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Is the Utah convention system still relevant?

It’s in more ‘peril’ than ever, BYU professor says

BY KATIE MCKELLAR
Utah News Dispatch

Campaign signs for U.S. Senate candidates are displayed at the Utah Republican Party Convention on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Robert Axson, chairman of the Utah Republican Party, addresses nearly 4,000 delegates at the opening session of the party’s annual convention Saturday, April 27, 2024, at

the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox speaks during the Utah Republican Party Convention at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Campaign materials for former Utah state House Speaker Brad Wilson, who is running for the U.S. Senate seat Mitt Romney is vacating, are displayed at the Utah Republican Party Convention on Saturday, April 27, 2024, in Salt Lake City.

It was among the most memorable moments from the Utah Republican Party’s state nominating convention last Saturday.

From the moment Utah Gov. Spencer Cox walked out onto the

stage, he was met with a chorus of boos, though his supporters — which would eventually represent 32.5% of the nearly 4,000-delegate crowd — did their best to compete with cheers.

Cox smiled through the boos. He was expecting this. He wasn’t the first sitting Republican governor to get booed at his own party’s convention.

It happened to his former boss, former Gov. Gary Herbert in 2016. That year, he got only 44% of delegates’ vote and was forced into a primary with his challenger, Jonathan Johnson. And yet, Herbert went on to handily win the primary with nearly 72% of the vote.

Utah GOP delegates have a track

record of booing incumbents who go on to win primaries against their convention-picked challengers with commanding leads. He pointed this out in his speech to delegates through their jeers, questioning why they were booing him.

“Maybe you’re upset that I signed the largest tax cut in Utah history,” Cox said, listing off other highlights of his administration over the boos. “Maybe you hate that we stopped DEI and ESG and CRT.

“Or maybe,” he said, “it’s something much more simple. Maybe you just hate that I don’t hate enough.”

The line drew visceral anger from many delegates in the crowd. The moment illustrated not just the deepening divide between hard

core delegates and the rest of the Utah Republican party — but also a political calculation Cox apparently made headed into the convention. That calculus was likely this: If they hate him enough to boo him, he’s probably not going to sway them. And that’s OK, because he probably doesn’t need them to win.

“There are a whole bunch of people out there who want to get rid of this,” Cox told delegates during the convention. “They’re telling us that the caucus convention system has been hijacked by extremists who don’t represent the real Republicans in our state. I hope that we’re not giving them more ammunition

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CARLENE COOMBS, DAILY HERALD

Santaquin police officers carry the body of Sgt. Bill Hooser in Santaquin followed by his family on Monday.

‘AN INCREDIBLE HERO’

Officials release name of Santaquin police officer killed by semi driver; community pays respect

BY CARLENE COOMBS
Daily Herald

A somber atmosphere blanketed the quiet community of Santaquin on Monday morning as residents lined Main Street to pay their respects to a city police officer who was killed early Sunday morning.

Police officials identified the officer as 50-year-old Sgt. Bill Hooser, who had been

with the department since 2017. In total, Hooser had been in law enforcement for eight years and worked for the San Juan County Sheriff’s Department in New Mexico before coming to Santaquin.

Hooser is survived by his wife, two daughters and one granddaughter.

The scene along Santaquin’s Main Street was silent, aside from the sound of patrol cars

and fire engines driving in the miles-long procession that transported the fallen officer from the medical examiner’s office back to Hooser’s hometown.

Police officers and first responders from around Utah County joined the procession as it moved southbound on Interstate 15 on its

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BYU

Professors learn about how students are using ChatGPT

BY CURTIS BOOKER
Daily Herald

As artificial intelligence continues to evolve, educators are trying to figure out what impacts the technology will have in the classroom.

A new study conducted by professors at Brigham Young University looks into how students are using ChatGPT to search for information. They surveyed 455 students about prompts they fed the technology.

Amanda Hughes, an associate professor of computer science at BYU, participated in the study. She said some of the most common uses were for content retrieval similar to a Google search, generating content, revising or correcting their work, and evaluating the work they’ve done on an assignment. The results revealed some students used the interactive, iterative nature of the tool to have the same sort of dialogue they would with an instructor.

Data from the study reportedly did not suggest that students were using the new tech to cheat. However, professors were curious about how educators are advising students to use AI — or in some cases deter them away from using it. “Somebody said that one of their professors said that they would come and hunt them down and fail them if found out that they were using Chat GPT,” Hughes told the Daily Herald. “But then other professors were encouraging them to use it and, and trying to

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Hamas accepts Gaza cease-fire; Israel continues talks

BY SAM MEDNICK, JOSEF FEDERMAN AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Hamas announced its acceptance Monday of an Egyptian-Qatari cease-fire proposal, but Israel said the deal did not meet its “core demands” and that it was pushing ahead with an

assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah. Still, Israel said it would continue negotiations.

The high-stakes diplomatic moves and military brinkmanship left a glimmer of hope alive — but only barely — for an accord that could bring at least a pause in the 7-month-old war that has devastated

the Gaza Strip. Hanging over the wrangling was the threat of an all-out Israeli assault on Rafah, a move the United States strongly opposes and that aid groups warn will be disastrous for some 1.4 million Palestinians taking refuge there.

Hamas’s abrupt acceptance of the cease-fire deal came

hours after Israel ordered an evacuation of some 100,000 Palestinians from eastern neighborhoods of Rafah, signaling an invasion was imminent.

The Israeli military said it was conducting “targeted strikes” against Hamas in eastern Rafah. Soon after, Israeli tanks entered Rafah,

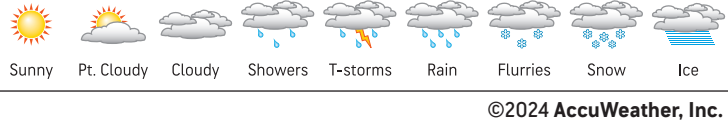
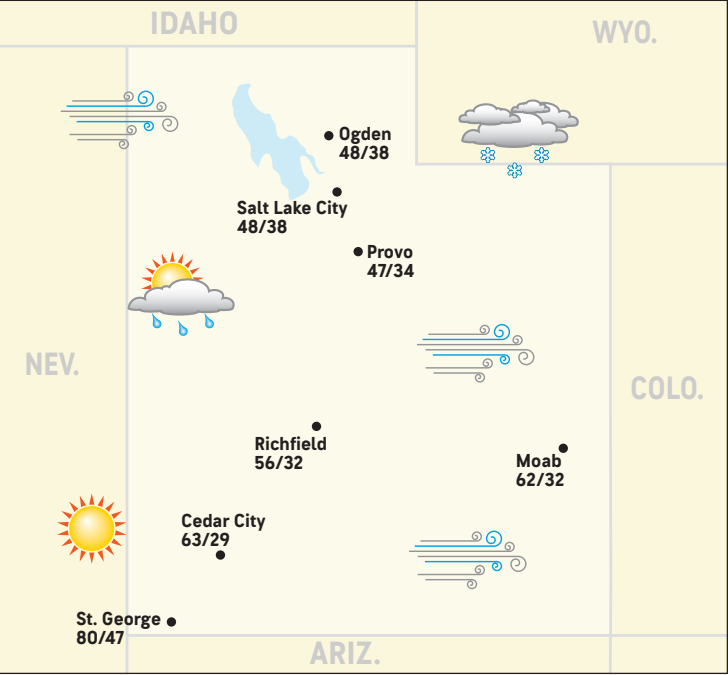
reaching as close as 200 meters from Rafah’s crossing with neighboring Egypt, a Palestinian security official and an Egyptian official said. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The Egyptian official said the operation appeared to

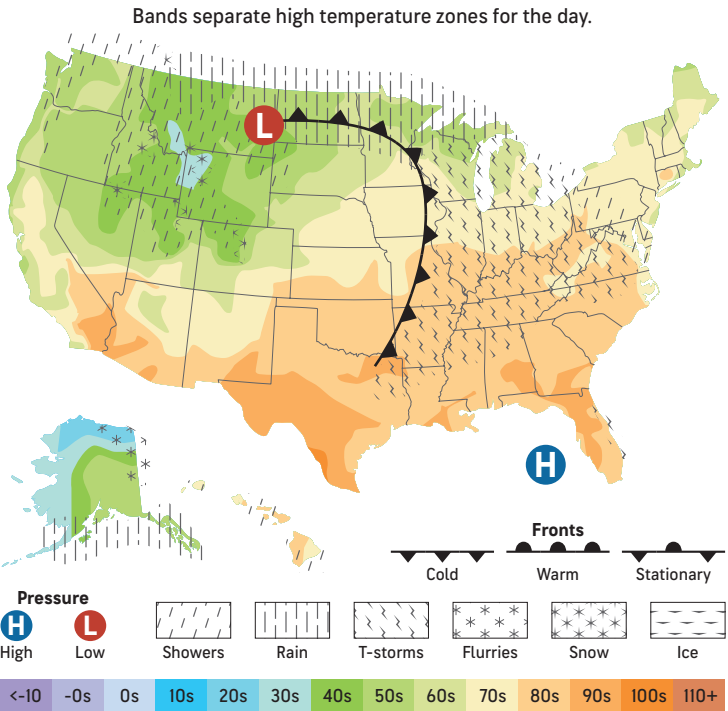
be limited in scope. He and Hamas’ Al-Aqsa TV said Israeli officials informed the Egyptians that the troops would withdraw after completing the operation. The Associated Press could not independently verify the scope of the operation.

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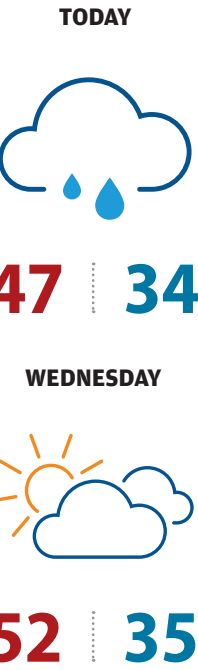
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TRUMP HUSH MONEY TRIAL



WIN MCNAMEE, POOL PHOTO VIA AP

Former President Donald Trump attends his trial at the Manhattan Criminal Court on Monday in New York.

Trump fined for \$1,000 from gag order violation

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK, JENNIFER PELTZ, ERIC TUCKER AND JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The judge in Donald Trump’s hush money trial fined him \$1,000 on Monday and, in his sternest warning yet, told the former president that future gag order violations could send him to jail. The reprimand opened a revelatory day of testimony, as jurors for the first time heard the details of the financial transactions at the center of the case and saw payment checks bearing Trump’s signature.

The testimony from former Trump Organization controller Jeffrey McConney provided a mechanical but vital recitation of how the company reimbursed payments that were allegedly meant to suppress embarrassing stories from surfacing during Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign and then logged them as legal expenses in a manner that Manhattan prosecutors say broke the law.

McConney’s appearance on the witness stand came as

the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president entered its third week of testimony. His account lacked the human drama offered Friday by long-time Trump aide Hope Hicks, but it nonetheless yielded an important building block for prosecutors trying to pull back the curtain on what they say was a corporate records cover-up of transactions designed to protect Trump’s presidential bid during a pivotal stretch of the race.

At the center of the testimony, and the case itself, is a \$130,000 payment Trump’s then-lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen made to porn actor Stormy Daniels in October 2016 to stifle her claims of an extramarital sexual encounter with Trump a decade earlier.

The 34 felony counts of falsifying business records accuse Trump of labeling the money paid to Cohen in his company’s records as legal fees. Prosecutors contend that by paying him income and giving him extra to account for taxes in monthly installments for a year, the Trump executives were able to conceal the reimbursement.

McConney and another witness testified that all but two of the monthly checks were drawn from Trump’s personal account. Yet even as jurors saw the checks and other documentary evidence, prosecutors did not elicit testimony Monday showing that Trump himself dictated that the payments would be logged as legal expenses — a designation that prosecutors contend was intentionally deceptive.

McConney acknowledged during cross-examination that Trump never asked him to log the reimbursements as legal expenses and never discussed the matter with him at all. Another witness, Deborah Tarasoff, a Trump Organization accounts payable supervisor, said under questioning that she did not get permission to cut the checks in question from Trump himself.

“You never had any reason to believe that President Trump was hiding anything or anything like that?” Trump attorney Todd Blanche asked. “Correct,” Tarasoff replied.

The testimony followed Judge Juan M. Merchan’s sober warning to Trump that additional violations of a gag order barring inflammatory out-of-court comments about witnesses, jurors and others closely connected to the case could land the former president behind bars.

The \$1,000 fine imposed Monday marks the second time since the trial began last month that Trump has been sanctioned for violating the gag order. He was fined \$9,000 last week — \$1,000 for each of nine violations.

“It appears that the \$1,000 fines are not serving as a deterrent. Therefore going forward, this court will have to consider a jail sanction,” Merchan said before jurors were brought into the courtroom. Trump’s statements, the judge added, “threaten to interfere with the fair administration of justice and

constitute a direct attack on the rule of law. I cannot allow that to continue.”

Trump sat forward in his seat, glowering at the judge as he handed down the ruling. When the judge finished speaking, Trump shook his head twice and crossed his arms.

Yet even as Merchan warned of jail time in his most pointed and direct admonition, he also made clear his reservations about a step that he described as a “last resort” and said he would only do so if prosecutors recommended it.

“The last thing I want to do is put you in jail,” Merchan said. “You are the former president of the United States and possibly the next president, as well. There are many reasons why incarceration is truly a last resort for me. To take that step would be disruptive to these proceedings, which I imagine you want to end as quickly as possible.”

The latest violation stems from an April 22 interview with television channel Real America’s Voice in which Trump criticized the speed at which the jury was picked and claimed, without evidence, that it was stacked with Democrats.

Once testimony resumed, McConney recounted conversations with longtime Trump Organization finance chief Allen Weisselberg in January 2017 about reimbursing Cohen for a \$130,000 payment intended to buy Daniels’ silence over her account of a sexual encounter at a 2006 celebrity golf outing in Lake Tahoe, California.

Weisselberg “said we had to get some money to Michael, we had to reimburse Michael. He tossed a pad toward me, and I started taking notes on what he said,” McConney testified. “That’s how I found out about it.”

“He kind of threw the pad at me and said, ‘Take this down,’” said McConney, who worked for Trump’s company for about 36 years, retiring last year after he was granted immunity to testify for the prosecution at the Trump Organization’s New York criminal tax fraud trial.

A bank statement displayed in court showed Cohen paying \$130,000 to Keith Davidson, Daniels’ lawyer, on Oct. 27, 2016, out of an account for an entity Cohen created for the purpose.

Weisselberg’s handwritten notes spell out a plan to pay Cohen \$420,000, which included a base reimbursement that was then doubled to reflect anticipated taxes as well as a \$60,000 bonus and an expense that prosecutors have described as a technology contract.

McConney’s own notes, taken on the notepad he said Weisselberg threw at him, were also shown in court. After calculations that laid out that Cohen would get \$35,000 a month for 12 months, McConney wrote: “wire monthly from DJT.”

Asked what that meant, McConney said: “That was out of the president’s personal bank account.”

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Pro-Palestinian protesters break through barricades

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pro-Palestinian protesters that had been blocked by police from accessing an encampment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Monday broke through fencing, linked arms and encircled tents that remained there, as Columbia University canceled its university-wide commencement ceremony following weeks of pro-Palestinian protests.

Sam Ihns, a graduate student at MIT studying mechanical engineering and a member of MIT Jews for a Ceasefire, said the group has been at the encampment for the past two weeks and that they were calling for an end to the killing of thousands of people in Gaza.

“Specifically, our encampment is protesting MIT’s direct research ties to the Israeli Ministry of Defense,” he said.

Protesters also sat in the middle of Massachusetts Avenue, blocking the street temporarily during rush hour in the Boston area. By evening the atmosphere around the MIT protest grew less tense with protesters listening to speeches and joining chants before taking a pizza dinner break.

Police in large part had pulled back from the encampment after offering a more robust presence earlier in the day. An MIT spokesperson said the fencing was breached after the arrival of demonstrators from outside the university and that no arrests had been made by Monday night.

The demonstrations at Columbia



JOSH REYNOLDS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Demonstrators tear down barricades that had been erected outside a pro-Palestinian encampment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Monday in Cambridge, Mass.

have roiled its campus and officials said Monday that while it won’t hold it’s main ceremony, students will be able to celebrate at a series of smaller, school-based ceremonies this week and next.

The decision comes as universities around the country wrangle with how to handle commencements for students whose high school graduations were derailed by COVID-19 in 2020. Another campus shaken by protests, Emory University, announced Monday that it would move its commencement from its Atlanta campus to a suburban arena. Others, including the University of Michigan, Indiana University and Northeastern, have pulled off ceremonies with few disruptions.

Columbia’s decision to cancel its main ceremonies scheduled for May 15 saves its president, Minouche Shafik, from having to deliver a commencement address in the same part of campus where police dismantled a protest encampment last week. The Ivy League school in upper Manhattan said it made the decision after discussions with students.

“Our students emphasized that these smaller-scale, school-based celebrations are most meaningful to them and their families,” officials said.

Most of the ceremonies that had been scheduled for the south lawn of the main campus, where encampments were taken down last week, will take place about 5 miles north at

ChatGPT

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come up with ways that made sense that it would help augment their learning, instead of taking over.”

Hughes thinks educators may think about looking at different ways to challenge students to use their human skills as opposed to relying on technology. “Knowing that they’re going to use ChatGPT to help them with their writing, how can they challenge or push them to do

something (that) allows them to use skills that they have as a human that the computer can’t necessarily do?” she asked.

Even with ChatGPT’s human-like responses, it’s not 100% reliable. Chatbots often will “hallucinate” or make up facts about things, which seldom happens when they’re asked a question. Hughes said a number of students reported experiences with inaccuracies when it came to helping them solve a problem.

“That is kind of one of my worries with ChatGPT is that

if we become over-reliant on that and we think that the answers are accurate and don’t kind of push back and question when things don’t seem quite right, we could be acting on misinformation,” Hughes said.

AI likely isn’t going away, so adapting to the new technology tools will almost be inevitable for students and educators. Ultimately, BYU researchers believe it will be up to instructors how or if they decide to integrate it to supplement student assignments.

Hooser

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way to Santaquin. It ended at a funeral home where police officers lined the street, standing in salute as Santaquin policemen, followed by Hooser’s family, carried his flag-draped coffin from the ambulance into the building.

Mike Hooser, the officer’s younger brother, spoke during a press conference Monday afternoon, sharing a statement from the family.

Hooser’s brother tearfully expressed gratitude for the outpouring of support his family has received over the last day from law enforcement agencies and the community.

“The Hooser and Edwards family are devastated by the loss of a beautiful husband, son, brother, father and grandfather,” Mike Hooser said. “Such a senseless loss that hit so hard for not just our family, but our extended law enforcement family and the community.”

“Although nothing could ever make up the loss we feel, we take solace knowing that Bill died a hero,” he continued.

Mike Hooser said his brother began his time in law enforcement as a volunteer “late in life” and said he loved being a police officer.

Santaquin Police Chief Rodney Hurst said Bill Hooser was a “top-notch officer” who was promoted to his position as a sergeant in February.

“I know everybody says this when an officer gets killed, but Sgt. Hooser was one of those guys that was really squared away,” Hurst said.

Hooser was killed early Sunday morning when he and a Utah Highway patrolman responded to a report of a man standing on the trailer of a semitruck as it was moving down the interstate.

Utah Highway Patrol Col. Michael Rapich said he is grateful the highway patrolman was unharmed but “at the same time, we are devastated and our hearts are broken because of the loss of an incredible hero who



COURTESY SANTAQUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Bill Hooser of the Santaquin Police Department was killed by a semitruck driver on Sunday.

responded to the incident to help our trooper in a challenging situation.”

Police officials provided a more detailed timeline of the fatal encounter during a press briefing Monday afternoon.

According to police, Utah Highway Patrol dispatch near Richfield received a call from a driver who reported seeing someone standing on the back of a semitruck as it traveled north around mile marker 207.

Utah Highway Patrol first spotted the truck around mile marker 244 and the highway patrolman and Hooser initiated a traffic stop around exit 244 in Santaquin.

Officers reportedly made contact with the driver, who then allegedly drove forward, made a U-turn, targeted the officers and struck both vehicles and Hooser.

Police identified the suspect as 42-year-old Micheal Aaron Jayne, who was placed

into custody in Vernal late Sunday morning after reportedly fleeing and stealing multiple vehicles before he was arrested.

Jayne allegedly fled the scene then went to a nearby convenience store and stole another semitruck, police said. He then reportedly left the semi in Mona and stole a Ford pickup truck. That truck was located in Mount Pleasant, where Jayne allegedly stole another vehicle, which he was driving when he fled from UHP troopers in Vernal, ending in him crashing in the vehicle.

UHP Lt. Cameron Roden clarified at the press conference that Jayne is still hospitalized due to his injuries from the crash.

In regard to the initial 911 call, which reported a person standing on the semitruck, Roden did not provide additional details on those circumstances.

Columbia’s sports complex, officials said.

Speakers at some of Columbia’s still-scheduled graduation ceremonies include Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright James Ijames and Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, director of the National Institutes of Health.

Columbia had already canceled in-person classes. More than 200 pro-Palestinian demonstrators who had camped out on Columbia’s green or occupied an academic building were arrested in recent weeks.

Similar encampments sprouted up elsewhere as universities struggled with where to draw the line between allowing free expression while maintaining safe and inclusive campuses.

The University of Southern California earlier canceled its main graduation ceremony. Students abandoned their camp at USC on Sunday after being surrounded by police and threatened with arrest.

Other universities have held graduation ceremonies with beefed-up security. The University of Michigan’s ceremony was interrupted by chanting a few times Saturday. In Boston on Sunday, some students waved small Palestinian or Israeli flags at Northeastern University’s commencement in Fenway Park.

Emory’s ceremonies scheduled for May 13 will be held at the GasSouth Arena and Convocation Center in Duluth, almost 20 miles northeast of the university’s Atlanta campus, President Gregory Fenves said in an open letter.

“Please know that this decision was not taken lightly,” Fenves wrote.

“It was made in close consultation with the Emory Police Department, security advisors and other agencies — each of which advised against holding commencement events on our campuses.”

The 16,000-student university is one of many that has seen repeated protests stemming from the conflict that started Oct. 7 when Hamas militants attacked southern Israel, killing about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking roughly 250 hostages. Student protesters are calling on their schools to divest from companies that do business with Israel or otherwise contribute to the war effort.

Vowing to destroy Hamas, Israel launched an offensive in Gaza that has killed more than 34,500 Palestinians, about two-thirds of them women and children, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-ruled territory. Israeli strikes have devastated the enclave and displaced most of its inhabitants.

Hamas on Monday announced its acceptance of an Egyptian-Qatari cease-fire proposal, but Israel said the deal did not meet its “core demands” and that it was pushing ahead with an assault on the southern Gaza town of Rafah.

“Cease-fires are temporary,” said Selina Al-Shihabi, a Georgetown University sophomore who was taking part in a protest at George Washington. “There can be a cease-fire, but the U.S. government will continue to arm the Israeli military. We plan to be here until the university divests or until they drag us out of here.”

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The Bureau of Reclamation, working with Southern Utah Valley Power Systems (SUVPS), is providing the public with the opportunity to review the negotiated draft of the title transfer agreement for 30 days beginning May 1, 2024. The draft title transfer agreement can be found at: <https://www.usbr.gov/uc/provo/index.html>

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was recorded on August 2, 2023, as Entry No. 50194:2023, in the records of the Utah County Recorder. A Notice of Default and Election to Sell was recorded on December 15, 2023, as Entry No. 80895:2023, in the records of the Utah County Recorder. Said sale is for the purpose of paying obligations provided for under the Law and/or the Declaration, including fees, charges, and expenses of Trustee, advances, if any, paid under the terms of the Declaration, together with interest thereon; and the unpaid assessments, together with interest thereon as stated in the Declaration or By-law. Purchaser must be prepared to tender a \$3,000.00 deposit in certified funds/cashier's check at time of sale made payable to Jenkins Bagley Sperry PLLC, Client Trust Account. Cash is not acceptable. The deposit is forfeited and treated as additional sale proceeds if the bidder refuses to pay the balance of the bid price within 24 hours of the sale. All inquiries concerning this sale should be directed to Jenkins Bagley Sperry, PLLC, Attn: Collections Department. Notice to Tenant: If the stated purpose of the obligation for which the trust deed was given as security is to finance residential rental property and if you are a tenant, be advised, as stated in the accompanying Notice of Trustee's Sale, that this property is scheduled to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder unless the default in the obligation secured by this property is cured. If the property is sold, you may be allowed under federal law to continue to occupy your rental unit until your rental agreement expires, or until 90 days after the date you are served with a notice to vacate, whichever is later. If your rental or lease agreement expires after the 90-day period, you may need to provide a copy of your rental or lease agreement to the new owner to prove your right to remain on the property longer than 90 days after the sale of the property. You must continue to pay your rent and comply with other requirements of your rental or lease agreement to avoid eviction for violating your rental or lease agreement. The new owner or you will be subject to eviction for violating your rental or lease agreement. The new owner or the new owner's representative will probably contact you after the property is sold with directions about where to pay rent. The new owner of the property may or may not want to offer to enter into a new rental or lease agreement with you at the expiration of the period described above.

PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 57-1-26-(3)(B),
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:
Contact Information for Trustee:
Bruce C. Jenkins, Esq.
285 W. Tabernacle St., Suite 301
St. George, UT 84770
8:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays
Phone: (435) 656-5008,
Facsimile: (435) 656-8201

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Posted at: 883 S 2040 W, Orem, Utah 84059-4002
The following described property will be sold at public auction, without warranty as to title, possession or encumbrances, to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States at the time of sale, at the front door of the Utah County American Fork Fourth District Court, Utah County, 75 E 80 N # 202, American Fork, UT 84003, on Tuesday, March 19, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. of said day, for the purpose of foreclosing a lien for assessments under (1) Utah Code §57- 8-44-54 (condominium) or §57-8a-301-311 (planned development), as the case may require (the "Law") and/or (ii) Declaration of Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "Declaration"), with a beneficial interest in the lien in favor of Sleepy Ridge Property Owners' Association, covering real property reputed to be owned, as of the date of the Notice of Default and Election to Sell, by Yong Jun Wang, a married person and Zhe Wang, a single person, and located at 883 S 2040 W, Orem, Utah 84059-4002, and more particularly described as:
Lot 67, as shown in the Plat for GOLDEN POND AT SLEEPY RIDGE, PHASE 3, Planned Residential Development, recorded in the County Recorder of Utah County, Utah as Entry No. 51516:2005 and Map Filing No. 1081. Subject to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions of Golden Pond at Sleepy Ridge, a Planned Residential Development, recorded in the office of the Utah County Recorder as Entry No. 139465:2004 (as the same is amend-

ed or modified). Together with a right and easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Area described, and as provided for, in said Declaration of Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (as said Declaration may have heretofore been amended or supplemented).

PARCEL NUMBER: 40:363:0067
A Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Continuing Lien and Request for Notice was recorded on March 13, 2023, as Entry No. 15237:2023, in the records of the Utah County Recorder. A Notice of Default and Election to Sell was recorded on August 2, 2023, as Entry No. 50243:2023, in the records of the Utah County Recorder.

Said sale is for the purpose of paying obligations provided for under the Law and/or the Declaration, including fees, charges, and expenses of Trustee, advances, if any, paid under the terms of the Declaration, together with interest thereon; and the unpaid assessments, together with interest thereon as stated in the Declaration or By-law. Purchaser must be prepared to tender a \$3,000.00 deposit in certified funds/cashier's check at time of sale made payable to Jenkins Bagley Sperry PLLC, Client Trust Account. Cash is not acceptable. The deposit is forfeited and treated as additional sale proceeds if the bidder refuses to pay the balance of the bid price within 24 hours of the sale.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SETTLORS AND CO-TRUSTEES, DENNIS LUKA KOCHNIUK II AND TAMMY LYNN STEPHENS-KOCHNIUK, 2532 S. COLT DRIVE, SARATOGA SPRINGS, UTAH 84045, AND CO-TRUSTEE, JONATHAN STEPHENS, HEREBY PUBLISH NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING ASSET WAS TRANSFERRED INTO A UTAH DOMESTIC ASSET PROTECTION TRUST ON APRIL 24, 2024: PARCEL NO. 66-346-0604 IN UTAH COUNTY, UTAH. CREDITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT CLAIMS TO THE ABOVE CO-TRUSTEES WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR BE FOREVER BARRED.

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UPAXLP

Convention

From A1

today.” Cox’s critics called his speech “condescending.” It prompted several county Republican parties to issue statements criticizing Cox’s comments and defending the caucus convention system as an important part of representative government and a lifeline for candidates who don’t have deep pockets that can fund signature gathering campaigns.

However, a political science professor at Brigham Young University said the scene highlighted a growing problem for the convention process and its relevance.

“There are more questions about the caucus convention system than ever,” said Chris Karpowitz, who is also co-director of BYU’s Center of the Study of Elections and Democracy, told Utah News Dispatch days after the convention.

Given the party’s track record in recent years of nominating losing candidates when the race is opened up to all Utah Republican voters for the primary— along with rising frustration about the conduct by some of the delegates during the convention — Karpowitz said the caucus convention system is in “greater peril” today.

“I think people look at what happened at convention ... and that’s not a style of politics that attracts large segments of the population,” he said. “Fundamentally, to the extent that the convention continues to nominate people who then go on to do quite poorly in the primary, I think it just raises questions about its value and its role in nominating candidates.”

The convention system’s track record

Rewind to 2016. That year, Herbert’s Republican challengers attacked him for signing SB54, a 2014 law that allows a dual path to the primary ballot via signature gathering. It’s been long hated by Utah’s most far-right conservatives and convention goers who believe party candidates’ path to the ballot should only be through convention.

That continued rancor with SB54 — despite many failed legal challenges — was on full display again, 10 years later, during this year’s convention. Several Republican challengers to incumbents like Cox, who had already secured their place on the primary ballot by signature gathering, showcased themselves as “convention only” candidates, relying entirely on delegate support to continue their political bids.

To this day, caucus supporters continue to argue that SB54 has empowered money-driven politicking. Signature gathering takes a lot of resources and money, they argue, so it’s giving an unfair advantage to candidates flush with campaign cash.

In 2016, Herbert gathered signatures, another source of delegate anger. That year, SB54’s sponsor Sen. Curt Bramble, R-Provo, defended the legislation as necessary, arguing had it not been for the SB54 compromise (which preserved both paths to the primary), the group Count My Vote would have likely succeeded in a ballot initiative to eliminate conventions in favor of open primaries.

Bramble, who is retiring in December, made the same argument again this year, a decade later, telling The Salt Lake Tribune during the convention he was tired of the “revisionist history” from delegates who are still complaining about SB54. “It was clear to me and the Legislature that initiative would pass and do away with the convention system entirely,” he told the outlet. “We



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Campaign signs for U.S. Senate candidates are displayed at the Utah Republican Party Convention on April 27.

wanted to preserve the caucus system, and this was the only way to do that.”

But even before SB54, delegates have booed. In 2000, they nearly booed Gov. Mike Leavitt off the stage, the Deseret News reported at the time, before giving him 54% of the vote, six points shy of the 64% he needed to win their nomination. That forced Leavitt into a primary with a little-known candidate named Glen Davis.

And yet, Leavitt went on to easily win the primary with 62% of the vote.

Utah’s Republican delegates

Though it was more than 20 years ago, conservative delegates’ complaints of Leavitt sound familiar. At the time, they accused Leavitt and Sen. Orrin Hatch of abandoning their principles, greeting Leavitt with shouts of “Democrat” and “hypocrite,” the Washington Post reported.

“Mad about gun control. Mad about wilderness. Mad at long-term incumbency. Mad, mad, mad,” the Deseret News wrote about the 2000 GOP state delegates. At the time, a Democrat, Bill Clinton was in the Oval Office.

This year, many Utah Republican delegates were again mad. Furious. With SB54 (still). With President Joe Biden and Democrats. With the federal government as a whole, really.

They’re so mad, they want to fight — not negotiate or compromise, hence why some of them booed Rep. Blake Moore, who’s been a proponent of bipartisanship. Not “disagree better,” Cox’s campaign with the National Association of Governors, meant to discourage hyperpartisanship, tribalism and other issues sowing political hatred and threatening U.S. democracy, Cox has said.

This segment of the Utah Republican Party is so fed up, they crave bold disruptors like former President Donald Trump. Trump’s brand of politics resonates so strongly with them, if a candidate mirrors his style and proudly aligns themselves with him (like Rep. Phil Lyman for governor or Riverton Mayor Trent Staggs for outgoing Sen. Mitt Romney’s seat), that appears to be all it takes to win their support.

“Those who are most invested in the MAGA-style of politics seem to be willing to follow Donald Trump wherever he goes and whatever he does,” Karpowitz said.

Utah’s GOP state delegates clearly overlap “with the most intense Trump supporters and sort of populist appeals,” Karpowitz said, and that’s a predictable outcome given “part of what Donald Trump has argued since 2016 is that there are

people in government that don’t have your best interest at heart. And he has whipped up a lot of emotion about that sentiment.”

That rhetoric has deepened existing divides not just between opposing political parties, but also within Utah’s Republican Party. This year, it’s manifested starkly in the race for Utah governor, pitting Lyman supporters against Cox supporters.

“The Republican party is divided,” Karpowitz said, “and that really is coming out in the difference between the kinds of candidates who seem to be popular at the convention and the kinds of candidates who do well with Republican voters more broadly.”

Is the convention system representative?

Delegates seeth when critics say they don’t represent most Utah Republicans and the convention system is antiquated, arguing they were elected by engaged community members in caucus meetings across all 29 counties.

In the late hours of Saturday night’s convention (which ran for over 16 hours, all the way until midnight), Rob Axson, chairman of the Utah Republican Party, applauded the thousands of delegates who stayed late to participate in the process. He said he’d challenge anyone who thinks the late hour was a sign of dysfunction that it’s actually a sign of nearly 4,000 Utahns willing to “do the work” and make the best decisions for their neighbors.

The Salt Lake County Republican Party, along with several other county parties, also issued statements in the days following the convention criticizing Cox’s speech, interpreting it to characterize delegates as “‘irrelevant’ and ‘full of hate’ despite their honest efforts over the past two months.”

In response to criticisms of “rowdiness,” Salt Lake County Republican GOP chairman Chris Null posted Cox had called Utah GOP delegates “extremists,” and that’s why they booed.

However, Karpowitz said this year’s raucous convention didn’t exactly demonstrate a cautious, deliberate body.

“You can’t simultaneously claim that a caucus convention system is good for thoughtful, reasoned deliberation and say that what happened this year was a good example of that,” he said.

While booing has happened before, he said this year’s scorn was “surprising” in the sense that it was directed “more broadly” even toward incumbents who are extremely conservative.

“Especially when the candidates who come out of the convention

have not tended to fare well in the primaries, it’s not tenable to have a system that consistently produces candidates who tend to lose, and lose badly,” Karpowitz said.

“That just underscores the fact that the delegates are not a representative sample of Republicans in the state,” he added.

When conducting a nominating process, political parties have to weigh “various values,” Karpowitz said. “Certainly thoughtful deliberation and the chance for voters to get to know candidates better is an important value. But also reflecting the attitudes and issue positions of most Republicans in the state is an important value.”

“So you want the nominating process to actually represent what most Republicans in the state prefer,” he said. “And it’s consistently not producing that outcome.”

He said the issue spans not just on the gubernatorial level, but also Senate and Congressional races.

“It’s also curiously hostile to incumbent Republicans, who tend to have really high approval ratings,” he said, pointing to the last three governors. “All of them have had remarkably high approval ratings over the course of their time in office. And they’ve done extremely well in both primary and general elections. So it seems odd, then, to use this forum as a way to express displeasure with those winning candidates.”

Karpowitz said it’s not as if Republicans “can’t disagree” with those candidates, “but it’s just not clear to me what the booing and the hectoring and this sort of behavior is producing.”

“It sends a message that this group is extreme and doesn’t reflect the values or preferences of most Republicans in the state,” Karpowitz said.

He pointed to research, including an analysis he and Jeremy Pope, another BYU professor and co-director of the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, conducted in 2015, which concluded caucuses are “more likely to attract partisan voters. This in turn means that caucuses are more likely to select a more extreme nominee.”

“All of the research we’ve seen shows that the delegates are more extreme ideologically than voters, and the election outcomes show that too,” Karpowitz said. “So they’re manifestly not representing their neighbors very well because they’re not perceiving what their neighbors would prefer.”

The Utah Republican Party issued a statement defending the convention system and the “dedication of the nearly 4,000 state delegates who gave their time to the process.” The party also condemned “the actions

of any delegate or visitor to our convention who used threats or vulgarity for any reason.”

The party said those actions “do not represent our Party or the vast majority of delegates,” and it refuted “any efforts by the media, candidates, or others to equate the behavior of a few to that of the Republican Party or other delegates.”

The road ahead: Cox vs. Lyman will be another test

Even though Lyman got the Republican nomination at convention, history shows he has a tough path to beat Cox in the June 25 primary.

“Incumbents always have an advantage,” Karpowitz said, “and I expect Spencer Cox to have that same advantage in the primary. That’s true of all incumbents.”

It was conducted before the April 27 state nominating convention, but a recent Republican gubernatorial primary poll by Noble Predictive Insights showed Cox was leading his opponents with 81% support among Republican voters. The poll was conducted from April 8-16 of 600 registered Utah Republicans, with a margin of error of plus or minus 5.8 percentage points.

Lyman brushed off those poll results and told Utah News Dispatch that “party faithfuls” simply aren’t “big fans” of Cox. He said his campaign has conducted its own polls “and we feel really good about where we’re at right now in the (election) cycle.”

“We’re ahead of where I projected where we would be in terms of name recognition, favorability and alignment with other key politicians like Sen. (Mike) Lee,” he said. “We feel like we’re in a good position.”

Lyman acknowledged he has a steep hill to climb to beat Cox in June. “We’ve got work to do to educate voters,” he said, but argued “our message resonates. When people hear it, they’re excited about it.”

Lyman said his nomination came from “very informed and super faithful party loyal Republicans.” As for booing, Lyman said a convention is an opportunity for party members to “be expressive” and let candidates know how they feel, good or bad.

“That’s the beautiful thing about it,” he said. “There’s a lot of cheering too. So if we want to say there should be no booing, then I guess there should be no cheering and there should be no expression of anything.”

Lyman said the “booing came very naturally” when it came to the sitting governor. “Cox told them, you know, basically they don’t matter anywhere. I think they’re entitled to boo at that.” Attacks on Cox also came from his Democratic opponent, Rep. Brian King, who issued a statement Friday saying the scene at the convention showed there’s “no appealing” the “extremism” in the Utah Republican Party.

By supporting policies that “hurt the most vulnerable and cheerleads culture war lawsuits, all to score political points and appease his base,” King accused Cox of being “complicit in empowering this chaos, and he will continue to be as long as it is politically convenient.”

Matt Lusty, spokesperson for Cox’s campaign, issued a statement Friday saying a recent Morning Consult poll showed Cox had 69% approval and only 19% disapproval among all Republican voters.

“The governor appreciates the broad support he has from everyday Republicans across the state,” Lusty said. “He is proud to support conservative victories like school choice, comprehensive pro-life protections, and the largest tax cut in Utah history.”

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Cease-fire

From A1

Israeli airstrikes also hit elsewhere in Rafah late Monday, killing at least five people, including a child and a woman, hospital officials said.

The Israeli military declined to comment. On Sunday, Hamas fighters near the Rafah crossing fired mortars into southern Israel, killing four Israeli soldiers.

Israel’s War Cabinet decided to continue the Rafah operation, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “s office said earlier Monday. It also said that while the proposal Hamas agreed to “is far from meeting Israel’s core demands,” it would send negotiators to Egypt to work on a deal.

President Joe Biden spoke with Netanyahu and reiterated U.S. concerns about an invasion of Rafah. U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said American

officials were reviewing the Hamas response “and discussing it with our partners in the region.”

It was not immediately known if the proposal Hamas agreed to was substantially different from one that U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken pressed the militant group to accept last week, which Blinken said included significant Israeli concessions.

An American official said the U.S. was examining whether what Hamas agreed to was the version signed off on by Israel and international negotiators or something else.

Egyptian officials said that proposal called for a cease-fire of multiple stages starting with a limited hostage release and partial Israeli troop pull-backs within Gaza. The two sides would also negotiate a “permanent calm” that would lead to a full hostage release and greater Israeli withdrawal out of the territory, they said.

Hamas sought clearer guar-

antees for its key demand of an end to the war and complete Israeli withdrawal in return for the release of all hostages, but it wasn’t clear if any changes were made.

Israeli leaders have repeatedly rejected that trade-off, vowing to keep up their campaign until Hamas is destroyed after its Oct. 7 attack on Israel that triggered the war.

Netanyahu is under pressure from hard-line partners in his coalition who demand an attack on Rafah and could collapse his government if he signs a deal. But he also faces pressure from the families of hostages to reach a deal for their release.

Thousands of Israelis rallied around the country Monday night calling for an immediate agreement. About a thousand protesters swelled near the defense headquarters in Tel Aviv. In Jerusalem, about a hundred protesters marched toward Netanyahu’s residence with a banner reading, “The

blood is on your hands.”

Israel says Rafah is the last significant Hamas stronghold in Gaza, and Netanyahu said Monday that the offensive against the city was vital to ensuring the militants can’t rebuild their military capabilities.

But he faces strong American opposition. Miller said Monday the U.S. has not seen a credible plan to protect Palestinian civilians. “We cannot support an operation in Rafah as it is currently envisioned,” he said.

The looming operation has raised global alarm. Aid agencies have warned that an offensive will bring a surge of more civilian deaths in an Israeli campaign that has already killed 34,000 people and devastated the territory. It could also wreck the humanitarian aid operation based out of Rafah that is keeping Palestinians across the Gaza Strip alive, they say.

Israeli leaflets, text mes-

sages and radio broadcasts ordered Palestinians to evacuate eastern neighborhoods of Rafah, warning that an attack was imminent and anyone who stays “puts themselves and their family members in danger.”

The military told people to move to an Israel-declared humanitarian zone called Muwasi, a makeshift camp on the coast. It said Israel has expanded the size of the zone and that it included tents, food, water and field hospitals.

It wasn’t immediately clear, however, if that was already in place.

Around 450,000 displaced Palestinians already are sheltering in Muwasi. The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA, said it has been providing them with aid. But conditions are squalid, with few sanitation facilities in the largely rural area, forcing families to dig private latrines.

The evacuation order left

Palestinians in Rafah wrestling with having to uproot their families once again for an unknown fate, exhausted after months living in sprawling tent camps or crammed into schools or other shelters in and around the city. Israeli airstrikes on Rafah early Monday killed 22 people, including children and two infants.

Mohammed Jindiyah said that at the beginning of the war, he tried to hold out in his home in northern Gaza under heavy bombardment before fleeing to Rafah.

He is complying with Israel’s evacuation order this time, but was unsure whether to move to Muwasi or elsewhere.

“We are 12 families, and we don’t know where to go. There is no safe area in Gaza,” he said.

Sahar Abu Nahel, who fled to Rafah with 20 family members, including her children and grandchildren, wiped tears from her cheeks, despairing at a new move.

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A lack of imagination: Not thinking of reality and acting on emotion

Some House Republicans have decided they will oust Speaker Mike Johnson. Reps. Lauren Boebert of Colorado and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, among others, argue that the Democrats are already in control of the House by proxy, so make it reality. A sizable segment of the Republican base feels the same way. They lack the imagination to think of reality.



ERICK ERICKSON

It should be noted, first, this is emotional. We live in post-modern times, and people are no longer rational. People act based on emotion. Part of that emotion is grounded in individuals’ truths as opposed to actual truth. When someone insists Mike Johnson is just an agent of the Democrats, they point to the House budget or Ukraine funding and never have to look at the reality of things Johnson has blocked.

It is easy to sell to people obvious things and spin yarns around those obvious things. Johnson, his conservative critics claim, passed a budget that funds abortion. But pay no attention to the House Republicans doing the same thing since before George W. Bush was President. This is nothing new, even if it is bad policy.

Johnson funded Ukraine. Yes, but he had no choice. There would have been enough votes for the Ukraine package anyway. A discharge petition was in the works. With 218 votes, Johnson could not have stopped it. Instead, he was able to modify it and included the TikTok divestment provisions held up in the Senate. If 218 members had signed a discharge petition, the House would have passed the Senate’s package and Johnson would have been helpless to stop it.

Instead of the emotional arguments of shiny objects, how about his critics grapple with reality? Democrats, every one of Johnson’s critics agree, always hold the line. They are more collectivist than individualist. They are more effective. Johnson has to herd the individual cats of the GOP who, by nature, are each more prone to individual operation. Therefore, with a two-seat majority, individual members of the GOP are more likely to object to legislation than Democrats.

So, now, put Hakeem Jeffries in charge as Marjorie Tay-

lor Greene would do. Those Democrats would pass major legislation that Johnson has blocked. There has been no DEI advancement. There has been no expansion of green subsidies. Johnson has even blocked the Senate immigration legislation. Put Jeffries in charge and the Democrats’ immigration plans get passed because they have enough Republican votes in the Senate to make it happen.

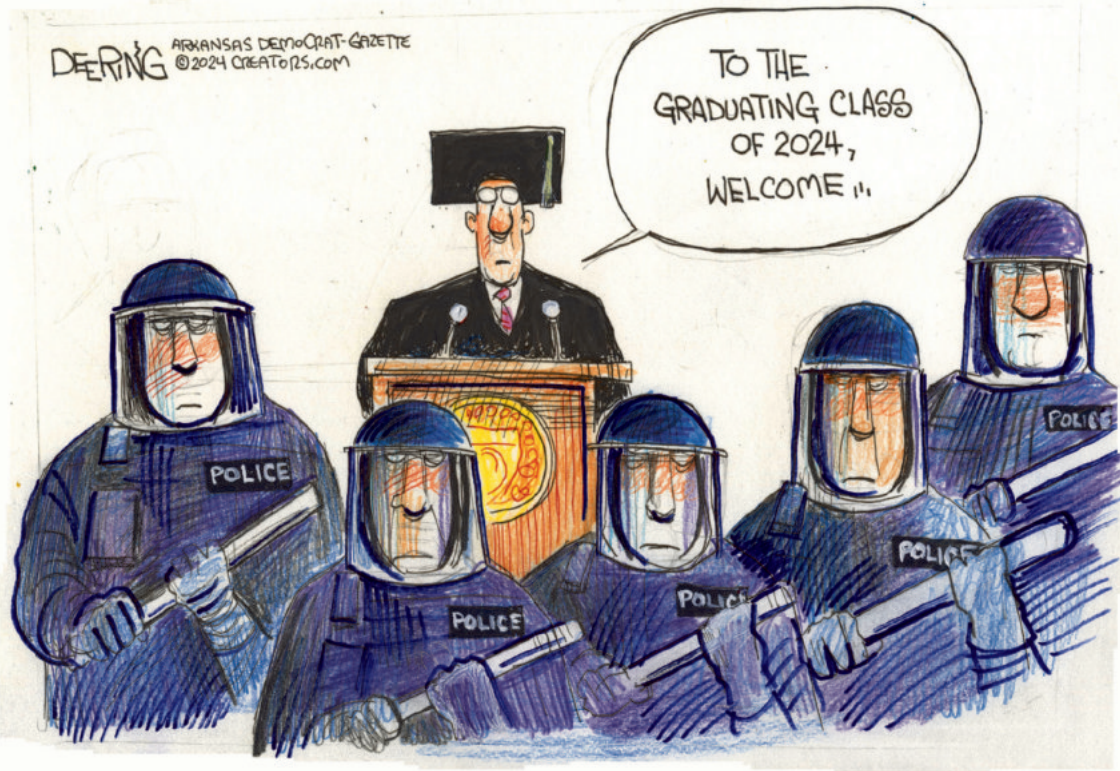
Then, on spending, the Senate Democrats only need 50 votes for a reconciliation measure. Last time the Democrats controlled both the House and Senate with a bare majority, Senate Democrats passed the Green New Deal on reconciliation. That Senate procedure bypasses the filibuster. That procedure would allow tax increases and fully legalize the student loan bailouts that have otherwise been held up in courts.

Put Jeffries in charge and watch House Republicans lose their committee chairmanships. Put Jeffries in charge and watch Rep. Ilhan Omar get away so with so much more. Put Jeffries in charge and find out just what Democrat leadership looks like.

Greene and the populists might have a temper tantrum, and many outside Congress can whine about how bad Mike Johnson is, but they have had him blocking so much more than he has passed. The reality is the Republicans have a one-seat majority with Rep. Mike Gallagher leaving and a Democrat in New York just winning a special election. That majority will go back up by a few seats. But an election is coming.

Johnson is not perfect. He is playing a terrible hand dealt to him by Republican voters nominating clunker candidates in 2022 who lost winnable seats. He is playing a terrible hand forced on him by the ouster of Kevin McCarthy and departures of colleagues tired of dealing with kamikaze Republicans. There are plenty of criticisms to make of the House Republicans and Johnson. I have raised them. But all one must do to understand why ousting Johnson is a bad idea is have the imagination to remember the reality of Democrats actually running the House.

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The public doesn’t trust the ‘democracy-saving’ media

The national media consider themselves essential in educating the electorate, so what happens when the electorate does not consider them a trustworthy guardian of democracy?



TIM GRAHAM

The Associated Press and the American Press Institute just released a poll on the 2024 election and found only 14% of their sample expressed “a great deal of confidence in election-related information they receive from national sources.” By contrast, 46% have little or no confidence at all in the information they receive from national news organizations.

About half of Americans, 53%, say they are extremely or very concerned that news organizations will report inaccuracies or misinformation during the election. It’s 83% if you count the middle option of “somewhat concerned.” That has to hurt, since the media elites say “misinformation” is what other people offer.

When faced with poll after poll showing the media are not trusted, their failure to accept these results underlines the persistent lack of trust.

AP media reporter David Bauder turned to American Press Institute CEO Michael Bolden. “Years of suspicion about journalists, much

of it sown by politicians, is partly responsible,” Bauder said, paraphrasing Bolden. “People are also less familiar with how journalism works.”

Let’s be uncharitable for a minute. Reporters have sown “years of suspicion” about politicians. That’s how investigating politician performance could be described. So why would investigating journalist performance draw complaints of sowing “years of suspicion”? Why can they never be evaluated for how they serve the public? Respect cannot merely be demanded. It should be earned.

Bolden is implying that politicians have swindled the public, which paints the public as — how did The Washington Post put it? — “poor, uneducated and easy to command.” Then he lobbed another insult, that people aren’t familiar with “how journalism works.”

Maybe these elitists should consider that news consumers might want a mostly factual, somewhat objective product instead of hyperbolic editorializing that tells them what they should think. Obviously, the Republican half of the public isn’t going to support Democrat electioneering badly disguised as “news.”

Since they refuse to consider any bowing to objectivity, they have to dismiss any demand for it as ignorance of “how journalism works.”

Bolden weirdly claimed this may be because most people don’t have a

journalist who “lived on their block.” Since journalists won’t meet you at the summer picnic or the trick-or-treat greetings, media outlets need to tell the public “what journalists do and how people reporting news are their friends and neighbors.”

This sounds remarkably similarly to what NPR CEO Katherine Maher recently said to The Wall Street Journal as she dismissed bias complaints as a “distraction.” Maher said, “We want to be able to speak to folks as though they were our neighbors and speak to folks as though they were our friends.”

Curiously, they don’t want to talk to Republicans like they’re neighbors and friends. Remember short-lived CNN CEO Chris Licht meeting with Republicans trying to say trust us; we don’t bite. That turned out to be A) untrue and B) fatal to his CNN career.

Brian Stelter channeled the national media arrogance under former President Donald Trump after Licht was dumped: “We were advocating for the truth, advocating for reality. Others felt that was left-leaning.”

When you think reality has a liberal bias, you shouldn’t be shocked when a lot of people change the channel.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 7, the 128th day of 2024. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History

On May 7, 1945, Nazi Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

On this date

In 1889, the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore opened its doors.

In 1915, a German U-boat

torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 — the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded “Chattanooga

Choo Choo” for RCA Victor.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the “Vietnam era.” In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of

his Triple Crown victories.

In 2010, a BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault onto the ruptured Deepwater Horizon well in an unprecedented, and ultimately unsuccessful, attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea.

In 2012, Vladimir Putin took the oath of office as Russia’s president for the next six years in a brief but regal Kremlin ceremony.

In 2013, movie special effects wizard Ray Harryhausen died in

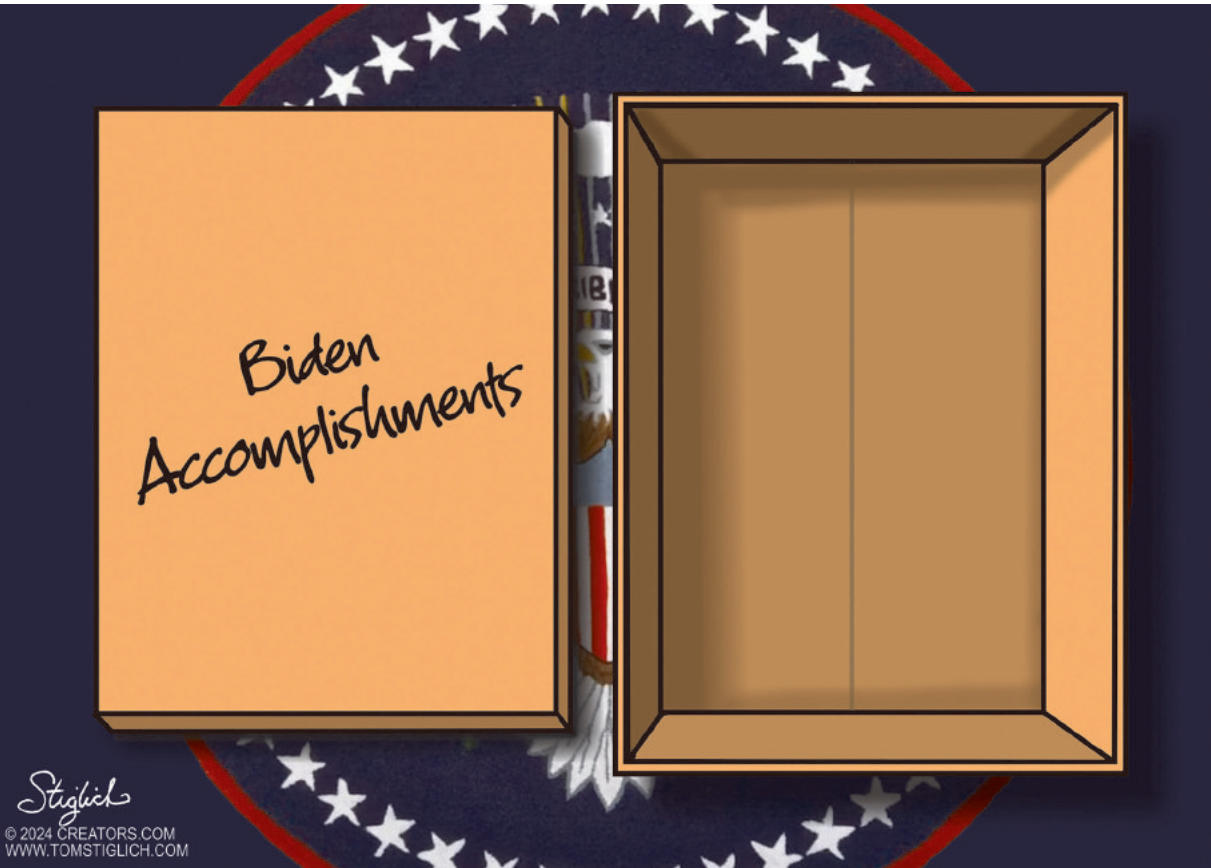
London at age 92.

In 2020, Georgia authorities arrested a white father and son and charged them with murder in the February shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man they had pursued in a truck after spotting him running in their neighborhood near the port city of Brunswick. (The two men and a third white man would be convicted of murder in state court, and hate crimes in federal court.)

In 2022, Russian forces fired cruise missiles at the southern

Ukrainian city of Odesa and bombarded a steel mill in Mariupol housing Ukrainian civilians and fighters, hoping to complete their conquest of the port city in time for Victory Day celebrations.

In 2023, Vida Blue, a hard-throwing left-hander who became one of baseball’s biggest draws in the early 1970s and helped lead the Oakland A’s to three straight World Series titles before his career was derailed by drug problems, died at age 73.



Russia warns Britain and plans nuclear drills

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia on Monday threatened to strike British military facilities and said it would hold drills simulating the use of battlefield nuclear weapons amid sharply rising tensions over comments by senior Western officials about possibly deeper involvement in the war in Ukraine.

After summoning the British ambassador to the Foreign Ministry, Moscow warned that Ukrainian strikes on Russian territory with U.K.-supplied weapons could bring retaliatory strikes on British military facilities and equipment on Ukrainian soil or elsewhere.

The remarks came on the eve of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inauguration to a fifth term in office and in a week when Moscow on Thursday will celebrate Victory Day, its most important secular holiday, marking its defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II.

The drills are a response to "provocative statements and threats of certain Western officials regarding the Russian Federation," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

It was the first time Russia has publicly announced drills involving tactical nuclear weapons, although its strategic nuclear forces regularly hold exercises. Tactical nuclear weapons include air bombs, warheads for short-range missiles and artillery munitions and are meant for use on a battlefield. They are less powerful than the strategic weapons — massive warheads that arm intercontinental ballistic missiles and are intended to obliterate entire cities.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric expressed concern that various parties have been talking about issues regarding nuclear weapons more and more recently.



SERGEI GUNEYEV, SPUTNIK, KREMLIN POOL PHOTO VIA AP
Russian President Vladimir Putin addresses members of the Defense Ministry, the National Guard, the Interior Ministry, the Federal Security Service and the Federal Guard Service at the Kremlin in Moscow on June 27.

"Current nuclear risks are at an alarmingly high level," Dujarric said. "All actions that could lead to miscalculation, escalation with catastrophic consequences, must be avoided."

The Russian announcement was a warning to Ukraine's Western allies about becoming more deeply engaged in the 2-year-old war, where the Kremlin's forces have gained an upper hand amid Ukraine's shortage of manpower and weapons. Some of Ukraine's Western partners have previously expressed concern that the conflict could spill beyond Ukraine into a war between NATO and Russia.

French President Emmanuel

Macron repeated last week that he doesn't exclude sending troops to Ukraine, and U.K. Foreign Secretary David Cameron said Kyiv's forces will be able to use British long-range weapons to strike targets inside Russia. Some other NATO countries providing weapons to Kyiv have balked at that possibility.

The Kremlin branded those comments as dangerous, heightening tension between Russia and NATO. The war already has placed significant strain on relations between Moscow and the West.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday that Macron's recent statement and other remarks by British and U.S. officials had

prompted the nuclear drills.

"It's a new round of escalation," Peskov said, referring to what the Kremlin regarded as provocative statements. "It's unprecedented and requires special attention and special measures."

Russia's Foreign Ministry summoned both the French and British ambassadors. It urged the British ambassador "to think about the inevitable catastrophic consequences of such hostile steps from London."

Sweden's Foreign Minister Tobias Billström said the nuclear exercises "contribute to increasing instability."

"In the current security situation, Russia's actions may be con-

sidered particularly irresponsible and reckless," Billström told Swedish news agency TT.

Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia's Security Council that's chaired by Putin, said in his typically hawkish fashion that the comments by Macron and Cameron risked pushing the nuclear-armed world toward a "global catastrophe."

It wasn't the first time Europe's military support for Ukraine has prompted nuclear saber-rattling. In March 2023, after the U.K.'s decision to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing shells containing depleted uranium, Putin said he intends to deploy tactical nuclear weapons on the territory of Ukraine neighbor Belarus.

The ministry said the exercise is intended to "increase the readiness of non-strategic nuclear forces to fulfill combat tasks" and will be held on Putin's orders. The maneuvers will involve missile units of the Southern Military District along with the air force and the navy, it said.

The Russian announcement stirred little reaction in Ukraine, where the spokesman for the Military Intelligence agency, Andrii Yusov, said on national television: "Nuclear blackmail is a usual practice of Putin's regime; it does not constitute major news."

Western officials have blamed Russia for threatening a wider war through provocative acts. NATO countries said last week they are deeply concerned by a campaign of hybrid activities on the military alliance's soil, accusing Moscow of being behind them and saying they represent a security threat.

Peskov dismissed those claims as "new, unfounded accusations leveled at our country."

Macron puts trade and Ukraine as top priorities

BY SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron held talks with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Monday that focused on trade disputes — including lifting immediate tariff threats on Cognac exports — and Ukraine-related diplomatic efforts.

Xi was in France for a two-day state visit to open his European tour.

Speaking alongside Xi after their meeting at the Elysee presidential palace, Macron said that France hopes China's influence on Moscow would help to move Russia toward ending the war in Ukraine.

"We welcome the Chinese authorities' commitments to refrain from selling any weapons or aid" and to "strictly control" sales of products and technologies that can be used for both civilian and military purposes, Macron said.

China claims neutrality in the war.

"History has repeatedly proven that any conflict can ultimately be resolved only through negotiation," Xi said. "We call on all parties to restart contact and dialogue."

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently announced plans to visit China this month.



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French President Emmanuel Macron, second left, his wife Brigitte Macron, left, China's President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan pose on the steps of the Elysee Palace on Monday in Paris.

Last year, Macron appealed to Xi to "bring Russia to its senses," but the call wasn't followed by any apparent action by Beijing.

Both leaders also expressed their concerns regarding the situation in the Middle East, where Macron said France and China share the "same goals," that is "to achieve an immediate cease-fire to release hostages, protect the populations, facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid, encourage a regional deescalation and reopen a political perspective."

Xi called the Israel-Hamas war a "tragedy" that is "a test of human conscience."

"The international community must do something. We call for an immediate, comprehensive and sustainable cease-fire in Gaza," he said.

In addition, Xi expressed China's willingness to work with France "to take the Paris Olympics as an opportunity to advocate a global cease-fire and cessation of war during the Games."

Macron advocates for making the Paris Games "a diplomatic moment of peace" and respect the Olympic Truce.

Trade issues also were at the top of the agenda as Macron denounced the trade practices

of China as shoring up protections and subsidies.

Macron thanked Xi for his "openness about the provisional measures toward French Cognac." The remark came after China opened an anti-dumping investigation into Cognac and other European brandy earlier this year.

A French top diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive talks, said that Xi agreed not to apply tariffs in the short-term pending further investigation.

French gifts to the Chinese president on Monday included luxury bottles of Cognac.

France hopes to be able to continue to export its products, including brandy and cosmetics, on the Chinese market.

Earlier, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen joined both leaders for a meeting meant to address broader European Union concerns.

The EU launched an investigation last year into Chinese subsidies and could impose tariffs on electric vehicles exported from China. The 27-member bloc last month opened another inquiry into Chinese wind turbine makers.

"For trade to be fair, access

to both markets needs to be reciprocal," von der Leyen said after the meeting. "Our market is and remains open to fair competition and to investments, but it is not good for Europe if it harms our security and makes us vulnerable."

She said that Europe "will not waver from making tough decisions needed to protect its economy and its security."

The discussions were expected to be closely watched from Washington, a month before U.S. President Joe Biden is expected to pay his own state visit to France.

Xi's European trip, the first in five years, seeks to rebuild relations at a time of global tensions. After France, he will head to Serbia and Hungary.

Xi's visit marks the 60th anniversary of France-China diplomatic relations, and follows Macron's trip to China in April 2023. Macron prompted controversy on that trip when he said that France wouldn't blindly follow the U.S. in getting involved in crises that aren't its concern, apparently referring to China's demands for unification with Taiwan.

Several groups — including International Campaign for Tibet and France's Human Rights League — urged Macron to put human rights issues at the heart of his talks

with Xi. Protesters demonstrated in Paris as Xi arrived on Sunday, calling for a free Tibet.

Amnesty International called on Macron to demand the release of Uyghur economics professor Ilham Tohti, who was jailed in China for life in 2014 on charges of promoting separatism, and other imprisoned activists.

On Monday, media watchdog Reporters Without Borders staged a protest in front of the Arc de Triomphe monument to denounce Xi's visit, calling the Chinese president "one of the greatest predators of press freedom." The group says 119 journalists are imprisoned in the country.

Macron said in an interview published Sunday that he would raise human rights concerns. He didn't mention the issue in his public comments Monday.

The second day of the visit is meant to be more personal. Macron has invited Xi to visit the Tourmalet Pass in the Pyrenees mountains, where the French leader spent time as a child to see his grandmother. The trip is meant to be a reciprocal gesture after Xi took Macron last year to the residence of the governor of Guangdong province, where his father once lived.

US soldier arrested in Russia, allegedly stole from girlfriend

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An American soldier visiting a girlfriend in Russia's port city of Vladivostok was arrested on charges of stealing from her and remains in custody, according to several U.S. officials.

U.S. officials said Monday the soldier, Staff Sgt. Gordon Black, 34, was stationed in South Korea and was in the process of returning home to Fort Cavazos in Texas. Instead, officials said that Black, who is married, traveled to Russia to see a longtime girlfriend. His arrest only further complicates U.S. relations with Russia, which have grown increasingly tense as the war in Ukraine drags on.

The officials spoke on con-

dition of anonymity to discuss personnel details.

Cynthia Smith, Army spokeswoman, confirmed that a soldier was detained on Thursday in Vladivostok, a major military and commercial Pacific port, on charges of criminal misconduct. She said Russia notified the U.S. and the Army told the soldier's family.

"The U.S. Department of State is providing appropriate consular support to the soldier in Russia," Smith said.

According to officials, the Russian woman had lived in South Korea, and last fall she and Black got into some type of domestic dispute or altercation. After that, she left South Korea. It isn't clear if she was forced to leave or what, if any, role Korean authorities had in the matter.

Officials also said that Black, an infantry soldier, did not tell his unit that he was going to Russia, and did not receive any authorization to go there. They said he was essentially on leave, as he left Korea to redeploy back home to Fort Cavazos.

It's unclear, however, if U.S. service members are specifically prohibited from traveling to Russia, although the State Department strongly advises U.S. citizens not to go.

The arrest comes less than a year after American soldier Travis King sprinted into North Korea across the heavily fortified border between the Koreas. North Korea later announced that it would expel King, who was returned to the U.S. He was eventually charged with desertion.

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BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

Burgess makes big move from Utah to BYU

BY DARNELL DICKSON
Daily Herald

The men's college basketball coaching career of Chris Burgess has included three major moves within 50 miles of each other: From Utah Valley he tripped to BYU then Utah and now back to BYU.

Burgess said he and his family have changed homes since he last coached at BYU but he still lives in Happy Valley.

"I've been really fortunate that I've been coaching nine years now and I've not had to leave Utah County," Burgess said during an interview on BYU Sports Nation Monday. "This moved really quick. There was a lot of secrecy in terms

of trying to make a decision, trying to understand both sides. It's been a whirlwind and my head has been spinning. There was a lot of anxiety because change is always difficult. But it's been a very overwhelming reception and open arms that Cougar Nation has showed toward me and my family. That gets you more excited to be at this special place."

Burgess was hired by new BYU coach Kevin Young last Wednesday, returning to Provo where he was an assistant for Mark Pope from 2019-2022.

"I was offered on Tuesday and accepted on Wednesday," Burgess said. "I'm a 'sleep in it' kind of guy."

Burgess recalled meeting Young

at a coach's clinic in Provo in 2019.

"He was an assistant with the 76ers at the time and I was just blown away with his presentation," Burgess said.

The two stayed in touch through texts and Young reached out to Burgess soon after taking the BYU job on April 16.

"I've always thought about where I was going to continue to grow as a coach," Burgess said. "We talk to players all the time about how they have to get better and I have the same mentality as a coach. The opportunity to learn and grow from Kevin and his background ... he's been in every NBA Draft room and every NBA combine and workout.

What better way to learn in terms of player development? Offensively he's one of the top assistant coaches in the NBA."

He said he met once in person with Young during the process but spent more of the time talking over the phone in what he called a "two-way interview discussion."

"We really connected," Burgess said. "We really vibed. I know this place. Coming to college basketball is one thing but coming to BYU is really unique. You have to understand that and he (Young) does, so we connected on a high level."

Utah is Burgess' alma mater

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NCAA

College athletes being paid is much closer now than ever

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

A settlement being discussed in an antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA and major college conferences could cost billions and pave the way for a compensation model for college athletes.

An agreement has not been finalized and many questions remain unanswered. It is also unclear if new rules could withstand further legal scrutiny, but it appears college sports is heading down a revolutionary path with at least some schools directly paying athletes to participate. Here's what is known and what still needs to be figured out:

THE CASE

House vs. NCAA is a class-action federal lawsuit seeking damages for athletes who were denied the opportunity to earn money from use of their name, image or likeness going back to 2016. The plaintiffs, including former Arizona State swimmer Grant House, are also asking the court to rule that NIL compensation should include billions of dollars in media rights fees that go to the NCAA and the wealthiest conferences (Big Ten, Big 12, Atlantic Coast and Southeastern), mostly for football and basketball.

HOW MUCH?

The settlement being discussed could have the NCAA paying nearly \$3 billion in damages over 10 years, with help from insurance and withholding of distributions that would have gone to the four big conferences. Last year, NCAA revenue approached \$1.3 billion and the association projects a steady rise in coming years, thanks mostly to increases baked into the television contract with CBS and Warner Bros. Discovery for the men's basketball tournament. A new, eight-year deal with ESPN worth \$920 million for the Division I women's basketball tournament and other championship events takes effect in 2025.

The potential settlement also calls for a \$300 million commitment from each school in those four conferences over 10 years, including about \$20 million per year directed toward paying athletes. Administrators have warned that could lead to program cuts for the so-called non-revenue sports familiar to fans who watch the Olympics.

"It's the Olympic sports that would be in jeopardy," Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne said during a March panel in Washington led by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas). "That's men and women. If you look at the numbers for us at the University of Alabama, with our 19 sports outside of football and

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NBA PLAYOFFS



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New York Knicks' Jalen Brunson (11) drives past Indiana Pacers' Aaron Nesmith (23) during the first half of Game 1 in an NBA basketball second-round playoff series on Monday in New York.

Brusson's barrage

Knicks rally to 121-117 win over Pacers in Game 1 of Eastern Conference semis

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jalen Brunson scored 43 points, becoming the fourth player in NBA history with four straight 40-point games in the postseason, and the New York Knicks beat the Indiana Pacers 121-117 on

Monday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Brunson had 21 in the fourth quarter, rallying the Knicks after they trailed by nine early in the period, and joined Hall of Famers Jerry West, who had six consecutive 40-point games in the postseason, and Michael

Jordan and Bernard King (both with four). Donte DiVincenzo hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 39 seconds remaining and scored 25 for the Knicks, who opened the second round with the type of close finish that their first-round victory over Philadelphia was full of. Josh Hart added a playoff career-high 24 points and added 13 rebounds and eight assists.

The No. 2-seeded Knicks will

host Game 2 on Wednesday. Myles Turner scored 23 points for the sixth-seeded Pacers, who got strong play from their bench and were in good shape to follow their first-round ouster of Milwaukee by jumping to the lead against the Knicks.

But Brunson guided New York through another tight finish, after it outscored Philadelphia by one total point over six games in the first round.

VALLEY TOP 5

Best teams ready to face the challenges at state

Each week, Daily Herald sports experts Jared Lloyd and Darnell Dickson rank the top five teams in the Utah Valley in baseball, softball, boys soccer, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse and boys volleyball (records as of May 5):

BASEBALL

- 1. Maple Mountain (20-3)**
Trying to maintain No. 2 seed with two games vs. Orem this week.
- 2. Timpanogos (19-6)**
Defending 5A state champs try-

- ing to stay sharp for 4A Tournament.
- 3. American Fork (16-6)**
Cavemen have scored 66 runs in past five games, all wins.
- 4. Springville (17-5)**
Barrett (.446, 7 HR, 26 RBI) and Lauaki (.455, 6 HR, 23 RBI) are crushing it.
- 5. Orem (18-5)**
Easton Barrett is second in the state in RBI with 43.

—Darnell Dickson

SOFTBALL

- 1. Spanish Fork (22-2)**
Can anyone stop the Dons from getting another state title?
- 2. Springville (22-5)**
The Red Devils get one more tune-up for state when they play at Maple Mountain on Tuesday.
- 3. Salem Hills (18-7)**
The Skyhawks battled Spanish Fork and Springville before losing, which could make them even more dangerous in the playoffs.

- 4. Pleasant Grove (17-6)**
Have the Vikings improved enough to stay with the top 6A teams at state?
- 5. Lehi (17-6-1)**
The Pioneers have enjoyed an excellent year but want to play a lot more softball in the coming weeks.

—Jared Lloyd

BOYS SOCCER

- 1. Wasatch (14-0)**
The unbeaten Wasps head to the playoffs as one of the favorites in 5A.

- 2. American Fork (12-2)**
The Cavemen surged up the rankings by blanking rival Lone Peak, 2-0.
- 3. Lone Peak (9-3)**
The Knights dropped two of their last four, which could be an ominous sign heading to state.
- 4. Salem Hills (12-2)**
The Skyhawk quest to catch Wasatch came up short in the last game of the regular season.

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PREP SCOREBOARD

| TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | | | STANDINGS | | | | | | | | | |
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| BASEBALL | | | | | | | | | | Here are the standings for the spring team sports involving Utah Valley teams through the games of May 4: | | | | | | | | | |
| 6A Region 3 | | | | | | | | | | BASEBALL | | | | | | | | | |
| Lone Peak at American Fork, 3:30 p.m. Westlake at Lehi Pleasant Grove at Skyridge | | | | | | | | | | 5A Region 7 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Provo at Mountain View, 5 p.m. Payson at Uintah, 6 p.m. Orem at Timpanogos, 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | American Fork Pleasant Grove Lehi Skyridge Lone Peak Westlake | | | | | | | | | |
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| Pleasant Grove at Lehi, 6:30 p.m. American Fork at Westlake Skyridge at Lone Peak | | | | | | | | | | Providence Hall Juan Diego Judge Summit Academy | | | | | | | | | |
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| Springville at Wasatch Maple Mountain at Salem Hills | | | | | | | | | | 5A Region 7 | | | | | | | | | |
| GIRLS LACROSSE | | | | | | | | | | Overall | | | | | | | | | |
| Lehi at Herriman, 5:30 p.m. Riverton at Pleasant Grove, 7 p.m. Westlake at Spanish Fork Lone Peak at Bingham | | | | | | | | | | Wasatch Salem Hills Timpview Maple Mountain Spanish Fork Cedar Valley Springville | | | | | | | | | |
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| Cedar Valley at Maple Mountain, 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | ALA Providence Hall Summit Academy Judge | | | | | | | | | |
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Burgess

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(although he did begin his playing career at Duke) and he said he enjoyed the past two years coaching in Salt Lake City.

But the draw of returning to Provo was strong.

“My three years with Coach (Mark) Pope and the staff and team are some of my fondest memories,” Burgess said. “What BYU’s mission stands for is something that really resonates in my life and something I love being a part of.”

Another glimpse into Burgess decision came when he was asked about the Big 12.

The Pac-12, which fell apart after a failed TV deal spurred all but two teams to jump conferences, struggled to inspire any kind of consistent fan support for men’s basketball. The Utes, for example, averaged 8,073 fans for 19 home games at the Huntsman Center (15,000 capacity) last season. BYU averaged 15,689 at the Marriott Center (19,000 capacity). Utah, along with Arizona, Arizona State and Colorado, joins the Big 12 next season.

“One thing stands out the Big 12 is their fan bases are electric,” Burgess said. “Everywhere you go is sold out. They care, they camp overnight. That is the difference in the fan base. Now you add Arizona and Colorado, who were probably the top two fan



COURTESY BYU ATHLETICS

Former BYU assistant coach Chris Burgess, who has spent the past two seasons at his alma mater the University of Utah, has rejoined the Cougar coaching staff.

bases in the Pac 12 the last four or five years. They have fans that understand and are passionate about basketball.”

Young and his staff, which now included Burgess, assistant coach Brandon Dunson and chief of staff Doug Stewart, have been hard at work re-recruiting the players on the current roster and getting out on the recruiting trail.

“You’ve got to dominate the state,” Burgess said. “You’ve got to own your own state and you’ve got to dominate the members of the church. You’ve got to get them here

and get them excited because this place has so much to offer. That’s the core of what BYU’s mission is. The kids that serve missions truly understand the sacrifice for the greater good of the team.

“We got Dallin (Hall) and Richie (Saunders) back (from the portal). Trevin (Knell) isn’t going anywhere and Dawson (Baker) is not going anywhere. They want to be a part of this changing landscape, to come to BYU and do it the right way. We want to build on that core, then find guys like Alex Barcello, Jaxson Robinson and Keena Young in the portal.”

Burgess made an interesting observation about what the transfer portal and NIL are doing to college basketball.

“When I went to Duke, no one was bigger than Duke,” he said. “So you bought into the front of the jersey. How many kids are in the transfer portal now from Duke? Five or six. We want it to be more about what’s on the front of the jersey than the back of the jersey. I truly believe the BYU core kids understand this and they want to be a part of that. They represent that.”

Burgess and his wife, Lesa, are busy with a very athletic group of children. Daughters KJ (Oklahoma) and Zoey (Kansas) play collegiate volleyball. Ava, who will be a sophomore at Lone Peak next season, was a starter on the 2023 6A state volleyball champions. Two sons — 12-year-old Beckham and 11-year-old Zach — play for the Utah Mountain Star Basketball Club and are coached by former Cougars Jackson Emery and T.J. Haws, respectively.

“They are excited to rock their blue,” Burgess said of his family. “They’re excited to be back. They’re all in.”

Burgess said this about the style Young is promoting: “We want to play fast, we want to play five out, we want to space the floor and have shooters. We’re trying to build off the momentum BYU basketball has right now with athletics, the fan base and the resources. I got to sit

with Coach Young as we were preparing for recruiting and watching some things on how we fit in the style of play. That has me super excited.”

Lohner to try football at the U

And in some other completely crazy BYU basketball news, former Cougar Caleb Lohner has committed to playing football at the University of Utah.

No, seriously. Lohner began his career as a Utah basketball commit in 2019, then flipped to BYU. He started 44 games over two seasons in Provo before opting to transfer to Baylor, where he came off the bench in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Now, it appears Lohner (6-8, 235) is going to try to learn to play tight end at the collegiate level as well as possibly play basketball for the Utes.

“I’m very excited and grateful to announce my commitment to play football at the University of Utah,” Lohner posted on social media. “This presents a unique opportunity to potentially contribute on the court as well. I look forward to embracing the challenge and privilege to represent the Utes with pride.”

Lohner has always been a free spirit who is never afraid to try something new.

This certainly fits the bill.



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NCAA signage outside the headquarters in Indianapolis on March 12, 2020.

Lawsuit

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men’s basketball, we lost collectively almost \$40 million.”

WHO GETS PAID?

Not entirely clear. Presumably, it would start with the athletes in sports that produce most of the revenue: football and men’s basketball players at the biggest and wealthiest programs. Women’s basketball is likely next in line, but it is possible athletes in all sports could see some benefit — but probably not at all schools.

What’s being considered is allowing schools to pay athletes, but not requiring those payments. Schools that don’t rake in millions in TV revenue wouldn’t necessarily be on the hook. There are also unanswered questions about whether the federal gender equity law Title IX would require equal funding for male and female athletes.

WHO MAKES THE CALL?

Getting the presidential boards of four conferences and the NCAA board of governors to approve a settlement is not a given, not to mention the plaintiffs in the House case. Still, the possibility of having to pay \$4 billion in damages — and the NCAA has been on the losing end of many recent court cases — has spurred interest in a deal before trial begins in January.

The case is being heard in the Northern District of California by U.S. Judge Claudia Wilken, who has already ruled against the NCAA other landmark antitrust lawsuits and ordered the sides in House to seek a settlement.

EMPLOYMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Settling existing cases is only one step. A new system for com-



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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 on Dec. 27 in San Diego.

pensating college athletes would be needed to avoid similar challenges in the future; for example, anything that looks like a cap on compensation by, say, the four major conferences would be ripe for another lawsuit.

The NCAA has been asking Congress for some kind of antitrust exemption for years, but the emphasis has shifted lately from regulating NIL compensation to keeping the athletes from being deemed employees.

A ruling from an NLRB regional director paved the way for members of the Dartmouth men’s basketball team to vote to join a union

after being deemed employees, and many have advocated for collective bargaining as a solution to college sports’ antitrust exposure.

Jason Stahl, executive director of the College Football Players Association advocacy group, says lawmakers should create a special status for college athletes that would give them the right to organize and collectively bargain without actual employee status.

Stahl said even though many college athletes are apprehensive about being employees and joining a union, they should have the right to decide that.

“My concern is there would be

some type of one-two punch,” Stahl said of a lawsuit settlement followed quickly by federal legislation to codify a revenue-sharing plan that precludes athletes from employee status and the right to organize. “A lot of things I’m hearing about this cap are not things I want to be hearing.”

WHAT’S NEXT

There are so many moving parts that it is hard to say with certainty, though settling House seems to a priority for late spring or summer. The earliest for any true changes noticed on campus would be fall of 2025.

Valley Top 5

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5. Pleasant Grove (9-5)

This Viking squad is sneaky good and could surprise teams in the 6A tournament.

—Jared Lloyd

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

1. Orem (21-3)

Tigers trying to match girls team, which won 4A title in November.

2. Westlake (15-4)

Thunder bounced back from loss to PG to take down Lone Peak in five.

3. Maple Mountain (19-2)

Golden Eagles cruising on a 12-match winning streak.

4. Pleasant Grove (21-5)

Vikings taking on tough non-league opponents to finish regular season.

5. Lone Peak (20-6)

Knights have lost two of past three matches in competitive Region 3.

—Darnell Dickson

GIRLS LACROSSE

1. Payson (13-1)

Lions have won eight matches in a row since April 8.

2. Lone Peak (11-4)

Now healthy Knights ready to make a tournament run.

3. Pleasant Grove (11-4)

Vikings finish regular season hosting top-ranked (6A) Riverton.

4. Skyridge (11-4)

Falcons working on a four-match winning streak.

5. Timpanogos (11-3)

Cecily Williams leads T-Wolves with 42 points (38 goals, 4 assists).

—Darnell Dickson

BOYS LACROSSE

1. American Fork (10-5)

Playing a tough schedule moves the Cavemen to the top of a crowded field.

2. Payson (9-4)

The Lions face a busy week capped with the rematch against Orem.

3. Orem (9-4)

The Tigers can’t get distracted by their loss to rival Timpanogos.

4. Spanish Fork (9-4)

Friday’s OT win at Maple Mountain showed the heart of this Don squad.

5. Lone Peak (11-5)

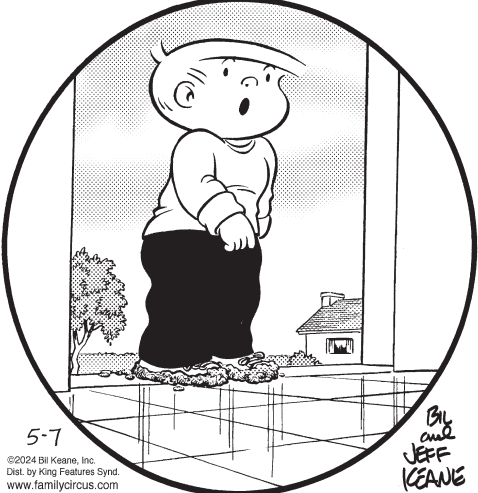
The Knights are coming on strong at the end of the regular season.

—Jared Lloyd

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“Mommy, would you spread newspapers between here and the bathroom?”

By Bill Keane

DENNIS THE MENACE



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“IF YOU’RE GOING TO MISBEHAVE, COULD YOU AT LEAST DO IT QUIETLY?”

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EVEREST SHERPAS AT HOME

BABY BLUES



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THANKS FOR TAKING MY TURN CHECKING ON WREN.

NO PROBLEM.



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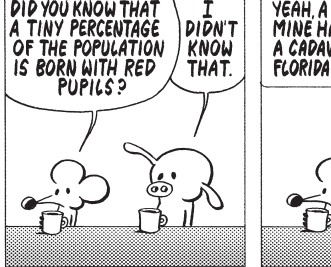
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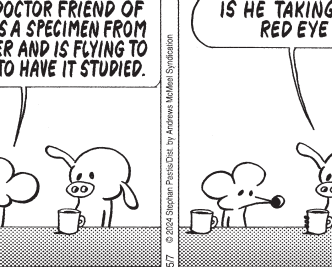


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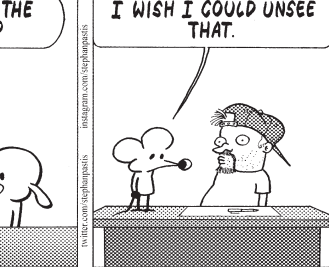
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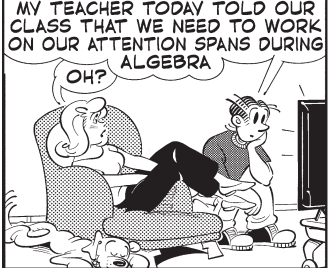
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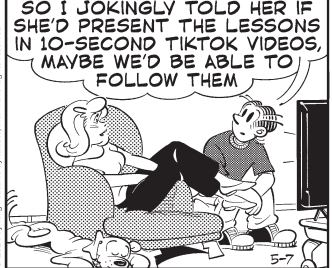


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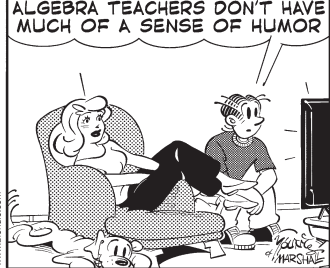
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SO I JOKINGLY TOLD HER IF SHE’D PRESENT THE LESSONS IN 10-SECOND TIKTOK VIDEOS, MAYBE WE’D BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEM

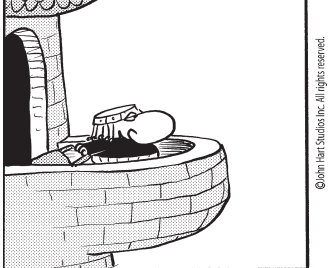


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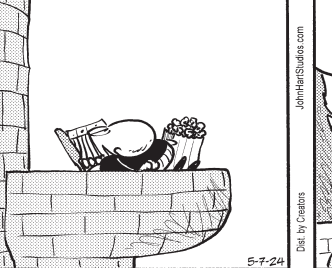
ALGEBRA TEACHERS DON’T HAVE MUCH OF A SENSE OF HUMOR

WIZARD OF ID



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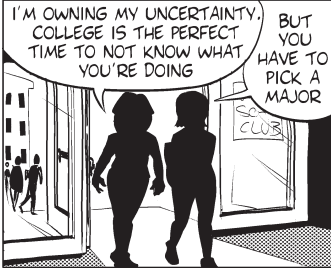
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DOES THE KING KNOW ABOUT TODAY’S PROTESTS?

YEAH, HE KNOWS...

LUANN

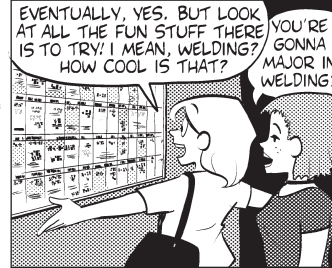


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I’M OWNING MY UNCERTAINTY. COLLEGE IS THE PERFECT TIME TO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU’RE DOING

BUT YOU HAVE TO PICK A MAJOR



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EVENUALLY, YES. BUT LOOK AT ALL THE FUN STUFF THERE IS TO TRY! I MEAN, WELDING? HOW COOL IS THAT?

YOU’RE GONNA MAJOR IN WELDING?



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MAYBE! I WANT TO DO IT ALL! FILL MY SLATE!

LU?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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MOM’S TEETH ARE LIKE STARS

OH?



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...THEY COME OUT AT NIGHT...



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BIG NATE



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WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?

BOOK? OH!... THIS?



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HEH HEH! I’M NOT READING IT, I’M JUST... *KOFF!*... I MEAN...




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WELL, IT JUST LOOKED SO CHEESY. I... *AHEM!*... WANTED TO SEE HOW LAME IT WAS! YEAH! I’M LAUGHING AT IT!

ZITS



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WE NEED TO RETURN THE WALLET TO ITS OWNER RIGHT AWAY.

SURE.

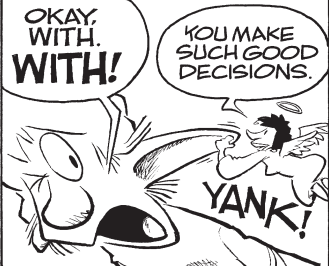


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WITH, OR UM, WITHOUT THE CASH?

THAT’S TOTALLY UP TO YOU.




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OKAY, WITH. WITH!

YOU MAKE SUCH GOOD DECISIONS.

HI & LOIS



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THIRSTY AND I HAVE BEEN SEEING A MARRIAGE COUNSELOR.

HOW’S THAT GOING?



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HE WANTS A SECOND OPINION.



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MUTTS



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DID YOU CALL ME?



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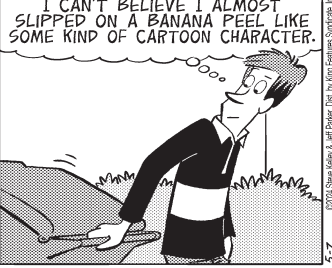
DUSTIN



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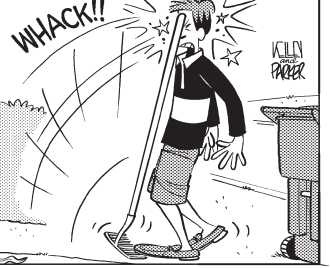
WHOA.



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I CAN’T BELIEVE I ALMOST SLIPPED ON A BANANA PEEL LIKE SOME KIND OF CARTOON CHARACTER.

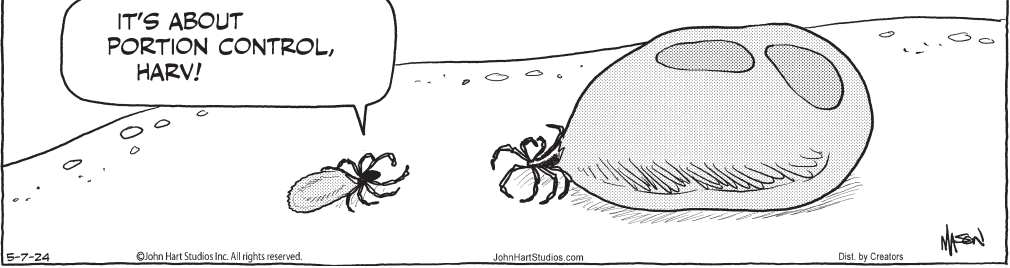


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WHACK!!

B.C.



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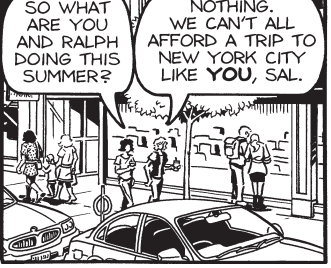
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IT’S ABOUT PORTION CONTROL, HARV!

SALLY FORTH



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SO WHAT ARE YOU AND RALPH DOING THIS SUMMER?

NOTHING. WE CAN’T ALL AFFORD A TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY LIKE YOU, SAL.



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I TOLD YOU, WE CAN ONLY DO IT BECAUSE RONAN HAS A PLACE WE CAN STAY.

BUT YOU STILL CAN AFFORD THE PLANE TICKETS. YOU STILL CAN AFFORD MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT. YOU STILL GET TO HAVE THE GOOD BAGELS!




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I... I CAN BRING YOU BACK SOME.

THAT’S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT! THREE DOZEN, MINIMUM.

DADDY’S HOME



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HOW DO I LOOK?

FINE.



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FINE? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME NEXT? THAT I HAVE A “NICE PERSONALITY”?

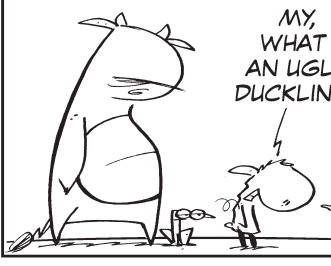


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THAT WASN’T EXACTLY ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE.

THE BARN



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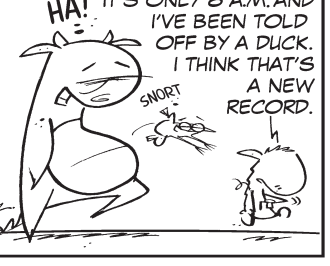
MY, WHAT AN UGLY DUCKLING!



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OH, YEAH? WELL, YOU AREN’T WINNING ANY BEAUTY CONTESTS YOURSELF, MELON BEAK!



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HA! IT’S ONLY 8 A.M. AND I’VE BEEN TOLD OFF BY A DUCK. I THINK THAT’S A NEW RECORD.

FLO & FRIENDS



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WHAT’VE YOU BEEN DOING UP ON THE COMPUTER ALL AFTERNOON?

TINA SENT ME SOME NOTES AND I CAN’T GET THE FILE UNZIPPED.




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OH, THAT IS SO FRUSTRATING!

I FIND THAT IF YOU RUB A LITTLE SOAP ON IT, IT SHOULD UNZIP WITH NO PROBLEM!



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JUST A HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINT YOU LEARN WHEN YOU’RE A MOM!

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY WEEK!

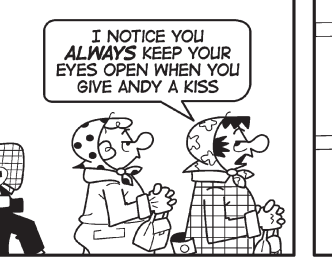
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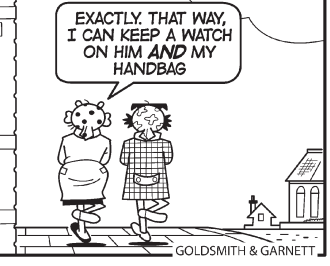
‘BYE THEN, PET. SEE YOU LATER



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I NOTICE YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN WHEN YOU GIVE ANDY A KISS

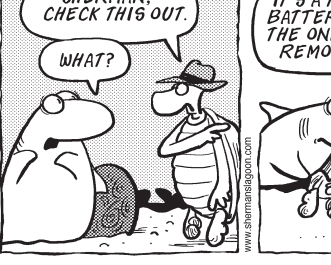


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EXACTLY. THAT WAY, I CAN KEEP A WATCH ON HIM AND MY HANDBAG

SHERMAN’S LAGOON

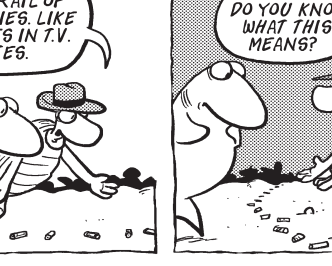


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SHERMAN, CHECK THIS OUT.

WHAT?



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IT’S A TRAIL OF BATTERIES, LIKE THE ONES IN T.V. REMOTES.



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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

THAT IT’S LUNCHTIME?

THAT’S YOUR GUESS FOR EVERYTHING.

DOONESBURY

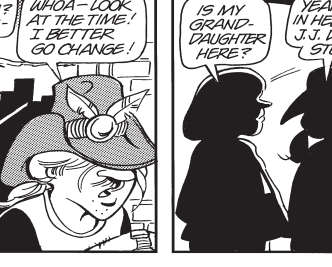


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THANKS FOR THE CHAMPAGNE, ZEK!

NO PROBLEM, MAN. YOU CAN PAY ME LATER.

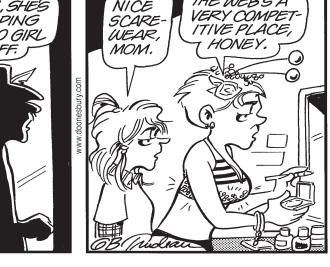


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PAY YOU? SERIOUSLY?

WHOA—LOOK AT THE TIME! I BETTER GO CHANGE!



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IS MY GRAND DAUGHTER HERE?

YEAH, SHE’S IN HELPING J.J. DO GIRL STUFF

MALLARD FILLMORE



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JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THAT PACK OF RAPTORS IS ON ITS WAY TO AMBUSH YOUR HERD AGAIN...

...AND DON’T FORGET, YOUR FIRST PRIORITY IS DE-ESCALATION.

HOROSCOPES

New money moon

The new moon in Taurus is a stroke of financial luck, though probably not in the form of a cash win. As we learn from the "lottery curse" — the phenomenon where many lottery winners experience negative consequences from the windfall — the most auspicious economic gains are aligned with purposeful intentions and core values.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). By honoring personal boundaries and staying true to yourself, you'll come into a blend of politeness and stubbornness — even when the circumstances seem bent toward leading you in a different direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Aligning with like-minded individuals can amplify your voice, but it can also limit the music. Ideal teams are diverse. Together you're like a choir. Most choirs don't sing in unison all the time. You need different voices to make harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've an innate ability to pitch and persuade. You believe in your ideas and you refine them every time you present, which sharpens you and deepens your passion and purpose. Trust your instincts and let your genuine enthusiasm lead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Financial matters will strain relationships if approached with emotional volatility. Adopt a mindset of financial neutrality. It will reduce unnecessary tension and facilitate better money management.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). We don't often see ourselves how others see us. They'll see what isn't there and what is very much there. Just keep in mind, if you are called to a job, it means someone thought you would be good for it, and maybe they see something in you that you don't. Yet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Shouldn't friendships sometimes feel like a cozy blanket on a chilly day? If you always have to do extra things to make relationships bloom, you start to wonder if they just aren't a natural fit. Real love is like wildflowers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unless you've just consulted a weird video, you typically don't ask your dishwasher to bake a cake. Just because something doesn't serve the function you want it to serve doesn't mean it's broken.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The spiritual and emotional wounds of the past have a way of healing in quiet moments without your tinkering or involvement. As it is with your body, healing happens naturally and can't be willed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is possible that the one who lacks confidence and command is also highly accomplished, extremely knowledgeable and has much to offer you. You may also encounter the opposite scenario with those who know nothing, and loudly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A responsibility is like a tiny pebble in your shoe — it may seem insignificant, but when you're continually stepping on it, it will become the foremost thing on your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people act differently depending on the context. It's normal and true of you, too, to some degree. However, when the inconsistency is glaring, you wisely perceive the red flag and proceed accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a wonderful friend. You will boost someone's self-esteem when they're feeling low. You'll see the value in them that they may not notice themselves.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 7). You'll make small changes that have a big impact. Your economic status moves to match your dreams, and more importantly, your strength and power grow to meet the demands of this exciting new cycle. More highlights: A dear influence makes domestic life sweet. Your reputation will attract those who need you and those who can help your mission, too. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 10, 21 and 13.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Solution to 5/6/24

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| FLUNKS | | SWAPPED | | |
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Thick, as squirrels' tails
- 6 Not so much
- 10 Baby lions
- 14 "So are we!"
- 15 Ireland nickname
- 16 Each, informally
- 17 Corporate makeover, for short
- 18 Grocery's sandwich section
- 19 Film-rating org.'s former name
- 20 Early a.m. hot beverage
- 23 __ day now (soon)
- 24 Borscht veggie
- 25 Of roses, orchids...
- 28 Assemble with thread
- 29 Two-__ paper towels
- 30 Finance degree: Abbr.
- 31 Australian bearlike beast
- 34 Soft French cheese
- 36 Rove around
- 37 Nap taken following lunch
- 40 Street or avenue
- 41 Food safety agcy.
- 42 Evaluates
- 43 Raggedy doll
- 44 And so on: Abbr.
- 45 Police officer
- 46 Makes fun of
- 48 Deliberately avoid
- 50 Air quality org.
- 53 Wee-hours guard guy

- 56 STOP or YIELD
- 58 Historical periods
- 59 Last but not __
- 60 Legal rights org.
- 61 Chauffeur-driven car
- 62 Stand up
- 63 Salon colorings
- 64 "Tender" beef
- 65 Parcels (out)
- DOWN**
- 1 Thailand neighbor
- 2 Apply to, as a liniment
- 3 "Bedtime" reading
- 4 Trumpet or bugle
- 5 Toon bruin
- 6 Narrow shelf
- 7 Construct, as a building
- 8 Grain tower
- 9 Cold's nasal-sound symptoms
- 10 Brief movie role
- 11 Highest in height
- 12 "Constrictor" snake
- 13 Masseuse's employer
- 21 Just published
- 22 Go by plane
- 26 Subside gradually
- 27 Tibetan priests
- 28 Snow vehicle
- 29 __ colada cocktail
- 31 Gold purity measure
- 32 "Six __, half a dozen..."
- 33 Leaning somewhat
- 34 Variety of pear

- 35 Fishing pole
- 36 Harvest, as crops
- 38 Discarded part of a pecan
- 39 Unbreakable, as a rule
- 44 Brain scan letters
- 45 Shorten in length
- 47 Nasal passage
- 48 Hindu mentor
- 49 Is wearing
- 50 Letter sent online
- 51 Out of style
- 52 Starts a poker pot
- 54 Half a sextet
- 55 Medal of Honor recipient
- 56 Feeling blue
- 57 Frosty

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| KUTV | 2 News at 6:00pm (N) (Live) | Entertainment Tonight (N) | FBI (TV14) | | FBI: International (TV14) | | FBI: Most Wanted "Radio Silence" (N) (TV14) | | 2 News at 10:00pm (N) (Live) | (35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (TVPG) | | (40) After Midnight (N) (TV14) | | |
| KTVX | ABC4 News at 6pm (N) | | Will Trent "Why Is Jack's Arm Bleeding?" (N) (TV14) | | The Rookie "Punch Card" (N) (TV14) | | The Good Doctor "The Overview Effect" (N) (TV14) | | ABC4 News at 10pm (N) | (35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (TV14) | | (35) Nightline (N) (TVPG) | (.05) Access Hollywood (N) (TVPG) | |
| KSL | KSL 5 News at 6p (N) | KSL 5 News at 6:30p (N) | The Voice "Live Top 12 Results" (N) (TVPG) | | Weakest Link "My Mom Is Not Going to Like That" (N) (TVPG) | | Password "Lauren Graham & Jimmy Fallon" (N) (TVPG) | | KSL 5 News at 10 (N) | (35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (TV14) | | (35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N) (TV14) | | |
| KUED | PBS NewsHour (N) | | Finding Your Roots "Buried Secrets" Sammy Hagar, Ed O'Neill (N) (TVPG) | | The Express Way With Dulé Hill "Texas" (N) (TV14) | | Frontline "The Last Survivors" | | May to Dec "I'm Old Fashioned" | Rick Steves' Europe | | Independent Lens "Medora" A small town and its high school basketball team both fight for survival. (TVPG) | | |
| KUEN | Samantha "Phoenix, Arizona" | Make48 "The Team Pitches, Pt. 1" (TVG) | DW News | NHK Newsline | Buzz "Giles County Foster Care" (TVG) | Modern Pioneer | Life "Healthcare in Nowhere" | Hope Is Here "Little Braveheart" | School of Greatness Nick Vujicic | Art Connection "Second Life" | | Euromaxx (TVG) | Cycling-Japan (TVG) | Discovery "Wasatch Academy" |
| KUED2 | A Brief History "Together" | | Pathway-Invent (TVPG) | | PBS NewsHour | | Amanpour and Company (N) | | NOVA | | | A Brief History "Together" | Pathways | |
| KSTU | The Simpsons (TVPG) | Modern Family "Moon Landing" | The Cleaning Lady "From the Ashes" (N) (TV14) | | Alert: Missing Persons Unit "Paul Miller" (N) (TV14) | | FOX13 News at Nine (N) (Live) | | (.05) Modern Fam. "Travels With Scout" | (35) Seinfeld "The Invitations" | | (.05) Seinfeld "The Conversion" | (35) The Simpsons (TVPG) | (.05) Friends (TVPG) |
| KJZZ | Wheel (N) | Jeopardy! (N) | News (N) | News (N) | 48 Hours (N) | | 2 News (N) | Extra (N) | Family Guy | Family Guy | Burgers | Burgers | Dateline | |
| KUCW | Big Bang | Big Bang | ABC 4 News | Inside Ed. (N) | Police 24/7 (N) (P) (TV14) | | Police 24/7 (N) (TV14) | | Big Bang | Two Half Men | Mom | Mom | Two Half Men | |
| KUPX | Hot Bench | Hot Bench | Judge Judy | Judge Judy | Ashleigh Banfield (TV14) | | Ashleigh Banfield (TV14) | | FOX13 News at Nine | Main & Wall | Main & Wall | Main & Wall | In the Cut | |
| KPNZ | TCT Today | Joyce Meyer | Place | Robison | Jeffress | Jewish Jesus | | A. Womack Ask the Pastor | | Billy Graham | TCT Today | Living | Stem Cell | |
| KTMW | La casa de los famosos (N) (TVPG) | | | | | | El Señor de los (N) (TV14) | | Noticiero | (35) Noticias | Acércate a Rocio | | Caso cerrado | |
| PREMIUM CABLE CHANNELS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | (.55) The Jinx: Part Two | | Real, Bill Maher (TVMA) | | We're Here (TVMA) | | ***** "The Zone of Interest" (PG13) | | (50) Jerrod Carr | (20) The Sympathizer | | | Movie | |
| HBO2 | Movie | The Sympathizer (TVMA) | ***** "Paranormal Activity" (.07) (R) | | Last Week | (40) Jerrod Carr | (10) We're Here (TVMA) | | (30) We're Here (TVMA) | (.10) ***** "The Color Purple" (PG13) | | | | |
| HBO3 | (5:15) *Great Expectations* | (10) ***** "Brooklyn" (15) Saoirse Ronan. (PG13) | | | The Jinx: Part Two | | ***** "Wild Mountain Thyme" (P) (PG13) | | ***** "Semi-Pro" (R) | | | | | |
| MAX | (5:35) ***** "Laggies" | (15) ***** "Woman Walks Ahead" (17) (R) | | | | | ***** "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (15) (PG) | | (.05) ***** "The Upside of Anger" (R) | | | | | |
| PLEX | Movie | (40) ***** "Testament of Youth" (14) (PG13) | | | (50) ***** "Mrs. Winterbourne" (96) (PG13) | | | | (40) ***** "Stars Fell on Alabama" (21) (PG13) | | | | | |
| TMC | (.05) ***** "Pirates" (21) Elliot Edusan. | | (25) ***** "1-800-Hot-Nite" (22) | | ***** "A Royal Night Out" (15) (PG13) | | (40) ***** "Scrapper" (23) Lola Campbell. | | | | | | Movie | |
| SHO-E | Gentleman "The Fall" | | ***** "Rocketman" (19) Jamie Bell, Taron Egerton. (R) | | (.05) ***** "Beau is Afraid" (23) Patti LuPone, Amy Ryan, Joaquin Phoenix. (R) | | | | | | | | Movie | |
| SHO-P | Movie | ***** "Everything Everywhere All at Once" (22) Michelle Yeoh. (R) | | | Gentleman "The Fall" | | ***** "Rocketman" (19) Jamie Bell, Taron Egerton. (R) | | | | | | Movie | |
| STARZ | (20) ***** "Vice" (15) Thomas Jane, Bruce Willis. (R) | | ***** "Beyond the Lights" (14) (PG13) | | | | ***** "Underworld: Blood Wars" (16) (R) | | (35) ***** "The Modelizer" | | | | | |
| STZENC | Movie | (25) ***** "Here Today" (21) Billy Crystal. (PG13) | | | (25) ***** "About My Father" (23) (PG13) | | ***** "The Night Before" (15) (R) | | (45) ***** "Fighting" | | | | | |
| OTHER CABLE CHANNELS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Neighbor. (N) | Neighbor. (N) | Customer (N) | Customer (N) | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Customer | |
| AMC | (5:00) ***** "Pearl Harbor" (1) Ben Affleck. (PG13) | | ***** "Hacksaw Ridge" (16) Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey, Andrew Garfield. (R) | | | | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Neighbor. | (.35) Neighbor. | (.05) Customer | |
| ANIMAL | Yellowstone Wardens | Wardens "Pull 'um Over" | | | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | Yellowstone Wardens | |
| BET | Neighbor | Neighbor | Kingdom "Song of Joy" (N) | | Zatima | Kingdom "Song of Joy" | Martin | Martin | Martin | Martin | Martin | Martin | Martin | |
| BYU | Heartland | (.45) Heartland | | Theodosia | (20) A Kind | (.45) Malory | (.15) Ruby and the Well | Heartland | (.45) Heartland | (.25) Heartland | (.10) Hwy. | | | |
| CARTOON | Burgers | Burgers | American | American | American | American | American | Rick | Rick | Crackers | AquaUnit | American | American | |
| CBSN | (5:00) PWBA Bowling | Inside College Football (N) | | | | | | | | | | | Football | |
| CMTV | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne | | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Reba | Reba | Reba | |
| CNBC | Shark Tank (TVPG) | Shark Tank | | | Shark Tank (TVPG) | Shark Tank (TVPG) | Shark Tank (TVPG) | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Unlocked | Dateline | Dateline | |
| CNN | Cooper 360 (N) (Live) | The Source With (N) (Live) | | | CNN NewsNight (N) (Live) | The Office | The Office | Laura Coates Live (N) (Live) | Anderson Cooper 360 | Erin Burnett OutFront | Jake Tapper | Jake Tapper | Jake Tapper | |
| COMEDY | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | |
| CSPAN | (1:30) U.S. House (N) (Live) | Public Affairs Events (TVG) | | | | | | | | | | | Daily Show | |
| DISC | Moonshiners | Moonshiners "Shine Pods" | | | Master Distiller | Moonshiners (N) | Moonshiners (N) | Mud Madness (N) | Master Distiller (N) | Moonshiners | | | | |
| DISN | KiFF | KiFF | KiFF | Big City | Big City | Big City | Hailey | Hailey | Marvel's "Ladybug | Ladybug | Ladybug | Ladybug | Bunk'd | |
| DLC | My 600-Lb. Life "Rena & Lee's Story" (TVPG) | | | | My 600-Lb. Life "Karina's Story" (TVPG) | | | | My 600-Lb. Life "Rena & Lee's Story" (TVPG) | | | | My 600-Lb | |
| E! | Below Deck "Shame Cocoon" | Below Deck "Au Revoir!" | | | OMG Fashion | OMG Fashion | El News (N) | Sex-City | Sex-City | Sex-City | Sex-City | Sex-City | Sex-City | |
| ESPN | (5:00) NHL Hockey | NHL Hockey | Second round: Teams TBA (N) (Live) | | | | | | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | |
| ESPN2 | (5:00) College Baseball Louisville at Vanderbilt (N) (Live) | | | | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | | | NFL Live | Good Guy (N) (P) Pardon | NHL Hockey | | | |
| FOOD | Chopped (N) | Chopped | | | Alex vs America | Supermarket Stakeout | Chopped | Chopped | Alex vs America | | | | S. Stakeout | |
| FREE | Movie | ***** "Abominable" (19) Chloe Bennet. (PG) | | | ***** "Beauty and the Beast" (91) Paige O'Hara. (G) | | Grand (N) | | (15) Grand Cayman (N) | | | | The 700 Club | |
| FX | ***** "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" (14) Jason Clarke, Andy Serkis. (PG13) | | | | ***** "War for the Planet of the Apes" (17) Woody Harrison, Andy Serkis. (PG13) | | | | | | | | Movie | |
| GALA | Una familia de diez (TV14) | Nosotros los guapos (TV14) | Vecinos (TV14) | | 40 y 20 | 40 y 20 | Renta | Renta | Alma de | Alma de | Alma de | Alma de | Alma de | |
| HALL | (5:00) ***** "A Royal Runaway R..." | ***** "Sweeter Than Chocolate" (23) Eloise Mumford. | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | |
| HIST | Skinwalker "What's Up?" | Skinwalker "Holy Cow" | | | The Curse of Oak Island | Hunters (N) | Hunters (N) | Hunters (N) | Skinwalker Ranch (N) | Skinwalker | Skinwalker | Skinwalker | Skinwalker | |
| HGTV | Farmhouse Fixer | Farm-Fixer "Episode 4" (N) | | | Hunters (N) | Hunters (N) | Hunters (N) | Hunters (N) | Farmhouse Fixer "Episode 4" | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | |
| KTLA | KTLA 5 News at 5 (N) | News at 6p (N) KTLA News | | | Unscripted | Two Men | Police 24/7 (N) (P) (TV14) | Police 24/7 (N) (TV14) | News (N) | (.45) Sports | News (N) | | | |
| LIFE | Castle | Castle "Deep in Death" | | | (.05) Castle | | (.05) Castle | Castle | Castle "Deep in Death" | (.05) Castle | | | | |
| MSNBC | All In With (N) (Live) | Wagner (N) (Live) | | | Last Word (N) (Live) | | 11th Hour (N) (Live) | Alex Wagner Tonight | Last Word With Lewis | 11th Hour | | | | |
| MTV | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | | | Catfish: The TV Show | | Catfish: The TV Show (N) | Catfish "Joey & Marissa" (N) | Couples Th | Couples Th | Catfish | | | |
| NBC | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Mom | |
| NWSN | Cuomo (N) (Live) | Dan Abrams Live (N) (Live) | | | Banfield (N) (Live) | | Cuomo | | Dan Abrams Live | Banfield | | | Cuomo | |
| PARMT | ***** "22 Jump Street" (14) Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill. (R) | | | | ***** "Wedding Crashers" (05) Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken, Owen Wilson. (R) | | ***** "Movie" | | | | | | | |
| ROOT | World Poker Tour: Alpha | World Poker Tour | | | World Poker Tour | | World Poker Tour | | United Fight Alliance | United Fight Alliance | United Fight Alliance | United Fight Alliance | United Fight Alliance | |
| SYFY | (4:00) ***** "Angels & Demons" | ***** "The Da Vinci Code" (23) Ewan McGregor, Ian McKellen, Tom Hanks. (PG13) | | | | | | | Reginald the Vampire | Reginald "The Odyssey" | Reginald | | Reginald | |
| TBS | (5:00) Baseball Houston Astros at New York Yankees (N) | | | | MLB Classic | Grass Clippings | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | Modern Fam. | |
| TELEM | (5:00) La casa de los famosos (N) (TVPG) | | | | El Señor de los (N) (TV14) | Noticias | (35) Noticias | Acércate a Rocio | | Caso cerrado | | | En casa con | |
| TLC | Doubling Down (N) | OutDaughtered (N) (SP) | | | 7 Little Johnstons (N) | | 90 Day Fiance: Love (TVMA) | | Doubling Down | OutDaughtered | | | 7 Little | |
| TNT | (5:30) Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA (N) (Live) | | | | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA (N) (Live) | | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) | | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) | NBA Basketball | | | | |
| TCM | ***** "North by Northwest" (59) Eva Marie Saint, Cary Grant. | | | | ***** "A Matter of Life and Death" (46) (PG) | | | | ***** "Forbidden Planet" (56) (G) | | | | Movie | |
| TRAVEL | Ghost Adv "Lutes Casino" | Ghost Adv "Melrose Hotel" | | | Ghost Adventures | Ghost Adventures | Ghost Adv "Lutes Casino" | | Ghost Adv "Melrose Hotel" | | | | Ghost Adv | |
| TRUTV | (5:30) Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA (N) (Live) | | | | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA (N) (Live) | | In NBA Inside the NBA (N) (Live) | | TBA | | | | Imp. Jokers | |
| USA | WWE NXT (N) (Live) (TVPG) | | | | (10) ***** "The Truman Show" (98) Jim Carrey. (P) (PG) | | ***** "The Truman Show" (98) Jim Carrey. (PG) | | | | | | | |
| VH1 | (4:30) ***** "Brothers" | VH1 Special (TVPG) | | | ***** "Boyz n the Hood" (91) Ice Cube, Larry Fishburne. (R) | | | | ***** "Movie" | | | | Movie | |
| WEATH | Highway Thru Hell | Deadman's Curse | | | Deadman's Curse | | Weather Goe Viral | | Uncharted "South Florida" | Uncharted "Puerto Rico" | Uncharted | | Uncharted | |

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

PWHL’s first season follows with a surge for women’s sports

BY STEPHEN WHYNO AND JOHN WAWROW
Associated Press

Less than a year since getting off the ground, the Professional Women’s Hockey League has staged its inaugural season with 72 games around North America televised or streamed and attendance records broken over and over, putting the sport in the spotlight like never before.

It could not be happening at a better time.

The PWHL’s launch finally brings together the best players in the world on a regular basis and beyond the annual world championships or Olympics every four years. And it has placed the game firmly on the map at a time of heightened interest in women’s sports, led by the Caitlin Clark effect in basketball and a quarter-century since Brandi Chastain and the U.S. soccer team rose to international prominence.

While it will still take time to catch up in a crowded landscape, the PWHL is off to a blazing beginning after decades of frustration, featuring fitful starts and stops, by putting it all together on the ice with a chance to capitalize on a growing appetite for elite women’s sports.

“We all wanted things to happen faster, and it felt really difficult and challenging at times,” Hall of Famer and PWHL senior VP of hockey operations Jayna Hefford told The Associated Press. “But now when you look back on it, you have to wonder if everything happened like it should have been and at the right time to allow us to see the success that we’ve seen to date.”

That success is still in its infancy, though the first four-plus months of the PWHL has raised expectations of how fast and how much it can grow beyond the current six-team structure based in Boston, New York,



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Toronto players take part in a huddle for their last home game before the PWHL hockey playoffs start as they play Ottawa in Toronto on Sunday.

Minnesota, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. A total of 392,259 fans attended games during the regular season at venues that included various NHL rinks and highlighted by a women’s hockey record crowd of 21,105 turning out at the Canadiens’ Bell Centre for a Montreal-Toronto showdown last month.

Television broadcasts nationally in Canada and regionally in the U.S. markets have also attracted even more viewers to women’s hockey in following the same path of progress the WNBA and the various pro women’s soccer league incarnations pre-

viously enjoyed since the late 1990s and early 2000s.

“This has been in the works for quite a long time,” said Amy Scheer, the PWHL’s senior VP of business operations, who has also worked in the WNBA and NBA and for the NFL. “This has not happened overnight, and it continues to be a movement and it will have to continue to be a movement. There’s no time where we can take our foot off the pedal and feel complacent or feel comfortable. This is hard work every single day.”

As the puck drops on the playoffs this week, with an innovative

format that allowed league-leading Toronto to pick its first-round opponent, there’s still plenty of work to be done.

Internally, advisory board member Stan Kasten acknowledged, “We still have a long way to go till we are an economic success,” and an expert in women’s sports is skeptical of the long term based on hockey’s place behind football and other sports in the U.S., and until there are more teams and big-name stars to capture mainstream attention.

“You’ve got the kind of barrier of overcoming just the sort of mar-

ginalization of hockey in American culture and then on top of that added in this additional layer of the marginalization of women’s sports in American culture,” said Cheryl Cooky, professor of women’s gender and sexuality studies at Purdue University. “Adding those together, it creates this sort of double jeopardy for women’s hockey.”

Cooky pointed to Chastain, Clark and others becoming the face of her sport to people beyond the fan-base as something women’s hockey needs. American Hilary Knight and Canadian Marie-Philip Poulin are the biggest stars at the moment, including Knight making an appearance on “Saturday Night Live” in 2018. But there’s also the inherent challenge of playing in helmets with cages that basketball and soccer do not have to overcome in building a pop culture following off the ice, court or field.

But that process is ongoing, placing the emphasis on the next generation, led by Sarah Nurse, Caroline Harvey, Laila Edwards and others, of building a loyal following around the continent.

“These kinds of role models that show women that they can be fierce, serious athletes, I can’t think of anything better,” Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Kirsten Hillman said. “The strength of the fan support speaks to the fact that there was something missing, that there was something that was needed.”

Speaking steps away from Hillman at a PWHL watch party at the Canadian Embassy in Washington last month, Bauer VP of marketing Mary-Kay Messier called the inaugural season “a watershed moment” for hockey in general because of the growth opportunity of getting more girls and women involved.

MLB

It was a big week for Baltimore’s pitchers, plus injuries

BY NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Kyle Bradish and John Means are back, and their impact for the Baltimore Orioles was immediate.

Bradish allowed a run in 4 2/3 innings in a win over the New York Yankees on Thursday, then Means threw seven scoreless frames in a victory at Cincinnati on Saturday night. Both pitchers were making their season debuts after they began spring training with arm-related injuries. The Orioles got off to a good start even without them, but if Bradish and Means are healthy and effective, that would give Baltimore another boost as it tries to repeat as AL East champion.

Bradish in particular was a major part of Baltimore’s

rotation in 2023 — and ultimately the Game 1 starter in the playoffs. Means returned from Tommy John surgery late last season, but prior to that lengthy absence he was the top starter on a much less talented Orioles team.

Baltimore recently lost second-year right-hander Grayson Rodriguez to the injured list, but the Orioles — who already have an imposing lineup led by Gunnar Henderson and Adley Rutschman — are on quite a run on the mound. They allowed two runs total in a three-game sweep in Cincinnati, and they’ve held the opposition to two runs or fewer in seven consecutive games.

The Orioles won the AL East last year thanks to a 32-20 record against the rest of

the division — they won the season series against each of the other four teams. This year they’ve already swept a three-game series at Boston and won three of four over the Yankees at home. Baltimore is 12-0-4 in its last 16 series against AL East foes.

CLASH OF THE TITANS

The Atlanta Braves finished with baseball’s best record last year, and the Los Angeles Dodgers did it the season before. They’re currently the top two favorites to win the World Series. This past weekend, they faced each other for the first time in 2024, with the Dodgers sweeping three straight games at home.

Rookie Andy Pages had four hits Friday night, including the winning single in the 11th

inning, and then the Dodgers won the next two games by a combined 16-3.

TRIVIA TIME

Who was the last team to finish with the best regular-season record in baseball in back-to-back seasons?

LINE OF THE WEEK

Max Muncy hit three home runs — the first time in his career he’d done that — to lift the Dodgers to an 11-2 rout of Atlanta on Saturday night.

COMEBACK OF THE WEEK

The Colorado Rockies and Miami Marlins have the two worst records in the National League, so maybe no lead is safe when they face each other.

On Tuesday night, Colorado scored five runs in the top of the first, and there was no further scoring until the bottom of the ninth, when the Marlins tied it with five runs of their own. The first seven Miami hitters in the ninth reached base.

After the Rockies went back ahead with a run in the 10th, Bryan De La Cruz tied it with a one-out double for Miami, then scored on a single by Dane Myers for a 7-6 win. After eight innings, Colorado had a win probability of 99.5% according to Baseball Savant.

The blown lead also meant the Rockies set an ignominious record that night, becoming the first team since 1900 to trail in each of its first 29 games. That streak reached 31 before Colorado finally ended it in a 3-2 win over Pittsburgh on Friday night.

TRIVIA ANSWER

The Philadelphia Phillies, who went 97-65 in 2010 and 102-60 in 2011.

The top records for each season since then:

- 2012: Washington (98-64)
- 2013: Boston and St. Louis (97-65)
- 2014: Los Angeles Angels (98-64)
- 2015: St. Louis (100-62)
- 2016: Chicago Cubs (103-58)
- 2017: Los Angeles Dodgers (104-58)
- 2018: Boston (108-54)
- 2019: Houston (107-55)
- 2020: Los Angeles Dodgers (43-17)
- 2021: San Francisco (107-55)
- 2022: Los Angeles Dodgers (111-51)
- 2023: Atlanta (104-58)

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