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ROAD PROJECTS

\$1.4B plan will tackle traffic in northwest Utah County

BY CURTIS BOOKER
Daily Herald

During peak travel hours on Pioneer Crossing, Mountain View Corridor or state Route 73 in northwest Utah County, standstill traffic can look similar to a parking lot at the local grocery store. As cities continue to boom with population growth, transportation officials are working to ease traffic congestion with more options to navigate the daily commute.

The Utah Department of Transportation is taking on

an ambitious task of constructing two new freeways and a freeway extension, specifically in the cities of Lehi, Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain.

According to a news release, the Utah Transportation Commission approved a group of freeway-related projects for northwest Utah County, totaling up to nearly \$1.4 billion, which was approved by the Utah Legislature earlier this year.

The funding for the project is a reflection of burgeoning

growth. Latest estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau shows a spike in residents over the past year across a majority of Utah Valley. Data from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute projects Utah County to grow faster than Salt Lake, Davis and Weber counties combined by the year 2050.

“The residences and businesses are popping up throughout Lehi, Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain, and it’s creating stresses on the transportation system,” UDOT Region 3 Director Rob

Clayton explained to the Daily Herald. “So this investment of new project money from the Legislature, this \$1.4 billion, is really a recognition of that growth and commitment to meeting the needs of the residents.”

This funding, combined with previously approved projects, represents a \$2.1 billion investment into this area through the end of the decade, according to the news release.

Utah County UDOT projects to begin within the next

two-years:

■ **Conversion of 2100 North to a freeway in Lehi** — This project will extend the freeway connection along 2100 North between Mountain View Corridor and Interstate 15, with the goal of improving east-west mobility between the two freeways in northwest Utah County and Salt Lake County and helping to disperse traffic more efficiently for drivers traveling to communities within the central Utah Valley area. It’s slated to begin in 2026 at a

cost of \$554 million, \$275 million of which is new funding. UDOT recently started construction on another project along 2100 North, connecting the corridor to Porter Rockwell Boulevard near Herriman and South Jordan, with expected completion sometime in 2026.

■ **Pioneer Crossing Flex Lanes** — Coming in at a cost of \$77 million, UDOT says this project would provide two additional travel lanes

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UTAH TRAIL NETWORK



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Joggers stroll through Lakeshore Trail on March 17, 2015.

SET ON A NEW PATH

UDOT investing \$5M into paved trail in Vineyard, part of new Utah network

BY CARLENE COOMBS
Daily Herald

A new paved trail will be built in Vineyard after the Utah Department of Transportation issued its first round of funding for the statewide Utah Trails Network.

The trail will be 2.1 miles, running from Interstate 15 to the Utah Lakeshore Trail along Vineyard Connector and parallel to the incom-

ing Utah City development.

On Friday, UDOT announced funding for 13 different trail projects throughout the state and five feasibility studies for additional trails. In total, \$95 million is being invested, with \$5 million of that going toward the Vineyard trail project.

The funding comes from legislation that was passed last year to provide continuous funding

to create a statewide trail system and improve access to active transportation for Utahns.

“This was kind of a historic moment for Utah,” said Stephanie Tomlin, UDOT Trails Division director. “By embarking on this journey to build out a statewide trail network, this really can be thought of akin to starting out on

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GUN SALES

Judge blocks White House from enforcing background check rule

BY ACACIA CORONADO
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal judge has blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a new rule in Texas that would require firearms dealers to run background checks on buyers at gun shows or other places outside brick-and-mortar stores.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, came before the rule had been set to take effect Monday. The order also prevents the federal government from enforcing the rule against several gun-rights groups, including Gun Owners of America. It does not apply to Louisiana, Mississippi and Utah, which were also part of the lawsuit.

“Plaintiffs understandably fear that these presumptions will trigger civil or criminal penalties for conduct deemed lawful just yesterday,” Kacsmaryk said in his ruling.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives declined to comment. The Justice Department didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Twenty-six Republican attorneys general filed lawsuits in federal court in Arkansas, Florida and Texas aiming to block enforcement of the rule earlier this month. The plaintiffs argued that the rule violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and that President Joe Biden, a Democrat, doesn’t have the authority to implement it.

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WATER RESOURCES

Utah’s reservoirs are at 90% capacity, except Lake Powell

The federal government expects Lake Powell to rise, despite one Utah lawmaker’s claim that levels are ‘intentionally’ being kept low

BY KYLE DUNPHEY
Utah News Dispatch

Utah’s reservoirs are still at what the state calls “impressive” levels, with most hovering around 90% capacity — by comparison, statewide levels were a little over half full this time last year.

But Lake Powell, the country’s second-largest reservoir, is an outlier. According to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, it’s currently at about 35% capacity.

During a Legislative Water Development Commission meeting in Salt Lake City last week, director of the Utah

Division of Water Resources Candice Hasenyager gave lawmakers an update on the state’s water outlook.

“Our reservoirs are about full, we’re at about 90% of our statewide average,” she said. But, she noted Lake Powell as a glaring exception.

“That’s still definitely a concern that we have,” Hasenyager told lawmakers.

In a statement, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said Lake Powell should not be compared to other reservoirs in the state because of its size and the various policies that

dictate its levels.

“Lake Powell is substantially larger, with a live capacity of nearly 25 million acre-feet,” a spokesperson for the bureau said. “This capacity is more than eight times the capacity

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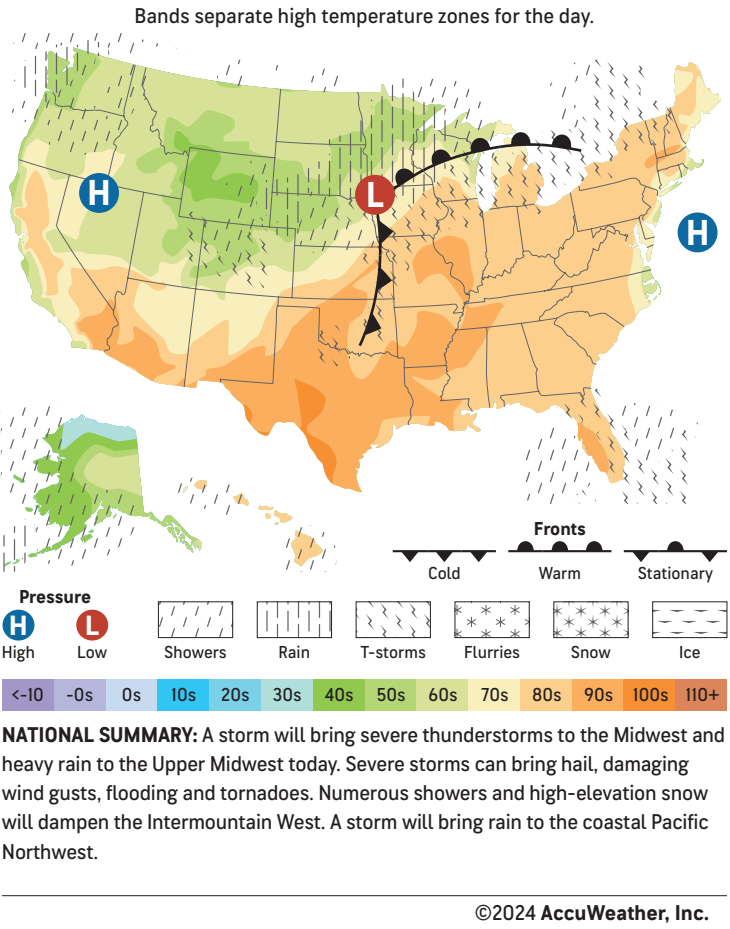
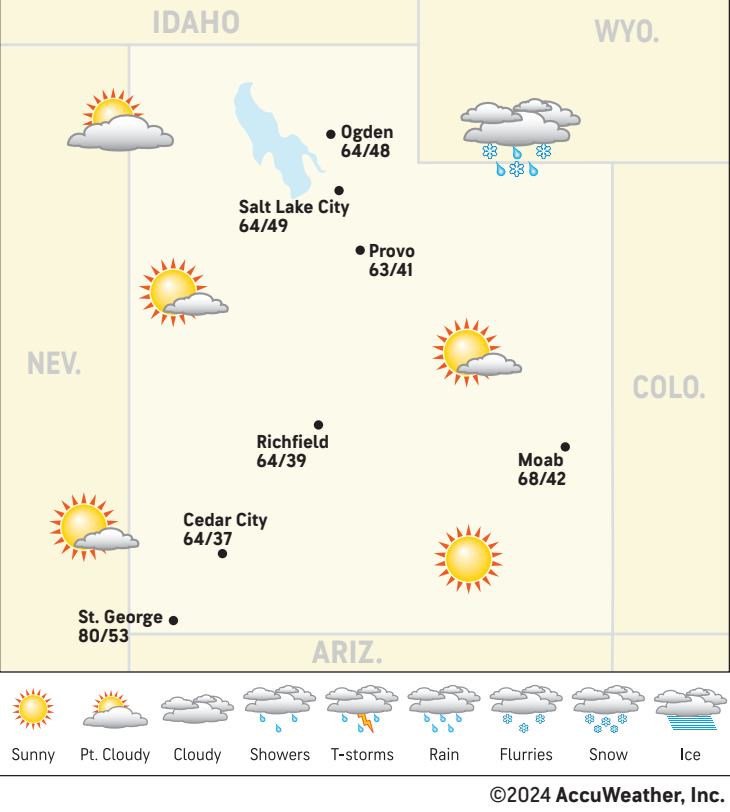
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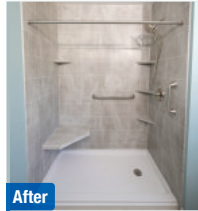
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People hold up posters of President Ebrahim Raisi during a mourning ceremony for him at Vali-e-Asr square in downtown Tehran, Iran, on Monday.

Iranian president and foreign minister die in helicopter crash

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and the country's foreign minister were found dead Monday hours after their helicopter crashed in fog, leaving the Islamic Republic without two key leaders as extraordinary tensions grip the wider Middle East.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say in the Shiite theocracy, quickly named a little-known vice president as caretaker and insisted the government was in control, but the deaths marked yet another blow to a country beset by pressures at home and abroad.

Iran has offered no cause for the crash nor suggested sabotage brought down the helicopter, which fell in mountainous terrain in a sudden, intense fog.

In Tehran, Iran's capital, businesses were open and children attended school Monday. However, there was a noticeable presence of both uniformed and plainclothes security forces.

Later in the day, hundreds of mourners crowded into downtown Vali-e-Asr square

holding posters of Raisi and waving Palestinian flags. Some men clutched prayer beads and were visibly crying. Women wearing black chadors gathered together holding photos of the dead leader.

"We were shocked that we lost such a character, a character that made Iran proud, and humiliated the enemies," said Mohammad Beheshti, 36.

The crash comes as the Israel-Hamas war roils the region. Iran-backed Hamas led the attack that started the conflict, and Hezbollah, also supported by Tehran, has fired rockets at Israel. Last month, Iran launched its own unprecedented drone-and-missile attack on Israel.

A hard-liner who formerly led the country's judiciary, Raisi, 63, was viewed as a protégé of Khamenei. During his tenure, relations continued to deteriorate with the West as Iran enriched uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels and supplied bomb-carrying drones to Russia for its war in Ukraine.

His government has also faced years of mass protests over the ailing economy and women's rights.

The crash killed all eight people aboard a Bell 212 helicopter that Iran purchased in the early 2000s, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. Among the dead were Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, the governor of Iran's East Azerbaijan province, a senior cleric from Tabriz, a Revolutionary Guard official and three crew members, IRNA said.

Iran has flown Bell helicopters extensively since the shah's era. But aircraft in Iran face a shortage of parts because of Western sanctions, and often fly without safety checks. Against that backdrop, former Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif sought to blame the United States for the crash.

"One of the main culprits of yesterday's tragedy is the United States, which ... embargoed the sale of aircraft and aviation parts to Iran and does not allow the people of Iran to enjoy good aviation facilities," Zarif told The Associated Press. Ali Vaez, Iran project director with the International Crisis Group, said that while U.S. sanctions have deprived Iran of the ability to renew and repair its fleet for decades, "one can't overlook human error and the weather's role in this particular accident."

Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace analyst and consultant, said Iran likely is tapping the black market for parts, but questioned whether Iran has the maintenance skills to keep older helicopters flying safely. "Black-market parts and whatever local maintenance capabilities they've got — that's not a good combination," he said.

There are 15 Bell 212 helicopters with an average age of 35 years currently registered in Iran that could be in active use or in storage, according to aviation data firm Cirium.

State TV gave no immediate cause for the crash in Iran's East Azerbaijan province. Footage released by IRNA showed the crash site, across a steep valley in a green mountain range.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the U.S. continues to monitor the situation surrounding the "very unfortunate helicopter crash" but has no insight into the cause. "I don't necessarily see any broader regional security impacts at this point in time," he said.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said Raisi's death is not expected to have any substantive impact on difficult U.S.-Iran relations, or Iran's support of Hamas, Hezbollah and the Yemen-based Houthi rebels.

"We have to assume that the supreme leader is the one who makes these decisions and the supreme leader, as he did in the last so-called election, made sure to stack the deck with only candidates that met his mandates," Kirby said.

He called the accusation that U.S. sanctions contributed to the crash "baseless," adding: "Every country, no matter who they are has a responsibility, their own responsibility to ensure the safety and reliability of its equipment."

For now, Khamenei has named the first vice president, Mohammad Mokhber, as caretaker, in line with the constitution. The election for a successor is to be held on June 28, IRNA said. Raisi's funeral will take place Thursday in Mashhad, the city where he was born, with other funerals to be held on Tuesday, state TV said.

It said Ali Bagheri Kani, a nuclear negotiator for Iran, will serve as the country's acting foreign minister.

Condolences poured in from allies after Iran confirmed there were no survivors. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on the social media platform X that his country "stands with Iran in this time of sorrow." Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a statement released by the Kremlin, described Raisi "as a true friend of Russia."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, China's Xi Jinping and Syrian President Bashar Assad also offered condolences. Azerbaijan's president, Ilham Aliyev, said he and his government were "deeply shocked." Raisi was returning Sunday from Iran's border with Azerbaijan, where he had inaugurated a dam with Aliyev, when the crash happened.

The death also stunned Iranians, and Khamenei declared five days of public mourning. But many have been ground down by the collapse of the country's rial currency and worries about regional conflicts spinning out of control with Israel or Pakistan, which Iran exchanged fire with this year.

"He tried to carry out his duties well, but I don't think he was as successful as he should have been," said Mahrooz Mohammadi Zadeh, 53, a resident of Tehran.

Khamenei stressed the business of Iran's government would continue no matter what — but Raisi's death raised the specter of what will happen after the 85-year-old supreme leader either resigns or dies. The final say in all matters of state rests with his office and only two men have held the position since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

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TRUMP HUSH MONEY TRIAL

Judge threatens to throw witness out of court

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — The judge in Donald Trump’s hush money trial cleared the courtroom of reporters Monday and then threatened to remove the defense’s witness from the trial altogether because of his behavior on the stand, a court transcript later showed.

Judge Juan M. Merchan told Robert Costello, a former federal prosecutor, that his conduct was “contemptuous right now.”

Costello aggravated Merchan repeatedly in his testimony by making comments under his breath and continuing to speak after objections were sustained — a signal to witnesses to stop talking. At one point, Costello remarked “jeez” when he was cut off by an objection. He also called the whole exercise “ridiculous.”

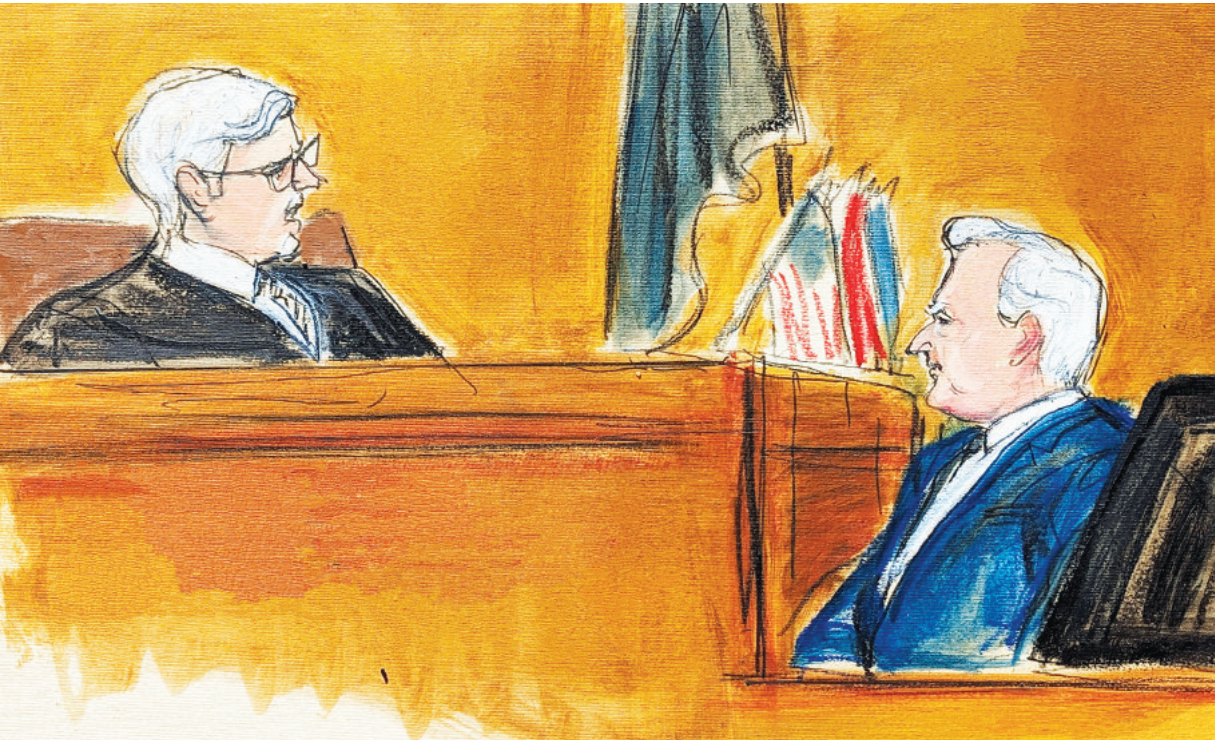
“I’m putting you on notice that your conduct is contemptuous,” Merchan said, according to the transcript of the conversation that occurred when the press was out of the room. “If you try to stare me down one more time, I will remove you from the stand.”

Costello didn’t return a message seeking comment Monday night.

“The fact that I had to clear the courtroom and that the court officers, including the captain, had great difficulty clearing the courtroom, and that there was argument back and forth between the press and including counsel for the press, goes to why I had to clear the courtroom in the first place,” Merchan told Costello. “And that is, sir, your conduct is contemptuous right now.”

When he brought the press back in, Costello’s testimony continued and it will resume Tuesday. The defense is using him in an effort to attack the credibility of Trump attorney-turned-adversary Michael Cohen.

Trump’s lawyers also pressed Merchan to stop the case from going to the jury and throw out the charges after prosecutors concluded their presentation of evidence. He didn’t



Judge Juan Merchan, left, castigates witness Robert Costello about his “decorum” in the courtroom in Manhattan

immediately rule on the request, which came at the end of a heated day that also included the prosecution’s star witness admitting to stealing tens of thousands of dollars from Trump’s company.

After jurors left for the day, defense attorney Todd Blanche told the judge that prosecutors failed to prove their case and that it should be thrown out immediately. Blanche beseeched the judge to “not let this case go to the jury relying on Mr. Cohen’s testimony.”

The judge appeared unmoved by the argument, asking the defense attorney whether he believed that “as a matter of law, this person’s so not worthy of belief that it shouldn’t even be considered by the jury?”

“You said his lies are irrefutable,” the judge replied. “But you think he’s going to fool 12 New Yorkers into believing this lie?”

Cohen was the last witness — at least for now — for prosecutors, who are trying to prove that Trump sought to bury unflattering stories about himself and then falsified in-

ternal business records to cover it up as part of a scheme to illegally influence the 2016 presidential election. The defense has painted Cohen as a media-obsessed liar who is on a revenge mission aimed at taking down Trump.

The defense called Costello because of his role as a Cohen antagonist and critic in the years since their professional relationship splintered in spectacular fashion.

Costello had offered to represent Cohen soon after the lawyer’s hotel room, office and home were raided and as Cohen faced a decision about whether to remain defiant in the face of a criminal investigation or to cooperate with authorities in hopes of securing more lenient treatment.

Costello testified that Cohen told him Trump “knew nothing” about the \$130,000 hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels that’s at the center of the case.

“Michael Cohen said numerous times that President Trump knew nothing about those payments, that he did this on his own, and he

repeated that numerous times,” Costello told jurors.

Trump lawyer Emil Bove told the judge that the defense does not plan to call any other witnesses after Costello, though they may still call campaign-finance expert Bradley A. Smith for limited testimony. They have not said definitively that Trump won’t testify, but that’s the clearest indication yet that he will waive his right to take the stand in his own defense.

Back on the witness stand for a fourth day, Cohen told jurors earlier Monday that he stole from the Trump Organization after his 2016 holiday bonus was slashed to \$50,000 from the \$150,000 he usually received.

Cohen claimed to have paid \$50,000 to a technology firm for its work artificially boosting Trump’s standing in a CNBC online poll about famous businessmen. Cohen said he gave the firm only \$20,000 in cash in a brown paper bag, but he sought reimbursement from Trump for the full amount, pocketing the difference.

“So you stole from the Trump Organization?” defense attorney Todd Blanche asked.

“Yes, sir,” Cohen replied. Cohen said he never paid the Trump Organization back. Cohen has never been charged with stealing from Trump’s company.

Cohen is a key witness but also a complicated one. He admitted on the witness stand to a number of past lies, many of which he claims were meant to protect Trump. Cohen also served prison time after pleading guilty to various federal charges, including lying to Congress and a bank and engaging in campaign-finance violations related to the hush money scheme. And he has made millions of dollars off critical books about the former president, whom he regularly slams on social media in often profane terms.

But when pushed by Blanche, Cohen stood by his recollection of conversations with Trump about the hush money payment to Daniels. Cohen testified that he spoke with Trump more than 20 times about the matter in October 2016.

“No doubt in your mind?” Blanche asked about whether Cohen specifically recalled having conversations with Trump about the Daniels matter. No doubt, Cohen said.

After more than four weeks of testimony about sex, money, tabloid machinations and the details of Trump’s company record-keeping, jurors could begin deliberating as soon as next week to decide whether Trump is guilty of 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president.

The charges stem from internal Trump Organization records where payments to Cohen were marked as legal expenses. Prosecutors say they were really reimbursements for the payment to Daniels to keep her from going public before the 2016 election with claims of a sexual encounter with Trump. Trump says nothing sexual happened between them.

Trump has pleaded not guilty. His lawyers say there was nothing criminal about the Daniels deal or the way Cohen was paid.

WAR CRIMES

Prosecutor seeks arrest of Israeli and Hamas leaders, including Netanyahu

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The chief prosecutor of the world’s top war crimes court sought arrest warrants Monday for leaders of Israel and Hamas, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, over actions taken during their seven-month war.

While Netanyahu and his defense minister, Yoav Gallant, do not face imminent arrest, the announcement by the International Criminal Court’s chief prosecutor was a symbolic blow that deepened Israel’s isolation over the war in Gaza.

The court’s prosecutor, Karim Khan, accused Netanyahu, Gallant, and three Hamas leaders — Yehia Sinwar, Mohammed Deif and Ismail Haniyeh — of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip and Israel.

Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders condemned the move as disgraceful and antisemitic. U.S. President Joe Biden also lambasted the prosecutor and supported Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas.

A panel of three judges will decide whether to issue the arrest warrants and allow a case to proceed. The judges typically take two months to make such decisions.

Israel is not a member of the court, so even if the arrest warrants are issued, Netanyahu and Gallant do not face any immediate risk of prosecution. But the threat of arrest could make it difficult for the Israeli leaders to travel abroad.

Netanyahu called the prosecutor’s accusations against him a “disgrace,” and an attack on the Israeli military and all of Israel. He vowed to press ahead with Israel’s war against Hamas.

President Biden said the effort to arrest Netanyahu

and Gallant over the war in Gaza was “outrageous,” adding “whatever this prosecutor might imply, there is no equivalence — none — between Israel and Hamas.”

Hamas also denounced the ICC prosecutor’s actions, saying the request to arrest its leaders “equates the victim with the executioner.”

Netanyahu has come under heavy pressure at home to end the war. Thousands of Israelis have joined weekly demonstrations calling on the government to reach a deal to bring home Israeli hostages in Hamas captivity, fearing that time is running out.

In recent days, the two other members of his war Cabinet, Gallant and Benny Gantz, have threatened to resign if Netanyahu does not spell out a clear postwar vision for Gaza.

But on Monday, Netanyahu received wall-to-wall support as politicians across the spectrum condemned the ICC prosecutor’s move. They included Israel’s president, Isaac Herzog, and his two main political rivals, Gantz and opposition leader Yair Lapid.

It is unclear what effect Khan’s move will have on Netanyahu’s public standing. The possibility of an arrest warrant against Netanyahu could give him a boost as Israelis rally behind the flag. But his opponents could also blame him for bringing a diplomatic catastrophe on the country.

Yuval Shany, an expert on international law at Hebrew University and the Israel Democracy Institute, a Jerusalem think tank, said it was far more certain that Netanyahu’s already troubled international standing could be further weakened.

“This is going to make Netanyahu an outcast, and his ability to move around the

world will be seriously compromised,” said Shany. Even if the ICC does not issue the arrest warrant, other countries may now be more reluctant to provide support and assistance, he said.

Hamas is already considered an international terrorist group by the West. Both Sinwar and Deif are believed to be hiding in Gaza. But Haniyeh, the supreme leader of the Islamic militant group, is based in Qatar and frequently travels across the region. Qatar, like Israel, is not a member of the ICC.

The latest war between Israel and Hamas began on Oct. 7, when militants from Gaza crossed into Israel and killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took 250 others hostage.

Since then, Israel has waged a brutal campaign to dismantle Hamas in Gaza. More than 35,000 Palestinians have been killed in the fighting, at least half of them women and children, according to the latest estimates by Gaza health officials.

The war has triggered a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, displacing roughly 80% of the population and leaving hundreds of thousands of people on the brink of starvation, according to U.N. officials.

Speaking of the Israeli actions, Khan said “the effects of the use of starvation as a method of warfare, together with other attacks and collective punishment against the civilian population of Gaza are acute, visible and widely known.”

The United Nations and other aid agencies have repeatedly accused Israel of hindering aid deliveries throughout the war. Israel denies this, saying there are no restrictions on aid entering Gaza and accusing the U.N. of failing to distribute aid.

Legal Notices

Notice of Public Comment

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>

Through development of the Strawberry Valley Project, the United States holds title to the 46kV Power Transmission System and related easements serving south Utah Valley - namely, the communities of Spanish Fork City, Springville City, Payson City, Salem City, and the unincorporated communities of Elk Ridge and Woodland Hills. The Strawberry Valley Project repayment contract was fulfilled in December of 1974, and there are no further repayment obligations for the project. The 46kV Power Transmission System is proposed to be transferred to SUVPS to reduce administrative costs, increase operational efficiencies, and enable SUVPS to fund improvements for the system. SUVPS and its predecessors have provided electrical utility services related to the transmission system for nearly 5-decades. Reclamation formally recognized SUVPS as the O&M contractor for the transmission system in 2015.

For more information, please contact Bryan Schmutz, Project Manager, Provo Area Office at 801-379-1245 or bschmutz@usbr.gov.

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Thence North 1 9'38" West 156 Feet to the point of beginning. Utah County, State of Utah. Parcel 2: (57-030-0005) Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 4, Plat "E", Upper Whittemore Mountain Home Development according to the official Plat thereof on file in the office of the Utah County Recorder, and running Thence North 88 53'15" East 285.00 Feet Along The Northerly Property Line Of Said Lot 4; Thence South 16 16'28" West 183.37 Feet; Thence South 88 53'15" West 230.00 Feet parallel to the Northerly Property Line Of Said Lot 4 To The Westerly Property Line Of Said Lot 4; Thence North 1 10'59" West 175.00 Feet along said westerly property line of Lot 4 to the point of beginning. Situate in Utah County, State of Utah. Subject To Easements, Restrictions, Encumbrances and Rights of Way of Record, and taxes for the year 2013 and thereafter. PARCEL NUMBER: 57-006-0154 & 57-030-0005. A Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Continuing Lien and Request for Notice 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 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.

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Wyatt Everett



Charles (Wyatt) Everett was born to C Wynn and Marian B Everett on June 29, 1978 and died on April 13, 2024. He was living in Tacoma WA with Sarah Cooley and her son Roan. Wyatt was an Eagle Scout and a US Marine. He is survived by children Jordyn, Michael, Ray and Brooklyn Everett, and their mother Janae Everett. Siblings Cyruss Everett, Marla (Kevin) Watkins, Maranda Everett (Zach Fausett) and parents, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in

death by son Cyruss A Everett, brother-in-law Robbie A Dean, nephew Kelsey Watkins, grandparents etc. Memorial to be held for family.

Dwight goes to space 60 years later

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VAN HORN, Texas — Ed Dwight, America’s first Black astronaut candidate, finally rocketed into space 60 years later, flying with Jeff Bezos’ rocket company on Sunday.

Dwight was an Air Force pilot when President John F. Kennedy championed him as a candidate for NASA’s early astronaut corps. But he wasn’t picked for the 1963 class.

Dwight, now 90, went through a few minutes of weightlessness with five other passengers aboard the Blue Origin capsule as it skimmed space on a roughly 10-minute flight. He called it “a life changing experience.”

“I thought I really didn’t need this in my life,” Dwight said shortly after exiting the capsule. “But, now, I need it in my life I am ecstatic.”

The brief flight from West Texas made Dwight the new record-holder for oldest person in space — nearly two months older than “Star Trek” actor William Shatner was when he went up in 2021.

It was Blue Origin’s first crew launch in nearly two years. The company was grounded following a 2022 accident in which the booster



CHRIS PIZZELLO, ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Former NASA astronaut Ed Dwight poses for a portrait to promote the National Geographic documentary film “The Space Race” during the Winter Television Critics Association Press Tour on Feb. 8 at The Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, Calif.

came crashing down but the capsule full of experiments safely parachuted to the ground. Flights resumed last December, but with no one aboard. This was Blue Origin’s seventh time flying space tourists.

Dwight, a sculptor from Denver, was joined by four business entrepreneurs from the U.S. and France and a retired accountant. Their ticket prices were not disclosed; Dwight’s seat was sponsored in part by the nonprofit Space for Humanity.

Pediatricians reverse advice against HIV-positive mothers breastfeeding

BY JONEL ALECCIA Associated Press

People with HIV can breast-feed their babies, as long as they are taking medications that effectively suppress the virus that causes AIDS, a top U.S. pediatricians’ group said Monday in a sharp policy change.

The new report from the American Academy of Pediatrics reverses recommendations it had in place since the start of the HIV epidemic in the 1980s. It recognizes that routinely prescribed drugs can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV via breast milk to less than 1%, said Dr. Lisa Abuogi, a pediatric HIV expert at the University of Colorado and lead author of the report.

“The medications are so good now and the benefits for mom and baby are so important that we are at a point where it is important to engage in shared decision-making,” Abuogi said.

The drugs, known as antiretroviral therapy, don’t eliminate all risk of transmitting HIV through breast milk. Avoiding breastfeeding is the only certain way to prevent spreading the virus, Abuogi said.

In addition, parents must breastfeed exclusively for the babies’ first six months because research shows that switching between breast milk and formula can disrupt an infant’s gut in ways that increase the risk of HIV infection.

About 5,000 people who have HIV give birth in the U.S. each year. Nearly all take drugs to suppress the virus to very low levels, Abuogi said, though viral levels can rebound if they don’t stay on them.

Before the medications became widely available starting a decade ago, about 30% of HIV infections transmitted

from moms to babies occurred during breastfeeding, said Dr. Lynne Mofenson, an adviser to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. In the early 1990s, about 2,000 infections occurred in U.S. infants each year. Today, it’s fewer than 30.

The AAP policy comes more than a year after the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reversed longstanding recommendations against breastfeeding by people with HIV. That guidance said people who have consistent viral suppression should be counseled on their options. It also emphasizes that health care providers shouldn’t alert child protective services agencies if a parent with HIV seeks to breastfeed.

The goal is listening to patients “and not blaming or shaming them,” said Dr. Lynn Yee, a Northwestern University professor of obstetrics and gynecology who helped draft the NIH guidance.

Breastfeeding provides ideal nutrition for babies and protects them against illnesses and conditions such as obesity and Type 2 diabetes, research shows. Nursing also reduces the mother’s risk of breast and ovarian cancer, diabetes and high blood pressure.

The World Health Organization has recommended since 2010 that women with HIV in developing countries breastfeed their infants and have access to antiretroviral therapy. The guidance weighed the risk of infants acquiring HIV through breastfeeding and the risk of babies dying from malnutrition, diarrhea and pneumonia in places where safe replacements for breast milk aren’t available.

In developed nations, however, experts had recom-

mended against breastfeeding because the wide availability of safe water, formula and human donor milk could eliminate the risk of HIV transmission, Yee said.

That frustrated people with HIV who were flatly refused the option of nursing.

Ci Ci Covin, 36, of Philadelphia, said she was diagnosed with HIV at age 20 and not permitted to breastfeed her first child, Zion, now 13.

“I couldn’t understand how come my sister that lives in a place like Kenya, who looks just like me with the same color brown skin, was given the option to breastfeed and how my option was starkly no,” she said.

Not being able to nurse her son sent Covin into a spiral of postpartum depression, she said. When she became pregnant with her now 2-year-old daughter, Zuri, her health care team helped her successfully breastfeed for seven months. Covin took her prescriptions as directed and also gave the baby drugs to prevent infection.

“Breast milk has everything in it that my baby would need,” Covin said. “That’s a beautiful thing.”

Abuogi said the AAP report provides crucial guidance for pediatricians, nurses and lactation specialists who work directly with children and families.

Some providers were already helping people treated for HIV to nurse their babies, despite the earlier recommendations. The new guidance should expand the practice, hopefully quickly, Abuogi said.

“This is a unique situation because it’s not just doctors and providers who are changing,” Abuogi said. “Our patients are pushing this as well.”

Why weird flavors are popping up on store shelves

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN Associated Press

Van Leeuwen Ice Cream usually draws customers with gourmet takes on classics like vanilla and pistachio. But occasionally, the artisanal ice cream maker headquartered in New York slips in what it calls a “shock flavor,” like Hidden Valley Ranch or pizza.

Surprising flavor combinations — think gravy-flavored Jones Soda or Sour Patch Kids Oreos — are showing up more frequently in grocery stores and restaurant chains.

Hershey recently introduced pink lemonade-flavored Kit Kats, while IHOP and Lay’s brought out Rooty Tooty Fresh n’ Fruity potato chips, designed to taste like strawberry-topped pancakes with a hint of bacon. In the United Kingdom, Little Moons made fish-and-chips mochi ice cream in 2021, while potato chip brand Walkers is known to celebrate Christmas

with a Brussels sprout-flavored edition.

Usually, these are limited-time flavors, although occasionally they’re so popular they wind up on store shelves permanently, as Lay’s Flamin’ Hot Dill Pickle chips did in 2019.

While it’s tempting to pass them off as social media stunts, experts say there’s more to the story. Food companies are responding to the changing and expanding tastes of consumers while also trying to keep brands relevant and distinct to win space on crowded store shelves.

“We’re in a really exciting time of flavor development where consumers are not just one thing. You’re not just a sour lover or a sweet lover. You want a little of this and a little of that,” said Kristen Braun, the senior brand manager for Oreo innovation at Chicago-based food and beverage company Mondelez Interna-

tional. “Companies are finding the freedom to explore a little bit more and get more creative.”

Sour Patch Kids Oreos — vanilla cream-filled cookies speckled with colorful bites of the sour candies — are one of about a dozen limited-edition Oreo flavors that Mondelez plans to release this year. Braun said it takes the company one or two years to develop such products, which stay on shelves for about nine weeks. She’s already thinking ahead to future flavors that blur the lines between sweet, salty and spicy.

Oddball pairings aren’t entirely new in the food and beverage industry. Hubba Bubba released a bubble gum-flavored soda in the late 1980s, for example. But manufacturers and their suppliers have gotten more sophisticated and efficient, making it easier to experiment and put out limited-editions more frequently, said Mark Lang, a food marketing expert and associate professor of marketing at the University of Tampa.

Kyle Shadix, who as the corporate executive research chef for PepsiCo, has worked on beverages like Pepsi Maple Syrup and a strawberry shortcake Pepsi sold in Japan, said the members of Generation Z are also fueling innovation. They’re diverse, adventurous and pick up on food trends quickly through social media, he said.

“They’re every chef’s dream to design for,” said Shadix, who is currently experimenting a lot with Mexican, Korean and Japanese flavors. “Gen Z is going to drive us faster. We’re going to start to see even more exploration quicker than in the past because they’re just so open to it.”

Toying with flavors can boost brands in several ways. Sometimes they bring new customers to a brand. They might also nudge buyers to pick up the original flavor, Russell Zwanka, director of the food marketing program at Western Michigan University, said.



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Ben Van Leeuwen scoops Kraft Mac & Cheese flavored ice cream on May 15 in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Kraft Heinz approached New York-based artisanal ice cream maker Van Leeuwen a few years ago about macaroni and cheese-flavored ice cream.

“Sour Patch Oreos sound interesting, but nobody wants to risk buying Oreos that don’t taste good, so people buy both,” Zwanka said.

When companies combine brands, they’re trying to build an association in consumers’ minds. Peeps-flavored Pepsi, which came out last year, sends the message that Pepsi is current and fun, Lang said. Mustard-flavored Skittles, which came out last summer, made the 104-year-old French’s brand seem playful.

Enter Kraft Heinz, which approached Van Leeuwen Ice Cream a few years ago about macaroni and cheese-flavored ice cream. Ben Van Leeuwen, the company’s co-founder and CEO, was doubtful at first but found that Kraft’s powder blended well with the Brooklyn-based company’s ice cream.

Van Leeuwen’s Kraft Macaroni and Cheese ice cream came out to rave reviews in 2021 and was re-released for a short time last fall.

“We will only do a shock flavor if we can make it good and distinct. We will not do a shock flavor where it’s just shock in name but taste like vanilla,” Van Leeuwen said.

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Joy cometh in the morning

Last Friday, 3,943 miles south of the North Pole, here in Macon, Georgia, the Northern Lights were visible with the naked eye. They twirled and danced across the sky. They left pink and purple hues and colored the moon. I drove my family out into farm country away from city lights and we beheld the spectacle. The next day, I posted on Substack a piece titled “What a Time to Be Alive” with pictures.

In that 398-word post, I noted how so much of the world had a shared, global experience. People from Australia to Alaska were posting pictures on social media. People who had never seen the Northern Lights were in awe of God’s creation. Many people captured the moment with amazingly capable cameras pulled from their pockets and transmitted their pictures to friends globally. Since then, my mind has returned again and again to a commenter on that post.

He wrote, “Too bad that about a million children murdered in the womb each year will never get to see those Northern Lights. So, although I thank God every day for the life He’s given me, as a down payment on the greatest gift of all, of Salvation, I do not see this as wonderful “time” to be alive. It’s a heartbreaking time to be alive, and this is a heartbreaking country.” When I replied, “Way to bring everybody down,” he replied in part, “These decisions of mankind are often, frankly, putrid, and we live with them and mourn of them. There were almost certainly Northern Lights in 65 AD when Nero was slaughtering Christians in the Coliseum, but I don’t think Paul, Peter and John would have written of how great it was to be alive.”

Yesterday, my daughter graduated high school. Just over seven years ago, doctors gave her mother two years to live. When we enrolled our kids in their school, my wife set up a meeting with the principal and headmaster to get them to promise they’d look after our kids and their education because my wife would be dead before either of our children

graduated. It was a fate my wife knew well, as her mother died when my wife was young. Two generations of women in the family would walk across a graduation stage with an emptiness none could fill.

But, because of this time we live in, my wife has defied the odds and saw our daughter walk across the stage, get her diploma and turn her tassel. My wife’s father and mother (her step-mom adopted her after we got married) were there with us. Yes, it is truly an amazing time to be alive.

Early Christians faced relentless persecution and, even in that persecution, converted the Roman Empire because of their joy. Yes, Paul, Peter and John did think it was a great time to be alive because they lived to walk with Immanuel and they got to share His gospel.

Despair because of the world and its fallenness is a choice. It is a choice people on the secular left have made because they think there is no eternity and this world is dying. It is a choice people on the religious right have made because they know there is sin, but they forget the Spirit still moves. “Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” Psalm 30:4-5 (KJV).

A lot of people have chosen to be victims, to be angry or to despair at the world around them. It is a choice to be angry all the time. I see it among those who are always online and obsessed with the news, which feeds on malcontent.

A week ago, “I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north — an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light.” Ezekiel 1:4 (NIV). Last night, my wife watched our daughter graduate high school. Yes, it is an amazing time to be alive. Despair at a fallen world is a choice. Instead, choose joy, which cometh in the morning.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 21, the 142nd day of 2024. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History

On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

On this date

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1924, in a case that drew much notoriety, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a “thrill killing” carried out by University of Chicago students Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb (Bobby’s cousin).

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship’s passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, “Maybellene,” for Chess Records in Chicago.

In 1972, Michelangelo’s Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH’-nee) and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and took his own life in 1985.)

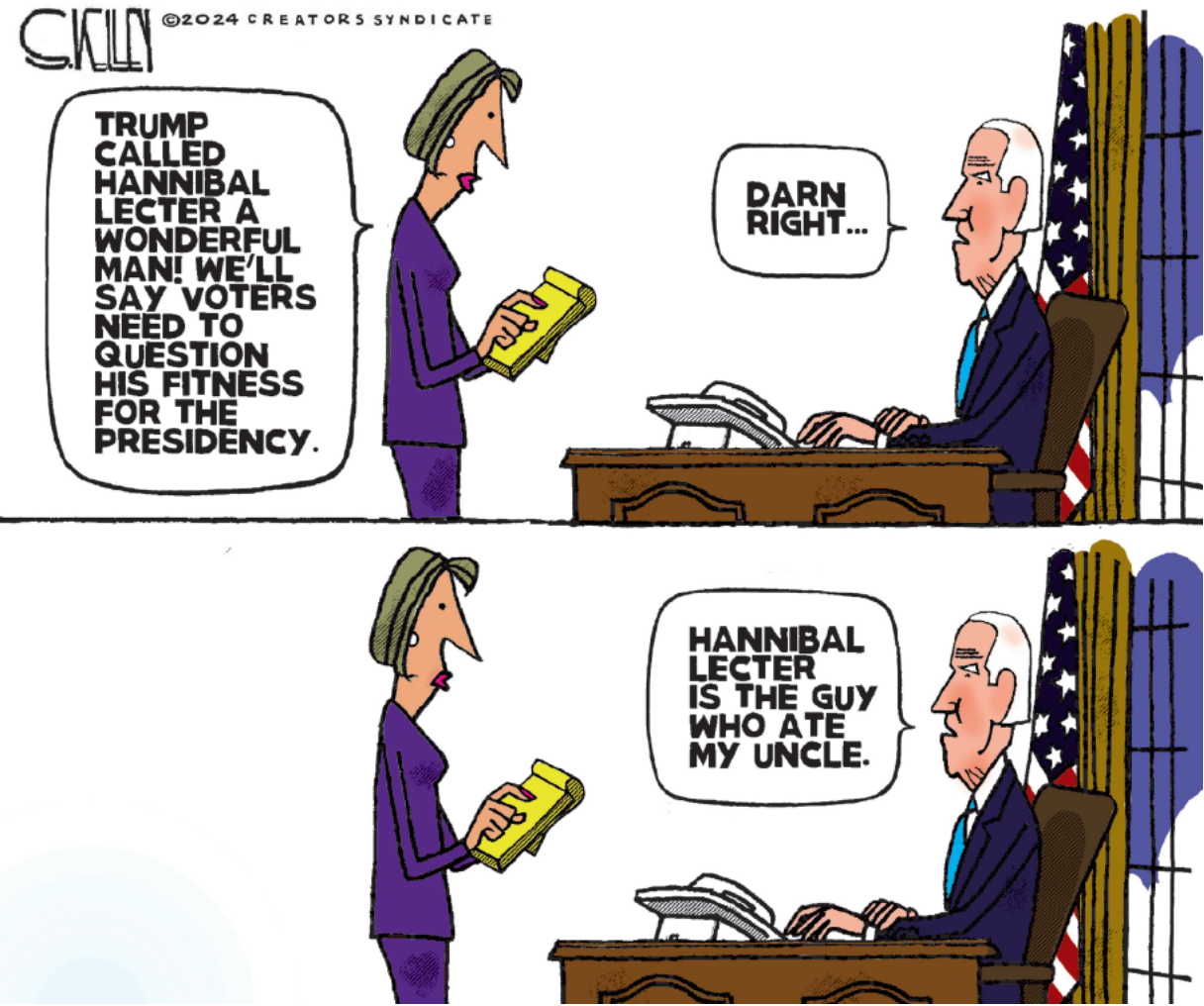
In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

In 2000, death claimed actor Sir John Gielgud at age 96 and author Dame Barbara Cartland at age 98.

In 2017, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus received its final standing ovation as it performed its last show, at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, New York, ending its 146-year existence.

In 2020, President Donald Trump visited a Ford Motor Co. plant outside Detroit that had been repurposed to manufacture ventilators; he did not publicly wear a face mask but said he had worn one while out of public view.

In 2021, thousands of Palestinians rallied after a cease-fire took effect in the latest Gaza war; the 11 days of fighting left more than 250 people dead, the vast majority Palestinians, and brought widespread destruction to the Gaza Strip.



The Butkers are doing fine, but what about the others?

I’m not thinking about Harrison Butker.

He seems to be chugging along, doing OK for himself. After all, he’s a family man, a professional football player — a placekicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, namely — and he’s clearly a devout

GEORGIA GARVEY

Catholic who finds solace in his religion. What I can’t stop thinking about, though, are the others. In a much talked-about speech Butker recently gave at a small Catholic college in Kansas, he preached to the graduating class about all manner of sins — IVF, Joe Biden, premarital cohabitation and masses held in living languages.

Butker told the ladies in the graduating class — all victims of pernicious lies, he said, about feminism and jobs and education — that he knew most of them were more excited about getting married and having babies than they were about their careers. He urged them to reject all other pursuits in service of achieving the only title that matters, the one of homemaker.

He talked about his own wife, whose dreams, he said, “of having a career might not have come true” but who he was certain would answer “heck no” if she were asked whether she had any regrets.

Let’s put aside for a minute the lost dreams of Isabelle Butker. We can safely, I think, place her in the category of those who have made their own beds, or at least have paid someone else to do it for them. I hope, for her sake, that her husband never leaves her, that

he never gets horribly ill or abuses her or dies prematurely. I hope that she does not find herself, at 60, with nowhere to go during the day other than to her children’s homes to straighten their sheets and criticize their cooking. I truly hope that she’ll find her sacrifices worthwhile.

Instead of her, though, I worry about the others, the billions of women here and in other places and other times, the ones who had and have fewer options and even less money than Isabelle Butker, the ones who are different due to their fate or their limitations, their blessings or their mistakes.

I think about the women who were left with too many children, children for whom they and their partners could not provide, after being told by the Catholic Church that they were headed for hell if they used birth control to postpone or limit their procreation.

I think of the women of my, my mother’s and my grandmothers’ generations, the ones who could not or did not get job training or high school degrees (let alone college ones). The ones who dropped out of or passed up on school to cook, clean or take care of siblings. I think of the ones who married and had children young. I think of the ones who were left unprepared for life’s financial demands after a breadwinner’s death, illness or departure.

I think of the women who would love to spend their time making a home but instead wind up, through necessity, working in factories or in grueling or demeaning jobs, the ones who would trade Harrison Butker’s right leg for a fulfilling career, one where they could get a steady paycheck,

a retirement plan, health insurance and perhaps even a sense of personal achievement.

I also think of the brilliant and gifted women, the ones who have become pediatricians, poets and obstetricians, the scientists and the artists and the lawyers, the ones who work not because they must but because it brings them joy and it enriches the world.

I think of the women who cannot or do not want to get married or have children. I think of the women still trying to find the good love of a kind person. I think of the ones who had difficult childhoods or difficult parents.

I think about all of them. Now, a mother adores her children — loves them with a fierce and protective fire that can burn up almost every obstacle. Some of us stay home with them, and it’s a blessing to have that choice if you want it. But even those of us who make homes should be prepared for a time or a circumstance when we will need or want to work. All women should be educated and grounded in a career — even if they leave it for Butker’s favorite vocation.

After all, Butker’s comments about women are fine — boring, even — in every regard other than in the limitations imposed on them by his self-absorption. The assumptions behind his thoughts (that all women are the same, all families are the same, all homes are the same) make the advice he offered so specific as to render it meaningless.

I mean, it’s all well and good for Isabelle and Harrison Butker.

But what about everyone else?

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of Strawberry Reservoir.”

Those levels are often out of the state’s control, and are in part due to the complexity of the Colorado River Basin and the system that allocates water to seven states and Mexico, called the Colorado River Compact.

Through the compact, the bureau “has modified the operating guidelines for Glen Canyon and Hoover dams through 2026, to protect these facilities and lake levels if poor hydrologic conditions persist,” the spokesperson said.

Despite Lake Powell appearing to be far behind Utah’s other reservoirs in terms of capacity, the bureau noted that the situation is much better than last year — currently, it sits at about 24 feet higher than last May, and officials say levels will continue to rise, expected to hit about 41% capacity in June. After that, the bureau said it will decline until spring runoff in 2025.

Still, the state’s lack of control over Lake Powell drew some disapproval from outgoing Rep. Phil Lyman, R-Blanding, who is currently running for governor. Lyman, a fierce critic of the federal government’s presence in Utah, lamented the levels being “set by the Secretary of the Interior.”

“Are we working with the Secretary of the Interior, are we working with the federal government to keep that at a viable level?” Lyman asked. “What we’ve really seen is intentional, keeping that below a viable recreation level and I hope the legislature can influence that decision in the future.”

In response to Lyman’s comments, the Bureau of Reclamation pointed to the bevy of compacts, federal laws, court decisions, contracts and regulatory guidelines that control flows in the Colorado River and levels at Lake Powell.

“Reclamation has a long-standing history of working with all stakeholders in the basin on cooperative agreements that help define operational actions at critical times and to protect the levels at Lake Powell and sustain and protect the Colorado River Basin,” the bureau said.

When asked about Lyman’s comments, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox responded, “I have no idea what he’s talking about.”

“People can make up stuff all they want. Nobody is deliberately keeping the water levels low at Lake Powell,” the governor said during his monthly PBS news conference on Thursday, calling his gubernatorial opponent’s claim “bonkers.”

Cox pointed to ongoing negotia-

tions among water managers from Colorado River basin states who are working on a new management plan ahead of 2026, when the current guidelines expire.

Cox told reporters the state has been releasing its own water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir to ensure the Glen Canyon Dam at Lake Powell can continue generating power. Some of that water was released to Lake Mead, he said — now, the state is hoping to get that water back.

“There are big discussions about where that water goes and where our portions of the water go. We’ve had huge releases from upstream reservoirs that have gone into Lake Powell,” Cox said. “That’s mostly our water. ...These are very, very complex negotiations that are going back and forth, and part of the negotiations and what we’re doing right now is making sure we can restore the water that we released.”

‘Exactly what we need’

On Thursday, the Division of Water Resources said over half of the snow from this winter has melted, with recent weather patterns resulting in “optimal spring runoff.”

“A slow warmup is exactly what we need to have a safe and effective spring runoff,” Hasenyager said in a statement. “We still have a good amount



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Utah State University master’s student Barrett Friesen steers a boat near Glen Canyon dam on Lake Powell on June 7, 2022, in Page, Ariz.

of snow in the mountains, so we are hoping for a gradual snow melt.”

Here are some key takeaways from the state:

■ As of May 1, Utah’s major watersheds are at or above about 90% of normal precipitation, with northern Utah’s basins doing exceptionally well.

■ The state’s streams are flowing at about 89% of normal, which the division called a “widespread positive trend.”

■ The Great Salt Lake has risen about three feet since October. According to state data, the south arm of the lake is at above 4,195 feet, about three feet away from the bottom of the spectrum of what’s considered a healthy level, 4,198 feet.

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Trail

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building out a highway network.”

Tomlin said they examined about 160 projects, whittling them down to the handful that received funding this round.

For the Vineyard project, Tomlin said previous planning from the city and the proximity to Utah City both played a factor in selecting the project.

She said providing residents with connections to assets and amenities in the community was one of the components in narrowing down projects. “One of the biggest considerations for our program in general is how are we providing connections to people, to the community, to the assets and the amenities within their communities to make that easier for them to access? And so a trail that connects to an upcoming downtown, obviously, is doing exactly that,” she said.

Tomlin said there isn’t a set timeline for construction for the projects quite yet, but she hopes they can start as soon as the 2025 construction season.

Tomlin added that this was a “new space” for UDOT since this is the first time the department will be constructing stand-alone trail projects.

This year’s allocations also include projects in Salt Lake, Davis, Kane, Uintah, Wasatch, Rich and Grand counties, according to a press release from UDOT.

Funds also were appropriated to five feasibility studies for potential projects, the release states, including a Deer Creek Reservoir Trail that would connect to the Provo River Parkway Trail.

Because the department will get yearly, ongoing funding for paved trail projects, Tomlin said the first round of appropriations is just the beginning.

In Utah County, she said they have identified areas around Utah Lake to consider funding in the future but added that nothing is guaranteed at this point.

“Generally speaking, we heard a lot of desire for the Utah Lake Shore Trail, which I think makes a lot of sense that, you know, it goes around the lake and connects to a lot of different communities,” she said.

Tomlin said there also were a couple of trail projects in south Utah County, such as the Highline Trail in Santaquin and a trail on 400 East in Springville.



CURTIS BOOKER, DAILY HERALD

A detour sign for Mountain View Corridor drivers on southbound Redwood Road in Saratoga Springs, pictured on Monday.

Traffic

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in the peak direction of travel depending on the time of day. Crews will re-stripe Pioneer Crossing from Redwood Road to Mountain View Corridor to provide one additional travel lane in each direction throughout the day. Essentially, drivers could see two extra lanes during heavy traffic hours in the peak direction of travel. Technology would be used to allocate the lanes to the direction experiencing the heaviest traffic flow. A similar configuration is used on 5400 South in Salt Lake County. The project could begin as early as 2025. UDOT officials say they don’t anticipate significant impacts to

existing homes or businesses near Pioneer Crossing.

■ Extension of Mountain View Corridor south to S.R. 73

— This \$553 million project aims to reduce congestion along Redwood Road in Saratoga Springs by extending Mountain View Corridor to Cory Wride Highway (S.R. 73). It also will provide an alternative freeway connection for traffic traveling between northwest Utah County and Salt Lake County. It’s expected to begin by 2027.

■ Cory Wride Freeway From Mountain View Corridor to Ranches Parkway

— This project, costing \$459 million, will construct a new freeway with frontage roads from Mountain View Corridor to Ranches Parkway in Eagle Mountain. As envisioned by

UDOT, the project will ease congestion in the area, accommodate transit, minimize impacts to existing properties, preserve access to existing developments, and feature bike lane and trail improvements. This project also is slated to begin in 2027.

Each project, with the exception of the Pioneer Crossing flex lanes, will be constructed with alternate forms of travel in mind, as UDOT will connect existing and planned trails in the area to help people to get to their destinations and communities in the way they want, according to the press release.

The last transportation investment of this magnitude in Utah County was over a decade ago. The I-15 CORE project in 2012 reconstructed 24 miles of freeway from

Lehi to Spanish Fork.

“This significant investment represents our commitment to building a transportation system that meets the needs of all Utahns,” UDOT Executive Director Carlos Braceras said in a press release. “As we continue to grow as a state, we will work to find transportation solutions to help everyone get to where they want in the way they want.”

Rob Clayton said UDOT works closely with local municipalities to understand the needs of each community. “They’ve provided us important feedback on issues like trails, active transportation — and so these facilities, they don’t get reconstructed very often. So we only have one shot to do it right,” he said.

Texas

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The new requirement is the Biden administration’s latest effort to curtail gun violence and aims to close a loophole that has allowed unlicensed dealers to sell tens of thousands of guns every year without checking that the potential buyer is not legally prohibited from having a firearm.

Kacsmaryk wrote that the rule sets presumptions about when a person intends to make a profit and whether a seller is “engaged in the business.” He said this is “highly problematic” for multiple reasons, including that it forces the firearm seller to prove innocence rather than the government to prove guilt.

“This ruling is a compelling rebuke of their tyrannical and unconstitutional actions that purposely misinterpreted federal law to ensure their preferred policy outcome,” Gun Owners of America se-



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Pistols sit on display during the first day of the Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show on Jan. 22, 2022, in Odessa, Texas.

nior vice president Erich Pratt said in a statement Monday.

Biden administration officials proposed the rule in August and it garnered more than 380,000 public comments. It follows the nation’s most sweeping gun violence prevention bill in decades, which Biden signed in 2022 after lawmakers reached a bipartisan agreement in the wake of the Uvalde Element-

tary School shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers two years ago this week.

The rule implements a change in the 2022 law that expanded the definition of those who are “engaged in the business” of selling firearms, are required to become licensed by the ATF, and therefore must run background checks.

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American Fork catcher Cache Poulson, right, greets pitcher Dax Watts as he comes off the field against Syracuse in a 6A baseball state tournament game at Miller Park on Monday.

STATE BASEBALL

Watts tosses one-hitter for AF in 6A state tournament

BY DARNELL DICKSON
Daily Herald

Ignoring the state tournament hype and just going to work can be difficult. Once American Fork senior pitcher Dax Watts found that balance on Monday against No. 8 seed Syracuse, he was dealing. Watts struck out seven through six innings of work and allowed only one hit in a 3-0 Cavemen victory in bracket play of the 6A state tournament at BYU's Miller Park.

"I just had to trust myself to know even if I left it there my teammates would be there for me," said Watts, who is headed to the University of Utah on a baseball scholarship. "I was more of a mindset. I tried to get that first strike and then let my teammates work." Watts had trouble finding the strike zone with his fastball early but used his breaking ball to settle into a good groove. "He probably didn't have his best stuff but that's a credit to him and what a competitor he

is," American Fork coach Jarod Ingersoll said. "We trusted Dax. He did good and I was proud of him. He was behind on some counts but once he started to trust the defense and locate a little bit more, he had an easier go." Watts allowed a second inning single by Tag Hamblin but zeroed the Titans the rest of the way. It was a quiet offensive game for the No. 1-seeded Cavemen,

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WASPS-WOLVERINES

Wasatch boys soccer holds off Hunter in PKs in 5A semifinals

BY JARED LLOYD
Daily Herald

Wasatch senior keeper Jackson Medina is a confident young man. He's earned his belief in himself and his team after years of hard work and playing at a high level. So it's easy to understand that even though his top-seeded Wasps squad found itself in some tense situations against No. 5-seed Hunter in Monday's 5A semifinal, Medina never felt like things weren't going to work out. And he was right, although it took the drama of a penalty-kick shootout for Wasatch to hold off the Wolverines, 1-1 (4-2).

"With as poorly as we played, I'm just happy that we're able to pull it off," Wasp head coach Lance Cosper said. "Man, what a fight. The boys were able to go 100 minutes. I didn't sub a lot so they just gave it their all. I'm just really proud of them. But also give credit to Hunter. What a good team. They had a good game plan and they executed it well."

The Wolverines took advantage of a Wasatch defensive mistake early to get a goal from junior Jeffery Aguilar Perez to go up 1-0 in the eighth minute, but Medina said the Wasps didn't panic.

"Right when they scored, I saw everybody was a little down," Medina said. "But I knew we were going to score. I knew we were going to come back. I wasn't worried at all. We had a long game ahead of us."

But although Wasatch had the majority of the possession the rest of the way, chance after chance failed to find the back of the net.

"My heart rate was at 132 like I'm running the marathon over here," Cosper said. "The balls just weren't bouncing our way."

But Medina's trust in his team proved well-founded as in the 68th minute, Wasatch finally found a way to level the score. Wasp junior Jace Kirkham drove hard to the end line, then popped up a great cross from

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SKYHAWKS-ROYALS



JARED LLOYD, DAILY HERALD

Salem Hills sophomore Ben Staheli kicks the ball during the 5A semifinal game against Roy at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman on Monday.

DISAPPOINTING FINISH

Salem Hills boys soccer loses to Roy in OT in 5A semifinals

BY JARED LLOYD
Daily Herald

The No. 3-seeded Salem Hills boys soccer team needed some time to get acclimated to the field at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman and the pressure of playing the 5A state semifinals against No. 7-seed Roy on Monday afternoon.

Once the Skyhawks did, however, they got more and more confident.

That was why Salem Hills head coach Jerry Johnson was feeling good about his team's chances after regulation ended in a 1-1 tie.

"We didn't play the way we usually do in the first half," Johnson said. "We struggled a little bit to settle into it. In the second half, though, I felt we got our momentum going and the game shifted. The game was ours to take."

The Skyhawks created some chances but

couldn't find a way to finish. When the Royals got their opportunity, they did put it in.

A free kick midway through the second overtime went right to Roy senior Aidan Hart, who managed to redirect it across the face of the goal and just inside the far post, giving the Royals the dramatic 2-1 overtime win and ending Salem Hills's playoff run.

"This is football (soccer)," Johnson said. "It's a brutal game that way. Against the flow of play you can give up a ball like that, one that is completely unexpected. I think our boys are shocked. It was a heartbreaking way to lose."

Roy took the lead in the first half when senior forward Corben Shuffenhaur was fouled in the box and junior midfielder David Rangel placed the resulting penalty kick in the back of the lead.

But Johnson said he wasn't worried about his Skyhawks falling behind.

"I think the boys understood that we were our own problem for most of that first half," Johnson said. "Going down a goal is not an impossible problem for us to solve. We've

come back many times. We usually score lots of goals."

He said he just wanted to see Salem Hills start playing the way it was used to playing and as his team started doing that, things got better.

The Skyhawks ended up getting the same call in the second half when sophomore Brooks Barker got fouled in the box, resulting in senior Carson Bybee tying things up with a successful penalty kick.

The tied the game and set the stage for the dramatic finish that ended up going in favor of Roy.

While the Royals advanced to the 5A championship to face top-seed and undefeated Wasatch (which will take place at America First Field in Sandy on Friday at 1 p.m.), Salem Hills got a chance to reflect on a great season.

"I really wasn't surprised that the boys had a good run at state," Johnson said. "We were in the quarterfinals the last two years

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Cushing, Olson, Reuter, Aloy earn All-Big 12 baseball awards

BYU/UVU SPORTS INFORMATION

IRVING, Texas — Four members of the BYU baseball team received post-season honors on Monday from the Big 12 Conference.

Relief pitchers Stone Cushing and Mason Olson along with catcher Colin Reuter were named Big 12 Honorable Mention, while freshman Kuhio Aloy was named to the 10-member All-Freshman Team.

Aloy finished the year ranked in the top three among freshman in the Big 12 in home runs (8) and runs batted in (39). He also tied for the overall conference lead in sacrifices flies

with seven. The true freshman from Maui, Hawaii, led the Cougars in RBI and sac flies and was second in hits (53). He finished top five on the team in several other categories including runs scored (27), home runs (8), doubles (9) and total bases (88). Earlier in the season, Aloy was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week on May 6.

Reuter was named to the WCC All-Freshman Team in 2022 after hitting .244 with six home runs and 24 RBI. He missed the 2023 season due to an injury but responded with a 2024 sophomore campaign that included finishing third in the Big 12

in runners caught stealing (12) and fifth in putouts in conference play (230). The sophomore from Olive Branch, Mississippi also tied Big 12 Player of the Year Max Belyeu of Texas for the league lead with three home runs in a single game.

Reuter finished the season ranked in the top five on the BYU roster in RBI (37), home runs (10), hits (48), runs (29), on base percentage (.379), slugging percentage (.486), total bases (88) and walks (28). He is majoring in exercise and wellness.

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BYU pitcher Stone Cushing celebrates after the Big 12 game against Houston at Miller Ballpark in Provo on March 15. COURTESY BYU PHOTO

PREP SCOREBOARD

MONDAY'S SCORES

BASEBALL 6A Bracket Play No. 1 American Fork 3, No. 8 Syracuse 0 No. 5 Lehi, No. 4 Riverton, late
5A Bracket Play No. 2 Maple Mountain 9, No. 7 Murray 2 No. 6 Salem Hills 12, No. 14 Box Elder 4 No. 5 Orem, No. 4 Springville, late
BOYS SOCCER 5A Semifinals No. 1 Wasatch 1, No. 5 Hunter 1 (Wasatch wins shootout 4-2) No. 7 Roy 2, No. 3 Salem Hills 1 (2OT)

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASEBALL Southeastern Tournament LSU vs. Georgia	8:30 a.m.	SEC
South Carolina vs. Alabama	12 p.m.	SEC
Florida vs. Vanderbilt	3:30 p.m.	SEC
Mississippi vs. Mississippi St.	7 p.m.	SEC
Atlantic Coast Tournament Miami vs. Louisville	9 a.m.	ACC
Georgia Tech vs. Florida St.	1 p.m.	ACC
Virginia Tech vs. Duke	5 p.m.	ACC
Big Ten Tournament Purdue vs. Indiana	9 a.m.	BTN
Ohio St. vs. Nebraska	1 p.m.	BTN
Penn St. vs. Illinois	5 p.m.	BTN
PAC-12 Tournament Stanford vs. Arizona St.	11 a.m.	PAC-12
Utah vs. Southern Cal	3:30 p.m.	PAC-12
Washington vs. California	8 p.m.	PAC-12

COLLEGE GOLF (WOMEN'S) NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Quarterfinals, Omni La Costa Resort & Spa	11 a.m.	GOLF
Semifinals, Omni La Costa Resort & Spa	4 p.m.	GOLF

IIHF HOCKEY (MEN'S) World Championship Group Stage Latvia vs. U.S., Group B	8 a.m.	NHL
Finland vs. Switzerland, Group A	12 p.m.	NHL

MLB BASEBALL Atlanta at Chicago Cubs	5:30 p.m.	TBS
Regional Coverage	8:30 p.m.	MLB

NBA BASKETBALL Eastern Conference Finals Indiana at Boston, Game 1	6 p.m.	ESPN
Indiana at Boston (NBA Unplugged)	6 p.m.	ESPN2

SOCCER (MEN'S) Canadian Championship: Quarterfinals, Leg 2 CS Saint-Laurent at Toronto FC	5 p.m.	FS2
Cavalry FC at Vancouver	8:30 p.m.	FS2

TENNIS French Open Qualifying ATP/WTa Early Rounds	3 a.m. (Wednesday)	TENNIS
ATP/WTa Early Rounds	4 a.m. (Wednesday)	TENNIS

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BYU SPORTS

WEDNESDAY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD at West Preliminary TV: ESPN+ (online)
THURSDAY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD at West Preliminary TV: ESPN+ (online)
FRIDAY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD at West Preliminary TV: ESPN+ (online)
MEN'S GOLF at NCAA Championships
SATURDAY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD at West Preliminary TV: ESPN+ (online)
MEN'S GOLF at NCAA Championships

UVU SPORTS

WEDNESDAY BASEBALL vs. UAC Tournament at UT Arlington or UTRGV 1 p.m. TV: ESPN+ (online)
TRACK AND FIELD at NCAA West Preliminary Round
THURSDAY BASEBALL at WAC Tournament
TRACK AND FIELD at NCAA West Preliminary Round
FRIDAY BASEBALL at WAC Tournament
TRACK AND FIELD at NCAA West Preliminary Round

5A STATE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Golden Eagles get job done vs. Murray

BY BRIAN E. PREECE
Herald Correspondent

Sometimes a team can win a game by just not losing it. That's what Maple Mountain did in its game Monday against Murray on Monday in the 5A state baseball playoffs played at UCCU Ballpark in Orem.

The Golden Eagles took advantage of control issues by

Murray starting pitcher Jamison Virgil, four Spartan errors, along with a base running blunder to build up an 8-1 lead after three complete innings. Each team scored one more run in the fourth inning and Maple Mountain advanced with a 9-2 win.

Murray opened up the scoring with a run thanks to a double by Jacob Reese.

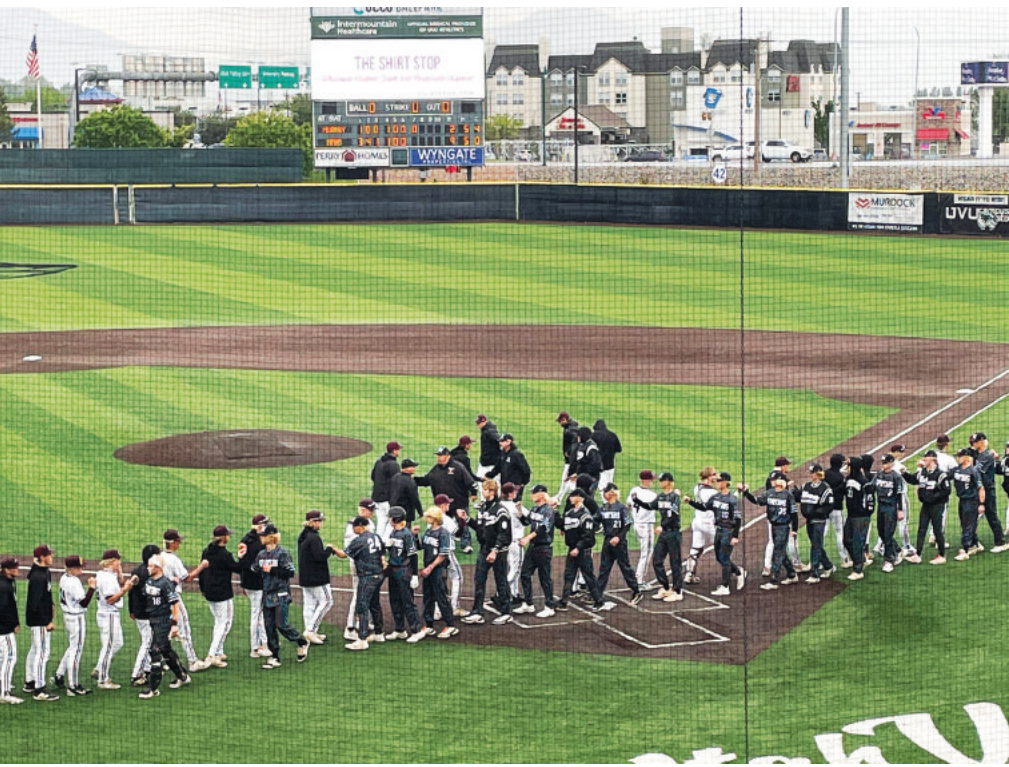
But in the bottom half of the first inning, AJ Thomas, Max Walker and Cy Chrisman walked for the Golden Eagles. Logan Bringham's infield out scored the first Maple Mountain run. Then Sawyer Leifson drove in two runs with a single before Virgil was able to get out of the jam with his team now behind 3-1.

The bottom of the second inning was truly emblematic of Murray's struggles as Virgil hit two of the first three Maple Mountain batters. Sandwiched between those plunked batters Walker singled to load the bases and then Virgil hit Leifson which brought home a run. After Virgil struck out two Golden Eagle hitters, Bennett Averett singled home two more runs to extend Maple Mountain's lead to 7-1.

In the bottom of the third inning Maple Mountain used two more Murray errors, along with a single by Walker, to plate another run.

The top of the order really set the table for Maple Mountain as the first three Maple Mountain hitters scored seven of the nine Golden Eagle runs including three by Walker. Walker and Leifson had two hits each and Leifson had three RBI's.

Leifson also pitched two scoreless innings in relief, while teammate Blake Carter finished off the win on the hill for the



BRIAN E. PREECE, HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Murray players congratulate Maple Mountain players after the 5A bracket play game at UCCU Ballpark in Orem on Monday.

Golden Eagles.

In his four innings of work, Maple Mountain starting pitcher Chase Johnston gave up two runs and five hits, two of which were doubles, struck out three, walked none and hit one Spartan batter.

With the big lead, Maple Mountain head coach Jeremy Thomas was able to take Johnston after four innings, and with the new pitch count rules, Thomas can now come back on two days rest instead of three which might be important as the tournament plays out.

"It was really good to get me out early," Johnston said. "I'm glad my offense was able to put up a lot of run support early so we could get me out and get me rested for later down the road."

This might have been a game that would have been rained out in past years but with a relatively new artificial turf for the entire surface of the field, the game was played without much of a hitch. Johnston didn't feel the wet conditions were much of an issue for most of the contest.

"It was a little rough the first couple of innings but once we settled in the rain kind of died out and we were able to handle it like we should," Johnston said.

For the head coach, not making the mistakes and playing a clean game defensively were the keys to victory.

"We did what we have done all year to win games," said Thomas. "We pitched it and

played defense."

"I thought we ran the bases well (with four stolen bases including three by courtesy runner Cayden Giles) and put some pressure on them and they kicked it around a few times and we didn't. They ultimately gave up more free bases than we did and that's what wins games."

Maple Mountain will now play region rival Salem Hills today at 4:30 p.m. at the UCCU Ballpark at in Orem, while Murray will play Box Elder at 11 a.m.

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STATE GOLF

Lone Peak dominating 6A tournament

Timpview second in 5A after first day

BY DARNELL DICKSON
Daily Herald

MIDWAY — Three Lone Peak golfers are atop the leaderboard after the first day of the 6A girls tournament at Heber's Solider Hollow Gold Course.

Junior Adley Nelson leads last year medalist and teammate Aadyn Long by two strokes after the first 18 holes.

Nelson shot a -1 with four birdies to offset three bogies through the first 18 holes. Long was -1 after the front nine but had three bogies on the back end, getting a birdie on 17 to finish at +1.

Lone Peak is running away from the field in the 6A event, posting a team score of +12,



DARNELL DICKSON, DAILY HERALD

Lone Peak's Aadyn Long watches a teammate finish a round during the 6A Girls State Golf Championships at Riverbend Golf Course in Riverton on May 9, 2023.

mark that's whopping 39 strokes ahead of the nearest opponent, Fremont, at +51.

Lone Peak is the two-time defending 6A state team champion, having won the

title in 2022 and 2023.

5A girls golf

In the team race, Skyline has a huge lead over the rest of the field after the first day, shoot-

ing a +25 on the Soldier Hollow Silver Course on Monday. Timpview is in second at +47 and Salem Hills is third at +51. Bonneville shot a +56 to finish the day in fourth and Spanish Fork is in fifth at +67.

Ashley Lam of Skyline owns a two-stroke lead over Timpview's Emily Lillywhite in the individual competition, shooting a -1 for the first 18 holes. Lillywhite was at +1 and Navy Hubbs of Salem Hills was third at +2.

Lam won 5A medalist honors last year at -11, with Lillywhite finishing in second at -2.

Sage Hubbs of Salem Hills is tied for fifth at +5, Timpview's Seneti Tolutau is tied for seventh at +6 and Spanish Fork's Katelin Bingham is ninth at +7.

Skyline won last year +54, five strokes better than Timpview at +59.

Schauffele gets validation with one memorable putt

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Xander Schauffele might have to watch the replay of his 6-foot putt to see how it dipped into the left side of the hole and looked as though it might spin out. When it comes to him winning the last two years, that's what usually happens.

And then it quickly slipped out of sight, and the rest was a blur.

"When it lipped in — I don't really remember it lipping in," Schauffele said Sunday at Valhalla, a course named for the heaven of Norse warriors in mythology, and the PGA Championship felt every bit like a battle.

"I just heard everyone roaring," he said, "and I just looked up to the sky in relief."

That one putt — 6 feet, 2 inches, to be precise — brought more than he ever imagined.

Until that final hole of great theater, so typical of the PGA Championship at Valhalla, Schauffele was wearing the wrong kind of labels.

He was among the best without a major, the back-handed compliment that acknowledges the talent and questions the heart.

That could fall to a number of players over the years — Viktor Hovland, Patrick Cantlay, Rickie Fowler — it's just that Schauffele was the current flavor as an

Olympic gold medalist in Japan in 2021 and the No. 3 player in the world.

"It's just noise," he said.

Now it's quiet.

Worse than not winning a major were the whispers he couldn't close. Schauffele had won a Tour Championship and a World Golf Championship, yet he was coming up on the two-year anniversary of his last win at the Scottish Open in the summer of 2022.

And that noise got even louder this year when he played in the final group four times — the Sentry Tournament of Champions, the Genesis Invitational, The Players Championship and the Wells Fargo Championship.

The last two were particularly tough because he had a 54-hole lead. Scottie Scheffler tracked him down with a 64 to win The Players Championship (Schauffele didn't help himself with two bogeys on the back nine) and Rory McIlroy had an eight-hole stretch of 8 under in closing with a 65 to beat him at Quail Hollow.

"Definitely a chip on the shoulder there," Schauffele said. "You guys are asking the questions, probing, and I have to sit here and answer it."

And he does it well. Schauffele is not big on excuses, and that much was evident when he shared one of many life lessons from his father, Stefan, the man he affectionately calls "Ogre." Commit,

execute and accept. He only struggled with the first two.

But then he looked over at the Wanamaker Trophy — silver and shiny, and more valuable than the gold he won at the Olympics.

"It's a lot easier to answer it with this thing sitting next to me now," he said.

It was quite the test. Schauffele started out tied with Collin Morikawa, grabbed the lead with a 30-foot birdie putt on the opening hole, shot 31 on the front nine and was mildly surprised to see he still had little margin for error with Bryson DeChambeau and Hovland at his heels.

DeChambeau turned out to be the biggest threat and got the kind of breaks that typically fall to major champions. There was the tee shot that was going a country mile to the left until smacking a tree and going back into the fairway, from where DeChambeau hit an 8-iron from 219 yards — yes, 8-iron — to 3 feet for a most unlikely birdie.

His 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th was up the same slope Schauffele later faced and looked to be one turn short until it took that last dip into the cup for a 64.

Schauffele never got down. He prides himself in what he calls "strokes gained attitude," a play on word of the most reliable statistic in golf. When he briefly lost the lead, he answered with two straight 7-irons that covered the flag and set up short birdies.



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Watts

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which scored twice in the second inning after an error and consecutive hit batsmen loaded the bases. Crew Ingersoll delivered an RBI single and C.J. Mascaro walked to force in another run for a 2-0 lead.

Cache Poulson belted a triple to center field to open the fourth inning and came home on Ingersoll's sacrifice fly for a 3-0 American Fork advantage.

Broc Hopkins went the distance for Syracuse, limiting the Cavemen to six hits and just one extra base hit.

"Some guys were a little outside themselves as far as the setting, so we've got to trust a little bit more offensively," Ingersoll said. "We need them to stop thinking and just play baseball. But that's a lot easier said than done."

Jett Walker pitched the seventh inning, closing out the victory with two strikeouts.

"There are a lot of good teams and lot of really well-coached teams at the state tournament," Ingersoll said. "We just work really, really hard and have a little luck along the way, and hopefully we move on."

On Tuesday the Cavemen (21-6) will face the winner of the late game between No. 5 Lehi and No. 4 Riverton. Syracuse (15-12) will play the loser of that contest in an elimination game on Tuesday.

American Fork won 6A championships in 2021 and 2023.

"I like our culture and everything we do," Watts said. "Everybody trusts each other. We all know anybody on any given day can get it done. We're not changing. We're just doing what



American Fork's Tayson Howard (5) leans away from the tag of Syracuse second baseman Audi Burton during a 6A baseball state tournament game at Miller Park on Monday.

we know we can do and try not to do anything more but what we expect of ourselves. That's good enough."

No. 6 Salem Hills 12, No. 14 Box Elder 4

The Skyhawks erupted for seven runs in the fourth inning to move past

the Bees in 5A bracket play at UVU's UCCU Ballpark.

Chase DeGraffenried was 4 for 4 at the plate with a triple and drove in six runs for Salem Hills.

Box Elder scored three runs in the top of the first to take the early

lead but the Skyhawks dominated the rest of the way, Kason Averett getting the win after pitching four innings.

Box Elder (17-15) moves into an elimination game against No. 7 Murray (21-5) on Tuesday.

Salem Hills (19-9) will face No. 2 seed Maple Mountain in bracket play. The Golden Eagles and Skyhawks split two games during Region 7 play, with Maple Mountain winning 3-1 in Mapleton and Salem Hills earning a 6-5 victory in Salem.

DARNELL DICKSON, DAILY HERALD



Salem Hills players show their disappointment after losing the 5A semifinal game against Roy at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman on Monday.

JARED LLOYD, DAILY HERALD

Skyhawks

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and made the semifinals for the first time this year. I think that they're starting to believe that we belong among the elite programs in the state. But it was just tough to lose like that."

Johnson said that the seniors played a key role in elevating the expectations for the Skyhawks.

"They are just a really good group of kids," Johnson said. "We will never forget what they've done for the program. Every season we stand on the shoulders of those who have put the work in and these guys are no exception. They've been great. It's heartbreaking every time when those seniors have to step off, but it's a great bunch of kids."

The bright side is that Salem Hills has a strong returning corps of players that know what

they are capable of.

"We're going to bounce back strong," Johnson said. "We bring back much of the team next year, so we will have to have to learn from it and then adjust and come back again."

He wants the underclassmen to have a chip on their shoulders as they go into the offseason to push them to be even better for 2025.

"I hope they'll just appreciate that their hard work in the offseason to be good on the ball and to play the way we want to play pays off," Johnson said. "I think they've seen the seniors benefit and the whole program benefit from that. So I want all that extra work in the offseason and then I want this to sting just enough that they believe that they both belong in that title game on Friday, that it should be them there and not anyone else in that. Then they'll do the work to get there next year."



JARED LLOYD PHOTOS, DAILY HERALD

Wasatch players celebrate after the 5A semifinal game against Hunter at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman on Monday.

Wasps

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junior Jayden Cosper to head into the goal to make the score 1-1.

Neither team was able to tack on another score in the remainder of regulation and two overtime periods, sending the game to a penalty-kick shootout.

That can be a high-stress sequence for a keeper, but Medina wasn't worried.

"In my opinion, I'm the best there is at PKs," Medina said. "When I knew we were going to penalty kicks, I knew we had it in the bag. I knew I was in control, and I knew my team was going to help me and score."

The first shooters could've been a disaster for Wasatch,

as the first Wasp attempt went wide and although Medina saved the first Hunter shot, he left his line early and had to do it a second time.

But once again Medina kept the ball in his sights and stuffed the shot, keeping the match level. He would go on to get a second stop, while the rest of the Wasatch shots went in.

Wasp junior Bode Heelis finished off the shootout with the fourth make, sparking a wild celebration from the Wasatch players and fans.

"That's what I dream about right there, in my bed and coming here in the car," Medina said. "A lot of players dream about scoring a good goal. I dream about saving something like that to win a PK shootout. It's so exciting to be back to the



JARED LLOYD, DAILY HERALD

Wasatch junior Jayden Cosper dribbles the ball up the field during the 5A semifinal game against Hunter at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman on Monday.

state title game for the third time."

The Wasps will look to win their third title in four years

when they compete in the 5A state championship game at America First Field in Sandy on Friday at 1 p.m.

Roundup

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In his first season at BYU after transferring from the College of Southern Idaho, Cushing led the Big 12 in saves (10) and games finished (25). The junior from Salem, Utah also tied for the league lead in appearances (29). On April 24, Cushing was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Midseason Watch List and ended the season tied for ninth nationally as one of only 13 pitchers to record double-digit saves in NCAA Division I baseball. The pre-business major's 10 saves also tie him for second all-time at BYU in saves in a single-season.

Olson, a senior from Spanish Fork, Utah, appeared in 17 games out of the bullpen and had one start for BYU prior to being injured against Oklahoma on April 18. At the time of his injury, Olson was top-4 in the Big 12 in several statistical categories including fewest earned runs (12), earned run average (3.03) and total appearances. As a junior in 2023, Olson was a WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree and is finishing his degree in business.

Pitcher Max Belyeu of Texas was named Big 12 Player of the Year. TCU's Payton Tolle was Pitcher of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, Dominic Voegelé of Kansas was Freshman of the Year and Oklahoma's Skip Johnson was Coach of the Year.

UVU claims No. 3 seed in WAC baseball tournament

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Western Athletic Conference has announced the bracket for this week's University Credit Union WAC Baseball Tournament set to be played at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa, Ariz.

Utah Valley earned the No. 3 seed for the second consecutive year and will meet the winner of Tuesday's single elimination game between No. 6 seed UT Arlington and No. 7 seed UT Rio Grande Valley. The Wolverines and Game 1 winner will play at 1:00 p.m. MT in the double-elimination portion of the bracket.

The Wolverines last season made a run to the WAC Championship for the third time since joining the WAC. They defeated Seattle U, Sam Houston, and UT Arlington before falling to the Bearcats in the Championship.

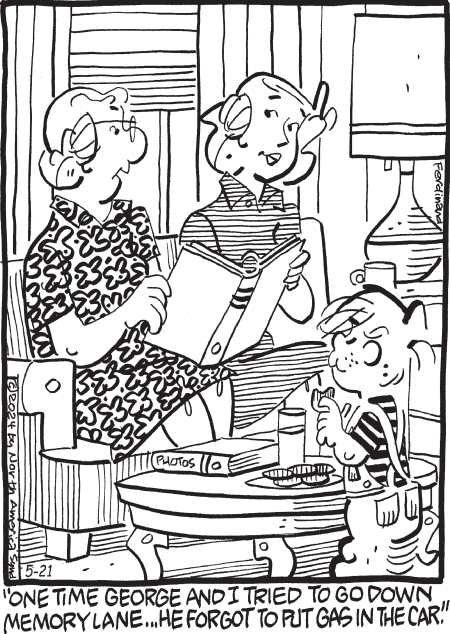
WAC regular-season champion Grand Canyon is the No. 1 seed and received a double-bye along with the No. 2 seed Abilene Christian. They will now play their first game in the quarterfinals on Thursday, May 23. California Baptist is the No. 4 seed, and like UVU, it received a first-round bye. The No. 5 seed, Tarleton State, will play the No. 8 seed, Sacramento State, in a single-elimination game on Tuesday, May 21.

The winner of the tournament will secure the conference's automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Tournament.

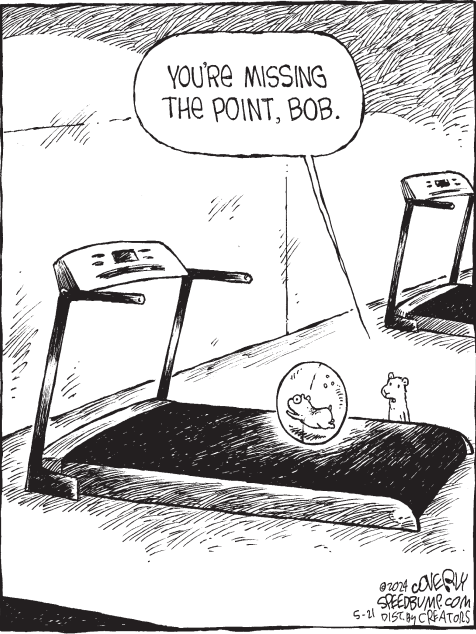
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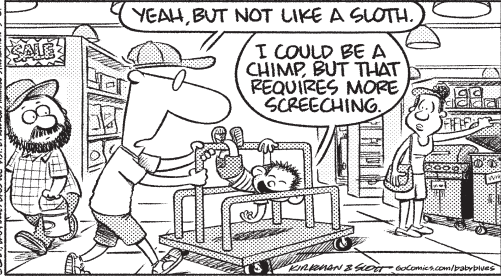
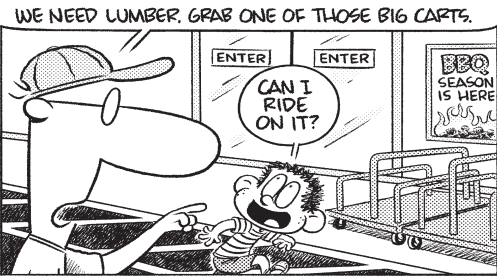
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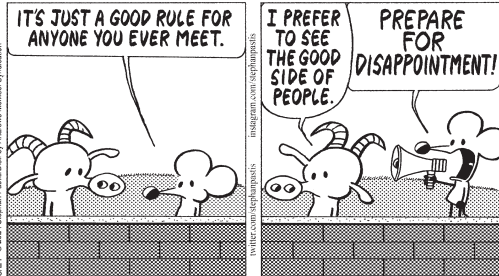
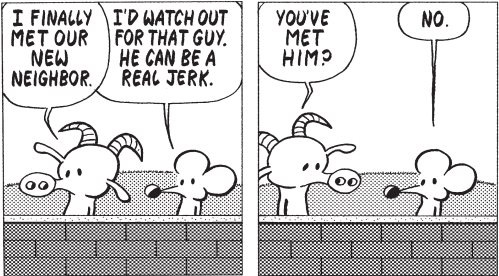
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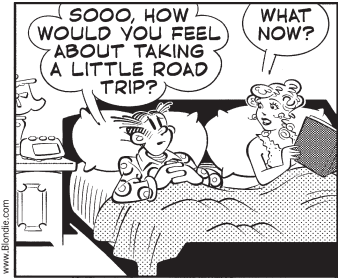
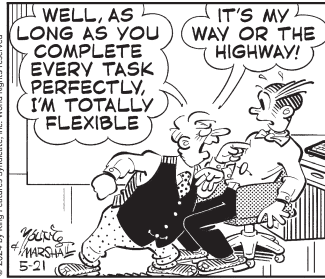
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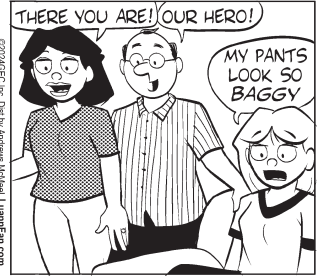
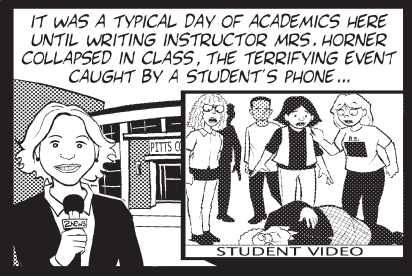
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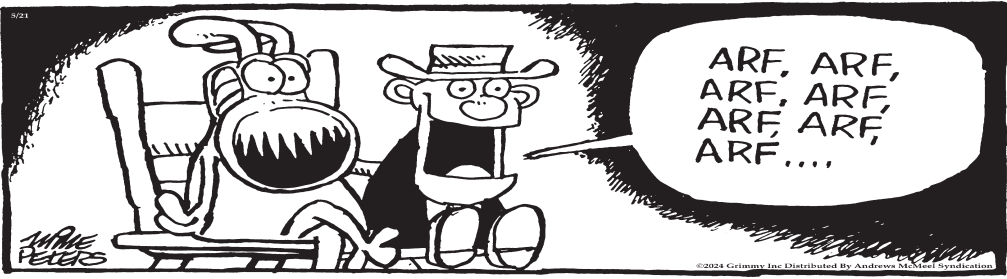
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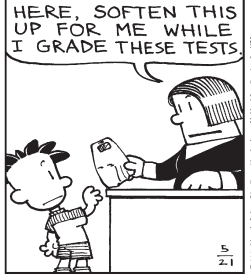
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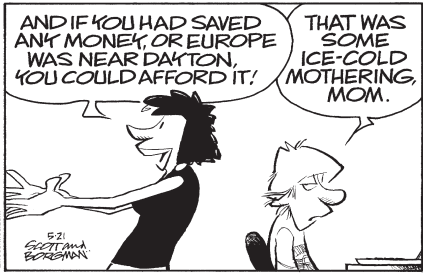
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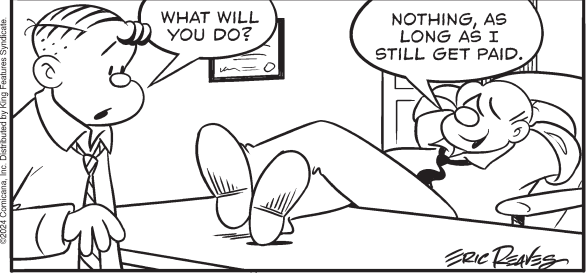
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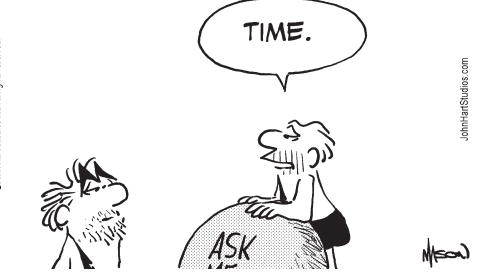
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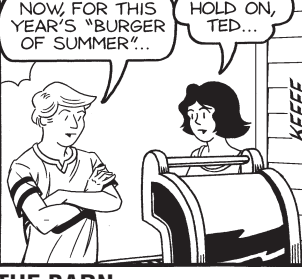
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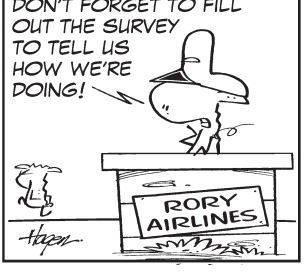
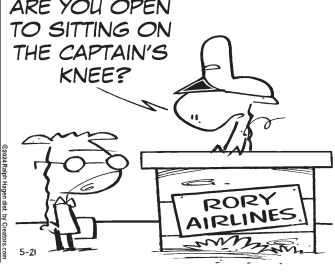
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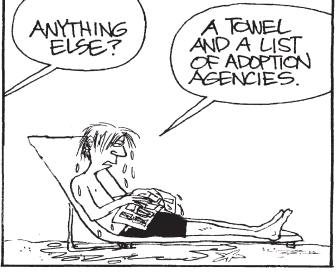
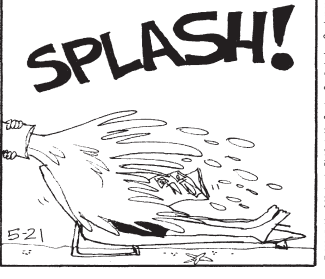
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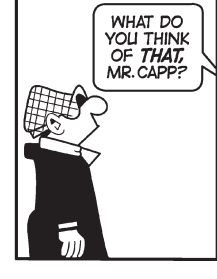
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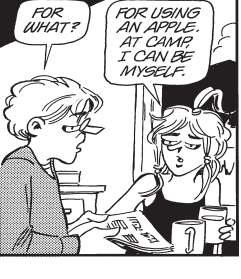
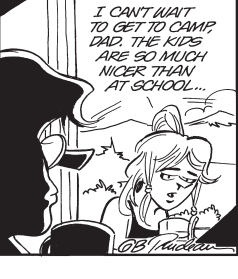
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Aspects of infatuation

Infatuated? Blame the Scorpio moon opposition to Mercury for today's swell of intensity on the matter. There's something good in this. Infatuation can teach us who we want to be. The infatuated are typically drawn to present an aspirational side of themselves, trying on a bigger persona than their lives currently allow. Fake it till you make it!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The dawn is a prize for those who wake up early. The sunset is a treat for outsiders, and those with a window seat or a room with the right view. As you take advantage of the free pleasures, expensive ones will also befall you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your interests meld with the common interest, and a lucrative wave of business follows. Years of experience suddenly add up to well-deserved mastery. Smooth will be the road of business relationships established now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone needs a support system. As you build yours, you may notice you don't want to. On some level, you think of yourself as a solo act. But there is no solo act on the planet that doesn't come with a behind-the-scenes team.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With your big plans, you can't afford to wait for inspiration. You'll simply show up and work with the inspiration of the moment. If that doesn't kick in, you'll work until inspiration catches up with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is a day of clean slates. Ask for the second chance (or third or fourth) and you will get it. Love and forgiveness will weave together like entwined fingers of holding hands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It seems sometimes that you'll do about anything to see your loved one smile. Today, you'll be struck with the fact of the matter — some smile-producing things are not sustainable, but you'll sprinkle them in, to excellent effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll

extend your empathy and imagination to try and understand where someone is coming from. Seeing the world how another person sees it gives you new access to it. Knowledge of people is knowledge of the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loving someone doesn't mean they won't drive you bonkers. When annoying behaviors test your nerves, assume it's not personal or deliberate, and take it as a sign of intimacy. Mature relationships are a prize held by few. Take pride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your behaviors and your attitude will say more about you than anything you own. This is why you invest in developing your skills, improving yourself and learning about the world and about people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You see that something needs to be done, and then you have an instinct about what. The job will fall to you, not because it's your responsibility but because you are the one it chose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that once is enough to see, not to be. Today, fortune favors a one-off adventure. It will bring a thrill, a story, a notch on your belt or simply the confidence of knowing that you are a person who is open to life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What if the thing that is so bothersome to you doesn't need to be solved or overcome? Maybe it just needs to be accepted. That might seem harder than the previous two options, but it is also much more realistic.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 21). Here comes your best chapter yet, filled with love, laughter and opportunity. You bring the levity, humor and an emphasis on trends to projects and create winning results, especially financially. Unsurprisingly, you gain many fans. More highlights: Excellent tickets, a big celebration, and someone you pull close will accompany you on three adventures. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 7, 16, 12 and 1.

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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).

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- 1 "Airy" prefix for sphere
- 5 Physically nimble
- 10 Screen door material
- 14 Lima ___ (soup veggie)
- 15 Person walking through water
- 16 Bounce-back sound
- 17 Pet hamster's home
- 18 Higher than
- 19 Extremely eager
- 20 What road tests are taken for
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- 24 Prefix for cycle or angle
- 25 Decorator's unifying theme
- 28 Swampy ground
- 31 Settle, as a loan
- 35 Long heroic tale
- 36 Latino neighborhood
- 38 Winter road hazard
- 39 What sitcom screen tests are taken for
- 42 "Ready when you ___"
- 43 Visiting locally
- 44 Type of blood vessel
- 45 Cowpoke's rope
- 47 New USNA grad
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- 61 Vicinity
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- 66 Bachelor of ___ degree
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- 69 Leopard's marking
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- 3 Yuletide wise trio
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- 7 Revered celebrity
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- 9 Standing very straight
- 10 Cruel person, informally
- 11 Heart charts: Abbr.
- 12 Sneaker or sandal
- 13 Big pigs
- 21 Assistant for Santa
- 22 Mistake
- 25 Tin or copper
- 26 Drama with singers
- 27 Scrabble pieces
- 28 Moistened while roasting
- 29 Hunter constellation
- 30 Becomes taller
- 32 Untidy stacks
- 33 Do great on an exam
- 34 Two-choice type of question
- 36 Recycling container
- 37 Quaint hotel
- 40 String quartet instrument
- 41 Across the ocean
- 46 ___ seed bun
- 48 Golf standard score
- 50 Mirror's reflection
- 51 In a crabby mood
- 52 Crush, as potatoes
- 53 A Great Lake
- 54 Close by
- 55 Eve's first home
- 56 Oven glove
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- 58 Angel's instrument
- 59 That ___ say (in other words)
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KSL	KSL 5 News at 6p (N)	KSL 5 News at 6:30p (N)	The Voice "Live: Recap Finale Performances" (N) (TVPG)		The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" The winner is revealed, and the coaches, finalists and special guests perform. (N) (SF) (Live) (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 "Far and Away" Sunny Hostin, Jesse Williams (N) (TVPG)		American Experience "The Riot Report" The Kerner Commission investigates riots in Black urban communities across the U.S. in 1967. (N) (TV14)				May to Dec "Who Can I Turn To?"	R. Steves "Travel Skills: Cruising"	Independent Lens "The Sound Thieves" Exploring the role of tuba and what it means to listen. (TV14)		
KUEN	Samantha Brown Place	Make48	DW News	NHK Newsline	Buzz	Pioneering "From Earth to Art"	Life on the Line "Hood Auntie"	Hope Is Here "Chicken Strong" (TVG)	School of Greatness Kevin Hart	Art Connection	Euromaxx (TVG)	Cycling-Japan (TVG)	Discovery "The Dreams I Left Behind"
KUED2	Secrets of the Dead		Human Body "Survive" (TVG)		PBS NewsHour		Amanpour and Company (N)		NOVA "Secrets in Your Data"		Secrets of the Dead		Human Body
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KJZZ	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	News (N)	News (N)	48 Hours "FindJodi" (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) (TV14)		Hostage Rescue (N) (TVPG)		Big Bang	Two Half Men	Mom	Mom	Two Half Men
KUPX	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Ashleigh Banfield (TV14)		FOX13 News at Nine		Main & Wall	Main & Wall	Mom	Mom	Two Half Men
KPNZ	TCT Today	Joyce Meyer	Place	Robison	Jeffress	Jewish Jesus	A. Womack "Ask the Pastor"		Billy Graham	TCT Today	Living	Living	Stem Cell
KTMW	Top Chef VIP (N) (SP) (TVPG)						El Señor de los (N) (TV14)		Noticiero	(35) Noticias	Acércate a Rocio (TV14)		Caso cerrado

PREMIUM CABLE CHANNELS

HBO	(.10) Real, Bill Maher	(.10) Jerrod Car (.40) 9-11	9-11	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)	(.10) Stax: U.S.A. (N) (P)
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MAX	Movie	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11	(.45) 9-11
PLEX	(5:35) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11	(.05) 9-11
TMC	(5:30) 9-11	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)	(.97) (R)
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OTHER CABLE CHANNELS

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AMC	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
ANIMAL	Wardens "CSI Warden"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Yellowstone	Wardens "Winter's Fury"	Wardens "CSI Warden"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"	Wardens "The Big Bully"
BET	Neighbor	Neighbor	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
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	Burgers	American	American	American	American	Rick	Rick	Crackers	Aqua Teen	American
CBSN	(5:00) PWBA Bowling	Inside College Football (N)										Football
CMTV	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Reba	Reba	Reba
CNBC	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)
CNN	Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	The Source With (N) (Live)	CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)	Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360	Erin Burnett OutFront	Situation					
COMEDY	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
CSPAN	(2:30) U.S. House (N) (Live)	Public Affairs Events (TVG)										
DISN	Moonshiners	Moonshine "Cowboy Legacy"	Moonshine "Master Distiller"	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)	Moonshiners "The Curse of Oaked Bourbon" (N) (TV14)
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DLC	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)			My 600-Lb. Life "Gina's Story" (TV14)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)	My 600-Lb. Life "J.T.'s Story" (TVPG)
E!	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	E! News (N)	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.
ESPN	NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
ESPN2	NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA (N) (Live)	NFL Live	NFL Live	Good Guy (N)	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival	UFC Archival
FOOD	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
FREE	Movie	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
FX	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11
GALA	A familia de diez (TVPG)	Nosotros los guapos (TV14)	Vecinos (TVPG)	40 y 20	40 y 20	Renta	Renta	Renta	Renta	Renta	Renta	Renta
HALL	(5:00) "Raise a Glass to Love"	"Branching Out" (24) Juan Pablo Di Walker, Sarah Dene.	Golden Girls	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"	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker "Bad Taste"	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)	Skinwalker "The Flash" (N)
HTLV	Farm-Fixer "Barn Burner"	Farmhouse Fixer (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
KGTL	KTLA 5 News at 5am (N)	News at 6 (N) KTLA News	Unscripted	Two Men	Police 24/7 (N) (TV14)	Hostage Rescue (N) (TVPG)	News (N)	(.45) Sports	News (N)	(.45) Sports	News (N)	News (N)
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Anatomy "Fight the Power"	(.05) Grey's Anatomy	(.05) Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy
MSNBC	All In With (N) (Live)	Wagner (N) (Live)	Last Word (N) (Live)	11th Hour (N) (Live)	The Beat With Al Rieber	Last Word With Lawrence	11th Hour	11th Hour	11th Hour	11th Hour	11th Hour	11th Hour
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: Arturo & Laura (N)	Help! I'm In	Couples Th	Couples Th	Couples Th	Couples Th	Couples Th	Couples Th	Couples Th
NBC	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	Cuomo (N) (Live)	Dan Abrams Live (N) (Live)	Banfield (N) (Live)	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield
PARMT	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
ROOT	World Poker Tour: Alpha8	World Poker Tour	World Poker Tour	World Poker Tour	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance
SYFY	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11	(5:30) 9-11
TBS	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs (N) (Live)	MLB Close	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.
TELEM	(5:00) Top Chef VIP (N) (SP) (TVPG)	El Señor de los N (TV14)	Noticias	(.35) Noticias	Acréate a Rocio (TV14)	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado	Caso cerrado
TLC	Doubling Down (N)	OutDaughtered (N)	7 Little Johnstons (N)	90 Day Fiance: Love (TVMA)	Doubling Down	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered
TNT	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11	(5:00) 9-11
TCN	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
TRAVEL	Haunted "Demon House"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "The Black Monk"	Haunted "Taken Over"	Haunted "Demon House"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"	Haunted "Hard Lessons"
TRUTV	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers	Imp Jokers
USA	WWF NXT (N) (Live) (TVPG)	(.10) Survive "Water and Ice"	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11	(.25) 9-11
WH1	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince
WEATH	Highway "Turning the Page"	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse	Deadman's Curse

NCAA ANTITRUST LAWSUIT

Boards plan to vote on \$2.7B settlement

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

University presidents around the country are scheduled to meet this week to vote on whether to accept a proposed settlement of an antitrust lawsuit that would cost the NCAA nearly \$3 billion and create a landmark revenue-sharing system with college athletes.

The terms of the agreement have met some pushback from Division I conferences that do not compete in major college football. Leaders of those leagues say they are being asked to bear an undue financial burden on the damages portion of the settlement.

Attorneys for the defendants in House vs. NCAA gave college sports leaders until Thursday to agree to terms of a deal. The defendants are the NCAA and the Power Five conferences — the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern.

The presidential boards of the NCAA and the five conferences must individually vote to accept the settlement. That includes the full current Pac-12 membership before that league shrinks to two schools later this summer.

The NCAA is expected to cover some \$2.7 billion in damages over 10 years to current and former college athletes, dating to 2016, who were denied by NCAA rules the ability to earn money from sponsorship and endorsement deals.

About \$1.6 billion of that will be from withheld distributions to member schools — money that would normally be sent to the schools by the NCAA, according to several people with direct knowledge of the proposal. They spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because settlement details were not being discussed publicly.

Withheld distributions from the Power Five conferences — currently comprised of 69 schools — are slated to cover 40% of that \$1.6 billion. The other 27 Division I conferences, currently comprised of 283 schools, will cover the other 60%.

While the Power Five annually receive the largest total distributions from the NCAA — and their per school deduction would be larger under the model proposed by the NCAA — schools in conferences that do not play big-time football rely far more on those distributions to support much smaller budgets.

“Basketball-centric leagues are really getting hit,” said an administrator from a conference that does not compete in the highest tier of Division I football, known as the Bowl Subdivision.

The NCAA annually distributes about \$700 million to its members. NCAA revenues were nearly \$1.3 billion last year, most of which comes from its television rights contract for the men’s Division I basketball tournament with CBS

and Warner Bros. Discovery.

Under the proposed settlement, each conference’s obligation will be equal to its percentage of the total NCAA distribution to its members from 2016-2024, two of the people knowledge of the agreement told AP. The NCAA has some 1,100 member schools with more than 500,000 athletes across three divisions; Division I, the highest level of competition and by far the most lucrative, has about 352 schools and 190,000 athletes.

The administrator who spoke with the AP said that in some smaller Division I conferences, NCAA distributions account for more than 50% of a school’s athletic revenue; the distributions account for less than 10% of athletic revenue at most power conference schools.

Leaders of the smaller conferences have sent multiple memos to the NCAA to raise concerns. In one letter, obtained by AP on Monday, the non-Bowl Subdivision conferences said they support the need for a settlement.

“However, as commissioners of non-defendant Division I conferences, we do not support the current model proposed by the NCAA for allocating back damages, which unreasonably impacts our conferences,” the commissioners wrote. “We have not been involved in the settlement negotiations or damage allocation modeling, and learned of the settlement status two weeks ago.”

The memo proposed having the Power Five conferences covering close to 60% of the \$1.6 billion, essentially flipping the plan’s 60-40 share.

“It hits us harder. We’re dependent on NCAA distributions,” said another administrator from a non-FBS football conference.

Steve Berman, one of the lead attorneys for the plaintiffs, told AP last week he believed both sides were progressing toward a settlement in the case. NCAA President Charlie Baker has said he was “hopeful” an agreement would be reached.

ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips said his board of presidents and chancellors would be meeting this week to vote on the proposal, with a simple majority needed to approve. Big 12 presidents are scheduled to meet Tuesday and the SEC presidents have a meeting planned for Thursday, people familiar with those meetings told AP.

Big Ten officials are gathering in Los Angeles this week for their spring meetings.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Board of Governors also must sign off on the agreement, which will cover the House case and at least two other antitrust suits: Hubbard vs. the NCAA and Carter vs. the NCAA. It was unclear if another lawsuit, Fontenot vs. the NCAA, will be part of the settlement.

Wemby, Holmgren headline the NBA’s rookie team

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — San Antonio’s Victor Wembanyama was a unanimous selection for the NBA’s All-Rookie team this season, the league revealed Monday.

It was no surprise, given that Wembanyama also was the unanimous choice for rookie of the year from the same panel of 99 voters who cast ballots for the league’s awards this season.

Wembanyama

Joining Wembanyama on the first team were Oklahoma City’s Chet Holmgren, Charlotte’s Brandon Miller, Miami’s Jaime Jaquez Jr. and Golden State’s Brandin Podziemski.

Holmgren — the runner-up to Wembanyama in the rookie of the year race — was also a unanimous first-team choice.

Miller, Jaquez and Podziemski were third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the rookie of the year balloting that was announced earlier this month. That was also the order they finished the All-Rookie team voting in, with Jaquez joining Wembanyama and Holmgren as the only players to appear on all 99 ballots.

Dallas’ Dereck Lively II was a second-team All-Rookie selection, along with Houston’s Amen Thompson, Utah’s Keyonte George, Oklahoma City’s Cason Wallace and Memphis’ GG Jackson II. Jackson got the last spot by one vote over Golden State’s Trayce Jackson-Davis.

The All-Defensive team selections will be revealed Tuesday, and the All-NBA team will be unveiled Wednesday. Wembanyama is a likely first-team All-Defense player — he was No. 2 in the defensive player of the year race to Minnesota’s Rudy Gobert — and surely got All-NBA consideration as well.

If Wembanyama makes either the All-Defense or All-NBA team, or both, he would be the first rookie to do so since two other San Antonio centers who, like him, were No. 1 overall draft picks, those being Tim Duncan in 1998 and David Robinson in 1990.

Only five rookies have made All-Defense: Duncan, Robinson, Washington’s Manute Bol (1986), Houston’s Hakeem Olajuwon (1985) and Milwaukee’s Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1970).

And if Wembanyama makes All-NBA, he would be the 22nd rookie to do so in NBA history. Of those, only four have done it in the last 45 seasons: Duncan, Robinson, Chicago’s Michael Jordan (1985) and Boston’s Larry Bird (1980).

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

A matchup of favored Celtics and underdog Pacers

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON — So much about the journey the Boston Celtics and Indiana Pacers have taken to the Eastern Conference finals has been about what — or specifically who — they haven’t had to face to get to here.

Top-seeded Boston mostly coasted to a 4-1 first-round series win over a Miami Heat team that played without Jimmy Butler, the player who’d tormented and broken the heart of the Celtics in Game 7 of last season’s conference finals. They then posted another 4-1 series victory in the second round over an injury-ravished Cleveland Cavaliers team that didn’t have All-Star Donovan Mitchell for the final two games.

The route for sixth-seeded Indiana has also had some notable hurdles removed.

The Pacers needed six games to earn a first-round win over a Milwaukee team missing Giannis Antetokounmpo. They then outlasted a New York Knicks team that was leading the series 3-2 before tripping over a rash of injuries that included star Jalen Brunson breaking his hand in the Pacers’ lopsided Game 7 victory.

But neither Boston nor Indiana is focused on the narratives surrounding the paths they took to get to this point. They’re here. And



Boston Celtics guard Jaylen Brown (7) drives to the basket against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the second half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series on May 15 in Boston.

beginning with Game 1 on Tuesday night in Boston, it’s now NBA Finals or bust for both.

For the Celtics, that means blocking out reminders of the championship expectations that have hovered over them throughout the season.

“You just got to focus on what matters most,” Celtics forward Jaylen Brown said. “That’s your team. That’s each possession in front of you. That’s whatever your job is. ... Just be able to focus the mind on what matters because it’s easy to get distracted or eluded

from what the overall goal and what the target is when you start to entertain kind of everything that’s going around you.”

Indiana guard Tyrese Haliburton said the expectations they’ve had internally were always high.

“We had preseason camp in Nashville — just players, no coaches. That’s what we communicated from the jump. That we expected to be here. This ain’t a surprise to us,” he said. “It’s not a fluke. We expect this from our group. Once we added (Pascal Siakam) we knew we could

really take off.”

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle is fully embracing the idea that his team is the “uninvited guest” among the NBA’s final four teams.

“We had some good fortune to get to this moment,” he said. “But our guys did the work to put us in a position to be here.”

OFFENSIVE SHOWDOWN

The Pacers reached their first conference finals since 2014 with an offense that has continued to put up historic numbers by pushing the pace.

Indiana topped the NBA with 123.3 points per game during the regular season, the sixth-highest average in league history. That was on top of it scoring 140 points a record 11 times.

The Pacers’ regular-season offensive rating of 120.5 was second only to the Celtics (122.5). That flipped during the playoffs, with Indiana’s ranking improving to No. 1 at 121.7, followed by Boston at 118.9.

Haliburton and Siakam drove the Pacers’ attack against the Knicks. Haliburton averaged 21.3 points, shot 53.8% from the field and 43.9% from 3 in the series. Siakam averaged 20 points, was 52.8% from the field and 40% from 3. It made them the first duo to average 20-plus points, shoot above 50% from the field and above 40% from the 3-point line in a conference finals.

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