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Comb Ridge in Bears Ears National Monument is pictured on May 10, 2018.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

US House OKs Curtis bill to roll back public land policy

BY KYLE DUNPHEY AND JACOB FISCHLER  
Utah News Dispatch

Utah Republican Rep. John Curtis’ bill to repeal a controversial new public lands policy is gaining traction after passing out of the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday.

The WEST Act — short for Western Economic Security Today — would di-

rect the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw its “Public Lands Rule” that was recently finalized.

The law passed the House after a 212-202 vote. Three Democrat representatives joined Republicans in voting for the bill — Henry Cuellar of Texas, Jared Golden of Maine and Marie Gluesenkamp Perez of Wash-

ington. Pennsylvania Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick was the lone Republican “no” vote.

The BLM rule would allow for conservation leases, similar to how the agency leases land for mineral extraction, energy development,

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LIVESTOCK SHOW



CARLENE COOMBS, DAILY HERALD

Students show goats at the Utah State Junior Livestock Show in Spanish Fork on Thursday.

APPRECIATION WEEK

Utah County educators recognized with awards of excellence

BY CURTIS BOOKER  
Daily Herald

Teacher Appreciation Week begins Monday, but four Utah County educators already are being recognized for their work in providing a compelling learning experience in their respective classrooms.

The Utah State Board of Education has announced this year’s recipients of the Sorenson Legacy Awards for Excellence in Arts Education, with three of the five teachers receiving the honor coming from Utah County.

Also, the Utah State Society Daughters of the American Revolution honored its Outstanding Teacher of American History recipient last weekend during a state conference in Salt Lake City.

The USBE’s annual Sorenson Legacy Awards highlight the role the arts plays in Utah’s schools and recognizes educators who demonstrate excellence in their dedication to incorporating the arts into their teaching practices, according to a press release.

The award is named after Beverly Taylor Sorenson, a Utah educator who advocated for arts programs and curriculum in elementary schools. Sorenson died in 2013 at the age of 89.

The following teachers will be recognized:

■ Elementary Arts Integration, for the Classroom Teacher: Rachel Leber, Provo School District.

■ Elementary Arts Instruction, in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, or Media Arts: Charlotte Hawkins, Cedar Ridge Elementary School in Alpine School District (visual arts).

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EVENT OF THE CENTURY

Youth show off animals during 100th anniversary of the Utah State Junior Livestock Show

BY CARLENE COOMBS  
Daily Herald

For the 100th year in a row, students arrived in Spanish Fork for a weeklong stock show where youth displayed the various livestock animals they’ve spent months raising.

The show is the accumulation of hard work for 4-H and FFA students who have spent months raising and training an animal in preparation for competing during the show.

Youths, parents, teachers and community members bustled around the fairgrounds Thurs-

day, preparing animals for upcoming shows, cleaning barn stalls and socializing.

This year’s show is extra sentimental for the community — it’s the 100-year anniversary of when the show first began in Spanish Fork in 1924.

“A bunch of us are super emotional about it because it’s pretty incredible,” said Beau Hunter, Utah State Junior Livestock Show committee member and Timpagones 4-H Livestock Club leader. “You think about grandparents or great-grandparents that helped found this and were involved in it. There’s a lot of legacy involved

and there’s just been a lot of emotion for the last three or four months as we’ve led up to this time.”

In March, the committee held a commemorative dinner to celebrate the generations involved in the show, where they also announced the beginning of a scholarship fund for high school seniors who enter into the show.

Hunter said Snow College has contributed two \$1,000 scholarships this year, one to study agriculture and another for trades.

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CORONAVIRUS

Utah health officials monitor new COVID variants

BY JAMIE LAMPROS  
Special to the Daily Herald

A couple of new COVID-19 variants are making the rounds across Utah and the rest of the nation.

Based on a study that has yet to be peer reviewed, the

new set of variants, nicknamed FLIRT, are unique in the fact that they may not be as infectious but are better at getting around our immune systems, said Kelly Oakeson, chief scientist for next-generation sequencing and bioin-

formatics at the Utah Department of Health and Human Services.

“We have definitely seen a few cases already in Utah,” Oakeson said. “Will there be a surge? We don’t really know yet. It’s going to be a matter

of time. Basically, the ability to get inside our cells is lower than the JN.1 variant. However, with the alterations in spike protein, our antibodies don’t see them as well, so they can still get into our cells and infect us, but this is still all

coming from a preprint study that still needs peer review.”

The variants are from the omicron lineage and derivatives of the JN.1 variant, which was the dominant strain at the beginning of the year. The letters in FLIRT come from their

spike mutations, F, L, R and T. One of the more concerning variants is KP.2, which has accounted for approximately 25% of new sequence cases during the past two weeks,

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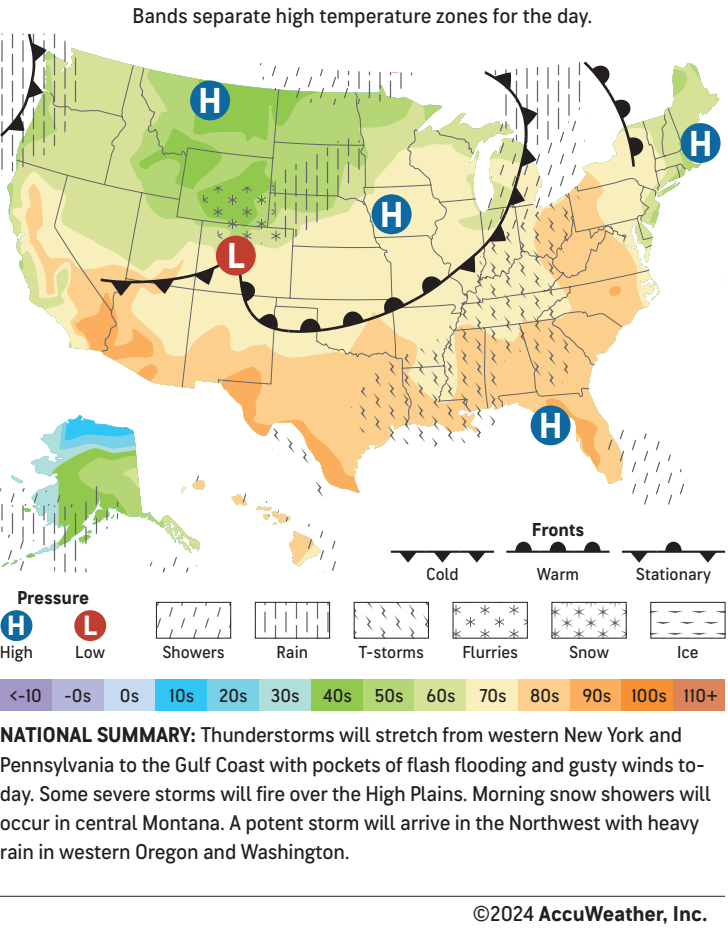
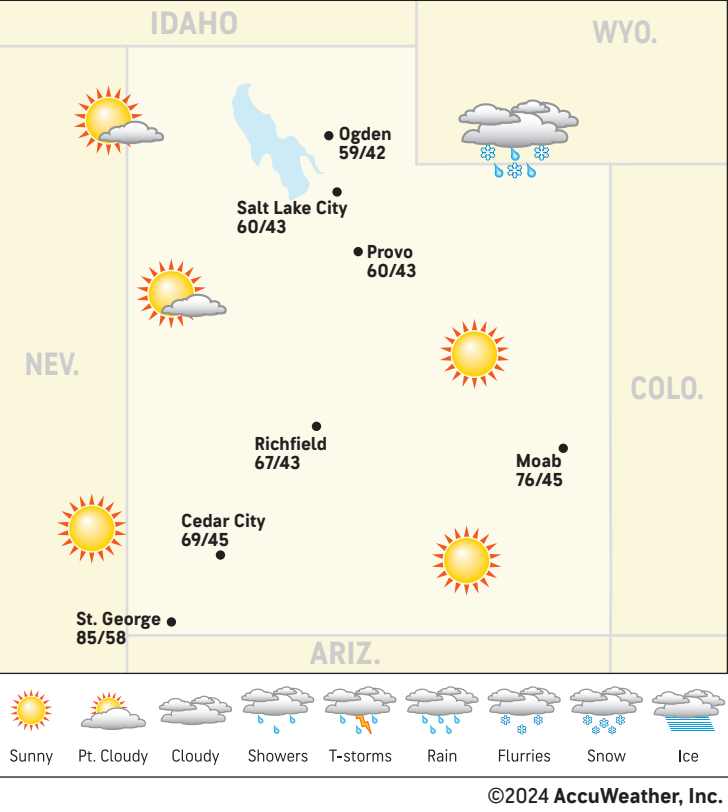
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### 5-DAY FORECAST



### TRUMP HUSH MONEY TRIAL



Former President Donald Trump sits inside Manhattan Criminal Court on Thursday.

## Jurors hear recording of pivotal call on plan to buy affair story

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK, PHILIP MARCELO, ERIC TUCKER AND JAKE OFFENHARTZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors in the hush money trial of Donald Trump heard a recording Thursday of him discussing with his then-lawyer and personal fixer a plan to purchase the silence of a Playboy model who has said she had an affair with the former president.

A visibly irritated Trump leaned forward at the defense table, and jurors appeared riveted as prosecutors played the September 2016 recording that attorney Michael Cohen secretly made of himself briefing his celebrity client on a plan to buy Karen McDougal's story of an extramarital relationship.

Though the recording surfaced years ago, it is perhaps the most colorful piece of evidence presented to jurors so far to connect Trump to the hush money payments at the center of his criminal trial in Manhattan. It followed hours of testimony from a lawyer who negotiated the deal for McDougal's silence and admitted to being stunned that his hidden-hand efforts might have contributed

to Trump's White House victory.

"What have we done?" attorney Keith Davidson texted the then-editor of the National Enquirer, which had buried stories of sexual encounters to prevent them surfacing in the final days of the bitterly contested presidential race. "Oh my god," came the response from Dylan Howard.

"There was an understanding that our efforts may have in some way — strike that — our activities may have in some way assisted the presidential campaign of Donald Trump," Davidson told jurors, though he acknowledged under cross-examination that he dealt directly with Cohen and never Trump.

The testimony from Davidson was designed to directly connect the hush money payments to Trump's presidential ambitions and to bolster prosecutors' argument that the case is about interference in the 2016 election rather than simply sex and money. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has sought to establish that link not just to secure a conviction but also to persuade the public of the significance of the case, which may be the only one of four Trump prosecutions to reach trial this year.

"This is sort of gallows humor. It was on election night as the results were coming in," Davidson explained. "There was sort of surprise among the broadcasters and others that Mr. Trump was leading in the polls, and there was a growing sense that folks were about ready to call the election."

Davidson is seen as a vital building block for the prosecution's case that Trump and his allies schemed to bury unflattering stories in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election. He represented both McDougal and porn actor Stormy Daniels in negotiations that resulted in the purchase of rights to their claims of sexual encounters with Trump and those stories getting squelched, a tabloid industry practice known as "catch-and-kill."

Davidson is one of multiple key players testifying in advance of Cohen, the star prosecution witness who paid Daniels \$130,000 for her silence and also recorded himself, weeks before the election, telling Trump about a plan to purchase the rights to McDougal's story from the National Enquirer so it would never come out. The tabloid had previously bought McDougal's story to bury it on Trump's behalf.

At one point in the recording, Cohen revealed that he had spoken to then-Trump Organization Chief Financial Officer Allen Weisselberg about "how to set the whole thing up with funding." To which Trump can be heard responding: "What do we got to pay for this? One-fifty?"

Trump can be heard suggesting that the payment be made with cash, prompting Cohen to object by saying "no" four times. Trump can then be heard saying "check" before the recording cuts off.

Trump's lawyers sought earlier in the day to blunt the potential harm of Davidson's testimony by getting him to

acknowledge that he never had any interactions with Trump — only Cohen. In fact, Davidson said, he had never been in the same room as Trump until his testimony.

He also said he was unfamiliar with the Trump Organization's record-keeping practices and that any impressions he had of Trump himself came through others.

"I had no personal interactions with Donald Trump. It either came from my clients, Mr. Cohen or some other source, but certainly not him," Davidson said.

The line of questioning from Trump attorney Emil Bove appeared intended to cast Trump as removed from the negotiations and to suggest that Cohen was handling the hush-money matters on his own.

Bove also noted that Davidson had been involved in similar payments for clients that had nothing to do with presidential politics, grilling him about previous instances in which he solicited money to suppress embarrassing stories, including one involving wrestler Hulk Hogan.

By the time Davidson negotiated hush money payments for McDougal and Daniels, Bove asked Davidson whether he was "pretty well versed in coming right up to the line without committing extortion, right?"

"I had familiarized myself with the law," Davidson replied.

Earlier Thursday, jurors viewed a confidential agreement requiring Daniels to keep quiet about her claims that she had a tryst with the married Trump a decade earlier. The agreement, dated less than two weeks before the 2016 presidential election, called for her to receive \$130,000 in exchange for her silence.

The money was paid by Cohen, and the agreement referred to both Trump and Daniels with pseudonyms: David Dennison and Peggy Peterson.

"It is understood and agreed that the true name and identity of the person referred to as 'DAVID DENNISON' in the Settlement Agreement is Donald Trump," the document stated, with Trump's name written in by hand.

After the payment was made, Trump's company reimbursed Cohen and logged the payments to him as legal expenses, prosecutors have said in charging the former president with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records — a charge punishable by up to four years in prison.

While testifying Thursday, Davidson also recalled Cohen ranting to him about Trump in a phone conversation about a month after the 2016 election, complaining that he had been passed over for a job in the new administration and that Trump had yet to reimburse him for the Daniels payment.

He also recalled Cohen telling him that he and Trump were "very upset" when The Wall Street Journal published an article that exposed a separate \$150,000 National Enquirer arrangement with McDougal, who has said she and Trump had an affair, just days before the election.

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## COVID

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according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition, only 22% of American adults have received the latest COVID vaccine, but a Harvard University study released information last week showing the newest booster may not hold up as well against the newest variants.

“Like I said, time will tell what’s going to happen, but we do know the variants will still make you sick and you’ll still have all of those symptoms we all know and don’t love,” Oakeson said. “I would love to see people get tested if they get sick, not only so they know what kind of treatment they need, but so we can see how much of these variants are circulating. This is really important if you’re in a high-risk category. If you’ve got COVID, you can get Paxlovid. If you’ve got influenza, you can get the right treatment for that. I would personally want to know what’s making me sick.”

Oakeson said while more data is being collected, the best advice he has right now is to stay home if you get sick.

“Just stay home until you’re feeling better so you don’t go out and infect your family, friends, neighbors and even strangers,” he said.

## Teachers

From A1

■ Secondary Arts Instruction, in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, or Media Arts: Laurie Anderson, Timberline Middle School in Alpine School District (visual arts).

Each winner and their respective school district will be awarded a cash prize sometime within the coming weeks.

Recipients will receive a \$2,000 cash award. The districts will be granted a \$250 cash award to further support their arts programs.

Skyridge High School teacher Camille Pickett took home the Utah State DAR’s Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. Pickett was nominated and sponsored by the Pony Express Chapter in Lehi.

The organization describes Pickett’s teaching approach as engaging in active participation, critical thinking and civil dialog, and it said she encourages a sense of good citizenship in her students.

Pickett “went above and beyond what I have seen any other teacher do,” Pony Express Chapter Regent Valerie Hunt said in a press release.

Pickett previously was awarded the 2022-23 Skyridge High School Teacher of the Year Award and the Alpine School District RISE Award also in 2022.

## BLM policy

From A1

recreation or grazing. It would create restoration leases for groups or individuals to improve habitats and restore or conserve land — and mitigation leases, to offset existing development and projects on BLM land.

It was celebrated by environmental groups, but Curtis and other Utah Republicans argue the rule would allow groups to permanently hold land while negatively impacting traditional uses like grazing or commercial guiding.

“The rule the BLM recently finalized undermines the very people who rely on our federal lands for ranching, grazing, recreation, and beyond. Utahns know the true value of these lands and they should remain open to everyone. Instead, this rule favors wealthy individuals and environmental groups, allowing them to lock up land that belongs to all Utahns,” Curtis said in a statement Tuesday after the bill passed.

Curtis framed the rule as another example of Washington, D.C., forcing rural Utah to comply with unpopular policy. Most of the state — about 65% — is government land controlled by federal agencies, which Curtis said makes it difficult for local politicians to manage their towns and districts.

“The question isn’t whether or not we want to protect these lands, but who gets to make the decisions?” he said on the House floor. “It is critical that Utah’s lands remain under the stewardship of those who have tended it for generations. There’s a lot of hyperbole in Washington, and I’m genuine when I say this is one of the most offensive attacks on rural Utah I have seen in my career.”

Curtis’ bill was heavily criticized by environmental groups, including the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, which was one of 115 organizations that signed a letter urging lawmakers to vote “no.”

In a statement, the organization’s Washington, D.C., director Travis Hammill called the Public Lands Rule “overdue” and accused Curtis, who is vying for outgoing GOP Sen. Mitt Romney’s seat, of campaigning.

“The WEST Act is nothing more than election-year grandstanding and has no chance of becoming law,” said Hammill. “Representative Curtis’s decision to sponsor the WEST Act is at odds with the majority of Utahns who support conservation and know climate change is a serious problem.”

Michael Carroll, the BLM campaign director for The Wilderness Society, described the law as a hand-out to extractive industries.

“Today Congressman Curtis and his anti-public lands partners in the House showed who they really repre-

sent: Big Agri-biz, mining and multinational oil companies who want to profit at the expense of our public lands,” Carroll said in a statement. “People across the West and around the country support the balance between conservation and extraction the Public Lands Rule creates. Sadly, Curtis and his allies want to keep the scales weighted in the favor of the old, dirty extraction industries.”

One of Curtis’ main gripes with the bill is that the BLM didn’t consult communities in rural Utah. On Wednesday, Curtis grilled U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources.

“We got no listening sessions in Utah, can you tell me why you weren’t willing to do that?” Curtis asked.

“It was a very transparent process, where whoever wanted to comment publicly was able to do so, and I feel very confident that the staff we have in Utah is very close with the local community there,” Haaland told Curtis. “I feel confident that those local communities have complete access to the BLM staff.”

### House passes three other natural resource and land management bills

In addition to Curtis’ bill, the House approved three other bills focused on natural resources and land management Tuesday, promoting a Republican message of dissatisfaction with the Biden administration’s approach to conservation.

The bills would remove mining restrictions near Minnesota’s Boundary Waters, delist the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act and block federal bans on lead ammunition.

The bills passed with few members of each party crossing the aisle.

They are unlikely to become law — or even receive a vote in the Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate — but their passage is an election-year message that Republicans support extractive industries in rural communities and oppose what they describe as an overreaching environmental agenda.

“Whether it’s the new BLM rule that fundamentally threatens the western way of life, or the decision to lock up enormous deposits of increasingly scarce minerals, it’s clear Biden and his bureaucrats have no interest in properly stewarding our federal lands or listening to local stakeholders,” House Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman, an Arkansas Republican, said in a statement following the votes.

Democrats blasted the bills, saying they were ideological rather than practical.

“The entire House schedule this week misses the mark,” California Democrat Jared Huffman said. “It

elevates right-wing ideology over the actual needs of the American people.”

Huffman managed Democratic speakers during much of Tuesday’s floor debate in place of House Natural Resources ranking Democrat Raúl Grijalva of Arizona, who announced a cancer diagnosis last month.

Biden has signaled strong opposition to the bills.

### Gray wolf

The House voted 209-205 to pass a bill authored by Colorado Republican Lauren Boebert that would remove the gray wolf from the federal endangered species list.

Republicans Fitzpatrick, Matt Gaetz of Florida, Mike Garcia of California and Nancy Mace of South Carolina voted against the bill. Democrats Yadira Caraveo of Colorado, Cuellar, Golden and Perez voted in favor.

Under the bill, states would be empowered to manage wolf populations, Boebert said on the House floor.

During floor debate, Republicans said wolves have fully recovered and no longer needed federal protections. They also said the predators were a nuisance to livestock and the ranchers whose livelihoods depend on cattle and sheep.

“I stand here today celebrating the success story of the Endangered Species Act, seeing that the gray wolf has been fully recovered,” Boebert said. “I also stand today ... in defense of our farmers and our ranchers.”

Democrats argued that while gray wolves’ numbers have increased, they are still in danger of extinction if federal protections were to disappear.

Virginia Democrat Don Beyer noted that states such as Montana, Wyoming and Idaho that have delisted wolves saw overhunting.

“We’re in the midst of a biodiversity crisis,” Beyer said. “We should be supporting current scientific efforts by fully funding the agencies that carry out ESA extinction preservation work.”

Beyer also took a veiled shot at South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, a Republican who described in a recently published memoir killing her 14-month-old hunting dog in a gravel pit.

Dogs kill twice as many cattle as wolves, Beyer said.

“Yet we don’t say that all good dogs should go to the gravel pit,” he said.

### Lead bullets

The House also passed, 214-201, a bill sponsored by Virginia Republican Rob Wittman to block the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior from regulating the use of lead ammunition or lead fishing equipment on federal lands or waters.

Republicans Fitzpatrick, Gatez and Vern Buchanan of Florida voted against it.

Democrats Cuellar, Donald Davis of North Carolina, Robert Garcia of California, Golden, Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Mary Peltola of Alaska and Perez voted in favor.

Each side accused the other of indulging special interests on the issue.

Democrats said Republicans were more concerned about blocking regulations on guns than promoting hunting and fishing.

“When it comes to guns, and now ammo, any type of restriction is too much for Republican ideology,” Huffman said.

Westerman said the bill “probably is more aimed at” fending off “any kind of attack they can take on our Second Amendment rights,” but said that Democrats’ opposition was due to their loyalty to extreme environmentalists.

“Manage these lands for the public, not for your special interest, radical environmental groups,” he said. “I think Congress has to take the lead on that.”

### Boundary Waters

The House passed, 212-203, a bill to rescind an administration ban on mining operations near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota. Golden and Perez voted in favor along with all Republicans.

Pete Stauber, the representative from the area who introduced the measure, said it would promote the economy of the mineral-rich region.

Stauber, a Republican who chairs a mining subcommittee, criticized the Biden administration’s approach to extractive industries. Boosting domestic mining would give U.S. policymakers more control over environmental and labor protections than importing critical minerals from overseas.

“Biden’s mining policy of anywhere but America, any worker but American must be stopped,” Stauber said. “We can find these minerals domestically under the best labor and environmental standards in the world. We know this all too well in Northern Minnesota, where mining is our past, our present and our future.”

Democrats objected to the bill, saying it endangered the Boundary Waters separating Minnesota from Canada. The wilderness area is a beloved destination for many in the state.

“This piece of legislation would revoke key protections for a watershed that contains some of the purest, freshest water in the nation, in the world,” Minnesota Democrat Betty McCollum said.

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CARLENE COOMBS, DAILY HERALD

Students show goats at the Utah State Junior Livestock Show in Spanish Fork on Thursday.

## Livestock

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Tegan Andersen, a ninth grader who has been showing at livestock shows for several years, said being a part of the show has taught him the value of hard work.

“Once you learn how to work hard, you’ll be all right, like, for future jobs,” said Andersen, who is showing a steer this year. “And then learning to care for animals is very important because it’s

like learning how to take care of something.”

River Andersen, who raised a pig for the show and also is in ninth grade, said livestock shows and raising animals have taught him responsibility.

“I know that something’s always counting on me, so I have to go down there or else it’ll die,” he said, adding that livestock shows have allowed him to learn about agriculture and build friendships.

Dwight Liddiard, USJLS president, said the show is one of his “favorite

weeks of the year” as he gets to see the students’ progress.

“I’ve watched kids from being mini showmen to all the way through and graduating, and it’s fun to watch the progress,” said Liddiard, who has been president for four years and previously was on the board of directors starting in 1996.

According to Liddiard, the show is a great way for students to learn responsibility, and he said showing an animal is a real skill.

“They have to learn about genetics,

they have to learn about feeding, they have to learn about the showmanship aspects of it,” he said.

Hunter said, as a 4-H leader, it’s “incredible” to see the youth in his group have the opportunity to compete at the show.

“That’s the most rewarding part is helping a young man or young woman get a project ready and then bring it to the show and exhibit it,” he said.

Hunter said about half of the entries this year were from Utah County,

but there were students from about 23 of Utah’s 29 counties who participated.

Tonight will consist of a bouquet and award ceremony, Liddiard said, where about \$10,000 worth of prizes will be distributed. Lt. Gov. Deirdre Henderson also is expected to speak, according to her weekly schedule.

The show will conclude Saturday with a livestock sale for students who opted to sell their animals during this show.



# OPINION



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## Banning menthol cigarettes was always a bad idea

The Biden administration recently stopped a plan to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes. The excellent arguments for why they are dangerous were overcome by good arguments for why making them illegal didn't make sense.



FROMA HARROP

In a world of optimal health, no one would be smoking menthol cigarettes or any cigarettes. The Food and Drug Administration determined years ago that the danger of these minty-flavored smokes came in promoting an easy introduction to nicotine. Their smoke feels less harsh, and the fresh taste lures young people into an entry-level addiction.

In 2009, Congress passed a law banning the use of flavoring in cigarettes with one exception: menthol. The FDA set up an advisory committee to study the matter. Two years later, it concluded that removing menthol from these products — for the reasons cited above — would benefit public health.

Why did the Biden administration back off on banning menthol cigarettes? Because 81% of Black smokers used menthols, compared with 30% of white smokers and 51% of Hispanic smokers.

Menthol cigarettes are no more toxic than regular cigarettes. So, the reasoning went, why single out a product that many Black people prefer?

At the same time, why defend a product that disproportionately hurts Black people?

No easy answers here, but there's yet another argument: Making menthol cigarettes an illegal product would prompt police to racially profile those likely to use it. Both the American Civil Liberties Union and some members of the Congressional Black Caucus have raised such concerns.

In 2020, New York Rep. Yvette Clarke warned that outlawing menthol cigarettes would increase stop-and-frisk incidents.

She joined Democratic whip Jim Clyburn and several other members of the Black caucus in voting against a House bill that would have stopped the sale of flavored tobacco products. The caucus had unsuccessfully tried to exempt menthol from the ban.

Do we really want to establish a black market for a product that is no worse for smokers' health than the same thing without a mint flavor?

Make no mistake. The view here is that cigarettes pose a serious threat to the health of anyone who indulges. I've seen the habit ravage friends I care deeply about. Very often smokers start young, waving away concern about what a pack-a-day habit would do to them in 40 years. How many 20-year-olds think about chronic coughs and wheezing as 60-year-olds? And nicotine is one of the hardest addictions to break.

On the other hand, there needs to be a certain radical acceptance of the right to make bad choices. We should all exercise more, eat more fruits and vegetables. We are told to drink alcohol in moderation or, according to some, not at all. We ultimately decide.

Meanwhile, the case has been made that smokers cost our society less than nonsmokers. The controversial "smoker's dividend" argument goes that tobacco taxes smokers pay plus their premature deaths save governments money. Americans start to get expensive when they reach their mid-60s. If smoking cuts 10 years off their lives, that will mean 10 fewer years on Medicare, not to mention Social Security.

The Biden administration realized that pulling menthol cigarettes from the shelves might anger some Black voters in a tough election year. The political reason for opposing a ban on them is solid. And so is the argument for letting consumers choose a product that's no worse for them than the same thing without the minty flavor.

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## Will California hinder the railroad industry?

American federalism is struggling. Federal rules are an overwhelming presence in every state government, and some states, due to their size or other leverage, can impose their own policies on much or all of the country. The problem has been made clearer by an under-the-radar plan to phase out diesel locomotives in California. If the federal government provides the state with a helping hand, it would bring nationwide repercussions for a vital, overlooked industry.



VERONIQUE DE RUGY

Various industry and advocacy groups are lining up against California's costly measure, calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to deny a waiver needed to fully implement it. In the past month, more than 30 leading conservative organizations and individuals, hundreds of state and local chambers of commerce, and the U.S. agricultural sector have pleaded with the EPA to help stop this piece of extremism from escaping one coastal state.

Railroads may not be something most Americans, whose attention is on their own cars and roads, think about often. But rail is the most basic infrastructure of interstate commerce, accounting for around 40% of long-distance ton-miles. It's also fairly clean, accounting for less than 1% of total U.S. emissions. Private companies, like Union Pacific in the West or CSX in the East, pay for their infrastructure and equipment. These facts haven't stopped the regulatory power grab.

Most importantly, the California Air Resources Board regulation would have all freight trains operate in zero-emission configuration by 2035. At the end of the decade, the state is mandating the retirement of diesel locomotives 23 years or older, despite typically useful lives of over 40 years. Starting in 2030, new passenger locomotives must operate with zero emissions, with new engines for long-haul freight trains following by 2035. It limits locomotive idling and increases reporting requirements.

Given the interstate nature of railway operations, California needs the EPA to grant a waiver. If the agency agrees, the policy will inevitably affect the entire continental United States.

The kicker is that no technology exists today to enable railroads to comply with California's diktat, rendering the whole exercise fanciful at best. The Wall Street Journal's editorial board explained last November that while Wabtec Corp. has introduced a pioneering advance in rail technology with the launch of the world's first battery-powered locomotive, the dream of a freight train fully powered by batteries remains elusive. The challenges of substituting diesel with batteries — primarily due to batteries' substantial weight and volume — make it an impractical solution for long-haul trains. Additionally, the risk of battery overheating and potential explosions, which can emit harmful gases, is a significant safety concern. As the editorial noted, "Even if the technology for zero-emission locomotives eventually arrives, railroads will have to test them over many years to guarantee their safety."

The cost-benefit analysis is woefully unfavorable to the forced displacement of diesel locomotives. To "help" the transition, beginning in 2026, CARB will force all railroads operating in California to deposit dollars into an escrow account managed by the state and

frozen for the explicit pursuit of the green agenda. For large railroads, this figure will be a staggering \$1.6 billion per year, whereas some smaller railroads will pay up to \$5 million.

Many of these smaller companies have signaled that they will simply go out of business. For the large railroads, the requirement will lock up about 20% of annual spending, money typically used for maintenance and safety improvements.

Transportation is the largest source of U.S. emissions, yet railroads' contribution amounts to not much more than a rounding error. The industry cites its efficiency improvements over time, allowing railroads today to move a ton of freight more than 500 miles on a single gallon of diesel. Its expensive machines, which last between 30 to 50 years and are retrofitted throughout their life cycles, are about 75% more efficient than long-haul trucks that carry a comparative amount of freight.

As Patricia Patnode of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, which signed the aforementioned letter to the EPA, recently remarked, "Rather than abolish diesel trains, CARB should stand in awe of these marvels of energy-efficient transportation." President Joe Biden talks a lot about trains, but his actions since taking office have consistently punished the private companies we should value far more than state-supported Amtrak. In this case, EPA Administrator Michael Regan and the White House need not think too hard. They should wait for reality to catch up before imposing on the rest of us one state's demands and ambitions.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 3, the 124th day of 2024. There are 242 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History

On May 3, 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labour government in parliamentary elections.

#### On this date

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.  
In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone with the Wind."  
In 1947, Japan's postwar constitution took effect.  
In 1948, the Supreme Court, in Shelley v. Kraemer, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to Blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.  
In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.  
In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the resulting controversy torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)  
In 2006, a federal jury in Alexandria, Virginia, rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Mousaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee), deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11.

In 2009, Mexican President Felipe Calderon told state television that a nationwide shutdown and an aggressive informational campaign appeared to have helped curtail an outbreak of swine flu in Mexico.

In 2011, Chicago's Derrick Rose became at age 22 the NBA's youngest MVP.

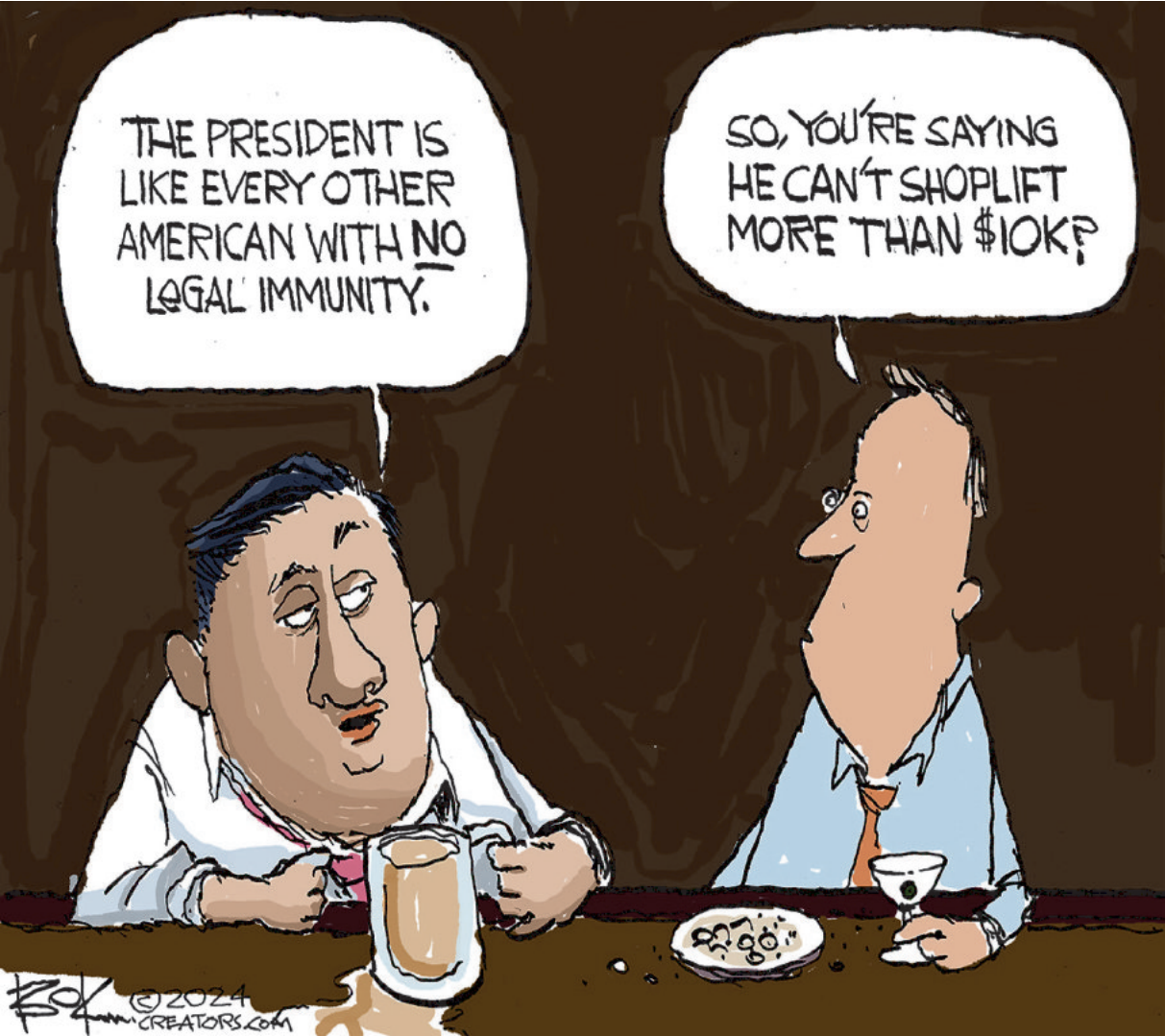
In 2015, two gunmen were shot and killed by a police officer in Garland, Texas, after they opened fire outside a purposely provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

In 2016, in a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race.

In 2018, a federal grand jury in Detroit indicted former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn on charges stemming from the company's diesel emissions cheating scandal. (Under Germany's constitution, he could not be extradited to the U.S. to face charges.)

In 2021, Bill and Melinda Gates said they were divorcing after 27 years of marriage; the Microsoft co-founder and his wife said they would continue to work together at the world's largest private charitable foundation.

In 2022, President Joe Biden blasted as "radical" a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion throwing out the Roe v. Wade abortion rights ruling after 50 years. Chief Justice John Roberts said he had ordered an investigation into what he called an "egregious breach of trust."





# Hamas is sending a delegation to Egypt for further cease-fire talks

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BEIRUT — Hamas said Thursday that it was sending a delegation to Egypt for further cease-fire talks, in a new sign of progress in attempts by international mediators to hammer out an agreement between Israel and the militant group to end the war in Gaza.

After months of stop—and—start negotiations, the cease-fire efforts appear to have reached a critical stage, with Egyptian and American mediators reporting signs of compromise in recent days. But chances for the deal remain entangled with the key question of whether Israel will accept an end to the war without reaching its stated goal of destroying Hamas.

The stakes in the cease-fire negotiations were made clear in a new U.N. report that said if the Israel-Hamas war stops today, it will still take until 2040 to rebuild all the homes that have been destroyed by nearly seven months of Israeli bombardment and ground offensives in Gaza. It warned that the impact of the damage to the economy will set back development for generations and will only get worse with every month fighting continues.

The proposal that U.S. and Egyptian mediators have put to Hamas — apparently with Israel’s acceptance — sets out a three-stage process that would bring an immediate six-week cease-fire and partial release of Israeli hostages, but also negotiations over a “permanent calm” that includes some sort of Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, according to an Egyptian official. Hamas is seeking guarantees for a full Israeli withdrawal and complete end to the war.

Hamas officials have sent mixed signals about the proposal in recent days. But on Thursday, its supreme leader, Ismail Haniyeh, said in a statement that he had spoken to Egypt’s intelligence chief



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Mourners at the Al Aqsa hospital in Deir al Balah, Gaza, on Thursday react next to the bodies of Palestinians who were killed in an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip.

and “stressed the positive spirit of the movement in studying the cease-fire proposal.”

The statement said that Hamas negotiators would travel to Cairo “to complete the ongoing discussions with the aim of working forward for an agreement.” Haniyeh said he had also spoken to the prime minister of Qatar, another key mediator in the process.

The brokers are hopeful that the deal will bring an end to a conflict that has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, caused widespread destruction and plunged the territory into a humanitarian crisis. They also hope a deal will avert an Israeli attack on Rafah, where more than half of Gaza’s 2.3 million people have sought shelter after fleeing battle zones elsewhere in the territory.

If Israel does agree to end the war in return for a full hostage release, it would be a major turnaround. Since Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack stunned Israel, its leaders have vowed not to stop their bombardment and ground offensives until the militant group is destroyed. They also say Israel must keep a military presence in Gaza and security control after the war to ensure Hamas doesn’t rebuild.

Publicly at least, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to insist that is the only acceptable endgame. He has vowed that even if a cease-fire is reached, Israel will eventually attack Rafah, which he says is Hamas’ last stronghold in Gaza. He repeated his determination to do so in talks Wednesday with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who was in Israel on a regional tour to push the deal through.

The agreement’s immediate fate hinges on whether Hamas will accept uncertainty over the final phases to bring the initial six-week pause in fighting — and at least postpone what it is feared would be a devastating assault on Rafah.

# Biden: ‘Order must prevail’ during campus protests over the war in Gaza

BY CHRIS MEGIERIAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Thursday rejected calls from student protesters to change his approach to the war in Gaza while insisting that “order must prevail” as college campuses across the country face a wave of violence, outrage and fear.

“Dissent is essential for democracy,” Biden said at the White House. “But dissent must never lead to disorder.”

The Democratic president broke days of silence on the protests with his remarks, which followed mounting criticism from Republicans who have tried to turn scenes of unrest into a campaign cudgel. By focusing on a law-and-order message while defending the right to free speech, Biden is grasping for a middle ground on an intensely divisive issue in the middle of his reelection campaign.

He largely sidestepped protesters’ demands, which have included ending U.S. support for Israeli military operations. Asked after his remarks whether the demonstrations would prompt him to consider changing course, Biden responded with a simple “no.”

Biden said that he did not want the National Guard to be deployed to campuses. Some Republicans have called for sending in troops, an idea with a fraught history. Four students were shot and killed at Kent State University by members of the Ohio National Guard during protests over the Vietnam War in 1970.

Tensions on college campuses have been building for days as demonstrators refuse to remove encampments and administrators turn to police to clear them by force, leading to clashes that have seized widespread attention.

Biden said he rejected efforts to use the situation to “score political points,” calling the situation a “moment for clarity.”

“There’s the right to protest, but not the right to cause chaos,” Biden said shortly before leaving the White House for a trip to North Carolina. “People have the right to get an education, the right to get a degree, the right to walk across campus safely without fear of being attacked.”

Biden will make his own visit to a college campus on May 19 when he’s scheduled to deliver the commencement address at Morehouse University in Atlanta.

His last previous public comment on the demonstrations came more than a week ago, when he condemned “antiseMITic protests” and “those who don’t understand what’s going on with the Palestinians.”

The White House, which has been peppered with questions by reporters, had gone only slightly further than the president. On Wednesday, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that Biden was “monitoring the situation closely” and that some demonstrations had stepped over a line that separated free speech from unlawful behavior.

“Forcibly taking over a building,” such as what happened at Columbia University in New York, “is not peaceful,” she said. “It’s just not.”

Biden’s latest remarks weren’t well received in some corners of the Democratic Party.

“We need to prevent lawlessness in society. We need to have protections against hate speech,” said a social media post from Patrick Gaspard, president of the Center for American Progress and a former White House political director under President Barack Obama. “But we need to be able to hold space for active dissent and activism that is discomforting without

blanket accusations of hate and violence against all activists.”

But Biden’s team has expressed confidence that his stance appeals to the widest array of voters. It also echoes his approach to nationwide unrest after the murder of George Floyd by a police officer four years ago, a politically volatile situation in the middle of his campaign against then-President Donald Trump.

“I want to make it absolutely clear rioting is not protesting, looting is not protesting,” Biden said then in remarks that his team turned into an advertisement. “It’s lawlessness, plain and simple, and those that do it should be prosecuted.”

Biden has never been much for protests of any kind. His career in elected office began as a county official when he was only 28 years old, and he’s always espoused the political importance of compromise.

As college campuses convulsed with anger over the Vietnam War in 1968, Biden was in law school at Syracuse University.

“I’m not big on flak jackets and tie-dyed shirts,” he said years later. “You know, that’s not me.”

Despite the White House criticism of violent college protests and Biden’s refusal to heed demands to cut off U.S. support for Israel, Republicans blame Democrats for the disorder and have used it as a backdrop for press conferences.

“We need the president of the United States to speak to the issue and say this is wrong,” House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, said on Tuesday. “What’s happening on college campuses right now is wrong.”

Johnson visited Columbia University with other members of his caucus last week. House Republicans sparred verbally with protesters while speaking to the media at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

Trump, who is running for another term as president, also criticized Biden in an interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News.

“Biden has to do something,” he said. “Biden is supposed to be the voice of our country, and it’s certainly not much of a voice. It’s a voice that nobody’s heard.”

He repeated his criticisms on Wednesday during a campaign event in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

“The radical extremists and far-left agitators are terrorizing college campuses, as you possibly noticed,” Trump said. “And Biden’s nowhere to be found. He hasn’t said anything.”

Kate Berner, who served as deputy communications director for Biden’s campaign in 2020, said Republicans already had tried the same tactic during protests over Floyd’s murder.

“People rejected that,” she said. “They saw that it was just fearmongering. They saw that it wasn’t based in reality.”

Apart from condemning antisemitism, the White House has been reluctant to directly engage on the issue.

Jean-Pierre repeatedly deflected questions during a briefing on Monday.

Asked whether protesters should be disciplined by their schools, she said “universities and colleges make their own decisions” and “we’re not going to weigh in from here.”

Pressed on whether police should be called in, she said “that’s up to the colleges and universities.”

Asked on Thursday why Biden chose to speak on the matter after police had arrested protesters at the University of California, Los Angeles and at universities in New York City, Jean-Pierre stressed instead the importance of any protests being nonviolent.

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## POSTSEASON FUTURE

## Paying college football players could reverse trend of bowl game opt-outs

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With the expanded College Football Playoff locked in through 2031, questions still remain about what the rest of the postseason will look like.

One thing is certain, there will still be bowls.

“College football cannot have a postseason that only provides 12 opportunities,” Nick Carparelli, executive director of Bowl Season,

the organization that advocates for bowl games, said Thursday. “That’s contrary to every other NCAA sport. And the leadership of college athletics has been very clear in recent years that they want more opportunities for student athletes to compete in the postseason, not less across all sports.”

Carparelli has some ideas to keep bowl games robust and relevant, including creating more freedom for games to make the most interest-

ing matchups. Though the biggest change could come from outside the bowl system as college football moves to a more professionalized model and player compensation agreements mandate postseason participation.

The CFP expands from four to 12 teams this season. It could jump to 14 teams starting as soon as 2026. Even in a four-team system, the playoff decreased the focus on the bowls and prompted discussion

about how meaningful they were.

While the dozens of bowl games played around Christmas and New Year’s still draw a healthy amount of eyeballs to TVs, player opt-outs have become commonplace.

“I still believe at their core kids like playing football,” said Carparelli, who was attending a Fiesta Bowl event that included Big 12 and Mountain West Conference meetings earlier this

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## BYU ROUNDUP

## Men’s hoops hires Doug Stewart as chief of staff

## BYU SPORTS INFORMATION

Doug Stewart has been named the chief of staff for BYU men’s basketball, head coach Kevin Young announced on Thursday.

“I’m thrilled that Doug is coming on board as our chief of staff,” Young said. “He brings a wealth of experience both from the administrative and coaching side. Leveraging his knowledge will help us bridge the gap in the new landscape of college athletics. Doug and his beautiful family are a great addition to the BYU community.”

Stewart spent the previous two years as an assistant athletic director for development at Nevada, where he was named one of 50 Rising Stars: Associate Athletic Directors by Silver Waves Media. He was an associate head coach at Tulane from 2016-19 under Mike Dunleavy Sr., where he coached future NBA players Melvin Frazier and Cam Reynolds. The duo were named the American Athletic Conference most improved players in consecutive years, with Reynolds winning the award in 2017, followed by Frazier in 2018.

Prior to his arrival in New Orleans, Stewart spent a year as an assistant at Nevada under head coach Eric Musselman. While at Nevada, Stewart led recruiting efforts and signed the 35th-best class in the nation in 2015, according to Rivals.com. The class proved to be one of the best in Mountain West Conference history, comprising a trio of future all-league players: Cam Oliver (NBA/First Team), Marcus Marshal (First Team) and Jordan Caroline (Second Team). The Wolf Pack became the first team in MWC and school history to win a national postseason tournament after defeating Morehead State twice for the College Basketball Invitational title. Stewart also signed future NBA player Kenny Wooten.

He spent a season as an assistant coach for the Delaware 87ers of the NBA G League, working alongside Young after spending the previous six seasons as an associate head coach at Oregon State. He spearheaded the Beavers’ recruiting efforts and helped them to the CBI crown in 2009. He was an integral part in recruiting three future NBA players: Gary Payton II, Jared Cunningham and Eric Moreland.

Stewart was the top assistant at Brown University from 2006-08, where he was the recruiting coordinator in addition to his scouting and on-court responsibilities. He helped the Bears to a school-record 19 wins during the 2007-08 season.

A four-year letterwinner and team captain at Brown, Stewart graduated in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in economics. He was the recipient of the 1994 Thomas Hoagland Award, presented annually to the member of the varsity team who exemplifies true unselfishness through commitment and hard work, both on the court and in the community.

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## LONE PEAK ROUTS



DARNELL DICKSON, DAILY HERALD

Lone Peak’s Katrina Maddox, right, races down the field with Evelyn Adams of American Fork playing defense during a Region 3 girls lacrosse match on Thursday.

## YOUTH IS SERVED

## Lone Peak girls lacrosse routs AF, wins Region 3 title

BY DARNELL DICKSON  
Daily Herald

Lone Peak girls lacrosse honored the present and future of its program on Thursday.

The Knights pounded Ameri-

can Fork 24-3 to clinch the Region 3 title and recognized its seven seniors on senior night.

Lone Peak also invited the members of its junior lacrosse program to witness what their future could be. The young athletes (ages 11 to 14) stood on the sidelines and joined the Knights in warmups, celebrations for goals and accepting the region championship trophy.

“It’s really cool because it just brought back memories,” said se-

nior Katrina Maddox, who scored five goals. “I’ve been playing lacrosse since the second grade. It’s good to know the team will eventually go on without me and they can still carry on with such a good program. Some of those girls, I played with their older sisters who graduated. It was really fun and a lot louder on the sidelines tonight.”

The first year of UHSAA-sanctioned lacrosse was supposed to be 2020 but the pandemic can-

celled all but a couple of matches. The Lone Peak seniors honored on Thursday were the first group to start and finish their careers with the Knights.

“A couple of other teams in the state do youth nights, and I always wanted to do that,” Lone Peak coach Wesley Lundell said. “The programs around here have finally growing big enough so that we can comfortably do it.

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## WOLVERINES

## UVU women’s soccer sets 2024 season schedule



JARED LLOYD, DAILY HERALD

UVU head coach Chris Lemay talks to his players during the game against No. 19-ranked Clemson at Clyde Field in Orem on Aug. 24.

## UVU SPORTS INFORMATION

Utah Valley University women’s soccer head coach Chris Lemay has announced his team’s 2024 schedule, featuring a tough nonconference slate that includes matchups against Michigan, Oakland, UCF, Virginia, Long Beach State, Utah State, Utah, Gonzaga, Weber State, and San Diego State.

The Wolverines will host a pair of exhibition matches to kick off the season, including a contest against crosstown rival BYU at Clyde Field, setting the stage for the team’s 2024 regular season slate. UVU will also take on Idaho State in an exhibition at home on Aug. 10.

“We are looking forward to a challenging schedule this upcoming fall with five Power Four games and five matches against 2023 NCAA tournament qualifiers,” said Lemay. “Our

nonconference slate will be great for preparation leading into WAC play. We continuously try and provide our players with the opportunity to compete against some of the most storied programs around the country and to allow them to play in some of the most exciting environments in college soccer. We feel like we have a team that is up for the challenge, and we recruit players that want to test themselves at that level.”

The Wolverines are coming off a flawless spring season, boasting a 10-0 record, and a second consecutive outright WAC regular season championship in 2023. The team returns 15 letter winners, including five starters from last year’s WAC championship squad. UVU seeks a third straight WAC title in 2024.

Utah Valley will officially open its 2024 season on the road against

Big Ten foe Michigan on Aug. 15 in Ann Arbor. UVU will then continue road play at Oakland on Aug. 18 in Rochester, Michigan. The team will also face significant road contests at Central Florida on Aug. 22 and Virginia on Aug. 25 before returning to Clyde Field for the home opener at Clyde Field against Long Beach State on Aug. 31.

UVU will continue play in Orem against reigning Mountain West Conference tournament champion Utah State on Sept. 5. Utah Valley will then travel to Salt Lake to take on in-state foe Utah on Sept. 8. The Wolverines will then travel to Spokane, Washington, to take on West Coast Conference champion Gonzaga on Sept. 14.

Utah Valley will then return home

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ON THE AIR

<b>AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (MEN’S)</b>		
Greater Western Sydney at Sydney	9:30 p.m.	FS1
Geelong at Melbourne	3:30 a.m. (Saturday)	FS2
<b>AUTO RACING</b>		
<b>Formula 1</b>		
Sprint Qualifying, Miami	2:25 p.m.	ESPN2
<b>COLLEGE BASEBALL</b>		
Texas A&M at LSU	6 p.m.	SEC
<b>COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN’S)</b>		
<b>NCAA Tournament: Opening Round</b>		
Chattanooga vs. North Florida	7 a.m.	ESPNU
<b>NCAA Tournament: First Round</b>		
Washington vs. Florida St.	8 a.m.	ESPNU
Arizona St. vs. Cal Poly	9 a.m.	ESPNU
TBD vs. Southern Cal	10 a.m.	ESPNU
Hawaii vs. Loyola Marymount	11 a.m.	ESPNU
Texas A&M-CC vs. UCLA	Noon	ESPNU
Long Beach St. vs. California	1 p.m.	ESPNU
Georgia St. vs. Stanford	2 p.m.	ESPNU
LSU vs. TCU	3 p.m.	ESPNU

<b>COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN’S)</b>		
<b>Patriot League Tournament: Semifinals</b>		
Boston U. at Army	2 p.m.	CBSSN
Navy vs. Lehigh	5 p.m.	CBSSN
<b>Atlantic Coast Tournament: Semifinals</b>		
Virginia vs. Notre Dame	3 p.m.	ACC
Duke vs. Syracuse	6 p.m.	ACC
<b>Ivy League Tournament: Semifinals</b>		
Yale vs. Princeton	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Penn vs. Cornell	6:30 p.m.	ESPNU

<b>COLLEGE SOFTBALL</b>		
Indiana at Northwestern	3 p.m.	BTN
Oregon St. at California	4 p.m.	PAC-12
Alabama at Auburn	4 p.m.	SEC
Nebraska at Minnesota	5 p.m.	BTN
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma	5:30 p.m.	FS1

<b>GOLF</b>		
<b>PGA Tour Champions</b>		
The Insuperity Invitational	10:30 a.m.	GOLF
<b>PGA Tour</b>		
The CJ CUP Byron Nelson	2 p.m.	GOLF
<b>DP World Tour</b>		
The Volvo China Open	11:30 p.m.	GOLF

<b>HORSE RACING</b>		
NYRA: America’s Day at the Races	11 a.m.	FS2
The Kentucky Derby Oaks, Louisville, Ky.	11 a.m.	USA

<b>LACROSSE (MEN’S)</b>		
<b>NLL Playoffs: Semifinal</b>		
Albany at San Diego, Game 1	8:30 p.m.	ESPNU

<b>MLB BASEBALL</b>		
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs	Noon	MLB
San Francisco at Philadelphia	4:40 p.m.	APPLETV+
Toronto at Washington	4:45 p.m.	APPLETV+
Regional Coverage	5 p.m.	MLB
Regional Coverage	8 p.m.	MLB

<b>NBA BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Eastern Conference First-Round Playoffs</b>		
Cleveland at Orlando, Game 6	5:05 p.m.	ESPN
Cleveland at Orlando (ESPN BET)	5:05 p.m.	ESPN2
LA Clippers at Dallas, Game 6	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
LA Clippers at Dallas (ESPN BET)	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2

<b>NHL HOCKEY</b>		
<b>Western Conference First-Round Playoffs</b>		
Vancouver at Nashville, Game 6	5 p.m.	TNT
Vancouver at Nashville (BetCast)	5 p.m.	TRUTV
Dallas at Vegas, Game 6	8 p.m.	TNT
Dallas at Vegas (BetCast)	8 p.m.	TRUTV

<b>SOCCER (MEN’S)</b>		
<b>Saudi Pro League</b>		
Al-Hilal at Al-Taawoun	8:45 a.m.	FS2
<b>Canadian Premier League</b>		
Vancouver FC at Cavalry FC	7 p.m.	FS2

<b>SOCCER (WOMEN’S)</b>		
<b>Bundesliga</b>		
Bayern Munich at Bayer Leverkusen	4 a.m. (Saturday)	CBSSN

<b>TENNIS</b>		
Madrid-ATP Doubles Semifinal	6 a.m.	TENNIS
Madrid-ATP Singles/Doubles Semifinal	8 a.m.	TENNIS
Madrid-ATP Singles Semifinal	12 p.m.	TENNIS

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BYU SPORTS

<b>FRIDAY BASEBALL</b>		
at Miami	5 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> BYUradio 107.9		
<b>SOFTBALL</b>		
at Kansas	5 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>SATURDAY BASEBALL</b>		
at Miami	11 a.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> BYUradio 107.9		

<b>TUESDAY BASEBALL</b>		
at Utah Valley	6:05 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> BYUradio 107.9		
<b>THURSDAY BASEBALL</b>		
at Cincinnati	6 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> BYUradio 107.9		
<b>UVU SPORTS</b>		
<b>FRIDAY SOFTBALL</b>		
vs Utah Tech	10 a.m.	

<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
vs Seattle U	6:05 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> GoUVU		
<b>SATURDAY BASEBALL</b>		
at Seattle U	2:05 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>SATURDAY SOFTBALL</b>		
at Utah Tech	Noon	
<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
at Seattle U	2:05 p.m.	

<b>TV:</b> ESPN+ (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> GoUVU		
<b>REAL SALT LAKE</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
vs Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> Apple TV+ (online, free)		
<b>Radio:</b> KSL Sports Zone 95.7		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
at New Mexico	7 p.m.	
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 11</b>		
at LA Galaxy	8:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> MLS Season Pass (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> KSL Sports Zone 95.7		
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 15</b>		

at Seattle	7:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> MLS Season Pass (online)		
<b>Radio:</b> KSL Sports Zone 95.7		
<b>UTAH ROYALS</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
vs. Angel City FC	7:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> KMYU		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
at San Diego Wave FC	8 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> CBSSN		
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 12</b>		
at Chicago	3:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> KMYU		
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 17</b>		

at N.C. Courage	6 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> Prime Video (online)		
<b>UTAH WARRIORS</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
vs. Houston	7 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> KMYU		
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 11</b>		
at Miami	5:30 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> KMYU		
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 18</b>		
at New Orleans	6 p.m.	
<b>TV:</b> KMYU		

PREP SCOREBOARD

<b>WEDNESDAY’S SCORES</b>		
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
American Fork 13, Westlake 0		
Pleasant Grove 17, Lone Peak 10		
Skyridge 11, Lehi 5		
<b>SOFTBALL</b>		
Pleasant Grove 7, Maple Mountain 2		
<b>BOYS SOCCER</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
American Fork 2, Lone Peak 0		
Pleasant Grove 8, Lehi 0		
Skyridge 2, Westlake 1		
<b>2A State Tournament</b>		
<b>Second Round at home sites</b>		
No. 1 St. Joseph 10, No. 16 Freedom Prep 1		
No. 5 Rowland Hall 8, No. 12 Merit Prep 1		
No. 2 American Heritage 8, No. 15 Wasatch Academy 0		
No. 14 ALA 1, No. 3 Grand County 0		

No. 6 Maeser Prep 6, No. 11 Millard 0		
<b>BOYS LACROSSE</b>		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Spanish Fork 10, Cedar Valley 9		
Maple Mountain 11, Salem Hills 7		
Wasatch 16, Springville 2		
<b>GIRLS LACROSSE</b>		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Maple Mountain 12, Salem Hills 7		
Cedar Valley 18, Spanish Fork 13		
Wasatch 9, Springville 5		
<b>THURSDAY’S SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Cedar Valley at Wasatch, 3:30 p.m.		
Salem Hills at Maple Mountain, 3:30 p.m.		
Orem at Spanish Fork, 3:30 p.m.		
Springville at Timpvie, 3:30 p.m.		

<b>3A State Tournament Super Regionals (Best of 3)</b>		
No. 9 ALA at No. 8 Emery, 4 p.m. (Game 1)		
<b>SOFTBALL</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
Westlake at Lehi, 3:30 p.m.		
Lone Peak at Skyridge, 3:30 p.m.		
American Fork at Pleasant Grove, 3:30 p.m.		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Springville at Salem Hills, 3:30 p.m.		
Maple Mountain at Cedar Valley, 3:30 p.m.		
<b>BOYS SOCCER</b>		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Cedar Valley at Springville, 3:30 p.m.		
Spanish Fork at Timpvie, 7 p.m.		
Wasatch at Salem Hills, 7 p.m.		
<b>BOYS LACROSSE</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
Lehi at Pleasant Grove, 7 p.m.		
Lone Peak at American Fork, 7 p.m.		

Westlake at Skyridge, 7 p.m.		
<b>4A Region 8</b>		
Orem at Timpanogos, 7 p.m.		
Provo at Mountain View, 7 p.m.		
<b>GIRLS LACROSSE</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
American Fork at Lone Peak, 5 p.m.		
Skyridge at Westlake, 5 p.m.		
Pleasant Grove at Lehi, 5 p.m.		
<b>4A Region 8</b>		
Timpanogos at Orem, 3:30 p.m.		
Uintah at Payson, 6 p.m.		
Mountain View at Provo, 7 p.m.		
<b>BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b>		
<b>6A Region 3</b>		
Lehi at Skyridge, 6:30 p.m.		
Pleasant Grove at American Fork, 6:30 p.m.		
<b>5A Region 7</b>		
Cedar Valley at Maple Mountain, 6:30 p.m.		
Spanish Fork at Springville, 6:30 p.m.		
Wasatch at Salem Hills, 6:30 p.m.		

VIDEO GAMES

EA Sports College Football returns

BY RYAN KRYSKA

Associated Press

In a Michigan basement decked out in maize and blue, a father sat with his son. They’d bond over a football video game. One with a story mode that would transport the 7-year-old into a college dorm room, where letters from fans filled his mailbox, the campus newspaper teased a championship and a list of Heisman candidates adorned his computer screen. If he played well enough, his name might even appear there. It wasn’t real. But who was to say it couldn’t be? “You know, we’d always joke, because he was a big kid, that ‘Hey, maybe you’re going to be on there someday,’” says the father, Bill Swartout. Today, more than a decade later, that 7-year-old — Brayden Swartout — is an offensive lineman at Central Michigan, living the story mode in real life. Countless versions of that game, not made in over a decade, collect dust in basements alongside phased-out gaming systems. It’s the inevitable fate of old discs, gaming cartridges, RCA connector wires and the like. Give it all a good blow, though, and the dust clears to reveal an enduring cultural phenomenon that, in this modern world, is on its way back.

MORE THAN JUST A VIDEO GAME

For a generation of youth, EA Sports’ college football games fueled their aspirations in the sport. From the early versions in the 1990s to the immersive experiences in the 2000s that revolutionized create-a-player modes, the games became a must-have for sports and video-game fans. As they grew more popular, however, something else grew, too: the chorus of voices that said college athletes depicted in the game should be getting paid. It was a notion that seemed preposterous in the student-athlete era. But as opinions morphed, it started to make sense. Before 2021, college athletes were not allowed by the NCAA to profit from their brand, commonly known as their name, image and likeness — or NIL. The video-game developer tried for years to differentiate in-game rosters from real-life players. “Quarterback No. 10” remembers this clearly. “I remember when I was in the game. Obviously in high school and all that you want to be in the game, but then when you get to college you’re in the game, and I’m No. 10 from Baylor, before NIL, and I am No. 10,” Robert Griffin III, one of the game’s 2013 cover athletes and the 2011



JERRY LARSON, WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD VIA AP

Heisman Trophy winner and former Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III is greeted by Holly Johnson on the Baylor campus on Feb. 27, 2012, in Waco, Texas.

Heisman winner, told The Associated Press. “And that’s my name, ‘Quarterback No. 10 from Baylor,’” he says. “But, I’m like, white with a buzz cut fade and no arm sleeve on my arm and I’m from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They completely tried to change the character just so they don’t have to pay the guy. Or say, ‘Oh no, that’s not his name, image and likeness, he’s not even the right color.’ But everybody knew who No. 10 from Baylor was.” Eventually, EA Sports gave up. And so the franchise sat after its last version in 2013, dormant for 11 years.

IT’S BACK, FOR REAL THIS TIME

Society has changed a lot since the 2010s. So has Swartout’s basement, now decked out in maroon and gold. Gamers’ voracious appetites for immersive sports video games have not changed as much. And with the NCAA’s decision to allow college athletes to profit from their brand, the time had come. EA Sports in 2021 announced it would be reviving the franchise. Three years later, the game is scheduled to be released this summer with a full reveal promised in May. Details have been few so far, but players’ names and likeness will be real. “I personally believe that NCAA football is the greatest game ever made,” Griffin says. “A lot of kids growing up with the game wanted to be able to see themselves grow and develop into those players they were creating.” EA Sports has offered Football Bowl Subdivision players a minimum of \$600 and a copy of EA Sports College Football 25 to be featured in

the game. More than 10,000 players have accepted. The game will seek to differentiate itself from other offerings in the market — sports franchises that have had the advantage of time to evolve. There’s a difference, though: None of those have tackled college football. “Video games, as popular as they were, they’ve just evolved so much based on how society has evolved and having so many different modes and options,” says Nicolette Aduama, the senior associate director at Northeastern University’s Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

OUT WITH THE OLD

EA’s 2006 college football game was monumental in the sports video game realm. It was the first to completely immerse gamers into an athlete’s life. It had a killer soundtrack. Perhaps its only story mode rival in the early 2000s was NBA Ballers. It also was problematic, including a feature that — like much entertainment from even recent years past — does not stand the test of time well. In the create-a-player’s dorm room, hanging from the corner of the computer screen, was a wallet-sized picture depicting a woman. As the player performed better on the field, the depiction shuffled through presets. The woman’s body type sometimes became thinner; her bust, hair color and smile changed. “I remember seeing that like when I was a kid and even then I was like, ‘Why does the girlfriend get more attractive if you win more games?’” says Eli Mouser, 21, of Russellville, Alabama. “I was like, that doesn’t make any sense.” EA Sports jettisoned this

feature in later editions. It added another that had gamers pick a major and keep their GPA up to compete on the field. The developer has made strides in its equity through other games, such as its professional soccer franchise that now includes female players and its newest golf game, which asks gamers for their pronouns when they create players. “Girls are gamers, too,” Aduama says. “We see it in movies and on TV shows now where people are breaking those stereotypes and we talk about that in our trainings all of the time. It’s about exposure.” EA Sports says it is offering female athletes opportunities to be involved with the game through its ambassador program



## Postseason

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week. “They’ve been presented with reasons why not to in recent years. And I think that’s very unfortunate for sure.”

Caparelli believes the future of college football includes revenue sharing with players and possibly name, image and likeness compensation deals that set terms similar to pro sports contracts.

“As player compensation becomes the norm, at some point in time, I think it’s reasonable to expect that there’s going to be some obligation on the part of the student-athlete receiving the compensation to perform the duties as assigned,” he said. “”In my mind,

12 regular-season games, a bowl game or playoff.”

This year there will be 36 bowl games played outside the College Football Playoff, which will also include four first-round games played on campus sites.

Carparelli said he doesn’t believe the bowl eligibility minimum of six victories will change. Whether there will still be a need for three dozen bowl games for the 2026 season and beyond is to be determined.

Even the bowls outside the playoff structure have contractual agreements with conferences that run concurrent to the CFP’s original 12-year deal, which expires after the 2025 season. All those games are about to become free agents.

Conferences prefer to lock in nu-

merous bowl partnerships to guarantee eligible teams a spot in the postseason.

Carparelli would like to encourage more flexibility in the bowl selection process, allowing the games the ability to make compelling matchups with the available teams — more similar to way bowls operated 30 or 40 years ago — instead of being locked into predetermined conference deals.

“It would be the conferences that would need to make that decision,” he said. “Anything is possible. At the highest level, the CFP has decided that there’s not going to be any certainty there outside of five conference champions to be in that system. I don’t see any reason why that can’t translate to the next level of bowl games.”



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Southern California coach Lincoln Riley has eggnog poured onto him after USC defeated Louisville in the Holiday Bowl NCAA college football game Dec. 27 in San Diego.



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A member of the Lone Peak junior lacrosse team runs in front of Sarah Bartholomew during introductions before a Region 3 girls lacrosse match against American Fork on Thursday.

## Lone Peak

From B1

Before, they combined American Fork, Lone Peak, Skyridge and Lehi all together. Now we’re all getting own programs going. One girl played tonight had three family members on the sidelines from the junior team. It’s fun to see them getting siblings, or cousins, or friends to play lacrosse. We wanted to see what it looks like to be part of a successful program. We wanted to them to see what their hard work now will end out playing out in a couple of years.”

The Knights, which won the Class 6A title last season, graduated 12 seniors from that team and enduring a rash of injuries to start the season.

“We’re on our sixth concussion,” Lundell said. “We had three starters out with concussions at the beginning of the season. And Sadie (leader scorer Sadie Neuenschwander) shattered her nose at the first practice. So we had to find out how to work together and figure out where they fit on the field. Then we got healthy again and had to figure it out all over again. But the girls are working and loving practice. Everything is really clicking.”

Lone Peak’s dominating victory against American Fork was the team’s seventh win in a row. Besides Maddox scoring five goals, six other players tallied multiple scores: Neuenschwander had four goals, Maya Siri scored three and Norah Li-



The Lone Peak girls lacrosse team poses with the Region 3 championship trophy after a 24-3 victory against American Fork on Thursday.

sonbee, Katie Hamilton, Lily Brown and Simone Winger all had two each.

The Knights led 5-0 after one quarter and Brown scored consecutive goals to key a 10-point second for a 15-1 lead at halftime.

“It’s really great seeing everything mesh together,” Maddox said. “This was really a whole new team

to start the season and we’ve got it going at the right time. We’ve really opened our eyes to play as a team. Sometimes we get in our own heads and feel like ‘I have to have a good game’ when the team needs to have a good game. We’ve all gotten into a zone where everyone is playing together and passing to the open

teammate. That makes the team all look good.”

Senior Lilli Miller scored all three goals for American Fork (1-14-1 overall, 0-10 Region 3).

Lone Peak (10-4, 9-1) finishes the regular season with two nonregion matches against Corner Canyon (Saturday) and Bingham (Tuesday).

## BYU roundup

From B1

### Softball rallies to top Kansas

BYU fell behind to start the game but scored a run in each of the next six innings to claim an 8-6 Big 12 victory at Kansas on Thursday.

The homestanding Jayhawks led 3-0 after one inning but the Cougars tied things up on the top of the third. Maddie Udall had an RBI double and Hunter Ava delivered an RBI single for two runs and another tally came on a Kansas error for a 3-3 tie.

A throwing error by the Jayhawks allowed two runs to score in the sixth for a 7-3 BYU lead. Kansas scored two in the bottom of the seventh to trim the deficit to 7-5. An Ali Agbayani single drove in a run in the top of the seventh to push the Cougars lead to 8-5.

Kansas mounted a two-out rally in the bottom of the seventh, scoring a run on a BYU error to close to 8-6. But Ailana Agbayani got Aynslee Linduff to line out to close the game.

Chloe Temples pitched 4 1/3 innings, striking out three to earn the win and Ailana Agbayani, who was 2 for 3 at the plate, notched a save. Ava drove in three runs for the Cougars.

BYU (28-22 overall, 9-16 Big 12) and Kansas (27-22-1, 11-14) will meet in Game 2 of the three-game series on Friday at .

### Baseball drops heartbreaker in 12 innings Miami

BYU got a clutch ninth-inning home run from Kuhio Aloy to tie Miami on Thursday and send the game into extra innings. But the Hurricanes eventually prevailed in the bottom of the 12th when Daniel Cuvet stroked a one-out single to score Jacoby Long with the game-winner in a 3-2 victory.

The Cougars only run going into the night was a solo homer from Brock Watkins in the top of the fourth and BYU trailed 2-1 heading into the ninth.

Luke Anderson doubled in the top of the 12th for the Cougars and eventually reached third with one on a throwing error. But Collin Reuter struck out and Cooper Vest grounded out to end the threat.

Payton Gubler was solid on the hill for BYU, scattering five hits and giving up just one earned run through five innings. The Cougars managed ten hits, with Aloy tallying three and Easton Jones two.

BYU (17-25) and Miami (20-24) will meet in Game 2 of their series on Friday.

## Schedule

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for its final nonconference home game against in-state foe Weber State on Sept. 19. The team will wrap up its non-conference slate at San Diego State on Sept. 22.

Utah Valley will host WAC matches at Clyde Field against Grand Canyon (Sept. 26), Abilene Christian (Oct. 10), California Baptist (Oct. 17), and Tarleton State (Oct. 19). The Wolverines will play WAC road matches against Stephen F. Austin (Oct. 3), Seattle U (Oct. 13), Southern Utah (Oct. 24), and Utah Tech (Oct. 28).

This year’s WAC Tournament is set to run from Nov. 3-9 at a location that will be announced later.

### 2024 Utah Valley Women’s Soccer Schedule

- Wednesday, Aug. 7 BYU, 7 p.m. MT (exhibition)
- Saturday, Aug. 10 Idaho State, 7 p.m. MT (exhibition)
- Thursday, Aug. 15 at Michigan, 5 p.m. MT

- Sunday, Aug. 18 at Oakland, 5 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Aug. 22 at UCF, 3:30 p.m. MT
- Sunday, Aug. 25 at Virginia, 11 a.m. MT
- Saturday, Aug. 31 Long Beach State, 4 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Sept. 5 Utah State, 7 p.m. MT
- Sunday, Sept. 8 at Utah, 7 p.m. MT
- Saturday, Sept. 14 at Gonzaga, 8 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Sept. 19 Weber State, 7 p.m. MT
- Sunday, Sept. 22 at San Diego State, 2 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Sept. 26 Grand Canyon, 7 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Oct. 3 at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Oct. 10 Abilene Christian, 7 p.m. MT
- Sunday, Oct. 13 at Seattle U, 7 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Oct. 17 Cal Baptist, 7 p.m. MT
- Saturday, Oct. 19 Tarleton State, 6 p.m. MT
- Thursday, Oct. 24 at Southern Utah, 3 p.m. MT
- Monday, Oct. 28 at Utah Tech, 6 p.m. MT
- WAC Tournament Nov. 3-9

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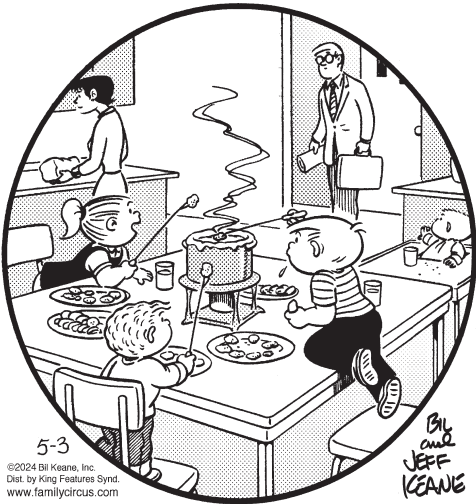
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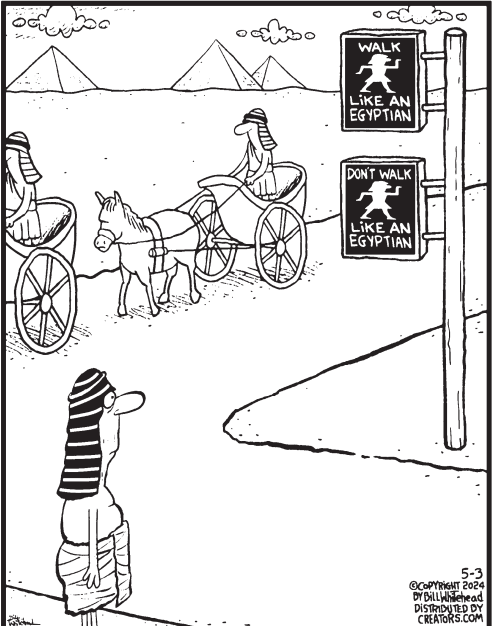
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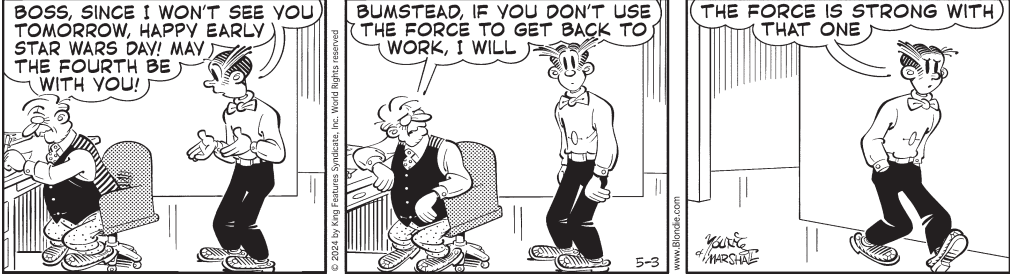
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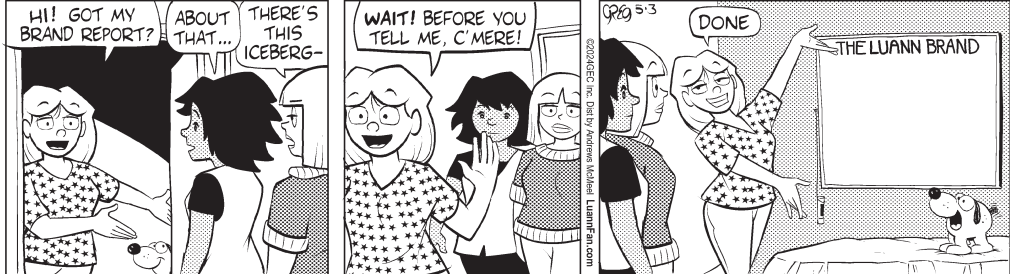
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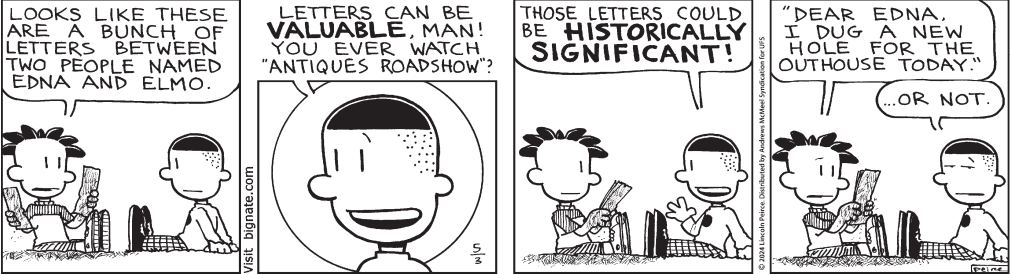
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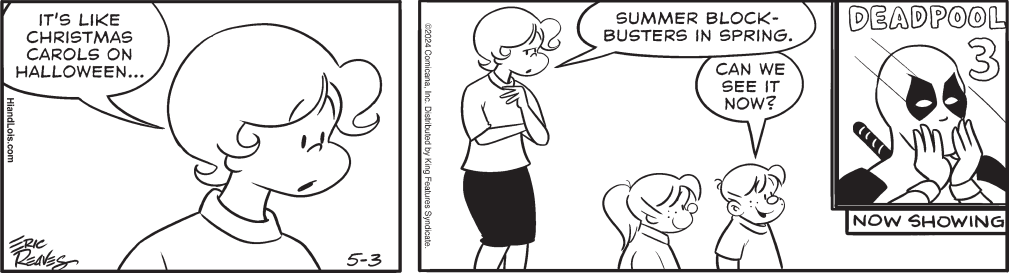
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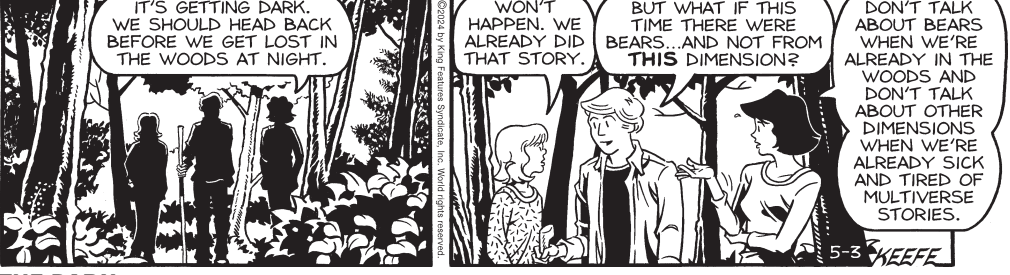
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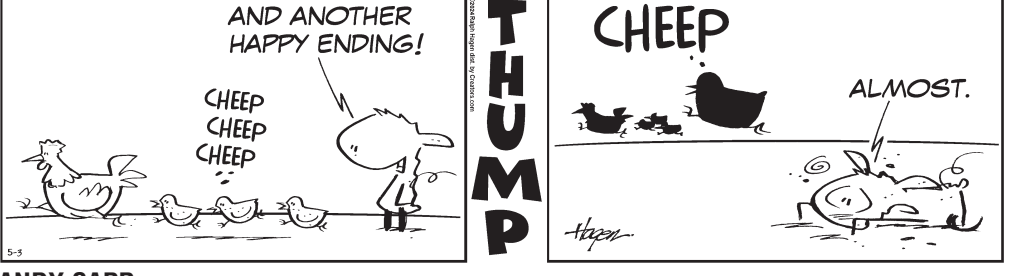
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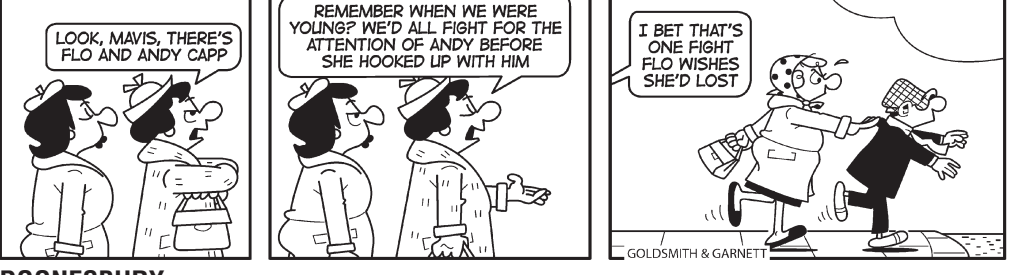
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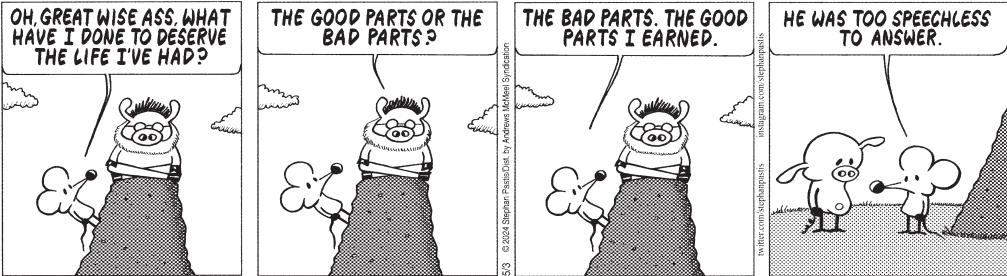
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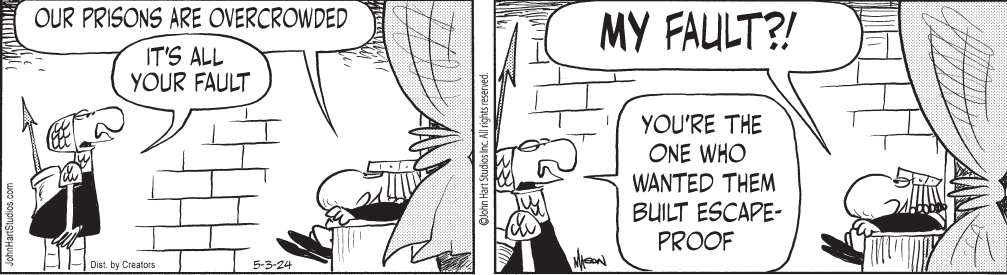
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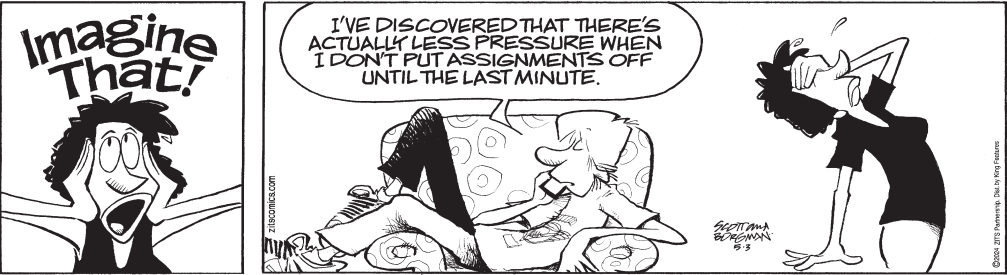
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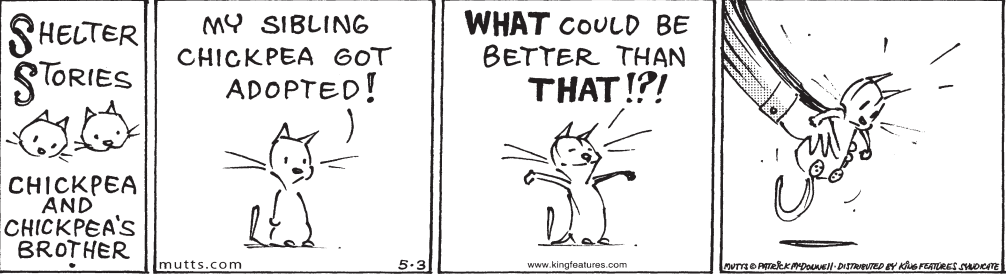
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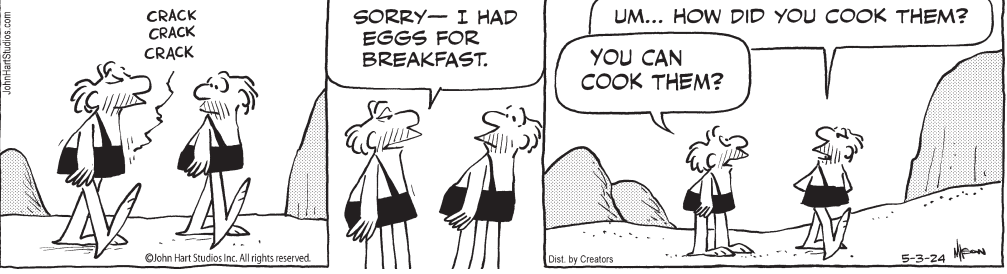
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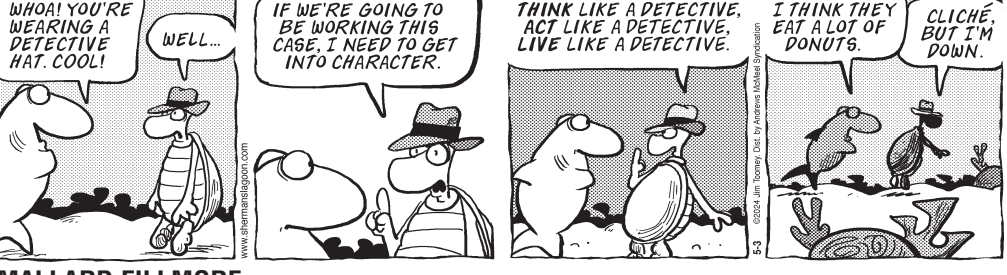
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agreement for 30 days beginning May  
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ment can be found at:  
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Through development of the Strawber-  
ry Valley Project, the United States  
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ments serving south Utah Valley -  
namely, the communities of Spanish  
Fork City, Springville City, Payson  
City, Salem City, and the unincorporat-  
ed communities of Elk Ridge and  
Woodland Hills. The Strawberry Valley  
Project repayment contract was ful-  
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are no further repayment obligations  
for the project. The 46kV Power Trans-  
mission System is proposed to be  
transferred to SUVPS to reduce ad-  
ministrative costs, increase operational  
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fund improvements for the system.  
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the Trust Deed dated September 30,  
2022 and executed by MVG Invest-  
ments, Inc. and Alta Commercial Advi-  
sors, Inc., as trustors, in favor of  
Fremont Investments, LLC, as benefi-  
ciary, covering the following real prop-  
erty purported to be located in Utah  
County (the undersigned disclaims lia-  
bility for any error in the address), and  
more particularly described as: Parcel  
1: COMMENCING SOUTH 484.84  
FEET AND EAST 1660.58 FEET FROM  
THE WEST QUARTER  
CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN-  
SHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST,  
SALT LAKE BASE AND MERIDIAN;  
THENCE NORTH 86 50'0" WEST  
140.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32  
32'0" EAST 39.67 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 32 32'0" EAST 171.22 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH 89 52'0" EAST  
134.96 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32  
32'0" WEST 201.34 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Tax Serial Number: 22-046:0054. Parcel  
2: COMMENCING SOUTH 451.15  
FEET AND EAST 1503.93 FEET FROM  
THE WEST QUARTER  
CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN-  
SHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST,  
SALT LAKE BASE AND MERIDIAN;  
THENCE NORTH 86 50'0" WEST  
140.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32  
32'0" EAST 39.67 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 32 32'0" EAST 171.22 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH 89 52'0" EAST  
134.96 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32  
32'0" WEST 201.34 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Tax Serial Number: 22-046:0055. Parcel  
3: COMMENCING SOUTH 432.93  
FEET AND EAST 1627.46 FEET FROM  
THE WEST QUARTER  
CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN-  
SHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST,  
SALT LAKE BASE AND MERIDIAN;  
THENCE NORTH 86 50'0" WEST

140.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32  
32'0" EAST 30.78 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 86 50'0" EAST 140.31 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH 32 32'0" WEST  
30.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-  
GINNING. Tax Serial Number:  
22-046:0056. Parcel 4: COMMENC-  
ING SOUTH 510.54 FEET AND EAST  
1541.81 FEET FROM THE WEST  
QUARTER CORNER SECTION 17,  
TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3  
EAST, SALT LAKE BASE AND MERI-  
DIAN; THENCE SOUTH 32 32'0"  
EAST 171.22 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 89 52'0" WEST 100.08 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH 3 10'0" EAST  
144.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-  
GINNING. Tax Serial Number:  
22-046:0057. Parcel 5: COMMENC-  
ING SOUTH 449.83 FEET AND EAST  
1480.07 FEET FROM THE WEST  
QUARTER CORNER SECTION 17,  
TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 3  
EAST, SALT LAKE BASE AND MERI-  
DIAN; THENCE SOUTH 86 50'0"  
EAST 23.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH  
32 32'0" EAST 30.77 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 32 32'0" EAST 39.67 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTH 3 10'0" WEST  
144.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89  
52'0" WEST 36.96 FEET; THENCE  
NORTH 4 40'19" WEST 206.06 FEET  
TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Tax  
Serial Number: 22-046:0063. Parcel 6:  
COMMENCING SOUTH 399.37 FEET  
AND EAST 1292.48 FEET FROM  
THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF  
SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH,  
RANGE 3 EAST, SALT LAKE BASE  
AND MERIDIAN; AND RUNNING  
THENCE SOUTH 86 49'57" EAST  
185.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32  
31'58" EAST 18.47 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 32 31'59" EAST 30.78 FEET;  
THENCE NORTH 86 50'03" WEST  
23.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86  
50'0" WEST 189.49 FEET; THENCE  
NORTH 02 20'0" EAST 40.01 FEET  
TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Tax  
Serial Number: 22-046:0177. Parcel 7:  
COMMENCING SOUTH 439.37 FEET  
AND EAST 1291.09 FEET FROM  
THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF  
SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH,  
RANGE 3 EAST, SALT LAKE BASE  
AND MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 86  
49'59" EAST 189.25 FEET; THENCE  
SOUTH 4 40'17" EAST 206.06 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTH 89 52'0" WEST  
214.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2  
19'59" EAST 216.51 FEET TO THE  
POINT OF BEGINNING. Tax Serial  
Number: 22-046:0178. Together with  
all buildings, fixtures and improve-  
ments thereon and all water rights,  
rights of way, easements, rents, is-  
sues, profits, income, tenements,  
hereditaments, privileges and appurte-  
nances thereunto belonging, now or  
hereafter used or enjoyed with said  
property, or any part thereof, SUB-  
JECT HOWEVER, to the right, power  
and authority hereinafter given to and  
conferred upon Beneficiary to collect  
and apply such rents, issues, and pro-  
fits. The Estimated Total Debt as of  
April 18, 2024 is \$488,493.59 plus  
\$3933.97 attorney fees and costs.  
Said sale will be made, but without  
covenant or warranty, express or im-  
plied, regarding title, possessions, con-  
dition, or encumbrances, including  
fees, charges and expenses of the  
Trustee and of the trusts created by  
said Trust Deed, to pay the remaining  
principal sums of the note(s) secured  
by said Trust Deed. The current benefi-  
ciary of the Trust Deed is Fremont In-  
vestments, LLC, and the record owner  
of the property as of the recording of  
the notice of default is Alta Commer-  
cial Advisors Inc and MVG Invest-  
ments Inc. The sale is subject to ban-  
krupctcy filing, payoff, reinstatement or  
any other circumstance that would af-  
fect the validity of the sale. If any such  
circumstance exists, the sale shall be  
void, the successful bidder's funds re-  
turned and the true and current benefi-  
ciary shall not be liable to the success-  
ful bidder for any damage. Bidders  
must tender to the trustee a \$20,000  
deposit at the sale and the balance of  
the purchase price by 12:00 noon the  
day following the sale. The deposit  
must be in the form of a bank or credit  
union cashier's check or bank official  
check, payable to Jason M. Yancey.  
The balance must be in the form of a  
wire transfer, bank or credit unions  
cashier's check, bank official check or  
U.S. Postal money order payable to  
Jason M. Yancey. A bank or credit un-  
ion cashier's check must be  
pre-printed and clearly state that it is a  
cashier's check. A bank official check  
must be pre-printed and clearly state  
that it is an official check. Cash pay-

ments are not accepted. A trustee's  
deed will be delivered to the success-  
ful bidder within three business days  
after receipt of the amount bid. DATED  
this 22nd day of April, 2024, Jason M.  
Yancey, Successor Trustee, 447 North  
300 West, Suite 6, Kaysville, UT  
84037, 801-544-5306. THIS COM-  
MUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO  
COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY IN-  
FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Legal Notice 12819 Published in the  
Daily Herald on May 3, 10, 17, 2024

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property si-  
tuated in Salt Lake County, State of  
Utah, will be sold at public auction to  
the highest bidder payable in lawful  
money of the United States at the time  
of the sale on the front steps of the  
Third District Courthouse in West Jordan  
at 8080 South Redwood Road,  
West Jordan, Utah 84088, on Wednes-  
day, May 29, 2024, at the hour of 9:30  
a.m., by David R. Williams, Successor  
Trustee, for the purpose of foreclosing  
a Deed of Trust originally executed by  
Steven Diaz, to secure certain obliga-  
tions in favor of Chapter 13 Financial  
Group LLC, Beneficiary, with 1st Lib-  
erty Title, LC, as Trustee, recorded,  
recorded June 28, 2022 as Entry No.  
13976582, Book 11351, Page 9411 of  
the Official Records of Salt Lake Coun-  
ty, State of Utah, describing land  
therein more particularly as follows:  
Lot 36, THE COTTAGES AT FAIR-  
WAY HOLLOW PHASE B, according to  
the official plat thereof as recorded  
in the office of the Salt Lake County  
Recorder.  
Tax ID No. 34-04-329-036  
The street address and other common  
designation of real property described  
above is purported to be 13968 South  
Fairway Ridge Road, Draper, Utah  
84020;  
The current Beneficiary of the Deed of  
Trust is Chapter 13 Financial Group  
LLC and the current record owner of  
the property as of the recording of the  
Notice of Default is Steven Diaz.  
Bidders must be prepared to tender to  
the Successor Trustee \$10,000,000 in  
certified funds at the time of the sale  
and the balance of the purchase price  
in certified funds by 12:00 o'clock noon  
the following business day.  
Said sale will be made without  
covenant or warranty, express or im-  
plied, regarding title, possession, or  
encumbrances, and will be for the pur-  
pose of paying obligations secured by  
the Trust Deed and expresses of sale  
as provided by law.  
DATED this 24th day of April, 2024.

David R. Williams  
David R. Williams  
Successor Trustee

Legal Notice 12793 Published in the  
Daily Herald on April 26, May 3, 10,  
2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is provided that John H. Stal-  
lings passed away on April 5, 2024.  
Traci Stallings and Tricia Prusse are  
the Successor Trustees of the John H.  
Stallings Revocable Trust dated No-  
vember 29, 2006, as restated June 8,  
2021 c/o Howard, Lewis, & Petersen,  
P.C. 120 E. 300 N. Provo, Utah 84606.  
Pursuant to Utah Code §75-7-508, any  
creditor must bring a claim with three  
months after the date of the first pub-  
lication of the notice or be forever  
barred from presenting the claim. The  
date of the first publication was May 3,  
2024.

Legal Notice 12818 Published in the  
Daily Herald on May 3, 10, 17, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**May 4, 2024**  
**4095 W Center Street Provo, UT**  
**9:30 AM**

Units to be auctioned:  
Unit CC202, Property of Betsy Had-  
den, kids toys, mattress, kitchen sup-  
plies, home goods  
Unit CC204, Property of Betsy Had-  
den, kids toys, home goods, mattress  
Unit CC1, Property of Glen Workman,  
home goods, fishing supplies, coolers,  
furniture

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Daily Herald on April 19, 26, May 3,  
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Tiger Woods waves after his final round at the Masters golf  
tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on April 14 in Augusta,  
Ga.

## Tiger Woods receives special exemption to US Open at Pinehurst

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Tiger Woods accepted a  
special exemption for the  
U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2,  
the first time the three-time  
champion has needed an ex-  
emption to play.

Woods has been exempt for  
every U.S. Open since he first  
played in 1995 as the reign-  
ing U.S. Amateur champion.  
His five-year exemption from  
winning the 2019 Masters ex-  
pired last year.

The exemption was ex-  
pected and likely to be the first  
of many. The USGA is particu-  
lar about who is exempt from  
qualifying, last awarding one  
in 2021 to Phil Mickelson.

Jack Nicklaus, with four  
U.S. Open titles among his 18  
professional majors, received  
a record eight special exemp-  
tions, including five in a row  
until he stopped playing the  
U.S. Open after 2000 at Peb-  
ble Beach.

Arnold Palmer received  
five U.S. Open exemptions,  
the last one in 1994 when he  
returned to Oakmont near his  
hometown for a tearful fare-  
well.

Woods won the 2000 U.S.  
Open at Pebble Beach by 15  
shots, a record margin of vic-  
tory for any major champion.  
He added another title in 2002  
at Bethpage Black in New  
York, and he famously won  
his third U.S. Open at Tor-  
rey Pines in 2008 just a week  
before he had reconstructive  
surgery on his left knee.  
“The U.S. Open, our na-  
tional championship, is a truly  
special event for our game and  
one that has helped define my  
career,” Woods said in a state-  
ment. “I’m honored to receive  
this exemption and could not  
be more excited for the op-  
portunity to compete in this  
year’s U.S. Open, especially at  
Pinehurst, a venue that means  
so much to the game.”

The U.S. Open is June 13-  
16 at Pinehurst No. 2, which  
is staging the Open for the  
fourth time. Woods tied for

third, two shots behind the  
late Payne Stewart, in 1999. He  
was runner-up at Pinehurst in  
2005 to Michael Campbell. He  
missed the most recent Open  
at Pinehurst in 2014 while re-  
covering from the first of what  
would be four back surgeries.

Woods has a long history  
with the USGA as the only  
player to win the U.S. Junior  
Amateur three straight times,  
followed by the U.S. Amateur  
three straight times. His nine  
USGA championships are  
matched only by amateur  
great Bobby Jones.

Woods earlier this year  
was selected to receive the  
Bob Jones Award, the highest  
honor from the USGA.

“The story of the U.S. Open  
could not be written with-  
out Tiger Woods,” said John  
Bodenhamer, the USGA’s  
chief championships officer.  
“From his 15-stroke victory  
at Pebble Beach in 2000 to his  
inspiring win on a broken leg  
at Torrey Pines in 2008, this  
championship is simply better  
when Tiger is in the field, and  
his accomplishments in the  
game undoubtedly made this  
an easy decision for our spe-  
cial exemption committee.”

It will be the first time  
Woods competes in the U.S.  
Open since Winged Foot in  
2020, held in September be-  
fore no fans because of the  
COVID-19 pandemic.

He crashed his car in Los  
Angeles and badly injured his  
right leg and ankle in February  
2021, causing him to miss the  
U.S. Open’s return to Torrey  
Pines. While he returned to  
competition a year later, the  
U.S. Open at Brookline in 2022  
was the only major he didn’t  
play. A year ago, Woods had  
surgery to fuse his right an-  
kle after the Masters and did  
not play the rest of the year,  
missing the U.S. Open’s debut  
at Los Angeles Country Club.

Woods last contended at the  
U.S. Open in 2010 at Pebble  
Beach, where he shot 66 in the  
third round but then closed  
with a 75 and tied for fourth.

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