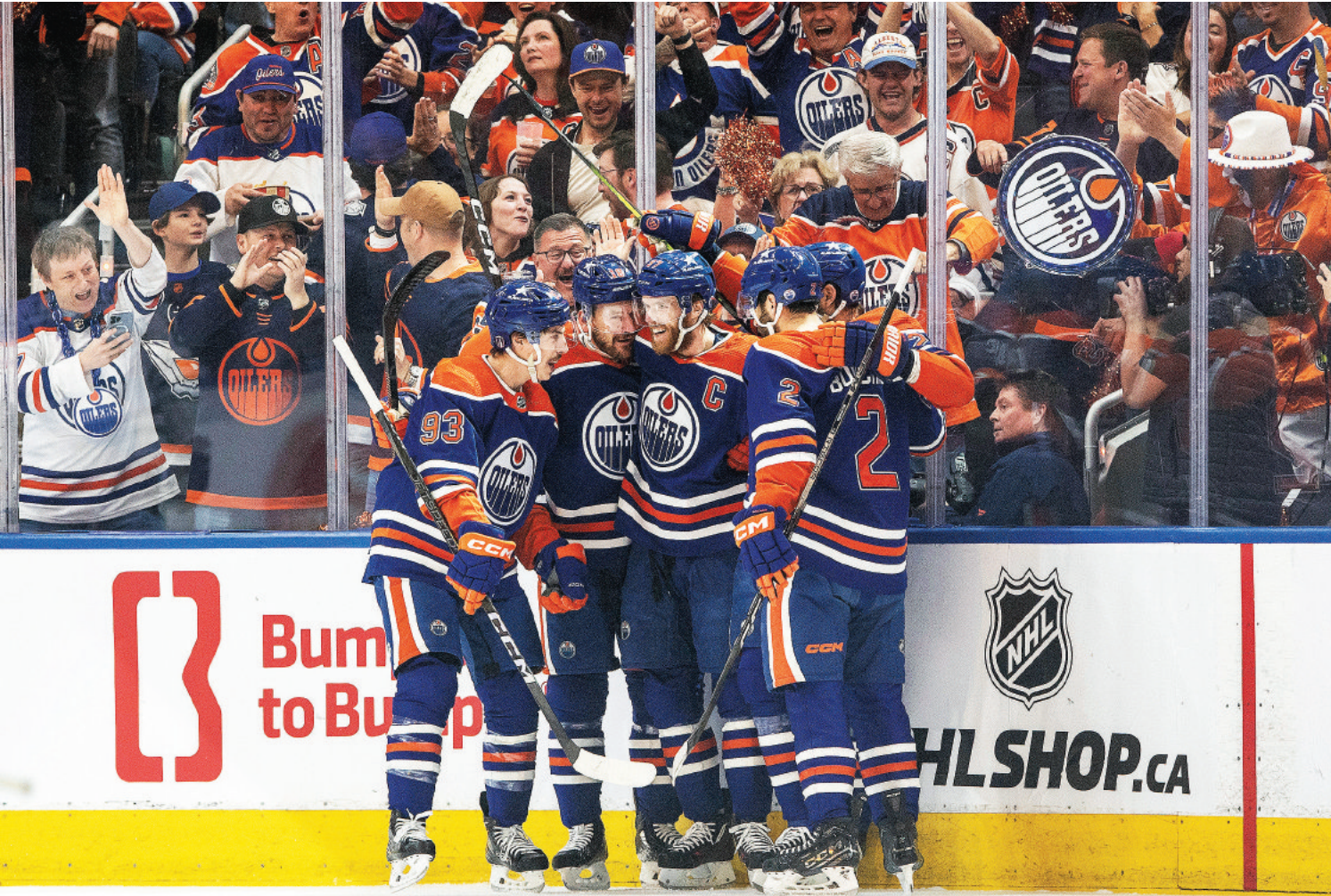
Beating two defenders by himself on the left wing with a clever combination of dribble moves, Braian Ojeda drew a third defender before laying it off to Anderson Julio in the box.

Taking one touch to get it on his preferred right foot, Julio opted for placement over power with an off-speed shot to the far post that comfortably found the side netting, his second goal in three matches.

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### WESTERN CONFERENCE FINAL

## Slate set for Stanley Cup Final



**JASON FRANSON, CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP**

The Edmonton Oilers' Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (93), Zach Hyman (18), Connor McDavid (97) and Evan Bouchard (2) celebrate after a goal against the Dallas Stars during first-period action in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs in Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday.

## Oilers top Stars for West title, will play Florida for the Cup

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

EDMONTON, Alberta — Connor McDavid had a goal and an assist in the opening period to get Edmonton going, Stuart Skinner stopped 34 shots for his hometown team and the Oilers capped an improbable run to the Stanley Cup Final by beating the Dallas Stars 2-1 on Sunday night.

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Dallas Stars forward Roope Hintz (24) checks Edmonton Oilers forward Connor McDavid (97) during first-period action in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs in Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday.  
**JEFF MCINTOSH, CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP**

## Biles continues Olympic prep by cruising to her 9th national championship

**BY WILL GRAVES**  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Gymnastics superstar Simone Biles won her ninth U.S. Championship on Sunday, leaving little doubt that at 27 and a decade-plus into her run atop the sport, she is as good as ever.

Biles posted a two-day all-around total of 119.750, nearly six points clear of runner-up Skye Blakely and leaving little doubt that she appears ready to add a second all-around Olympic gold to go with the one she captured in 2016.

In front of an audience that included her husband, Chicago Bears safety Jonathan Owens, Biles put on a four-rotation clinic that featured all the trademarks of a typical Biles performance. There was jaw-dropping athleticism mixed with precision and more than a splash of swagger.

Biles finished with the highest two-day score on all four events — something she'd done only once before at nationals (2018) — to build plenty of momentum ahead of the Olympic trials later this month in Minneapolis.

Her only misstep on Sunday came on vault. She came up short on her Yurchenko double pike — two back flips with her hands clasped behind her knees — during warmups and overcompensated when it counted, generating so much force she wound up on her back. She still received a 15.000 for her effort, a testament to a vault that's never been completed in competition by another woman and only attempted by a select group of men.

Not that it bothered her. Biles collected herself, took a couple of deep breaths then followed it up a Cheng vault that was rewarded with a 15.1 and

put a ninth national title within reach, heady territory considering no other gymnast in the history of the sport in the U.S. has more than seven.

While Biles remains above the fray as usual, there is plenty of competition for the other four spots on the five-woman U.S. team that will head to Paris as heavy favorites to return to the top of the podium after finishing second to Russia in Tokyo three years ago.

Blakely, 19, put together another impressive performance and will head to Minneapolis with plenty of momentum. Three years after her bid to make the 2020 Olympic team ended with an injury, Blakely is peaking at the right time.

Suni Lee, the 2020 Olympic champion who has spent the last year-plus



**JULIO CORTEZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Simone Biles competes on the balance beam during the U.S. Gymnastics Championships on Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas.

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COURTESY REAL SALT LAKE

Real Salt Lake captain Chicho Arango points to the crowd after scoring a goal during the game against Austin FC at America First Field in Sandy on Saturday.

## Roundup

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RSL took a commanding three-goal advantage in the 32nd minute of play.

Intercepting an errant pass from the Austin back line, Ojeda sent it forward to the head of Gómez, who found Arango immediately. Arango raced forward and reconnected with Andrés Gómez on a through-ball into the box.

Gómez promptly whipped it across the face of goal for Julio at the back post, easily depositing the point-blank finish into the roof of the net.

The goal was originally called offside before Video Assistant Referee (VAR) corrected the play to give RSL its first-half triple and Julio his second goal in a seven-minute span.

Winning a corner deep into first-half stoppage time, RSL made it an astounding four-goal lead at the 45+5 mark.

As Katranis' service was cleared out of the box, Andrew Brody controlled it with space to reset and whip another ball into the crowded penalty area.

Connecting beautifully, his perfectly-weighted cross found the head of an un-

marked Arango at the back post who smashed a powerful header on target, with Stuver getting a glove to it but unable to prevent the score.

The score marked the first occasion since the 2014 campaign in which two RSL players tallied a brace in the first half of a league match.

The statistics supported the scoreline as both teams hit the locker room for halftime - the Claret-and-Cobalt enjoying a 61% share of possession, a 12-to-1 shot advantage and nearly doubling Austin FC's passing totals (331 to 167, 91.5% accuracy).

Even with RSL coming out flying for the second 45 minutes of play, it seemed that Austin FC got a goal back in the 64th minute against the run of play, Jáder Obrian darting behind the RSL defense on a fast-break-style counter.

In a wild turn of events though, upon VAR review, Austin FC committed a handball violation in their own box to start the counterattack, resulting in their goal coming off the board and RSL being awarded a penalty kick.

Arango took the kick with a chance to earn his second hat-trick of the year alongside a bevy of MLS statistical mile-

stones. the RSL captain was as calm as ever, reading Stuver's intentions and sending him the wrong way with a clinical finish inside of the left post.

Off to the best start in club history with 33 points from 17 matches RSL (9-2-6) has ascended to the top of the Western Conference for its latest first-place bragging rights in the calendar since April 30, 2016, and the latest solo No. 1 in the West since August 2013.

RSL will then enjoy a much-needed June 8 international bye weekend prior to again traveling to Montreal and Kansas City on June 15/19 to wrap up the circuitous gauntlet.

### Former BYU baseball player Daniel Schneemann hits two-RBI double in major league debut

Cleveland selected BYU star Daniel Schneemann as the 1,003rd overall pick in the 33rd round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

After five years working his way through the minor leagues, he found out on Saturday that his dream of playing at the highest level was about to come true. On Sun-

day he started for the Guardians, hitting eighth and playing second base.

And he made the most of his opportunity, driving in the only two Cleveland runs in a 5-2 loss to Washington when he smashed a two-RBI double down the right field line on the first pitch of his first MLB at-bat in the bottom of the second inning.

"It's definitely a day I won't forget," Schneemann told reporters after the game. "It's a day I've been thinking about for a long time."

### Utah Warriors lose late lead, fall to San Diego

A try scored by Kieran McClea off a scrum in the 60th minute gave Utah a 20-13 lead in Saturday night's MLR game against San Diego at Zions Bank Stadium in Herri-

man, but the Warrior defense wasn't able to hold on. The Legion rallied down the stretch, shutting down the Utah attack while scoring 14 unanswered points to secured the 27-20 win.

The Warriors fell to 4-8 in the 2024 season, while San Diego improved to 8-4. Utah will look to get back on track when it plays at Seattle on June 9.

## Wolverines

From B1

Drury got an 8-4 lead after the first period in the consolation semifinals, where he defeated No. 13 Ryan Jack (Wolfpack WC). In the third-place match, UNI's No. 10 Cael Happel picked up a 7-0 victory over Drury.

A pair of Wolverines took losses in the consolation rounds Sunday morning. Kase Mauger fell to Spartan Combat's Tyler Ferrara, and Caleb Uhlenhopp lost to Kasey Ross of Burg Training Center.

On Saturday, Drury used a dominant day to defeat his three foes by a combined score of 25-0, including a pair of seeded wins over Burg TC's No. 25 Kyler Romero and No. 24 Jace Rhodes of Hawkeye Wrestling Club.

At 86kg, Uhlenhopp reached the round of 16 after picking up two victories. In his match against Virginia

Tech's Sam Fisher, the No. 4 seed held a 2-1 edge to move the UVU participant into the consolation rounds. In his final match of the day, Uhlenhopp scored two points in the final 30 seconds to tie the match and won based on tiebreaker criteria.

In a bounce-back effort, Mauger fell in the round of 64 to 15-seeded Kurtis Phipps (Buffalo RTC) before picking up his three wins during the rest of the day to advance to Sunday's consolation rounds. He outscored his opponents 42-4 in his four victories on the day, including a 10-0 win over No. 31 Jacob Macatangay from Boilermaker RTC.

Tyler Jones (70kg), Q'veli Quintanilla (70kg), and Mahonri Rushton (86kg) all finished 2-2 on the day, with Trevor Frank (79kg) going 1-2 in the tournament.

Utah Valley's Jakob Romero (62kg), Kael Bennie (92kg), and Radi Stafford (92kg) saw action on the mat in the loaded field.



JULIO CORTEZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Simone Biles waves during introductions for the U.S. Gymnastics Championships on Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Biles

From B1

battling kidney issues that have limited her training, shook off an early mistake on vault to put together elegant routines on uneven bars and balance beam that few in the world - even Biles - can match.

Olympians Jordan Chiles and Jade Carey are in the mix, though both endured falls on beam on Sunday. Third-place

finisher Kayla DiCello slipped off the uneven bars. Leanne Wong, perhaps looking fatigued after a long season competing at Florida, also endured uncharacteristic miscues.

Shilese Jones, considered the best all-around gymnast in the U.S. without the last name Biles, pulled out of the championships on Friday, citing a shoulder injury though she said Sunday she was feeling better and plans to be available for trials.

## Oilers

From B1

Zach Hyman also scored - like McDavid, on a first-period power play - and Evan Bouchard had two assists for the Oilers, who won the Western Conference in six games and will play for the Cup for the first time since 2006.

They'll be heading to Florida for Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final, that series set to open on Saturday night. The Panthers are playing in the title series for the third time, after getting swept by Colorado in 1996 and losing to Vegas in five games last year.

Mason Marchment scored midway through the third period and Jake Oettinger stopped eight shots for the Stars, who finished the regular season with the second-best record in the NHL - 113 points, just one behind the New York Rangers in the race for the Presidents' Trophy.

But the Stars, just like the Rangers, let a 2-1 lead in the conference finals get away. Dallas scored five goals in Game 3 to take the series lead; the Stars managed four goals, total, in the next three games.

Oettinger went to the bench with about 2:20 to go, but the Stars got only two shots the rest of the way, their desperate tries to tie the game and extend the series coming up short.

Just by getting to the Cup final, Edmonton has done something truly extraordinary - making the title series after finding itself 10 points out of a playoff spot during the regular season. Entering games on Nov. 24, the Oilers were 5-12-1, 10 points back of Seattle and St. Louis for the final wild-card spot in



JEFF MCINTOSH, CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Dallas Stars forward Jamie Benn (14) has his shot deflected by Edmonton Oilers goalie Stuart Skinner during the second period of Game 6 of the Western Conference finals of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs in Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday.

the West and 19 points behind Vegas for the top spot in the conference.

Those days are long forgotten now.

That's when the Oilers - a couple weeks after Kris Knoblauch took over as coach for Jay Woodcroft, who was dismissed following a 3-9-1

start - went on an eight-game winning streak and began the long climb out of the NHL's basement.

Starting with that eight-game win streak, the Oilers - who had a 16-game winning streak not long after the eight-game run ended - were the best team in the NHL for

the remainder of the regular season. They were 44-15-5 the rest of the way, leading the league in goals (239) and goal differential (plus-76) in that span.

And now, the final awaits. Edmonton is just the third team in NHL history to make the final after being 10 points

or more out of a playoff spot; the others were Toronto in 1958-59 and St. Louis in 2018-19. The Blues won the Cup that season.

The Oilers had only three shots in the first period of Game 6. They were enough.

McDavid opened the scoring with a spectacular goal,

weaving through traffic before beating Oettinger up high for a 1-0 lead. He then found Hyman in the slot for another power-play score late in the first; the shots at that point were 6-3 Dallas, but the score was 2-0 Edmonton and the Oilers were on their way.

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# Few solutions to late-night matches at French Open

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
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PARIS — Iga Swiatek provided a simple explanation for why she requested that the French Open not put her on the schedule during one of its night sessions, which often turn into way-past-midnight sessions.

“I just like,” the No. 1-ranked player explained, “to sleep normally.”

Catching the right amount of z’s is no easy task in Grand Slam tennis these days, for the athletes or those watching them compete. Current players, ex-players and the folks who run the sport tend to agree that it’s hardly ideal to carry on into the wee hours of the morning, something that keeps happening over and over.

The latest example is defending champion Novak Djokovic’s five-set victory at Roland Garros against Lorenzo Musetti, a contest that began after 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and didn’t wrap up until after 3 a.m. on Sunday.

Not great for the players. Or the fans on hand or trying to follow along from afar. Or the stadium workers. Or the on-court officials. The biggest problem? No one can get on the same page when it comes to finding a fix.

“It’s a complicated thing,” U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff said Sunday. “But I definitely think for the health and safety of the players, it would be in the sport’s best interest to try to avoid those matches finishing — or starting — after a certain time. Obviously, you can’t control when they finish.”

There are those who argue there should be curfews in place everywhere, the way Wimbledon halts action at 11 p.m. — and others who think that’s not practical for TV



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Serbia’s Novak Djokovic plays a shot against Italy’s Lorenzo Musetti as the clock indicates the match time played in the fifth set of their third-round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Sunday.

purposes or for players who would rather just finish what they started.

There are those who propose beginning day sessions before 11 a.m. or noon in the main stadiums — and others who believe players would rather not be out there in the morning, a time when few sports take place, while spectators and those putting on the events might object, too.

There are those who suggest men should play best-of-three-set matches instead of best-of-five — and others who maintain the longer

format creates additional drama and is essential to the allure of major tournaments.

Then again, as Swiatek noted: “I don’t know if the fans are watching these matches if they have to go to work the next day, or something, when the matches are finishing at 2 or 3 a.m.”

During the French Open, which began May 26 and ends June 9, one of the hurdles has been the weather: Showers on five consecutive days, including Saturday, created havoc with the schedule.

“There are lots of factors that weigh into this stuff. Solutions are difficult, because you have to put yourself in everyone’s seat,” said Jim Courier, who won two of his four major trophies at the French Open in the early 1990s. “So you pick your poison. There’s no good answers when it rains as much as it has.”

One of the reasons Djokovic vs. Musetti got going so late in the evening was that it was preceded by another third-round match that was supposed to have been completed Friday but was suspended, so it was

moved to Court Philippe Chatrier to take advantage of its retractable roof. “Some things could have been handled a different way,” said Djokovic, 37, who is pursuing a record 25th career Grand Slam singles title. “There’s beauty, as well, I guess, (in) winning the match ... at 3:30 a.m. — if it’s the last one of the tournament. But it’s not. So I’m going to have to switch (on) all of my young genes and try to recover as quick as possible.”

The group he co-founded to support the sport’s athletes, the Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA), has tried to draw attention to the need for a way around the late-night madness.

“It’s certainly a player health issue. Also a fan and viewer issue. Meaning a business issue, too,” PTPA Executive Director Ahmad Nassar said Sunday. “It’s also a representation issue.”

The WTA and ATP pro tours said in January that the number of matches finishing after midnight “has risen considerably in recent years,” prompting them to test new rules governing late sessions.

Those do not apply to the Slams, though.

“Individually, we all study our event and track match times and: How big an issue is it, really? There are certainly outliers and exceptions all the time. Look, we continue to study and continue to look for creative solves. But if there were easy, obvious ones, we all would have aligned,” said Lew Sheer, CEO of the U.S. Tennis Association, the organization that runs the U.S. Open.

“If there are tweaks we can make to improve it, we’ll certainly consider and look at those,” Sheer said. “But I don’t think there’s something definitive coming this year.”

# Real Madrid plot a 16th Champions League triumph

BY JAMES ROBSON  
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LONDON — Real Madrid had barely begun celebrating a record-extending 15th Champions League title when coach Carlo Ancelotti started to plot a 16th.

The all-time kings of Europe have no intention of releasing their grip on the trophy — and by the start of next season, the best are likely to be even better.

“In this club there is constant demand. It is never satisfied,” Ancelotti said after Saturday’s 2-0 win against Borussia Dortmund at Wembley Stadium.

Madrid’s latest triumph came without a recognized striker after club icon Karim Benzema departed last year. The gap was filled by English midfielder Jude Bellingham, but by next season Ancelotti will have more fire power to call upon.

Brazil’s most exciting young talent Endrick is on his way.

But Kylian Mbappe is the player most wanted by Madrid fans after a decade-long pursuit of the man many believe to be the heir to Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as the world’s greatest player.

Mbappe is leaving Paris Saint-Germain as a free agent and would be a

marquee addition in the tradition of past Galacticos to wear the famous white shirt like Zinedine Zidane and Ronaldo.

“If that was to happen it would be amazing (to have) a player like him,” Bellingham said Saturday.

World Cup winning forward Mbappe has the individual and match-winning qualities to compare with the game’s greatest. He is blessed with speed, balance, power and dizzying footwork. He is also a prolific goal scorer at the highest level to rival Erling Haaland and Harry Kane as Europe’s deadliest forwards.

“It’s the only little thing we’re missing in terms of that clinical (number) nine and if (Mbappe) was to come and give us that we’d be in a really, really great place. He’d take us to another level,” Bellingham said.

With Mbappe and Endrick Madrid would arguably boast the richest array of attacking options in club soccer, with Vinicius Junior already one of the finest forwards in the world — as evidenced by his match-winning performance in the final.

Vinicius’ moment of individual brilliance when putting the ball through the legs of Dortmund defender Julian Kyerson led to the cor-



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Real Madrid’s Luka Modric kisses the trophy after winning the Champions League final soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid at Wembley stadium in London on Saturday.

ner from which Dani Carvajal opened the scoring. The Brazilian then sealed the win with Madrid’s second goal.

The creator of Vinicius’ goal was Bellingham — La Liga player of the year in his first season at Madrid.

So Ancelotti is hardly short of game-changing talent to call upon, but Madrid has seen a succession of top-class forwards depart — from

Ronaldo to Gareth Bale and Benzema.

It is a credit to Ancelotti’s ability to adapt that he has kept the Spanish giant at the top against that backdrop.

“It was complicated to think that I could do that — winning in three years two Champions Leagues and two (Spanish) leagues with a team that was changing little by little,” he said.

Madrid’s continued dominance of European club soccer’s greatest prize comes at a time when Manchester City is growing in power.

Pep Guardiola led the English champion to its first European Cup last season — eliminating Madrid in the semifinals. It was supposed to herald a new period of success for City in Europe, but instead Madrid reclaimed its throne.

Its plans to strengthen a winning team are likely being made with a view to the ongoing challenge of staying ahead of City, which is backed by the ruling family of Abu Dhabi and has consistently bought many of the world’s best players at great expense, including Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne.

While Ancelotti’s attack will be improved, he will have to do without veteran midfielder Toni Kroos next season after the six-time Champions League winner announced his retirement.

“Something is going to happen for sure. We will be completely lost. He is a really important player for us, but we have players that can replace him in a different way,” Ancelotti said. “If we don’t have Toni Kroos, we will adapt. We have fantastic players and resources to remain competitive.”

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