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**APD details shooting of man holding gun to head**

Fatal shooting happened after four-hour standoff and an initial exchange of gunfire

BY MATTHEW REISEN  
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Police tried to talk Derek Pickett into surrendering from a shed for hours, trying to call him 50 times. At the tail end of the standoff, Pickett reached for the drop phone and, with the other hand, put a gun to his head.



Derek Pickett

Simultaneously, a SWAT officer fired a lethal bullet as other officers fired a less-lethal round and flashbang at Pickett.

The 44-year-old died at the scene. On Friday, the Albuquerque

Police Department detailed the Aug. 17 fatal shooting of Pickett, which began when an officer chased him after he shoplifted and escalated when police say Pickett brandished a gun and told the officer he "can't go back to jail."

APD Cmdr. Kyle Hartsock said officer Truitt Bushnell exchanged gunfire with Pickett after he first holed up in the shed, but no one was struck. Hartsock said officer Robert Sanchez fired the fatal shot several hours later.

He said Bushnell, who joined APD in 2023, has not returned to duty, but Sanchez — who has been with APD since 2015 and killed two men in previous shootings — is

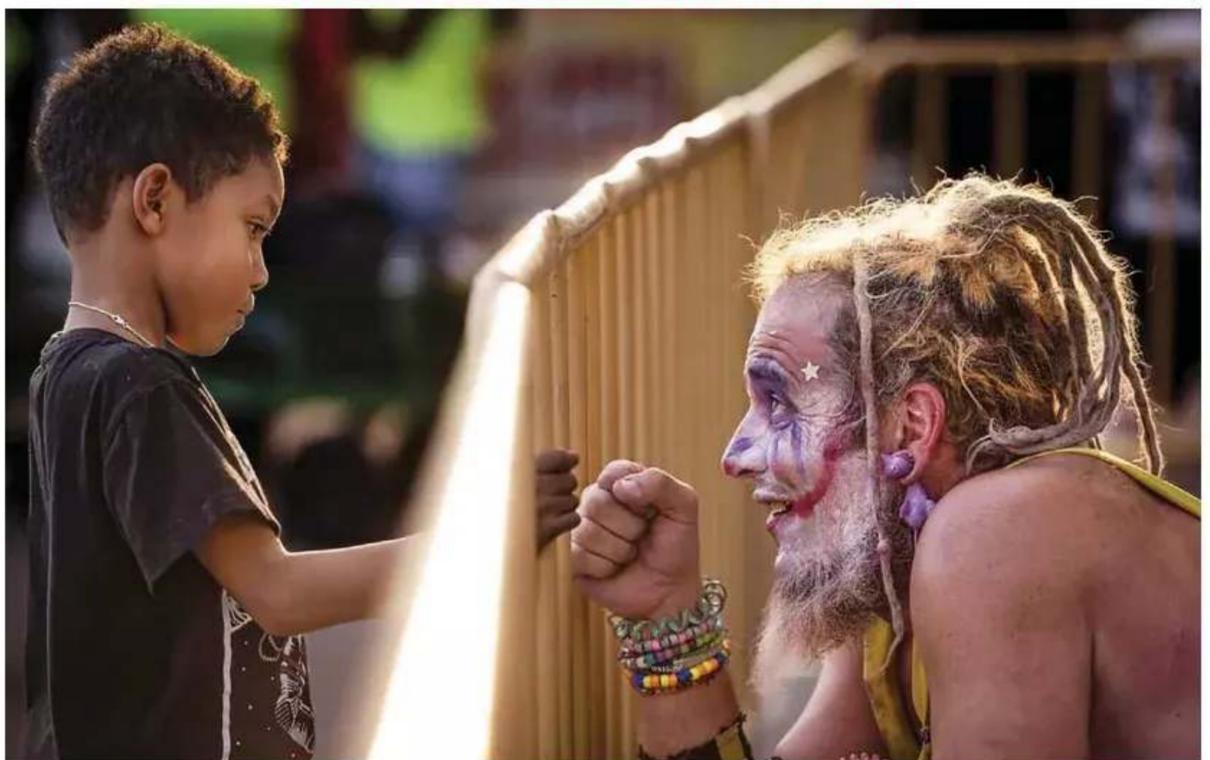
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SOURCE: ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A split-screen shows the moment before officer Robert Sanchez fatally shot Derek Pickett, as he held a gun to his own head last month in Albuquerque.

**READY TO RUMBLE AT THE FAIR**



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Ambrocio Smith, 6, meets Mr. Happy, aka Kris Wyskochil, after a match during the Duke City Championship Wrestling show at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque on Thursday. See story, A3

**Planned Parenthood clinic closure affects most vulnerable population**

After San Mateo NE location is shuttered, 'demand is not being met' for local women

BY GILLIAN BARKHURST  
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The Planned Parenthood clinic on San Mateo in Albuquerque closed last December and reopened into a larger facility farther away from the locals who may need it most, according to officials with the organization.

With patients crossing the border from Texas into New Mexico for care, the demand is increasing as only one Planned Parenthood clinic remains open in the Albuquerque area.

Across the state, there are four Planned Parenthood clinics actively operational — in Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

While there are other providers for family planning and abortion care, "across the country, demand is not being



JON AUSTRIA/JOURNAL

The new Planned Parenthood location on Eubank NE in Albuquerque.

met," said Rachael Lorenzo, the executive director of Indigenous Women Rising, an abortion fund that provides stipends to Native people to break down the financial barrier to care.

New clinics are incoming, such as the Valley Abortion Group, which plans to open next month in Albuquerque and the state-funded clinic that broke ground last week

in Las Cruces, but in the meantime, patients are turning to other states for care, Lorenzo said.

Nearly 500 New Mexicans traveled to Colorado seeking an abortion in 2023, a study by the Guttmacher Institute shows. According to Lorenzo, some New Mexicans are leaving the state because of a scarcity of appointments.

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**Virgin Galactic doubles down on commitment to New Mexico**

Company plans to spend \$30 million on new hangar at Spaceport America

BY MATTHEW NARVAIZ  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Virgin Galactic officials doubled down on their commitment to Spaceport America, telling a legislative committee on Friday that it plans to build a new \$30 million hangar that would house a mothership and the space company's fueling facilities.

The presentation from Mike Moses, Virgin Galactic's president of spaceline operations, to the Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee in Las Cruces comes as the company has been working toward building up its next generation of Delta ships, which are expected to take more frequent trips to suborbit.

Moses told legislators the hangar would cost about \$30 million. The company is hoping to get it operational by 2026 when Virgin Galactic plans to begin flying its Delta ships — which early on, he said, could fly every

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## Biden meets with British PM, brushes off Putin's threats

Russian leader warns about war against the West if Ukraine's allies allow it to use weapons deeper inside Russia

BY AAMER MADHANI, ELLEN KNICKMEYER AND MATTHEW LEE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden brushed off a threat from Russian leader Vladimir Putin about war against the West if Ukraine's allies allow it to use weapons deeper inside Russia. It's a shift that Kyiv has pleaded for, but no decision was immediately announced following a meeting Friday between Biden and Britain's prime minister.

Ukraine and many of its supporters in the U.S. and Europe want Biden to lift restrictions on Western-provided long-range weapons, and there are signs Biden might shift the administration's policy.

The U.S., concerned about any step that could lead Russia to escalate the conflict, has moved cautiously before granting a series of earlier requests from Ukraine for specific arms, including advanced tanks, missiles and rocket systems, and F-16 fighter jets. Russian officials have issued similar threats before many of those past decisions.

Ukraine was a key topic for Biden and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer after this week's visit to Kyiv by their top diplomats, who came under fresh pressure to loosen weapons restrictions. So far, the U.S. has allowed Ukraine to use American-provided weapons only in a limited area inside Russia's border with Ukraine.

Two U.S. officials familiar with discussions said they believed Starmer was seeking Biden's approval to allow Ukraine to use British Storm Shadow missiles for expanded strikes in Russia. Biden's approval may be needed because Storm Shadow components are made in the U.S. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to share the status of private conversations, said they



STEFAN ROUSSEAU/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, right, and Foreign Secretary David Lammy, second from right, meet with President Joe Biden, second from left, in the Blue Room at the White House in Washington on Friday.

believed Biden would be amenable. Starmer said talks would continue when global leaders convene for the annual U.N. General Assembly gathering this month.

"This was a really important invitation from the president to have this level of discussion about those critical issues," he told reporters after the White House meeting. He added, "Ukraine has a right to self-defense, and we've stood united."

Putin said a day earlier that allowing long-range strikes "would mean that NATO countries, the United States and European countries, are at war with Russia." His remarks were in line with the narrative the Kremlin has promoted since early in the war, accusing NATO countries of de-facto participation in the conflict and threatening a response.

Speaking to journalists before the private talks with Starmer, Biden said he wanted to make "clear that Putin will not prevail in this war."

Asked what he thought about Putin's

threat, Biden answered, "I don't think much about Vladimir Putin."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been pressing the U.S. and other allies to allow his forces to use Western weapons to target Russian air bases and launch sites far from the border as Russia has stepped up assaults on Ukraine's electricity grid and utilities before winter.

"The war must become more difficult for Russia — that is the only way to make them realize it must end," he posted Friday on social media.

Zelenskyy's appeal has garnered support in U.S. and European security and diplomatic circles, including from some former U.S. generals and diplomats, lawmakers and security analysts. They argue that Russia's previous threats of escalation against the West have proven hollow and that the U.S. restrictions on weapons are making it impossible for Ukraine to gain the battlefield momentum it needs.

### IN BRIEF

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#### Trump refuses to criticize Loomer amid concerns by GOP allies

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. — Former President Donald Trump has refused to condemn recent racist and conspiratorial comments from right-wing provocateur Laura Loomer, who traveled with him earlier this week to the debate and several 9/11 memorial events. "Laura's been a supporter of mine," Trump told reporters at a press conference near Los Angeles, where he was pressed on concerns from Republican allies about his ongoing association with her. Trump acknowledged that Loomer has "strong opinions."

#### Judge frees Colorado paramedic convicted in death of Elijah McClain

DENVER — A judge is freeing from prison a Colorado paramedic convicted in the death of Elijah McClain, a Black man whose name became part of the rallying cries for social justice that swept the U.S. in 2020. Judge Mark Warner ruled Friday that "unusual and extenuating circumstances" justify reducing Peter Cichuniec's five-year prison sentence to four years of probation.

Cichuniec's supporters cheered the sentence reduction. McClain was walking in a Denver suburb in 2019 when police responding to a suspicious person report restrained him. Cichuniec and another paramedic forcibly injected McClain with ketamine, a powerful sedative blamed for killing the 23-year-old.

#### Feds rarely punish hospitals for turning away pregnant patients

An Associated Press analysis has found that hospitals are rarely fined for violating a federal law that is supposed to guarantee that patients with medical emergencies get the treatment they need. Only a dozen hospitals have been penalized over the last two years for violations of that law. That's despite more than 100 hospitals turning away pregnant patients in that time, leaving some to miscarry in restrooms, deliver babies in cars or develop risky infections. Some hospitals have repeatedly violated the law without consequence.

#### Timberlake pleads guilty to impaired driving in New York

SAG HARBOR, N.Y. — Justin Timberlake is urging drivers not to get behind the wheel after even a single alcoholic drink, as part of his sentence for driving while impaired in the Hamptons in New York. The boy band singer-turned-solo star pleaded guilty Friday and was also sentenced to a \$500 fine with a \$260 surcharge, 25 hours of community service and a 90-day suspension of his license. Timberlake was arrested in June by Sag Harbor police. He told officers he had one martini at a local hotel.

#### Two men charged with stealing famous Banksy artwork in London

LONDON — Two men have been charged with burglary over the theft of an artwork by street artist Banksy that was taken in a smash-and-grab raid on a London gallery. The Metropolitan Police force said Larry Fraser and James Love are alleged to have taken "Girl with Balloon" from the Grove Gallery on Sunday night. The suspects appeared at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Thursday and were ordered detained until their next hearing on Oct. 9.

Police say they have recovered the work, which is valued in court documents at 270,000 pounds, or \$355,000.

## US election wagering put on hold by appeals court ruling

BY WAYNE PARRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Just hours after it began, legal betting on the outcome of U.S. congressional elections has been put on hold by a federal appeals court.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued an order Thursday night temporarily freezing the matter until it can consider and rule on the issue. No timetable was initially given.

The court acted at about 8:30 p.m. Thursday, mere hours after a federal judge cleared the way for the only bets on American elections to be legally sanctioned by a U.S. jurisdiction.

U.S. District Court Judge Jia Cobb

permitted New York startup company Kalshi to begin offering what amounts to bets on the outcome of November elections regarding which parties win control of the House and Senate.

The company's markets went live soon afterwards, and Kalshi accepted an unknown amount of bets, which it called "contracts."

The Thursday night order put a halt to any further such bets. What might happen to those already made was unclear Friday.

Neither Kalshi nor the commission immediately responded to messages seeking comment Friday.

The ruling came after the Commodity Futures Trading Commission appealed Cobb's ruling, warning that allowing

election bets, even for a short period of time, risked serious harm from people trying to manipulate the election for financial purposes.

Prices on Kalshi's so-called predictive contracts varied during the afternoon and early evening hours during which they were live on Thursday. At one point, a bet on the Republicans to win control of the Senate was priced at 76 cents; a \$100 bet would pay \$129. A bet on the Democrats to win control of the House was priced at 63 cents, with a \$100 bet paying out \$154.

The elections category under which they had been posted Thursday was missing from the company's website Friday afternoon.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Sept. 14, the 258th day of 2024. There are 108 days left in the year.

#### Today in history:

**On Sept. 14, 1901,** President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin eight days prior. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him, becoming the youngest-ever U.S. president at age 42.

#### Also on this date:

**In 1847,** during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

**In 1861,** the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off the coast of Pensacola, Florida.

**In 1927,** modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car in which she was riding.

**In 1982,** Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly film star Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before.

**In 1991,** the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.

**In 1994,** on the 34th day of a strike by players, Acting Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced the 1994 season was over.

**In 2001,** Americans packed churches and public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. President George W. Bush prayed with his Cabinet and attended services at Washington National Cathedral, then flew to New York, where he waded into the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers in a show of resolve.

**In 2012,** fury over an anti-Muslim film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad sparked violent clashes across the Muslim world.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Walter Koenig ("Star Trek") is 88. Architect Renzo Piano is 87. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 84. Actor Sam Neill is 77. Country singer John Berry is 65. Actor Melissa Leo is 64. Actor Faith Ford is 60. Film director Bong Joon-Ho is 55. Supreme Court justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is 54. Actor Kimberly Williams-Paisley is 53. Actor Andrew Lincoln is 51. Rapper Nas is 51. Olympic gold medal middle-distance runner Hicham El Guerrouj is 50. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is 46.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

#### ARGUS HAMILTON



God bless America, and how's everybody?

■ Hunter Biden pleaded guilty to nine counts that he dodged taxes while he spent money supporting a lavish lifestyle involving call girls, beach houses, sex clubs, cocaine and expensive cars. He made a big mistake pleading guilty. There is not a jury in Los Angeles that would consider that a lavish lifestyle.

■ Donald Trump went to New York Thursday to give a detailed speech to the New York Economic Club where he laid out his economic plans to fix the U.S. economy and he even took questions. The powers-that-be in New York always have a standing question for Trump. Will the defendant please rise?

■ The DOJ accused Russia of spreading disinformation online aimed at helping Trump win the election. DOJ cited as disinformation any statistics pointing to higher food prices, higher gas prices and increased migrant crimes. We must face the fact that arithmetic is a legacy of America's racist past.

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### LOTTERY

Friday numbers

<b>Pick 3 Plus</b> 9-4-7 (day) 5-2-1 (eve)	<b>Pick 4 Plus</b> 7-3-2-5 (day) 7-8-8-0 (eve)	<b>Mega Millions</b> 21-55-56-57-66 Mega Ball: 1 Megaplier: 3
<b>Roadrunner Cash</b> 5-8-12-15-23		



#### Flying the colors

The flag is to be flown at full staff Saturday.

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## Teen gets 29 years in drive-by that killed 18YO

Victim had full-ride college scholarship when she was killed

BY OLIVIER UYTTEBROUCK  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A judge on Friday sentenced an Albuquerque teenager to 29 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to firing into a house in 2022, fatally shooting 18-year-old Jada Gonzales.

Isaiah Espinosa, 17, pleaded guilty on Friday to first-degree murder, tampering with evidence and conspiracy in Gonzales' killing.

District Judge Courtney Weaks

accepted the negotiated plea in 2nd Judicial District Children's Court as family members of both Espinosa and Gonzales looked on and often wept.

Gonzales was a senior at Albuquerque Academy and had recently received a four-year scholarship to attend college at the time she was killed.

The Zuni Pueblo member was struck by a gunshot on Dec. 18, 2022, while attending a house party in the 5200 block of La Bajada NW.

Prosecutor Jolanna Macias said Espinosa and others showed up unin-



Jada Gonzales

vited after learning about the party on Snapchat. The homeowner kicked out the group after they pulled out guns and posed for a video, Macias said Friday.

Espinosa and his friends were angered about being expelled from the party, Macias said. As the group drove away from the house, Espinosa pointed an AR-style pistol out of the car window and fired several shots, she said.

One of those gunshots penetrated several walls and fatally struck Gonzales in the abdomen, she said.

Several speakers read statements describing Gonzales as an exceptional student and "strong and determined" young woman destined for great things.

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SOURCE: BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT

A screenshot shows pictures from Instagram messages where Isaiah Espinosa allegedly tried to trade the gun used in the fatal shooting of Jada Gonzales in 2022.



Thunder, aka Carlos Gallegos, reacts to the crowd during the Duke City Championship Wrestling match at the New Mexico State Fair at Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque on Thursday.

CHANCEY BUSH/JOURNAL

## TALKING SMACK

In and out of the ring with 3 performers in the Duke City Championship Wrestling show at the State Fair

BY NAKAYLA MCCLELLAND  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Under the dazzling lights of the New Mexico State Fair, wrestling fans sat in anticipation, ready to witness an epic all-or-nothing battle between three warriors: Thunder, Triste and Mr. Happy. Who will be the last man standing in the match of the ages for the first time in fair history?

Duke City Championship Wrestling is a professional organization that started in 2023 and puts on monthly shows at El Rey Theater with unique characters and storylines. Each wrestler has a creative persona to engage the crowd.

This was the group's first year at the State Fair, staging several shows throughout the 11 days, wowing the crowd with theatrical take-downs. Meet three of the wrestlers who competed in the "Triple Threat Elimination" (three wrestlers who fight in one ring in a last-man-standing match) at the fair.

### Thunder, aka Carlos Gallegos

Twenty-six years ago, Thunder was struggling to decide what to do with his life. He had two options: the army or wrestling. Thunder decided to take a chance on himself, and years later, he became the Thunder that fans know and love.



Mr. Happy, aka Kris Wyskochil, gets punched by Thunder, aka Carlos Gallegos, as the wrestlers battle for the Route 66 title during the Duke City Championship Wrestling's Triple Threat Elimination match.

"When I was younger, I was Kid Thunder, and as I evolved, I became Thunder," he said. "I'm always evolving my persona, and as I got bigger, I took on a brawler and high-flyer style."

Thunder considers his persona and fighting style unique, constantly changing based on how he's feeling

and the crowd.

"I have my own style — it's not good, it's not bad, it's just me," Thunder said. "Thank God the crowd takes me either way for who I am."

One of Thunder's key items to his persona is "Wrenchie the Ghost

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## NM aging secretary steps down

Outgoing secretary previously led state Tourism Department

BY DAN BOYD  
JOURNAL CAPITOL BUREAU

SANTA FE — The recent turnover in Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's Cabinet continued Friday, with the resignation of Aging and Long-Term Services Secretary Jen Paul Schroer.

Schroer, who previously worked as state tourism secretary, had led the department that oversees services for New Mexico's elderly residents since August 2023.

She becomes the second Cabinet secretary to step down in the last two-plus weeks, following former Public Education Secretary Arsenio Romero's departure late last month.

The governor praised Schroer for her service, calling her a "strong, dedicated" leader. The Governor's Office also confirmed Schroer's departure would be immediate, with Friday marking her last day on the job.

"Her leadership was crucial during the COVID-19 crisis, and I deeply appreciate her service," Lujan Grisham said in a statement. "I wish her success in her next chapter."

As state tourism secretary for four-plus years, Schroer faced the tricky task of trying to keep New Mexico a tourist destination despite widespread business closures, limits on mass gatherings and a 14-day travel quarantine imposed by the governor.

The Tourism Department sought a \$25 million special appropriation in 2021 to expand a marketing initiative in certain markets, with Schroer telling lawmakers at the time the pandemic had cost the state millions of dollars

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Jen Paul Schroer

## County jail, youth detention facility get hiring funds

\$3M grant would fund 21 new corrections officers at MDC

BY CATHY COOK  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The Bernalillo County jail has \$3 million in state dollars to add 21 full-time corrections officers, and the county's youth detention center also has \$2.6 million to pay for new employees.

The Bernalillo County Commission accepted the state grant funds during the regular commission meeting on Tuesday. The Corrections Detention Recruitment grants come from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and were created by legislation that passed earlier this year that set aside \$24.8 million for correction and detention agencies to add new correctional officer positions.

"Kudos to our legislators and our governor for seeing the great need in recruiting and hiring additional COs at our jail," Commission Chair Barbara Baca said.

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## BLM ordered to review plan for mine outside Deming

BY DANIELLE PROKOP  
SOURCE: NEW MEXICO

A New Mexico federal district judge wants the Bureau of Land Management to correct part of a plan for a proposed mine in the Florida Mountains located southeast of Deming in Luna County.

In an Aug. 27 order, Judge James Browning found the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) failed to determine how waste from a future magnesium milling operation might

impact the area's water quality.

Browning's ruling sends the environment impact statement back to the Bureau of Land Management's Las Cruces office to identify and evaluate what threats the sludge poses to water quality, lay out how it may be managed, and detail why the milling site should be approved "despite the waste."

The judge wrote that the federal

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BOB WICK/BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Florida Mountains wilderness study area captured Feb. 1, 2010. A proposed mine in the foothills of the Florida Mountains outside of Deming hit a snag, as a federal district judge sent part of the plan back to the federal government for additional review.

# SHINING A LIGHT ON HUNGER

## Roadrunner Food Bank goes orange for Hunger Action Month

BY GINO GUTIERREZ  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

As the glow of the sunset dissipated Thursday evening, another orange hue emerged on the walls of Roadrunner Food Bank's office and warehouse building in Northeast Albuquerque.

The lights are part of the "Light Up the Food Bank" event meant to help raise awareness about hunger in New Mexico.

One in five children in the state is at risk of hunger, with five counties currently experiencing childhood hunger rates of more than 30%, according to a news release from Roadrunner Food Bank. One in seven people in the state are also at risk of hunger, while 20% of Hispanic and 27% of Black New Mexicans are facing a risk of hunger.

To help address this issue and in honor of September being Feeding America's "Hunger Action Month," Roadrunner Food Bank is encouraging community members to visit [www.rrfb.org/hungeraction](http://www.rrfb.org/hungeraction) to learn

more about the ways they can impact those in need of food. A month-long action calendar is available on the webpage. It breaks down how people can make an easy choice that will help those in need, such as buying produce and donating it to their local food bank or starting a food drive.

"We can end hunger in our community when we work together," Dana Yost, president and CEO of the Roadrunner Food Bank, said in the release. "Join the movement and get involved, volunteer, give and make a difference."



GINO GUTIERREZ/JOURNAL

Roadrunner Food Bank has lit up the outside of its building with orange lights in recognition of Hunger Action Month.

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The grant money is specifically for recruiting and paying salaries and benefits of corrections officers. It cannot be used for retention or recruitment bonuses.

The Metropolitan Detention Center will unfreeze and try to fill 21 full time corrections officer positions that are unfunded at present. The \$3 million will help pay those salaries for three years. In the first year, the grant will pay out \$1.7 million. In the second year, the grant will provide \$862,500, and in year three, the county will get \$431,250 from the grant funds.

As the funding decreases, the county will begin budgeting for those positions, said Interim County Manager Shirley Ragin, so by the time the grant funds run out in 2027, the county budget will include money for those salaries.

"We're having to seek other funding for our overtime," MDC

Warden Steven Smith said. "We have significant overtime and that's why we're so aggressive on the recruiting. We know that if we can get the recruiting levels up, then the overtime will come down."

There are 50 cadets near the end of required training, who could soon become corrections officers at MDC, according to Smith.

The youth detention center could use the \$2.6 million to hire at least 10 employees. In year one, the grant will pay \$1.5 million, followed by \$750,000 in year two and \$375,000 in year three.

The juvenile jail is examining its organizational structure, said Youth Services Center Director Tamera Marcantel.

"It's hard to operate in crisis, and when you've had significant staffing shortages, it can create a little bit of chaos," Marcantel said. "They've done so much work to restabilize the facility and to be able to move forward, and so we're working really hard on what that will look like."

## By the numbers

**264**

The number of full-time corrections officers that the Metropolitan Detention Center has on staff as of Thursday.

**411**

The number of corrections officer positions that MDC is budgeted for.

**100**

The number of those 411 positions that are frozen, which means there is no funding attached to the position.

**64%**

The percentage that MDC is staffed at.

**50**

The number of cadets currently in MDC's training academy.

**97**

The number of vacancies that MDC will have left if those 50 cadets all become corrections officers.

**21**

The number of corrections officer salaries that will be funded by the three-year state grant.

Source: Bernalillo County

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government did not have a proposal for "storage, control or disposal" for more than 2,300 tons of magnesium sludge — one of the waste products from mining.

The sludge contains toxic materials which pose a threat to surface water and underground aquifers, according to citations in the order.

"In sum, the BLM acted arbitrarily and capriciously in failing to take a hard look at the water quality impacts related to the Mining Project's processing mill," Browning wrote.

The ruling from the federal district court in New Mexico only supported one of the objections raised by community and environmental nonprofits in a lawsuit against the mine, but upheld the majority of the mining plan.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit include the Friends of the Floridas, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, WildEarth Guardians, Gila Resources Information Project and Amigos Bravos.

The ruling rejected federal arguments that the Bureau of Land Management did not have to review issues, such as water quality, because of existing state regulations, said Sally Paez, one of the attorneys for New Mexico Wilderness Alliance in a news release.

"The court's ruling is an important step toward protecting the Florida Mountains and surrounding public lands, which are biologically diverse and culturally significant," Paez said in a news release.

Brian Hires, a Bureau of Land Management spokesperson, declined to comment, citing the ongoing litigation. Hires would not say if officials were considering an appeal of the ruling, and did not outline the next steps in the process for the federal land management agency.

## Proposed mine, concerns in Luna County

In 2017, American Magnesium, a mining company based in Elephant Butte, proposed a dolomite magnesium quarry on 44 acres of federal land in the

Florida Mountains with additional milling and processing facilities. The proposal is based on a 1957 study by the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

American Magnesium claims that the exposed dolomite magnesium in the Florida foothills would produce more than 30,000 tons of magnesium per year. It would also produce "hundreds of millions of tons" of portland cement, a byproduct of mining, according to the company.

On the American Magnesium website, the company claims its quarry would provide 18 jobs, and 25 trucking jobs and that the milling complex would provide an unknown number of jobs, listing hundreds to thousands.

## More on the minerals

Dolomite is a type of limestone, a type of calcium magnesium ore. It can be quarried for uses in building materials or concrete, but it also can be mined for the production of magnesium.

Magnesium is a lightweight metal used to construct planes and cars.

Local opposition to the project has raised questions about the use of roads, mining and milling processes. There are also concerns that the project's environmental assessment falls short of federal regulations, failing to account for water and air pollution concerns, which groups raised in the lawsuit.

Wes Light, president of the Friends of the Floridas, said he hopes for more public engagement due to Judge Browning's order.

"Local folks are worried about the impacts of the ore processing, which the BLM did not adequately review," Light said in a statement.

Friends of the Floridas is a Deming grassroots group created to protect the area's public lands, Light said his group will be watching what's next for the mine proposal.

"We expect a full public analysis of these impacts when the BLM complies with the Court's order," he said. "There should be no more mystery about where the wastes from this mine will end up."

This story appeared first on Source New Mexico.

## WRESTLE >>

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Wrench," a wrench he discovered when he was performing in Roswell. According to Thunder, the wrench represents the greatest wrestler in space and time and he hopes to pass it down later in his career.

Thunder said wrestling is his life and he puts everything he has into each match.

"Every time I go out there, I give a piece of my heart to them," he said of the fans. "When I was a kid, I used to watch wrestlers and that encouraged me to do this and I want to pay that back. It's like an addiction — the crowd, the cheer — and it overtakes your soul."

Thunder was second in the Triple Threat Elimination.

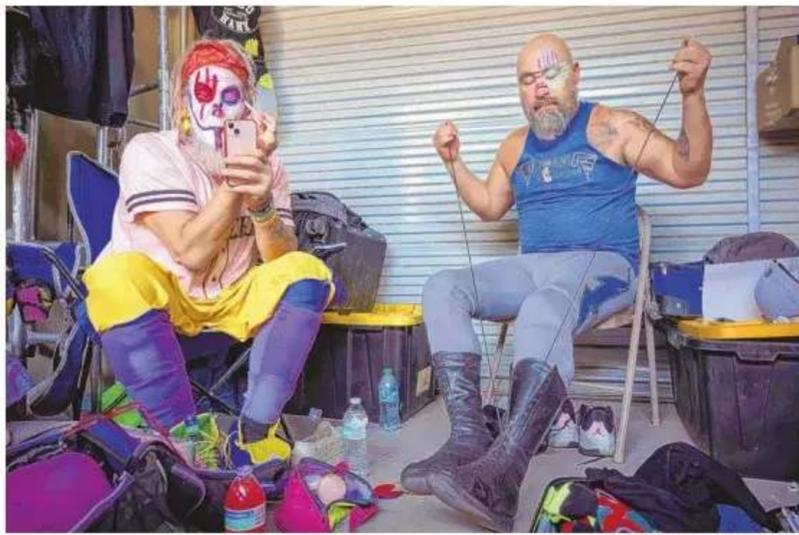
## Triste, aka Rolando Hernandez

As a child, Triste competed in high school wrestling, winning national competitions. When he got older, he decided to take a spin in the professional wrestling world. Triste said pro wrestling has a different feeling than mat wrestling.

"In professional wrestling, you've got a big crowd and they cheer and boo at you," he said. "The crowd wants to be involved and we want to involve them and entertain them as an athlete."

Triste's persona focuses on a more melancholic and angry approach, striking fear into his opponents as he steps into the ring.

"There's a lot of emotions that go into this," Triste said. "Sadness and anger can be a great tool and get you ahead if you



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Mr. Happy, aka Kris Wyskochil, and Thunder, aka Carlos Gallegos, get ready to battle.



Triste, aka Rolando Hernandez, slams Thunder, aka Carlos Gallegos, to the mat.

know how to hone them right."

During his matches, he is one of the first to argue with referees, sneering at them as he taunts the crowd. Triste often finds sneaky ways to hit his opponents where they least expect it, quickly grabbing their ankles to crash them into the canvas. He also likes to lift and slam his opponents, causing audience members to cry out as their favorite wrestler flies into the mat.

As a first-year competitor, Triste is determined to make a name in the

business and ensure his opponents don't second-guess him because he has less experience.

Triste was the first to lose the Triple Threat Elimination, challenging Thunder to a one-on-one match later in the day.

## Mr. Happy, aka Kris Wyskochil

After meeting professional wrestler Jake the Snake, Mr. Happy knew he needed to be in the ring. Seven years later, Mr. Happy has taken Albuquerque by storm. Mr. Happy uses a clown aesthetic, confusing his

opponents with his hilarious and strange antics. He often jokes with the crowd, taking the time to make sure he delivers a punchline to opponents before punching them out of the ring. Mr. Happy is driven by his fans, letting them hand him objects like rubber chickens to incorporate into his fight.

"I like to try and make the fans a part of the show as much as possible," he said. "It's not the same without the fans. Seeing all these new fans and hearing them talk about the match after is such a good feeling."

As a father and grandfather, Mr. Happy finds joy in inspiring younger audience members to find their love of wrestling.

"If I can inspire one kid, it's all worth it," he said. "I'm going to keep going out there as long as there's one person who wants me. Y'all aren't getting rid of me."

Mr. Happy was the winner of the Triple Threat Elimination match, holding on to his champion status of the Route 66 title.

and planned eventually to attend medical school, the statement said.

The girl had mentored a young boy who had been in the foster system his entire life.

"This little boy tested Jada to her limits," but eventually he came to trust Gonzales, the statement said. "She was the first person who he could rely on."

Minutes before he was sentenced, Espinosa apologized to the Gonzales family in a brief statement.

"There's no excuse for my actions," Espinosa said Friday. "I apologize and I pray for forgiveness."

Espinosa's attorney, Marie Legrand

Miller, told the judge that Espinosa was "a 16-year-old boy playing with guns" and was taking responsibility for his actions.

The judge sentenced Espinosa in accordance with his plea agreement, which requires him to serve at least 85% of his 29-year prison sentence before he is eligible for parole.

"Mr. Espinosa, thanks for your statement and I hope that your apology is sincere," Weaks said.

Espinosa has remained in custody since his arrest on May 16, 2023. Weaks ordered his immediate transport to the New Mexico Corrections Department.

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"Jada was an old soul and wise beyond her years," 2nd Judicial District Attorney Sam Bregman said, reading a statement written by members of Gonzales' family.

Gonzales had shown early promise and was admitted to Albuquerque Academy in middle school. She had just turned 18 and had planned to attend Texas Christian University following graduation from Albuquerque Academy.

"Jada had a passion for children"

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## SCHROER >>

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in lost state and local tax revenue.

"People are dreaming right now of their post-pandemic vacation — I know I am," Schroer also said at the time.

Lawmakers ultimately approved \$7 million that year in an attempt to jump-start the state's tourism economy.

Meanwhile, Schroer was also appointed by President Joe Biden in December 2022 to serve on the U.S. Route 66 Centennial Commission.

The Governor's Office did not immediately provide an explanation for Schroer's departure on Friday, but included a statement from Schroer expressing her gratitude to the governor.

Lujan Grisham, a former Cabinet secretary herself, has seen multiple departures from her administration as she nears the halfway point of

her second four-year term.

While Cabinet-level turnover is not unusual during a governor's second term, Lujan Grisham has seen particularly high churn rates in several key agencies, including the Public Education Department and the Children, Youth and Families Department.

Schroer was the governor's third appointee to lead the Aging and Long-Term Services Department. She replaced former secretary Katrina Hotrum-Lopez, who retired in July 2023.

While not a high-profile agency, the Aging and Long-Term Services Department oversees a range of senior services — including transportation, meals and caregiver support — for thousands of elderly New Mexicans.

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back on duty.

The incident was the ninth APD shooting of the year and the sixth that was fatal.

Echoing past statements, Police Chief Harold Medina said it was a large concern for him that more lower-level offenses, like auto theft and shoplifting, have led to the suspect pulling a gun on officers. He said that escalation combined with drug use, as Pickett was found with methamphetamine, "are two very huge recipes for tragedy."

"We hate to see an incident like this over shoplifting escalate to this point, but at the same time, our officers have a job to do, and as these individuals, their actions escalate, our officers' response will also escalate," Medina said.

Hartsock said around 2:20 p.m., an officer on an unrelated call chased Pickett after he shoplifted \$47 worth of merchandise from a Family Dollar store on Broadway SE, south of Coal. During the chase, Pickett dropped the items he shoplifted and showed the pursuing officer that he had a gun before fleeing into the neighborhood.

APD said a landscaper told officers he saw Pickett run into a shed in a backyard in the 400 block of Arno SE, a few blocks northeast of the Family Dollar. Officer Bushnell and other police surrounded



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**Albuquerque Police Cmdr. Kyle Hartsock provides details about the Aug. 17 officer involved shooting during a news conference on Friday at the Albuquerque Police Department headquarters.**

the yard and tried to get Pickett to surrender.

"We're officers out here, we're just as worried as you are. I understand this is scary and frustrating, but we can get through this man, talk to me," Bushnell tells Pickett in lapel video.

Bushnell told Pickett he didn't want to shoot him, as Pickett

asks them to let him leave, but Bushnell tells Pickett that's not possible, according to lapel video. Then a shot is fired by Pickett, and Bushnell fires back before telling officers he was not hit.

"Hey man, please stop shooting at me," Bushnell told Pickett.

APD said around 4:16 p.m., the SWAT team took over and tried

50 times to make contact over the next few hours through a phone placed at the door of the shed for Pickett to use to talk to police, "but Pickett never responded." At 6:25 p.m., Pickett opened the shed door and grabbed the drop phone, a gun in his other hand.

Split-screen video of the APD drone camera and officer San-

chez's lapel video showed Pickett put the gun to his own head and held it there while saying something inaudible to police. As Pickett held the gun to his head, Sanchez can be seen taking the safety off his rifle and firing a single shot.

Drone video showed Pickett immediately started screaming and soon fell to the floor as other officers fired a less-lethal foam round and a flashbang at Pickett. With Pickett motionless on the ground, Sanchez yelled, "Stop, or I will shoot you again."

Hartsock said Sanchez later told investigators that he saw Pickett "reveal a firearm in his right hand and began to raise it from his hip, aiming towards ... SWAT team members believing that the suspect was going to shoot him and other officers."

He said the gun Pickett wielded had been bought by him in 2020 and had not been involved in any other shootings. Hartsock said a pipe and methamphetamine were also found on Pickett.

Medina said one takeaway from the incident: lock your shed.

"We all, as everyday citizens, can help our officers avoid these situations if we just thought about it ... Today I am going to lock my shed, and today I urge everybody in Albuquerque, if you want to help our officers avoid these deadly situations and hopefully maybe save an officer's life someday, take the time to go outside and just lock your shed," he said.

**SPACEPORT >>**

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three days out of the Spaceport.

"Virgin Galactic will be funding the construction and building of that, leasing it from (the New Mexico Spaceport Authority)," Moses said. "They're doing a great partnership, laying in the utilities and the roads we need and the services that we'll operate from. But this will be an investment Virgin Galactic is making directly into Spaceport America."

Moses noted that Virgin Galactic signed a letter of intent for a new hangar with the Spaceport Authority — which manages the roughly 18,000-acre property in southern New Mexico — and that the company is working on lease negotiations for the new addition.

He said if all goes according to plan, Virgin Galactic will break ground on the 30,000-square-foot



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**A rendering of Virgin Galactic's hangar at Spaceport America, which it hopes to break ground on next year.**

hangar sometime early next year, "hopefully January or February."

The letter of intent, signed in June, would also allow Virgin Galactic to build additional han-

gars at the Spaceport.

That would be ideal for Virgin Galactic, which since 2023 has made seven successful commercial flights to space. The company

recently paused those flights as it builds its Delta ships.

Moses told legislators Friday the company plans to begin testing two Delta ships in 2025

out of the Spaceport, with commercial flights ramping up the following year more frequently to an estimated 125 trips and 750 passengers.

That can work out to lots of revenue for the company, Moses said.

"If you do the math, that's a \$450 million annual revenue," he said. "So just two spaceships by itself is a pretty good business and a nice, healthy line item that we can invest in the future for more ships for Virgin Galactic."

Moses also spoke to the company's economic impact, saying Virgin Galactic over the past decade has spent more than \$100 million in payroll and wages, \$55 million with local suppliers and \$35 million in lease payments to the state.

"So a huge economic impact directly into the state and the state's economy, both in Sierra County and Doña Ana," he said.

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# Pope slams Harris and Trump, urges a vote for 'lesser evil'

*He criticized both candidates over what he calls anti-life policies on abortion and migration*

BY NICOLE WINFIELD  
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ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE — Pope Francis on Friday slammed both U.S. presidential candidates for what he called anti-life policies on abortion and migration, and he advised American Catholics to choose who they think is the "lesser evil" in the upcoming U.S. elections.

"Both are against life, be it the one who kicks out migrants, or be it the one who kills babies," Francis said.

The Argentine Jesuit was asked to provide counsel to American Catholic voters during an airborne news conference while he flew back to Rome from his four-nation tour through Asia. Francis stressed that he is not an American and would not be voting.

Neither Republican candidate Donald Trump nor the Democratic candidate,

Kamala Harris, was mentioned by name.

But Francis nevertheless expressed himself in stark terms when asked to weigh in on their positions on two hot-button issues in the U.S. election — abortion and migration — that are also of major concern to the Catholic Church.

Francis has made the plight of migrants a priority of his pontificate and speaks out emphatically and frequently about it. While strongly upholding church teaching forbidding abortion, Francis has not emphasized church doctrine as much as his predecessors.

Francis said migration is a right described in Scripture and that anyone who does not follow the Biblical call to welcome the stranger is committing a "grave sin."

He was also blunt in speaking about abortion. "To have an abortion is to kill a human being. You may like the word or not, but it's killing," he said. "We have to see this clearly."

Asked what voters should do at the polls, Francis recalled the civic duty to vote.



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**Pope Francis holds a news conference aboard the papal plane on his flight back after his 12-day journey across Southeast Asia and Oceania on Friday.**

"One should vote, and choose the lesser evil," he said. "Who is the lesser evil, the woman or man? I don't know."

"Everyone in their conscience should think and do it," he said.

The Harris and Trump campaigns did not immediately respond to requests for comment from The

Associated Press.

U.S. President Joe Biden, an observant Catholic, shares Harris' strong support for abortion rights, a stance that prompted some Catholic bishops and other conservatives to call for him to be denied access to Communion.

After meeting Francis in person at the Vatican in

October 2021, Biden came away saying the pope told him he was a "good Catholic" and should continue receiving Communion.

Francis, asked on previous occasions about some U.S. bishops who want to deny Communion to Biden over his support for abortion rights, has said bishops should be pastors, not politicians.

Friday's news conference was not the first time Francis has weighed in on a U.S. election. In the run-up to the 2016 election, Francis was asked about Trump's plan to build a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border. Francis declared then that anyone who builds a wall to keep out migrants "is not Christian."

In responding Friday, Francis recalled that he celebrated Mass at the U.S.-Mexico border and "there were so many shoes of the migrants who ended up badly there."

Trump pledges massive deportations, just as he did in his first White House bid, when there was a vast gulf between his ambitions and the legal, financial and political realities of such an undertaking.

The U.S. bishops conference, for its part, has called abortion the "preeminent priority" for American Catholics in its published voter advice. Harris has strongly defended abortion rights and has emphasized support for reinstating a federal right to abortion.

In his comments, the pope added: "On abortion, science says that a month from conception, all the organs of a human being are already there, all of them. Performing an abortion is killing a human being. Whether you like the word or not, this is killing. You can't say the church is closed because it does not allow abortion. The church does not allow abortion because it's killing. It is murder."

However, cells are only beginning the process of developing into organs in the earliest weeks of pregnancy. For example, cardiac tissue starts to form in the first two months — initially a tube that only later evolves into the four chambers that define a heart. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says that by 13 weeks, all major organs have formed.

## Timeline: Accused Georgia high school shooter enrolled two weeks late and was often absent

BY JEFF AMY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The 14-year-old who is accused of killing four people in a Sept. 4 shooting at Apalachee High School in Georgia started school two weeks late and then was absent for nine more days before the shooting, investigators said Friday.

Colt Gray was first enrolled at the high school northeast of Atlanta on Aug. 14, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said. The first day of school was Aug. 1.

The late enrollment, combined with the absenteeism, show that the boy's life may have been troubled. His mother, Marcee Gray, has said she and other relatives on her side of the family sought the school's assistance the week before the shooting to get psychiatric treatment for her son.

The new information came as Barrow County school officials announced plans for Apalachee High School to reopen beginning the week of Sept. 23. In a joint video with Superintendent Dallas LeDuff, Apalachee Principal Jessica Rehberg promised "a thoughtful, gradual return to school," but said the plans could be adjusted as the system is "prioritizing the well-being and comfort of every student as we move forward together."

"We are working to make sure we have the right systems and resources in place," Rehberg said. "We also want to ensure that we have the right mental health support on our campus, spaces for relocated classes, and have thought through every detail of your return, including scheduling, transportation, curriculum, and classroom materials."

The district's other students restarted school on Tuesday. LeDuff said more than 90% returned.

Colt Gray is charged as an adult with four counts of murder, and District Attorney Brad Smith has said more charges are likely to be filed against him in connection with the wounded. Authorities have also charged his father, Colin Gray, alleging that he gave his son access to the gun when

he knew or should have known that the teen was a danger to himself and others.

Here's a timeline of what happened before, during and after the attack, based on statements by authorities and reporting by The Associated Press and other news media:

**Aug. 1:** School starts in Barrow County.

**Aug. 14:** Colt Gray is enrolled at Apalachee High School. Investigators say he was absent for nine additional days before the shooting.

**Sept. 4, 8:15 a.m.:** First period begins. Officials have not said what class Gray was scheduled for or whether he attended. Officials said he rode the school bus to Apalachee High School carrying a semiautomatic assault rifle hidden in his backpack. Investigators say Gray also had a knife.

**Sept. 4, 9:38 a.m.:** First period ends. Students have seven minutes to change to their next class.

**Sept. 4, 9:45 a.m.:** Second period begins. Student Lyela Sayarath said she briefly saw Gray in the algebra class where the two sat next to each other. Investigators say Gray left the classroom asking to go speak to someone in the front office, but instead took his backpack with the gun inside and hid in a bathroom.

**Sept. 4, 9:50 a.m.:** Marcee Gray, Colt's mother, calls the high school from 200 miles away in Fitzgerald, Georgia, to warn that her son was having an "extreme emergency" after getting a text from Colt saying, "I'm sorry." Marcee Gray said a counselor told her that an email earlier that morning from one of Colt Gray's teachers said he had been talking about school shootings. Marcee Gray said she urged them to find her son to check on him.

**Sept. 4, 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.:** An administrator comes to the algebra classroom looking for a student with the same last name and a similar first name to Colt Gray, Sayarath and Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith said. When the other student returns, he tells Sayarath that the administrator was actually seeking Colt Gray. In the meantime, the teacher is called on the intercom, Sayarath said.

**Sept. 4, about 10:20 a.m.:** Colt Gray

approaches the door of the algebra classroom. As the intercom buzzes again, the teacher responds, "Oh, he's here," seeing Gray outside the classroom door, Sayarath said. When students go to open the door, which automatically locks from the inside when closed, Sayarath said they backed away. She said she saw Gray turn away through the window of the door and then she said she heard 10 or 15 consecutive gunshots. People are shot in the hallway and inside at least one classroom, as others in the halls scramble for safety. According to some students, the three teachers who are shot are trying to protect students.

**Sept. 4, 10:23 a.m.:** After multiple employees press wireless panic buttons embedded in their employee badges, the school goes into lockdown and a massive law enforcement response begins. Students in other classrooms who hear the gunshots begin texting and calling their parents and others.

**Sept. 4, 10:26 a.m.:** The two school resource officers assigned to Apalachee High School approach Gray in the hall, according to GBI Director Chris Hosey. Gray immediately surrenders and is taken into custody.

**Sept. 4, about 11 a.m.:** Law enforcement officers begin searching Colin and Colt Gray's house. At the school, officers go from classroom to classroom, first looking for more people with injuries or other shooters. Later, officers evacuate students to the football field as hundreds of parents rush to campus.

**Sept. 4, about 1 p.m.:** The school begins releasing students to parents to take them home.

**Sept. 5:** Colin Gray is charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter, two counts of second-degree murder and eight counts of cruelty to children. Officials say Colin Gray allowed Colt Gray the access to the assault rifle even though Colin Gray knew his son was a danger to himself or others.

**Sept. 6:** Colt and Colin Gray make initial appearances in court in Windler. Neither requests that the judge set bail. Colt Gray remains held in a juvenile detention center, while Colin Gray is in the Barrow County jail.



## Obituaries

### Evelyn S. Justice



Evelyn Sueper Justice (92) went to be with her Lord Jesus on June 27, 2024. She was born on January 21, 1932 to John and Lillie Sueper in Grand Island, Nebraska. Her parents were beekeepers who moved to Webster City, Iowa when she was 8 years old. Her mother taught her to sew and she loved it. She sewed all the clothes she wore in high school except that her mother made her coat.

She took sewing classes for two years at Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado and learned tailoring. She met her husband, R Doyle Justice Jr. and shortly after they married they moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for a few years. In 1958 they moved to Albuquerque, NM where Doyle grew up. They had four children, David, Jo Ann, and twins Patricia and Paul. They were married 19 years and then were separated. Doyle died in 2001.

In 1974, Evelyn turned her love of sewing into a successful small business, opening and running her own sewing school single-handedly. She taught up to three classes a day, from beginning sewing to Tailoring, and a specialized course in fitting, which was her passion. Her students were as young as 12, and she had many students returning time and time again for Refreshers or just camaraderie. She closed the school in 2008 but never retired from helping anyone who needed her sewing expertise.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents and her brother and his wife Jane. She's survived by her son David and his wife Catherine, her daughter Jo Ann, her daughter Patricia, and her son Paul and his wife Danielle. Her grandchildren are Katrina Christensen, Heather Whitaker, Chase Whitaker, Kelly Justice, Tiffany Justice, Nicholas Justice, and Lisa Justice. She is also survived by her sister Ella Heilmier who resides in New Jersey.

Evelyn has been blessed with 12 great-grandchildren. (When she wrote her obituary in 2019, she had 5). Katrina has four boys, Phineas, Jack, Beau, and Luke. Kelly has two children, Henry and Isabella. Heather has three girls, Jordan, twins Artemis and Venus, Chase has two daughters, Ida and Aubrey. Lisa is expecting a son in December.

Evelyn was born again of the Holy Spirit in 1975 and has been a member of Believer's Center of Albuquerque since 1987. There will be a celebration of life at the Believer's Center located at 320 Waterfall Dr SE, Albuquerque NM on October 26th, 2024 at 11am. Evelyn would appreciate it you wore bright colors to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Believer's Center at [www.believerscenter.com](http://www.believerscenter.com).

### Frances Marie Smid



Frances Marie Smid passed away July 21, 2024 at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence Smid and sons Vernon and James Smid. She leaves behind two sons Ronnie and Randy Smid, one grand daughter Nicole Smid, and two great-grand daughters Jasmine and Jessica Smid.

Frances was a wonderful, kind, imaginative, and generous person who will be greatly missed by her family, friends, neighbors, and community. She was a blessing to all that knew her.

A private burial has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, September 29th, 2024 at 12:30 at Grace Methodist Church. Please visit [www.danielsfuneral.com](http://www.danielsfuneral.com)

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## Report: 'No evidence' Hawaii officials prepared for wildfire

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — Investigators reviewing the emergency response to last year's wildfire that killed 102 people on Maui said in a report released Friday they found "no evidence" Hawaii officials made preparations for it, despite days of warnings that critical fire weather was coming.

That lack of planning hindered efforts to evacuate the historic town of Lahaina before it burned, the report said.

A forecaster with the National Weather Service emailed fire managers an "unprecedented advance warning" on Aug. 4, 2023, of the danger that would develop on Aug. 8, including extreme winds as a hurricane passed far to the south, according to the report released by the state attorney general.

But in the ensuing days, the report found, there is no evidence that key agencies — the Hawaii Emergen-

cy Management Agency, Maui Fire Department, Maui Police and others — developed plans for dealing with severe wildfire risk, such as by having extra staff on duty, stationing emergency vehicles or supplies in high-risk areas, or plotting possible evacuations.

"The strongly worded nature of the email, had it been communicated to fire managers in other states with better developed severity preparedness strategies, could have gained attention and prompted discussion and operational planning," the report said. "It was a call for State of Hawaii fire managers to prepare for the impending extreme weather."

The heroic efforts of firefighters and police — who frequently risked their lives, sometimes sprinting door to door to warn residents to leave — were undercut by the lack of planning as the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century destroyed thousands of buildings.

A Maui County spokeswoman said

the county received the report when it was released to the public and wouldn't be able to comment until officials had an opportunity to review it. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency didn't immediately respond with comment.

"This investigation serves as a wake-up call for the state and county governments to learn from the past and urgently prepare for the future," Attorney General Anne Lopez said in a statement.

Maui fire commanders discussed the forecast, but "no evidence of prevent preparedness plans by the MFD were produced," the report said. The police and fire departments never established a unified incident command post or action plan, and as a result it was more difficult to know who was responding to what, where to direct resources, or which evacuation routes were blocked by downed trees or power lines.

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DALLAS — United Airlines has struck a deal with Elon Musk's SpaceX to offer satellite-based Starlink WiFi service on flights within the next several years.

The airline said Friday the service will be free to passengers and allow them to connect multiple devices.

United said it will begin testing the service early next year and begin offering it on some flights by later in 2025.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

The announcement comes as airlines rush to offer more amenities as a way to stand out when passengers pick a carrier for a trip. United's goal is to make sitting on a plane pretty much like being on the ground when it comes to browsing the internet, streaming entertainment and playing games.

Delta Air Lines began offering free in-flight Wi-Fi last year using Viasat, a rival to Starlink.



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**Elon Musk talks to other spectators while watching the U.S. Open men's singles final between Jannik Sinner, of Italy, and Taylor Fritz, of the United States, on Sept. 8 in New York.**

Hawaiian Airlines uses Starlink for free internet service on Airbus A321neo flights between Hawaii and the U.S. mainland.

United plans a more aggressive rollout across its fleet of more than 1,000 United and United Express planes.

Linda Jojo, United's chief customer officer, said U.S. passengers now expect free WiFi, making it one of

the most sought-after on-board amenities among all types of travelers.

"It doesn't matter where you're sitting on the plane, it doesn't matter how much you paid for your ticket, you're going to benefit" from the service, Jojo said.

Starlink will let passengers get internet access even over oceans and polar regions where traditional cell or Wi-Fi signals may be weak or missing, she said.

SpaceX's owner has emerged as a prominent supporter of Donald Trump, hosting the former president in a friendly chat on X and making many pro-Republican posts. United considered potential reaction to dealing with a partisan figure in a politically divided country.

"Obviously we are aware that SpaceX and Starlink are controlled by Elon Musk, and we're certainly aware of the things that he says in the public," Jojo said. "We definitely talked about that, but it always comes back to our customer, and this is a significant customer benefit."

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
DOW	41,533.84	41,128.70	41,393.78	+297.01	+0.72%	+9.83%
NASDAQ	17,719.14	17,564.61	17,683.98	+114.30	+0.65%	+17.80%
S&P 500	5,636.27	5,601.65	5,626.02	+30.26	+0.54%	+17.95%
Russell 2000	2,183.54	2,143.28	2,182.49	+39.06	+2.49%	+7.67%

## Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.66% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	CHG	WK	MO	QTR	1YR
3-month T-bill	4.90	4.98	-0.08	▼	▼	▼	5.47
6-month T-bill	4.65	4.71	-0.06	▼	▼	▼	5.53
52-wk T-bill	4.02	4.10	-0.08	▼	▼	▼	5.42
2-year T-note	3.59	3.65	-0.06	▼	▼	▼	5.02
5-year T-note	3.43	3.47	-0.04	▼	▼	▼	4.42
7-year T-note	3.53	3.57	-0.04	▼	▼	▼	4.38
10-year T-note	3.66	3.68	-0.02	▼	▼	▼	4.29
30-year T-bond	3.98	3.99	-0.01	▼	▼	▼	4.38

CONSUMER RATES	NATL AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	7.75	7.75	7.84	7.86
Money market account	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.48
1 year CD	2.63	2.63	2.64	2.63
\$30K Home equity loan	9.35	9.36	9.36	9.43
30 year fixed mortgage	6.63	6.76	6.96	7.09
15 year fixed mortgage	5.98	6.22	6.41	6.59

## Commodities

Natural gas prices slumped over 2%, and U.S. crude oil and heating oil also closed lower. Gold and silver rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	68.65	68.97	-0.46	-4.2
Heating Oil (gal)	2.08	2.12	-1.63	-18.4
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.30	2.36	-2.54	-8.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.93	1.93	+0.17	-8.2

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	2,581.30	2,551.20	+1.18	+25.2
Silver (oz)	30.70	29.74	+3.21	+28.7
Platinum (oz)	1,006.80	982.20	+2.50	+1.2
Copper (lb)	4.18	4.13	+1.02	+7.6
Aluminum (ton)	2,380.00	2,334.50	+1.95	+2.1

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.78	1.78	-0.21	+2.3
Coffee (lb)	2.62	2.52	+3.99	+39.2
Corn (bu)	3.91	3.86	+1.17	-17.1
Cotton (lb)	0.69	0.70	-0.81	-14.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	480.00	487.00	-1.44	-11.8
Orange Juice (lb)	4.83	4.74	+1.89	+50.9
Soybeans (bu)	9.87	9.91	-0.48	-23.7
Wheat (bu)	5.71	5.63	+1.47	-9.0

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

## THE NATION

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### Wall Street's best week closes near records

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks closed their best week of the year with more gains and climbed to the cusp of their records.

The S&P 500 rose 0.5% Friday and is just 0.7% below its all-time high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 297 points, or 0.7%, and briefly got within 30 points of its record during the day. The Nasdaq composite added 0.7%.

Stocks got support from the bond market, where Treasury yields eased ahead of next week's meeting of the Federal Reserve.

### Boar's Head closing plant linked to outbreak

Boar's Head is closing the Virginia plant tied to a deadly listeria outbreak.

The Sarasota, Florida-based company said it will also permanently discontinue production of liverwurst, the product linked to the deaths of at least nine people in the U.S. Boar's Head said an internal investigation at its Jarratt, Virginia, plant found that the contamination was the result of a specific production process used only for liverwurst.

The Jarratt plant hasn't been operational since late July, when

Boar's Head recalled more than 7 million pounds of products after tests confirmed listeria bacteria.

### Striking Boeing factory workers ready to hold out

SEATTLE — Blue-collar workers from Boeing are walking picket lines instead of building airplanes after overwhelmingly rejecting a proposed contract that would have raised their wages by 25% over four years.

The strike by 33,000 machinists that started Friday will not disrupt airline flights, but it is expected to shut down production of Boeing's best-selling jetliners.

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**TODAY**

## 90

Hot

**TONIGHT**

## 61

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**SUNDAY**  
**86/60**  
30% Storms Late

**MONDAY**  
**83/59**  
40% Storms

**TUESDAY**  
**84/55**  
10% Rain/Breezy

**WEDNESDAY**  
**83/55**  
Breezy

**THURSDAY**  
**84/55**  
Windy

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**Solar/UV**  
Low 0 High 10 Extreme 15

**Humidity**  
Yesterday  
6 am Noon 6 pm  
34% 19% 18%

**Air Quality Index**  
City of Albuquerque  
AQ Division  
www.cabq.gov/airquality  
Good Moderate High Coarse Particulates 99

**Precipitation**  
Yesterday 0.00"  
Month to date 0.00"  
Normal MTD 0.50"  
Year to date 5.39"  
Normal YTD 6.22"

**Temperatures**  
Friday's high 89°  
Friday's low 60°  
Normal high 84°  
Normal low 59°  
Record high 93° in 1956  
Record low 41° in 1916

**Pollen**  
https://www.cabq.gov/airquality  
Today high  
Sunday high  
Monday high  
Predominant Pollens: Juniper

**Sun/Moon**  
Sep. 17 Sep. 24 Oct. 2 Oct. 10  
Today  
Sunrise 6:49 a.m.  
Sunset 7:14 p.m.  
Moonrise 5:28 p.m.  
Moonset 2:29 a.m.

**Weather Key:** s-sunny, cl-cloudy, fg-fog, hz-haze, mc-mostly cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, rs-rain & snow, sh-showers, sm-smoke, sn-snow, ss-snow showers, t-thunderstorm

**Weather Fact**  
On Sept. 14, 1987, thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to Texas. Thunderstorms in Iowa produced baseball size hail at Laporte City and 80 mph winds at Laurens.

**Sky Watch**  
As the Sept. 22nd equinox approaches, now only a short period of sunshine illuminates the north facing sides of buildings: about a 1/2 hour in the morning and a 1/2 hour before sunset. The Moon is in Capricornus, Saturn in Aquarius.

Source: Kevin McKeown  
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**NEW MEXICO**

City	Hi	Lo	Prop
Farmington	84/58		
Los Alamos	81/56		
Gallup	84/49		
Albuquerque	90/61		
Socorro	93/62		
Taos	82/49		
Espanola	88/54		
Santa Fe	83/55		
Moriarty	86/47		
Ruidoso	80/49		
Alamogordo	93/67		
T or C	93/64		
Silver City	86/60		
Las Cruces	95/69		
Raton	84/50		
Las Vegas	85/51		
Tucumcari	96/64		
Clovis	94/63		
Roswell	97/66		
Carlsbad	98/68		
Hobbs	95/68		

**Yesterday**  
Alamogordo 95 66 0.00  
Albuquerque 89 60 0.00  
Carlsbad 99 64 0.00  
Chama 80 45 0.01  
Clayton 92 57 0.00  
Clovis 99 60 0.00  
Deming 94 64 0.00  
Espanola 80 64 0.00  
Farmington 88 50 0.00  
Gallup 84 43 0.00  
Grants 84 45 0.00  
Hobbs 97 64 0.00  
Las Cruces 94 64 0.00  
Las Vegas 83 54 0.00  
Los Alamos 80 64 0.00  
Moriarty 80 53 0.00  
Raton 88 44 0.00  
Roswell 101 63 0.00  
Ruidoso 82 59 0.00  
Santa Fe 85 53 0.00  
Silver City 87 57 0.00  
Socorro 94 59 0.00  
T or C 93 64 0.00  
Taos 82 44 0.00  
Tucumcari 99 60 0.00

**REGION**

City	Hi	Lo	W	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Today			
Alamosa	80	39	s	Denver	89	56	s	Grand Junct.	88	57	s	Prescott	83	57	s	Sedona	89	64	s
Amarillo	97	65	s	Dodge City	89	63	s	Houston	96	78	pc	Provo	86	60	s	Show Low	81	55	s
Austin	99	76	pc	Durango	83	49	s	Lubbock	96	68	pc	Pueblo	91	56	s	St. George	94	68	s
Boulder	87	56	s	El Paso	96	73	pc	Midland	97	73	mc	Salt Lake	86	63	s	Telluride	91	73	pc
Colo. Springs	85	55	s	Flagstaff	77	46	s	Okla. City	92	70	s	San Angelo	98	71	mc	Tucson	97	79	pc
Dallas	97	74	pc	Fort Collins	88	52	s	Phoenix	100	80	s	San Antonio	98	76	mc	Winslow	90	58	s

**NATION**

**Extremes in the 48 contiguous states**  
High: 106 in Mesa, Ariz. Low: 15 in Peter Sinks, Utah

City	Hi	Lo	W	Today															
Albuquerque	90	56	s																
Billings	80	49	s																
Chicago	89	56	s																
Denver	89	56	s																
Houston	96	78	pc																
Los Angeles	78	58	s	Los Angeles	78	58	s	Los Angeles	78	58	s	Los Angeles	78	58	s	Los Angeles	78	58	s
Miami	81	61	s																
New York	82	65	s	New York	82	65	s	New York	82	65	s	New York	82	65	s	New York	82	65	s
San Francisco	71	57	s	San Francisco	71	57	s	San Francisco	71	57	s	San Francisco	71	57	s	San Francisco	71	57	s
Seattle	66	54	s																
Washington D.C.	89	62	s	Washington D.C.	89	62	s	Washington D.C.	89	62	s	Washington D.C.	89	62	s	Washington D.C.	89	62	s

**CLINICS >>**

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Securing an appointment in Albuquerque can be especially hard, Lorenzo said, and it forces patients to delay care until later in pregnancy, when it can be even harder to find a clinic.

The San Mateo closure is just the most recent in a string of closures that began in 2017, when both the Nob Hill and Rio Rancho locations closed their doors.

The closures in 2017 were due to financial stress, said the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Adrienne Mansanares.

After those closures, other locations felt the pressure of too many patients in too little space.

"The San Mateo Health Center is beloved, but quite small and had limited capacity for us to see more patients," Mansanares said. "So especially with national abortion rights being just gutted in the Supreme Court, with the Dobbs decision, we have so many more patients now traveling from Texas, and then after the pandemic, there's so much more local patient need in Albuquerque as well that we knew we needed to open a new health center that was larger and really designed with those patients in mind."

In 2021, lawmakers in New Mexico repealed an unenforced 1969 statute that made most abortion procedures illegal in preparation for a potential overturn of federal abortion rights. After the overturn of Roe v. Wade in the Supreme Court two years ago, states were left to decide the legal status of abortion, leading some states to tighten restrictions or ban the procedure altogether.

More than 14,200 patients from Texas, where abortion has been banned with very little exception, came to New Mexico seeking the service in 2023, according to the study. That's about a few hundred patients less than the amount of Texan patients that Kansas, Colorado and California have received collectively.

New Mexico also receives patients from Arizona and Okla-



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**A Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains billboard welcomes motorists to New Mexico on Interstate 40 near the Arizona border.**



JON AUSTRIA/JOURNAL

**The former Planned Parenthood location in the 700 block of San Mateo NE in Albuquerque. The clinic closed in December, reopening into a larger site in the Northeast Heights.**

homa, according to the study, though in much lesser numbers at a total of a little over 400 patients.

Some 71% of all abortions performed in New Mexico are for patients traveling from other

states, which is a nearly 200% increase since 2020, the study found. At Planned Parenthood in particular, more than half of their abortion care patients are from Texas, according to PPRM

spokesperson, Fawn Bolak.

The Eubank location is three times the size of the shuttered San Mateo clinic, but that doesn't mean that it will be as accessible for low-income locals. The San

Mateo location was walking distance from Central and served the community in the International District.

Mansanares recognized that people from this low-income community may face barriers in accessing the new clinic, whether that be a lack of reliable transportation or inability to pay for their care. According to Mansanares, PPRM is working to secure funding to someday reopen a clinic in the area of Nob Hill. When or if that clinic will open is unclear.

Beyond location accessibility, Planned Parenthood faces a staffing shortage like many other health care organizations, Mansanares said.

"I do think that if we can fully staff our health centers, and we have enough financial support to help patients in need — that could cover the demand in partnership with everyone else across the state," Mansanares said.

**Russia expels six British diplomats**

*UK officials call accusations of spying 'completely baseless'*

BY **DASHA LITVINOVA AND JILL LAWLESS**  
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Russia on Friday accused six British diplomats of spying and said it decided to expel them. The U.K. said the "completely baseless" move came weeks ago and was linked to its action in May to revoke the credentials of an attaché at the Russian Embassy and limit Moscow's diplomatic activities in London.

The latest East-West tensions unfolded as British Prime Minister Keir Starmer visits Washington for talks that will include Ukraine's request to use Western-supplied weapons to strike targets inside Russia. President Vladimir Putin has warned that Kyiv's use of long-range weapons would put NATO at war with Moscow.

Russia's Federal Security Service said in an online statement that the Foreign Ministry withdrew the British envoys' accreditations,

and Russian TV quoted an FSB official as saying it was decided to expel them.

The FSB said it received documents indicating the diplomats were sent to Russia by a division of the U.K.'s Foreign Office "whose main task is to inflict a strategic defeat on our country," and that they were involved in "intelligence-gathering and subversive activities." It did not identify the six diplomats.

The FSB warned that if other diplomats are found to be carrying out "similar actions," it "will demand early termination of their missions" to Russia.

Russian TV said the six diplomats had met with independent media and rights groups that have been declared "foreign agents" — a label Russian authorities have actively used against organizations and individuals critical of the Kremlin.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said in a statement that the diplomats were carrying out "subversive actions aimed at causing harm to our people."

"We fully agree with the assessments of the activi-

ties of the British so-called diplomats expressed by the Russian FSB," she added in an online statement. "The British Embassy has gone far beyond the limits outlined by the Vienna Conventions."

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said breaking off diplomatic relations with the U.K. was not on the table right now.

In calling the Russian allegations "completely baseless," the U.K. Foreign Office said the expulsions happened weeks ago, linking them to Britain's decision in May to revoke the credentials of an attaché at Moscow's London embassy and to impose a five-year time limit on all Russian diplomats in Britain.

"The Russian authorities revoked the diplomatic accreditation of six U.K. diplomats in Russia last month, following action taken by the U.K. government in response to Russian state-directed activity across Europe and in the U.K.," the Foreign Office said in a statement. "We are unapologetic about protecting our national interests."

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## TALK OF THE TOWN

### We don't need absent representatives

We know that our representatives are busy, but when we show up on their doorstep they should listen.

As a fourth-generation border rancher and a native New Mexican, I've spent my life living the joys and struggles that New Mexico has to offer. In July, I traveled to Washington, D.C., with my state representative, a Luna County commissioner, and a fellow rancher to discuss the proposed Mimbres Peak National Monument designation with people on Capitol Hill that might have a hand in the decision.

When we went to see our own U.S. representative, Gabe Vasquez, we were only able to meet with his staff in the waiting area of his office. We know Congressman Vasquez was in the office, because his next appointment walked in on our meeting.

That's not a representative of the people, but rather someone who is afraid to hear an opposing viewpoint and discuss the situation that will affect so many.

As local elected officials who represent thousands of New Mexicans sat in his office, Vasquez decided to overlook them. Gabe Vasquez continues to ignore his constituents that will be directly affected by this disastrous national monument proposal, while making time to meet with the supporters.

This is a radically different approach from our former Congresswoman Yvette Herrell. Anytime I would call, text or meet with Herrell, she was available and wanted to listen. We may not have agreed on everything, but Congresswoman Herrell took the time to hear from every side of the issue and make an informed decision for our district.

That's what leadership looks like, and unfortunately, I have seen first-hand that we don't have that in Gabe Vasquez. I have always been able to count on Yvette, she can count on me showing up in November.

**RUSSELL JOHNSON**  
Columbus

### Promises finally kept for US veterans

As a proud U.S. Army veteran and Alamogordo resident, I've attended the monthly Otero and Lincoln County Veterans Council for years. The No. 1 complaint I've heard for the past five years is about how the Veteran Integrated Services Network boundaries are forcing us to drive unnecessarily far for health care appointments.

The No. 2 complaint is about the lack of VA-supplied transportation to our assigned VA-facility in Albuquerque. So, when Congressman Gabe Vasquez came to our meeting earlier this summer, he was met with these same complaints about the problems veterans in Alamogordo are facing to access nearby VA-facilities.

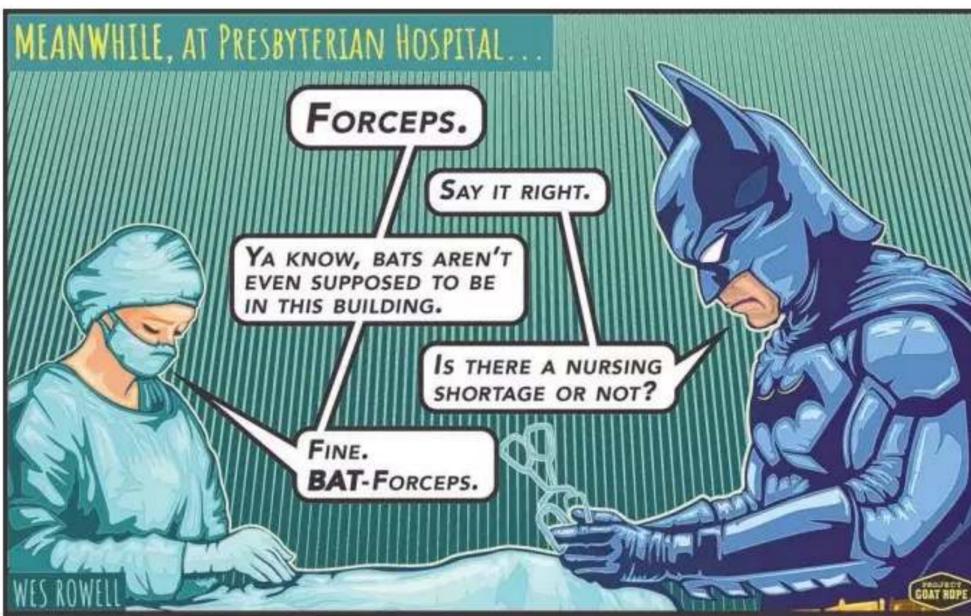
Congressman Vasquez promised to help. And this month, he delivered on that promise.

Congressman Vasquez introduced the New Mexico Rural Veteran Health Care Access Act. This bill is a game-changer for us. It addresses the core issue we've been raising for years: the need to access VA facilities that are actually closer to us, such as the El Paso VA hospital, instead of being forced to travel almost four hours to Albuquerque.

The current VISN lines require us to drive long distances without adequate mileage reimbursement — a burden that many of us cannot, and should not, have to bear. With Congressman Vasquez's new bill, veterans in Otero and Eddy counties will be able to access their closest VA hospital and nearby Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, stripping away unnecessary government red tape.

I have seen many politicians come and go, often with empty promises. But Congressman Vasquez is different. His actions speak louder than words, and this bill is a testament to his dedication to serving even the most rural veterans.

Congressman Vasquez's New Mexico Rural Veteran Health



Care Access Act is a promise kept and a step toward ensuring that we receive the care we deserve, closer to home.

Thank you, Congressman Vasquez, for standing with us and for fighting to make sure rural veterans receive the health care access we have long deserved.

**MARK PRAUGHT**  
Alamogordo

### Domenici campaign tarnishing family name

It is disheartening to listen to Republican Senate nominee Nella Domenici's political ads. They tarnish the memory of her father. She has made herself another politician of disinformation.

So sad. Explain to me how a border wall stops fentanyl from getting into the USA. Do you think fentanyl is exclusively brought across the border by "illegals?"

To call U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich dangerous is just ridiculous. Next, what kind of political intervention do you have in mind when it comes to food prices? Republicans often call government intervention in capitalism socialism. Is she advocating government intervention to lower food prices?

Finally, the old tactic of saying your opponent is soft on crime blazes across the TV. Explain to me how building a border wall decreases crime? The vast majority of crime is not caused by "illegals."

Stop ruining the Domenici name.

**ANTHONY DEMOND**  
Gallup

### Heinrich using scare tactics on abortion

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich's single-subject obsession with abortion is a disingenuous and dishonest misrepresentation of the issue.

SCOTUS has already ruled this to be a state matter, and it now is, for all intents and purposes, beyond the purview of federal legislators to effect. Short of a constitutional amendment, something that is very difficult to enact, Congress has no practical say in whether New Mexico's liberal abortion policies will ever be changed.

Therefore, when Heinrich tries to use scare tactics to gin up his voter base, he is doing so from a dishonest and misleading position, intended solely to gain favor among the low-information voters. He cannot defend his lock-step support for all of the failed Biden/Harris economic and border policies, so he is trying to deflect the argument into an area that he knows will have no real significance.

He should be voted out of office and made to live with the consequences of his poor decisions, just like the rest of us.

**JACK GILBERT**  
Rio Rancho

### Heinrich understands NM water issues

We are writing to express our belief that public policy affecting the rivers and waters of New Mexico, and the Southwest, should be among the most important issues addressed by candidates for public office.

The New Mexico Senate race between U.S. Sen. Martin Hein-

rich and Republican Senate candidate Nella Domenici is an opportunity for open discussion about water policy. We would like to see some attention given to our beautiful Rio Grande, Gila River, the San Juan and the Pecos.

These remarkable habitats and sources of our irrigation, recreation and drinking water run right through our communities and impact our lives in many ways. They carry our most fundamental resource, yet we take it for granted and the issue of water and rivers is seldom discussed in the campaign arena. Martin Heinrich and Nella Domenici should be talking to us about where they stand on these issues.

And Martin Heinrich does know the issues. He knows our rivers through fishing and recreation and the work that he has done over the years as our senator. He stands up for rivers and promotes updated policy for our waters, because he understands how central water is to life in New Mexico.

Why does this matter to you? Because rivers in the Southwest are especially vulnerable to pollution and to overuse. As the Southwest becomes hotter and drier, it will take positive action to ensure that our rivers still have enough water flowing for farmers, anglers, boaters, and for the wildlife and the cottonwood bosque.

Please press our candidates now to talk about healthy rivers and clean drinking water.

**NAT AND SARAH COBB**  
Los Ranchos

### Looking forward to new United stadium

Thank you United, for letting me see, hear, and feel the beauty and promise of our beautiful, diverse New Mexico family in all its respectful different views and dreams.

Thank you my La Cantera neighbors joining me for your first United games this year. Adding to and sharing the joy of the beautiful game of football.

Thank you, Councilor Dan Lewis, and Giselle for listening, responding, and being instrumental in your District 5 constituents' requests to resolve problems we had face within the community and in our complex. For listening and giving voice to all different wishes and needs of our community and doing what you can to find common ground for us all.

Thank you, our hard-working Albuquerque Police Department men and women for answering Giselle at Dan Lewis' office when called to assist them in securing our neighborhood.

Please accept my thanks to each of you for going through the long process to get a new soccer-specific stadium finally built for the community. I invite everyone to join me, my La Cantera United soccer familia, thousands of the greater United familia to experience the beautiful Somos Unidos spirit we experience with every match.

I invite my neighbors west of the Balloon Fiesta Park to join for us to sit together as one New Mexican family to enjoy what so many enjoy and look forward to. Somos Unidos.

**BOB NUCHOW**  
Albuquerque

### Malpractice fees hindering health care

For many decades following the system worked well because it weeded out frivolous claims. Now, because the potential awards and payouts are so astronomically high, malpractice attorneys virtually always ignore the findings of the Medical Legal Panel and file lawsuits anyway. This is because the odds are that if they file 100 frivolous lawsuits against doctors and hospitals, if even one is successful, then the potential payout far exceeds any losses incurred from the other 99 frivolous lawsuits.

What is the solution to this health care manpower emergency?

We need to implement policies that attract and retain physicians, nurses and other health care providers. The most obvious initial solution is medical malpractice reform.

Currently, physicians in our state are potentially liable for up to \$4 million and this will soon increase to \$6 million. We need to reduce the malpractice cap to something more in line with other states such as Texas which has a cap of \$250,000. We need to reduce the statute of limitations to two years as it is in other states.

Plaintiff attorneys who choose to file frivolous lawsuits and lose in court, despite an adverse finding of the medical legal panel, should be required to pay the legal expenses of the defendant.

Finally a cap needs to be imposed on the commission that trial attorneys demand to a more reasonable level, such as 20%. We need to stop the scam of trial attorneys skimming award money off the top for fabricated law office expenses related to the case, on top of their 40% commission.

None of this will be possible unless those Democrats, and the few Republicans in the Legislature who supported House Bill 75, are held accountable. It is really up to voters to sharply question their senators and representatives in the Legislature as to how they voted and intend to vote in the future on these issues.

Politicians in Santa Fe need to be held accountable to their constituents.

**DR. G. MICHAEL LOPEZ**  
Las Vegas

### Disheartened over NM abortion clinic

I was so disappointed reading about our current governor and her aspirations for this great state on Sept. 5.

Her parting legacy will be to have a large abortion clinic in the United States built in Las Cruces. \$10 million of our tax dollars will be put to "good use" in the name of women's reproductive rights. We will be an abortion destination for women who live in states with more restrictive abortion laws. These poor women are being duped and led down a sad road. They see this as a journey of empowerment.

Our government makes a lot of money off of their choice. ...

This is a beautiful state with great weather, amazing food, charitable people and lots of good jobs. I'm not sure the abortion industry would be a part of advancing good jobs. If any-

thing, it teaches our living children that babies are expendable. Life is expendable.

I don't want to move but it's eating away at me that a female governor, in particular, is so money hungry that she would do this.

New Mexicans are not dumb people, despite our failing education system. We know in our hearts that this is all wrong and not a reflection of our moral character. We don't need more sadness, drugs, nor crimes against humanity. We are so much better than this.

Governor Lujan Grisham should start thinking less about money and more about her soul as well as the soul of our state. New Mexico is the Land of Enchantment not the Land of Emptiness.

**JANINE LAUSCHER**  
Albuquerque  
Southwest River Council for  
American Rivers

### Investments can help prevent crime

The Journal reported on Sept. 2 that the Albuquerque Police Department was investigating its 11th killing in just over a week. And although APD has reported that robberies have fallen 46% through Aug. 14, it also says burglaries are up by 15%.

Lawmakers can stiffen penalties. But, according to the National Institute of Justice, "The certainty of being caught is a vastly more powerful deterrent than the punishment."

To catch the criminals, Albuquerque has aimed for years to increase its number of officers. To do so, it has continually raised officer pay. But it's time for some more creative ideas.

The city should recruit from nontraditional demographics. For example, there is no need to require officers to be citizens. Legal residents can uphold the law just as well.

And more women might join the ranks if the city partnered with child-care centers to offer care during shift work.

Further, a number of occupations are accustomed to dealing with conflict and might be fertile recruiting grounds, such as bartenders, social workers and teachers.

Data should be collected on applicants and officers, to determine where we are losing them, and why.

APD can do more to "grow our own." It should start a scouting explorer post, to allow teens to survey the field. It should allow police service aides to work part time, so they can go to college while developing hands-on skills in the field.

But the community shouldn't be only reactive. We need to also work on preventing crime by looking at people and places. Programs such as violence interruption should be expanded.

APD's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program includes crime prevention through environmental design.

This type of environmental review needs to be baked into building development and permitting. A prevention expert should take the initiative to visit neighborhoods and businesses to evaluate their prevention potential.

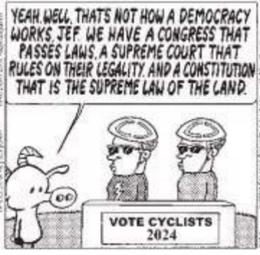
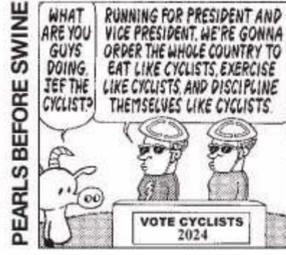
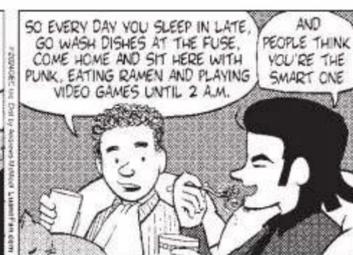
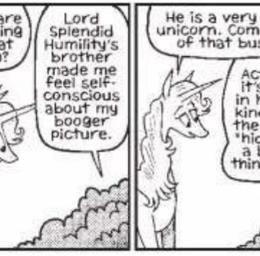
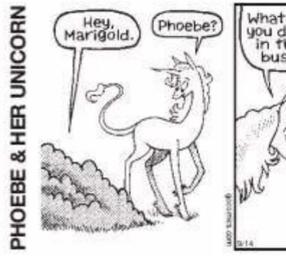
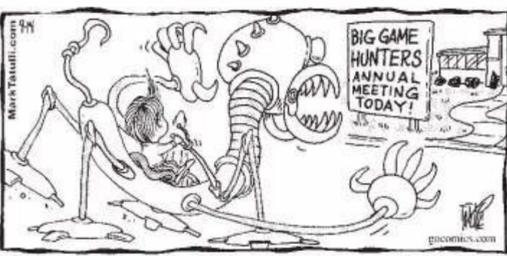
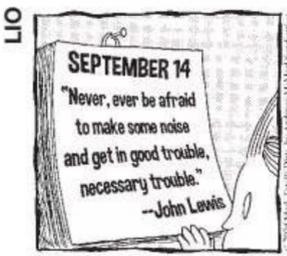
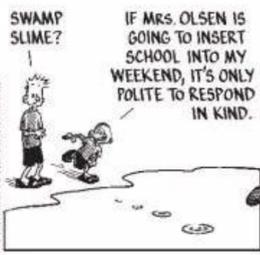
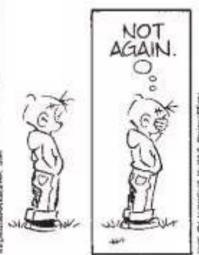
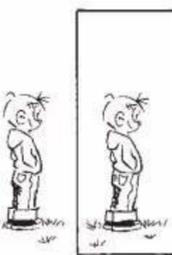
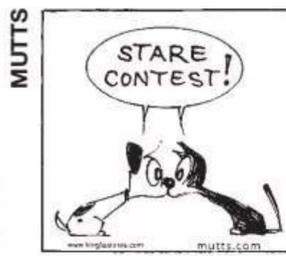
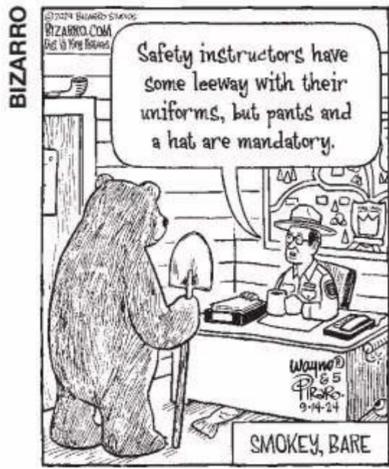
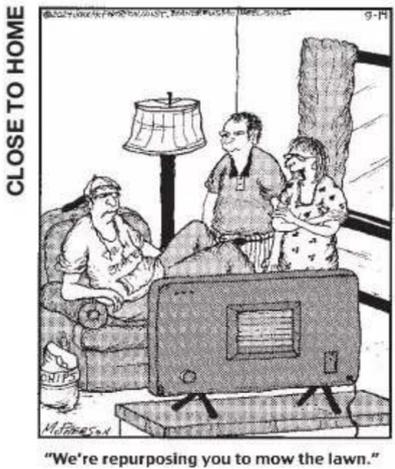
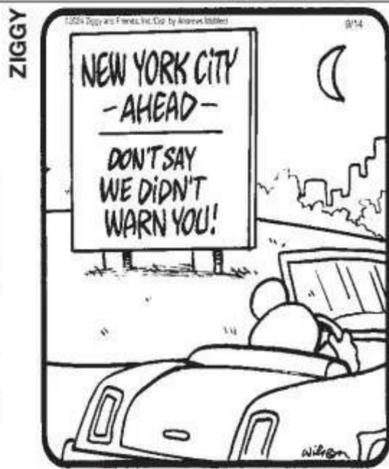
Further, the Brookings Institution advances the idea of reducing violence by investing in place. Crime has been cut by neighborhood investments such as repairing homes, cleaning vacant lots and increasing lighting and greenery.

Other ways to invest in place include alleviating economic disparity, helping improve social connections and increasing civic infrastructure.

The city and the Albuquerque Housing Authority together have earned a federal Choice Neighborhoods grant to help certain struggling areas in the International District. Efforts such as these should be expanded.

We can do this, Albuquerque. We can invest to prevent crime. And we can invest in more people to catch criminals.

**MAURREEN SKOWRAN**  
Albuquerque



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NEW EPISODES ON FRIDAYS

## Lobos will look to limit big plays vs. Auburn



Associated Press  
New Mexico defensive lineman Bryce Santana (99) celebrates his team's interception during their Aug. 31 game against Arizona in Tucson.

Here are three keys and a prediction for Saturday

BY SEAN REIDER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Two weeks isn't a long time — depending on who you talk to, at least.

"Feels like it's been forever since we played football," New Mexico head coach Bronco Mendenhall said coming out of the Lobos' first bye week on Monday.

Whether or not it felt like two weeks, UNM returns to action Saturday in the program's first-ever game against Auburn at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Alabama.

The Lobos (0-2) are 28-point underdogs against the Tigers (1-1),

their fourth SEC opponent in as many seasons.

Here are three keys for the Lobos and a prediction:

### 1. Take advantage of the quarterback switch

The Hank Brown era is officially underway on the Plains.

After On3.com reported Friday that the redshirt freshman was set to make his first career start against UNM, Auburn head coach Hugh Freeze confirmed the switch to ESPN's Taylor Davis in a production meeting ahead of Saturday's game. Brown is stepping in for senior Payton Thorne, who completed 14-for-27 passes for 165 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions in a 21-14 loss to Cal

last week.

Freeze said he met with each quarterback individually during the week to walk through game film and get their answers on various situations; both showed Auburn's staff they had "done their job as coaches" in regards to teaching the offense, but Brown ultimately won out due to Thorne's struggles dating back to last season.

With all that in mind, Brown might very well play like the quarterback Freeze has been looking for. But he's far less mobile than Thorne (520 rushing yards and five touchdowns last season) and significantly less experienced:

See **LOBOS** >> **B2**

# JOURNEY TO AUBURN



JOURNAL FILE PHOTO

Portales' Phillip Bliidi, right, tackles Hope Christian running back Blane Miller during an August 2019 game at Milne Stadium in Albuquerque. Bliidi is now a defensive end for Auburn, which hosts New Mexico on Saturday.

## Former Portales defensive end now starting for Tigers

BY AINSLIE LEE  
AL.COM

Fresh off a move from Indiana, shortly after Philip Bliidi and his family arrived to Auburn, welcome baskets started being delivered to their home.

And believe it or not, their home being approached by strangers bearing gifts was exactly what they were needing and hoping for when Bliidi made the decision to spend his last season of college football with the Auburn Tigers.

"As soon as we moved in, we got neighbors making us baskets and stuff like that," Bliidi told reporters earlier this fall. "Like people, just everybody, here trying to help us in a lot of ways, looking for ways to bless us."

For Bliidi's wife Emma, a native of Austin, Texas, the eastern Alabama heat and the southern hospitality were both familiar feelings that she'd been missing.

Prior to coming to Auburn, the Bliidi family — Philip, Emma, their daughter Amara and their son Brooks — had spent the last year in Bloomington, Indiana, where Bliidi was a defensive lineman for the Hoosiers.

Following a coaching change at Indiana, Bliidi decided he'd enter the transfer portal — a familiar process considering he'd transferred to Indiana after starting his career at Texas Tech, where he met Emma.

And while most players call their decision to transfer a "business decision," for Bliidi, the choice was a "family decision" as he not only

### Saturday

New Mexico (0-2) is travelling the Plains for a road game at Auburn (5:30 p.m. MT). Here's how to watch and listen to the Lobos (0-2) and Tigers' (1-1) first-ever matchup:

### Watch

ESPN2 will broadcast UNM-Auburn with Roy Philpott (play-by-play), Sam Acho (analyst) and Taylor Davis (sidelines) on the call.

### Listen

770 AM/96.3 FM will carry UNM-MSU with Robert Portnoy (play-by-play) and DonTrell Moore on the call.

### ABQ Journal Live

Log on to the Journal YouTube page, youtube.com/abqjournal, about an hour after the game for a postgame live show with Journal reporters Geoff Grammer and Sean Reider.

sought out the best fit for him to finish his playing career, but the best fit for his young family, too.

Once Auburn came knocking with an offer and Bliidi visited The Plains in the spring, it didn't take long for him to come to a decision.

"Me and my wife did not want to leave this place," Bliidi told reporters in August. "It was the environment and just the family-like atmosphere ... I went and I took my visits and I went to some really, really good places. But nowhere really compared to this place."

Like most young parents, living in a family-friendly atmosphere is

important for Philip and Emma.

But for the Auburn starting defensive lineman, it carries a bit more weight.

The son of African parents, Bliidi comes from a big family.

How big?

In an interview with the Indianapolis Star's Zion Brown last year, Bliidi said he "stopped counting a long time ago," but estimated having five to six brothers and four to five sisters.

Come his high school years, Bliidi, who grew up in Trenton, N.J., found himself living in a children's home in Taos, New Mexico — a town in northern New Mexico's high desert.

Having spent five of the most instrumental years of his life in New Mexico, Bliidi calls the state his "second home," making Auburn's matchup with the New Mexico Lobos on Saturday a sentimental one.

Asked to think back to his time in New Mexico, Bliidi remembers the sprawling acreage that's sprinkled with mountains. He says the land is popular with both hunters and hikers.

Listed at 6-foot-3 and 284 pounds, the veteran defensive lineman can't help but remember the food, too.

"Great Mexican food," Bliidi told reporters. "Great Mexican food."

But at the root of it all, when Bliidi thinks about New Mexico, he thinks about the people there who helped him along while he was in the children's home.

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## Will Lobo luck hold up amid conference chaos?

UNM has always managed to find a home, unlike its rivals

RICK WRIGHT



Of the Journal

Just call 'em the Lucky Lobos. When it comes to conference affiliation, they've always landed on their figurative four feet.

From the Border Conference (1931-51) to the Skyline ('51-62) to the Western Athletic ('62-99) to the Mountain West ('99-present day), the Lobos have never

been loop-less.

Whether UNM's luck holds up in the face of the Pac-2's predations — and, yes, of course, it's not all about luck — remains to be seen.

To know how, when and where the dominoes fall from here, you'd need an ouija board.

As has been reported, four member schools of the Mountain West Conference — Boise State, Colorado State, Fresno State and San Diego State — have made a definitive State-ment. They're leaving for the Pac-however-many, starting with the fall of 2026.

For UNM, if not an outright gut punch, this is, shall we say, quite unsettling.

The newly minted Pac-6 can't stay at six and be a full-fledged NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision conference. Oregon State, Washington State and the four future former Mountain West schools will need at least two more.

Another two Mountain West schools, Air Force and UNLV, appear to be the most likely targets. Should they leave, the MW would consist of Nevada, New Mexico, San Jose State, Utah State, Wyoming and Hawaii (football only). That would leave the Mountain West short of the eight members the FBS requires.

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EDDIE MOORE / JOURNAL

La Cueva's Isaiah Goree makes a reception in the end zone for the Bears' third touchdown in the first quarter of their game against Sandia on Friday.

### PREP FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

La Cueva 42, Sandia 19
Volcano Vista 35, West Mesa 7
Centennial 49, Rio Rancho 27
Los Alamos 69, Highland 40
Capital 55, Del Norte 11
Bernalillo 42, Moriarty 0
Miyamura 53, Rio Grande 3
Valencia 56, Cuba 0
Lovington 35, Roswell 21
Alamogordo 36, Piedra Vista 35
Legacy Academy 56, Santa Fe Indian 0
Portales 21, West Las Vegas 14
Dexter 54, Pojoaque 0
Espanola Valley 14, Grants 7
Carlsbad 35, Cibola 7

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PREP FOOTBALL: THURSDAY NIGHT ROUNDUP

# Cleveland wins thriller over Las Cruces at Field of Dreams

Los Lunas, Belen grab district victories

BY JAMES YODICE  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

LAS CRUCES – The Cleveland offense flexed its muscles the previous two weeks. The Storm defense stepped in for some reps on Thursday night.

A goal-line stand at the of the first half was crucial, and a fourth quarter interception on a deflected ball was even more so, as it led to the go-ahead touchdown for No. 3-ranked Cleveland, which left the Field of Dreams with a wild, and important, 35-25 victory over No. 5 Las Cruces.

The game featured a whopping seven lead changes.

“This was a must-win. There were playoff implications on the line,” Storm coach Robert Garza said. “It was a game we needed to win and we needed to treat it like a playoff game.”

It most definitely had the feel of a playoff game, with two Class 6A heavyweights slugging it out, punching and counterpunching for almost the entire 48 minutes.

Cleveland (3-1) scored two touchdowns in a span 2 minutes and 2 seconds in the final six minutes.

Trailing 25-21, a deflected ball at the line of scrimmage led to a Jon Baca interception for Cleveland, and he rumbled 34 yards to the Las Cruces 6.

Two plays later, Juan Muñoz scored from the 6, and a 28-25 Cleveland lead with 4:56 remaining.

The Bulldogs (2-2) still had five minutes to work with, but the Cleveland defense, which played extremely well the final 1½ quarters, got a stop with two incomplete passes.

And two plays later, taking over at the Las Cruces 37, Isaiiah Yannis scored on a 5-yard run. He had galloped for 32 yards on the play prior to that.

It was Yannis' third rushing TD of the night, and supplied the final margin. Muñoz had Cleveland's other two scores, one on a rush, the other after he took a short pass 31 yards for a first-half score.

“We just had to put ourselves out there,” Yannis said. He rushed for 117 yards on 17 carries. “We had to show that we can win against tough opponents.”

Centennial came into Rio Rancho and beat the Storm 35-28 in



Los Lunas quarterback Kaiden Reese looks for a receiver during Thursday night's game against Eldorado.

Week 1. Cleveland followed that up with easy victories over Los Lunas and Clovis, in which the Storm scored 50-plus points both nights.

Baca's pick and subsequent return was an additional notch for the defense, and that defense also registered a goal-line stand to close out the first half, which preserved a 14-13 lead for Cleveland.

“I would say, it's a thing of having to constantly be at it,” said senior lineman Psalmon Kegler, one of the mainstays on that Storm defense. “I would say the only thing that kept us in it is the hard practices we've been through. ... It made it very manageable.”

Danny Amaro, the Bulldogs' outstanding junior running back, had all four Las Cruces touchdowns and rushed for 87 yards — but on 25 carries and no run longer than 15 yards. His first TD put Las Cruces up 6-0, but the PAT hit the upright.

Yannis scored from the 2 on a fourth-down run on the next drive, and Cleveland grabbed a 7-6 lead.

Two Las Cruces offensive snaps later, Amaro, with his quarterback Gunnar Guardiola about to be brought down for a sack, caught a short toss and did some nifty running after the catch, and a 60-yard touchdown allowed Las Cruces to regain the lead.



Taylor Hood / Rio Rancho Observer

Cleveland, left, is about the hike the ball against Las Cruces in Friday's game at the Field of Dreams in Las Cruces. Cleveland won 35-25.

Yannis' second score, from 5 yards out, made it 14-13 — Cleveland had a very short field, 35 yards, following a shanked punt — and that is how the first half ended after the defense stopped Amaro at the 1 on a fourth down with 1 second to go in the second quarter. Las Cruces had the ball for nearly the final seven minutes of the half.

But Las Cruces regained momentum with a magnificent drive to open the third quarter. The drive spanned only 51 yards, but it took 14 plays and consumed nearly eight minutes of clock, and the Bulldogs overcame a

1st-and-31 on that drive following three consecutive holding penalties.

Las Cruces converted two fourth downs along the way, and Amaro capped it off with a 13-yard run. The PAT was blocked and the lead for Las Cruces was 19-14.

Cleveland had another response less than two minutes later.

The Storm went 81 yards in six plays, with Muñoz taking a short throw 31 yards for a touchdown and 21-19 edge. Cleveland quarterback Jordan Hatch also made a brilliant 28-yard throw to Muñoz on the near sideline on the previous play.

The balance again shifted quickly, and Las Cruces, with Guardiola engineering things, wasted no time getting another lead. Amaro's 1-yard TD run 17 seconds into the fourth quarter put the Bulldogs in front 25-21.

The Cleveland defense took over from there.

“So many turning points,” Garza said, and this was not an exaggeration. “It was basically a bloodbath all night. It was a very physical game and I feel like our guys persevere at the end and kept going and kept going.”

Cleveland is down south again next week for its third straight road game, at El Paso Pebble Hills.

Las Cruces (2-2) outgained Cleveland 399-290 and had 18 first downs to the Storm's 13.

**CLEVELAND 35, LAS CRUCES 25**  
Friday – Field of Dreams, Las Cruces

Cleveland	7	7	7	14	–	35
Las Cruces	13	0	6	6	–	25

**SCORING:** LC, Danny Amaro 6 run (kick failed); C, Isaiiah Yannis 2 run (Ivan Sanchez Ramirez kick); LC, Amaro 60 pass from Gunnar Guardiola (PAT); C, Yannis 5 run (Sanchez Ramirez kick); LC, Amaro 13 run (pass failed); C, Juan Munoz 31 pass from Jordan Hatch (Sanchez Ramirez kick); LC, Amaro 1 run (kick blocked); C, Munoz 3 run (Sanchez Ramirez kick); C, Yannis 5 run (Sanchez Ramirez kick). Records C 3-1; LC 2-2.

**FIRST DOWNS:** C 13; LC 18. **RUSHING:** C 27-164; LC 31-110. **PASSING:** C 7-18-1-126; LC 21-35-1-289. **TOTAL OFFENSE:** C 290; LC 389. **PUNTS-AVG.:** C 1-25.0; LC 1-6.0. **FUMBLES-LOST:** C 0-0; LC 0-0. **PENALTIES-YARDS:** C 5-37; LC 8-67.

Also Thursday

Los Lunas and Belen won district openers in Albuquerque.

The Tigers (2-1, 1-0 in 2-6A), with two touchdown passes from Kaiden Reese, one on a screen to Robert Pino late in the first half and the other to J'den Howard in the fourth quarter, downed Eldorado 14-6 at Wilson Stadium. The Tigers almost pitched a shutout, but Eldorado (2-1, 0-1) scored with six seconds to go.

At Milne Stadium, Belen (1-2, 1-0 in 1-5A) scored two touchdowns in the final seven minutes for a 31-20 victory over Valley (0-4, 0-1).

Elijah Schaffino rushed for 98 yards and a pair of second-half scores, including a 2-yard TD with about two minutes to go to put the game away after Valley fumbled deep in its own end. Jasode Harris added 109 rushing yards, including an 81-yard scamper for a touchdown.

Ethan Thomas threw a key 19-yard touchdown pass to Logan Gonzalez midway through the fourth quarter to tie the game at 19-all, and added the PAT to go in front.

Valley had taken a 20-19 lead early in the fourth quarter; the game was tied 13-13 at halftime.

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“New Mexico; I'll say, it's a lot of space with a lot of friendly people,” Blidi said.

As a three-star prospect in the 2020 recruiting class, according to 247Sports, Blidi ranked as the No. 1 player in the state of New Mexico following a senior campaign that saw him record 94 total tackles, 13 tackles for a loss and seven sacks for Portales High School.

“I was one of the top players in the state, so I know a lot of people in that area, I have a lot of good relationships in that area,” Blidi said of playing New Mexico on Saturday, adding that he played against a number of players on the Lobos' roster back in high school.

“It's really going to be kinda cool seeing some familiar faces,” he added.

And while it may be special for Blidi, when it comes to what happens between the first and last whistles, he's all Auburn.

And he's all Auburn because a family-focused decision led him there.

“Every day I come out and come to work, that's on my mind — my wife and my kids,” Blidi said in August.

“I want create a great future for my kids because I grew up from a real difficult background, and my parents are from Africa. So just having that ... like knowing where I came from and knowing everything that I had to go through, I would never want that for my kids. And every day I come out here and work, I get the opportunity to do that for them. And I get the opportunity to provide for my wife and to take care of my family. So that's something I don't take lightly.”

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The 6-foot-4, 208-pound former three-star prospect has just two game appearances, passing for 228 yards and two touchdowns across both.

Auburn is making the switch in its homecoming game, ahead of SEC play. The overwhelming majority of the crowd will be on Brown's side. And it's a far cry from the environment Devon Dampier walked into for his first career start, a 42-14 loss to Boise State last November.

But it's still Brown's first career start, with an offensive line that hasn't exactly dominated FBS competition through one game. Taking advantage of any miscues from Brown — and getting home with pressure — should be pivotal for a UNM defense going up against an offense stacked with playmakers.

2. Limit big plays

This could be a key for every team, heading into every game, against any opponent. No coach, player or program is ever content with a defense giving up routine, potentially game-changing chunk plays.

It's just that it's that much more of a key for UNM.

Entering Saturday, the Lobos have given up 15 long plays (20 yards or more) from scrimmage to tie with three other programs for third-worst mark in the country. Only Georgia Tech (17) and Jacksonville State (16) have given up more; UNM has also allowed an FBS-worst four plays of 50-plus yards.

“Didn't expect that many,” Mendenhall said during a press conference on Monday, “and that frequent.”

Limiting them against Auburn figures to be a chore. Even with former five-star receiver Cam Coleman doubtful for Saturday's game, the Tigers have plenty of talented pass catchers such as KeAndre Lambert-Smith. Running back Jarquez Hunter is among the SEC's most experienced and reliable ball carriers. And tight end Rivaldo Fairweather can turn a big play when given the opportunity.

But putting a cap on an offense that wants to spread it out and let it



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn tight end Rivaldo Fairweather can be a difference-maker for the Tigers.

rip would go a long way for a UNM defense looking to find its footing — not to mention any chance of an upset, too.

3. Continue to build on offensive 'momentum'

There's been no moral victories for UNM with an 0-2 start. Mendenhall's made a point to acknowledge that. Players have, too.

But that hasn't obscured a certain sense of self-awareness. UNM made a game of it in the first half against Arizona as 30-plus point underdogs, trailing 27-24 entering the third quarter before the Wildcats put the game away.

To Dampier, that proved the offense could hang with a bigger, faster opponent. Keeping it going against Auburn would be a sign of significant progress for a unit that's already proved itself to be formidable.

“I think they had us losing by a lot of touchdowns or something,” Dampier laughed on Tuesday. “That's all I heard. But yeah, (it's) another momentum thing — we played great (against Arizona) as an offense, and I thought we did the first game, too.”

“We just didn't make as many plays as we did the second game. So, I see us growing and I think

this is the week where we make that turn.”

Prediction

On one hand, UNM's defense hasn't shown it can reliably limit any offense through two games. On the other, Auburn's offense is on red alert after a largely dysfunctional day against Cal.

It's not that these units can't get better — it's which one handles its business accordingly come Saturday.

Bank on the Tigers to put some points on the board — and UNM to do the same.

**Auburn 44, New Mexico 17**

# Breaking down UNM-Auburn by position

BY SEAN REIDER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A position-by-position look at who has the edge as New Mexico travels to Auburn:

## QUARTERBACKS

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Devon Dampier, So.  
**BACKUP:** Isaiah Chavez, R-Sr.

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Hank Brown, R-Fr.  
**BACKUP:** Payton Thorne, Sr.  
**ANALYSIS:** After Payton Thorne was listed as the starter on this week's two-deep, there's been a change: Redshirt freshman Hank Brown will make his first start against New Mexico, head coach Hugh Freeze confirmed to ESPN's Taylor Davis on Friday. Last week was a rough one for Thorne: the former Michigan State quarterback completed 14 of 27 passes for 165 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions — one of which sealed a 21-14 loss to Cal. Not everything was on Thorne — Saturday wasn't the best outing for the offensive line either — but Freeze faced plenty of questions on whether he'd be the guy going forward. "It's really hard to not play a young man, whether it's Payton or whoever else it is," Freeze said in a press conference on Monday. "It's really hard for me to not play a young man who's consistently the best performer in practice over and over and over again. "Having said that, you have to carry that over into the games. You have to."

Brown, a 6-foot-4, 208-pound former three-star prospect, represents a new direction for the Tigers. In two previous game appearances, the redshirt freshman has completed 10 of 14 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns, both coming in Auburn's 73-3 season-opening win over FCS Alabama A&M.  
**ADVANTAGE:** Brown's not as much of a runner as Thorne, but he's looked great in his limited time on the field. Devon Dampier hasn't looked bad either, though, and experience — even if it's only a little more — always plays under center.  
**NEW MEXICO**

## OFFENSIVE LINE

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Lajuan Owens, R-Fr. (LT), Baraka Beckett, Sr. (LG), McKenzie Agnello, Jr. (C), Richard Pearce, Jr. (RG), Wallace Unamba, Jr. (RT)  
**BACKUPS:** Elvin Harris, R-Fr. (LT), Matthew Toilolo, R-Fr. (LG), Malik Aliane, So. (C), James Bailey, So. (RG), Elvin Harris, Fr. (RT)

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Percy Lewis IV, Sr. OR Tyler Johnson, R-Fr. (LT), Dillon Wade, Jr. (LG), Connor Lew, So. (C), Jeremiah Wright, Jr. (RG), Izavion Miller, Sr. (RT)  
**BACKUPS:** Jaden Muskrat, Jr. (LT), Bradyn Joiner, R-Fr. (LG), Tate Johnson, Jr. (C), E.J. Harris, So. OR DeAndre Carter, Fr. (RG), Ronan Chambers, Sr. (RT)  
**ANALYSIS:** Did we mention these are projected starters? McKenzie Agnello and Lajuan Owens are both listed up top on UNM's two-deep, but the former missed practice Tuesday with an unknown limitation; Malik Aliane was seen working in his place on the presumed first team. Owens is listed as the replacement



Arizona linebacker Jacob Manu (5) tackles New Mexico running back Eli Sanders (6) for a loss during an Aug. 31 game in Tucson, Ariz. Sanders is atop the Lobos' running back depth chart.

for Tevin Shaw after head coach Bronco Mendenhall indicated the Houston transfer was injured. But Elvin Harris was the one seen handling reps at left tackle during Tuesday's practice viewing window. Auburn is also dealing with injuries. Freeze said right tackle Izavion Miller is "doubtful" to play Saturday. If he's a no-go, expect Ronan Chambers to pick up the bulk of his reps.

**ADVANTAGE:** Auburn gave up just one sack to Cal, but allowed 12 pressures on a day that was far messier than not for the offensive line. Normally that's not enough for an edge, but with UNM's offensive line in question, the Tigers pick up a slight advantage. **AUBURN**

## RUNNING BACKS

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Eli Sanders, Jr.  
**BACKUP:** Na'Quari Rogers, Jr.

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Jarquez Hunter, Sr.  
**BACKUP:** Damari Alston, Jr.  
**ANALYSIS:** Amid changes for Auburn's offensive line, wide receivers and quarterbacks from last season to now, one player has (rightfully) remained constant: running back Jarquez Hunter. The All-SEC player from Philadelphia, Mississippi rushed for 909 yards (5.7 yards per carry) and seven touchdowns in 2023, keying a rushing attack that was among the best in the country. Auburn got away from the run game against Cal, but Hunter should be in line for another healthy workload against UNM.

We'll see how UNM's offense is able to bounce back from a 61-49 loss to Arizona where Dampier thrived (15 carries for 130 rushing yards) but Eli Sanders (16 carries for 29 yards) and other backs largely struggled to get anything going.  
**ADVANTAGE:** Hunter's been one of the better backs in a conference full of great ones for the last few seasons. Not much of a question here. **AUBURN**

## WIDE RECEIVERS

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Nic Trujillo, So. (X), Luke Wysong, R-Jr. (Y), Ryan Davis, R-Sr. (Z)  
**BACKUPS:** Caleb Medford, Jr. (X), Javen Jacobs, So. (Y), Shawn Miller,



Auburn running back Jarquez Hunter (27) is tackled by New Mexico State cornerback Reggie Akles (0) in a Nov. 18, 2023 game in Auburn, Ala. Hunter, one of the best running backs in the country, goes against New Mexico on Saturday.

So. (Z)

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Cam Coleman, Fr., Robert Lewis, Sr., KeAndre Lambert-Smith, Sr.  
**BACKUPS:** Camden Brown, Jr. OR Caleb Burton III, So., Malcolm Simmons, Fr. OR Sam Jackson V, Jr., Perry Thompson, Fr.  
**ANALYSIS:** More injury news: Freeze said former five-star recruit Cam Coleman is doubtful to play against UNM. The 6-3, 197-pound freshman has already assumed a big role for Auburn hauling in four receptions for a team-high 115 yards and one touchdown through two games this season. Expect Caleb Burton III (two receptions, 49 yards) to take on more of a role while Penn State transfer KeAndre Lambert-Smith (five receptions, 110 yards, three touchdowns) continues to thrive after joining the Tigers this offseason.

**ADVANTAGE:** Even without Coleman, Auburn's receivers provide plenty of tough covers across the board. Until UNM gets more out of its receivers room, this is a clear edge for the home team. **AUBURN**

## TIGHT ENDS

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Trace Bruckler, R-Jr.  
**BACKUP:** Isaiah Sillemon, R-Jr.

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTER:** Rivaldo Fairweather, Sr.

**BACKUP:** Brandon Frazier, Sr. OR Luke Deal, Sr.

**ADVANTAGE:** Auburn's depth at tight end pushes this one in the Tigers' direction. **AUBURN**

## DEFENSIVE LINE

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Kyler Drake, Sr. (DT), Bryce Santana, Sr. (NT), Okiki Olorunfunmi, Sr. (END)  
**BACKUPS:** Tyler Kiehne, Jr. (DT), Devin Brandt-Epps, Sr. (NT), Antoino Harris, Sr. (END)

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Philip Bliidi, Sr. OR Malik Blocton, Fr. OR Gage Keys, Jr. OR T.J. Lindsey, Fr. (DT), Isaiah Raikes, Sr. OR Jayson Jones, Sr. OR Trill Carter, Sr. OR Quientrail Jamison-Travis, Jr. (NT), Keldric Faulk, So. OR Zykeivous Walker, Jr. OR Amaris Williams (DE)  
**ANALYSIS:** Perhaps Auburn's best position on a defense with a preponderance of "ors"? The defensive line. No group might be as talented and deep across the board, with veterans like nose tackle Isaiah Raikes and defensive tackle Philip Bliidi (a Portales High graduate) helping lead the way up front.

Be sure to keep an eye out for defensive end Keldric Faulk. After being selected to the SEC's All-Freshman team, Auburn's 6-6, 288-pound sophomore is tied for the team lead in total tackles (10) with three sacks through two games. UNM's already faced some good pass rushers this season; Faulk might be one of their biggest

tasks yet.

**ADVANTAGE:** Experience and having proven playmakers like Faulk win here. **AUBURN**

## LINEBACKERS

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Jayden Wilson, So. (Mike), Gabriel Lopez, R-Sr. (Will), Randolph Kpai, R-Jr. (Buck)  
**BACKUPS:** Dimitri Johnson, Sr. (Mike), Moso Tuitele, So. (Will), Hunter Wiggins, So. (Buck)

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Jalen McLeod, Sr. OR Keyron Crawford, Jr. OR Jamonta Waller, Fr. (Buck), Eugene Asante, Sr. OR Robert Woodyard, So. OR Laquan Robinson, Jr. (Dime), Dorian Mausi, Sr. OR Fa'najae Gotay, Sr. OR DJ Barber, Fr. (MLB), Austin Keys, Sr. OR Demarcus Riddick, Fr. (SLB)  
**ANALYSIS:** No change on UNM's two-deep invited more questions than Hunter Wiggins' new listing as the backup Buck linebacker. A 6-0, 197-pound converted safety, the sophomore said the staff came to him last week about changing positions and added that it's been an enjoyable shift playing alongside Dimitri Johnson. But why? Mendenhall said it was due to injuries at the position, but the core of the group (Johnson, Randolph Kpai, Jayden Wilson and unlisted reserve Mihalish Santorineos) appeared healthy and active during Tuesday's open viewing window. Keep an eye out for how the linebackers are managed on Saturday.

**ADVANTAGE:** Auburn boasts seasoned, athletic veterans in the middle, and some of the questions surrounding UNM's linebacker depth doesn't quite help their case. **AUBURN**

## SECONDARY

### New Mexico

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Noa Pola-Gates, Sr. (FCB), Christian Ellis, Jr. (FS), Noah Avinger, Jr. (BS), Bryson Taylor, Jr. (BCB), Bobby Arnold III, So. (nickel)  
**BACKUPS:** Cam Watts, R-Sr. (FCB), Dereck Moore, So. (FS), David Murphy, R-So. OR Dominic Tatum, R-Sr. (BS), Ishmael Az-Zahir, Sr. (BCB), Nigel Williams, Sr. (nickel)

### Auburn

**PROJECTED STARTERS:** Caleb Wooden, Jr. OR Kaleb Harris, Fr. OR Griffin Speaks, Sr. (FS), Jerrin Thompson, Sr. OR Sylvester Smith, R-Fr. OR Terrance Love, So. (BS), Keionte Scott, Sr. OR Antonio Kite, So. OR A'Mon Lane-Ganus, Fr. (CB) OR Kayin Lee, So. OR JC Hart, R-Fr. OR Jay Crawford, Fr.  
**ANALYSIS:** From talking to players and coaches alike, Arizona wide receiver Tetairoa McMillan's historic 304-yard, four-touchdown night had more to do with UNM than McMillan himself. "It's all like, controllable mistakes," safety Christian Ellis told the Journal last week. "It's all mistakes just (like) guys not in the right spot: We should be here but we're not. And that's all it was. It wasn't like (it was) a guy just being better than us or nothing. It was just us not doing our jobs defensively." Whether they can correct — against a dangerous group of Auburn receivers — remains to be seen.

**ADVANTAGE:** Auburn's talented, but relatively young in the secondary. Until UNM starts stacking stronger performances on the back end, however, this one goes to the Tigers. **AUBURN**

## CHAOS >>>

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So, the Mountain West would need to do what the Pac-2 did: go hunting. The obvious targets, or so it would seem: UTEP and New Mexico State.

What's less obvious, at least without more information, is whether UTEP and NMSU would choose to leave Conference USA.

They would, of course, take the call; New Mexico State Athletic Director Mario Moccia told the Journal as much on Thursday. It is known that, in the past, both schools have coveted Mountain West membership.

But if the Mountain West ain't the Mountain West anymore — minus four of its current member schools, and some heavy hitters — leaving C-USA for the unknown might not seem such a good idea.

Worst case for the Mountain West, and perhaps for UNM: What if the Pac-6 is not content to be the Pac-8 but wants once again to be the Pac-12? Suppose four more Mountain West schools get invitations?



UNM baseball player Chris DeVito, standing in front of the Mountain West Conference logo, gets pumped after scoring against Air Force during a MWC Tournament game in May 2016.

Would New Mexico be among them?

Probably so, likely bringing more to the party than a Nevada, an Utah State or a San Jose State.

But, worst case aside, it's highly unlikely the Mountain West will cease to exist, as the Skyline Conference did when

the WAC was formed in 1962 — leaving charter member Utah State without a conference from 1962-78, sending Montana spinning into a lower classification and perhaps prompting charter member Denver University to drop football entirely, though the Pioneers did so several months before the WAC became

reality.

New Mexico State and UTEP, meanwhile, are no stranger to the conference carousel.

For NMSU, in football especially, it's been quite the wild ride.

In 1962, when charter members Arizona and Arizona State left for the newly formed WAC, the Border Conference — New Mexico State's home for the previous 31 seasons — ceased to exist.

The Aggies competed as an independent for a decade. Then came 12 years in the Missouri Valley Conference, 17 in the PCAA/Big West, four in the Sun Belt, eight in the WAC, one as an independent, four more in the Sun Belt, then five more as an independent before NMSU joined Conference USA last year.

If the Aggies thus would be reluctant to abandon C-USA for a significantly weakened Mountain West, adding yet another sticker to their steamer trunk, who could blame them?

A story by The Athletic, via the New York Times, actually cites neither New Mexico State nor UTEP as among the most likely targets for Mountain West expansion. Its list: 1) North

Dakota State; 2) South Dakota State; 3) A and B Montana and Montana State. As one old enough to remember when New Mexico and Montana were fellow members of the Skyline Conference, I find it both amusing and nostalgic to consider the idea they might become league rivals again some six decades later.

All four are FCS football powerhouses — as Montana State underscored by beating the Lobos at University Stadium on Aug. 31. But dipping into the Big Sky Conference for survival would not paint a pretty picture for the Mountain West.

Only then does The Athletic list 5) UTEP AND 6) New Mexico State as MW expansion targets. The Athletic's story isn't particularly strong on whys and wherefores.

One thing to keep in mind: in 1998, when Colorado State President Al Yates reached out to his BYU and Utah counterparts in a push to form what would become the Mountain West, UNM was by no means a unanimous choice to gain membership.

Just sayin'.

QUICK HITS

JOURNAL STAFF AND WIRES

Korda, US roll at Solheim Cup

GAINESVILLE, Va. — Nelly Korda danced at the urging of teammate Megan Khang as they walked off the first tee together at the Solheim Cup after a pep talk from former President Barack Obama.

Korda has never won a Solheim Cup in three tries, but she put the United States in a strong position to end that drought by winning the leadoff match of each session Friday while helping the Americans to a 6-2 lead over Europe at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

In her better-ball match with Khang, Korda played 14 holes in 8 under and made two eagles on the back nine.

Korda can't win it on her own — the U.S. needs 1 1/2 points over three days — but she's certainly a key figure. Also got strong contributions from her two rookies, sending Lauren Coughlin and Sarah Schmelzel out for both sessions and watching them win three points.

PGA: In Napa, Calif., Patton Kizzire hugged a tree on the way to the first tee Friday as part of a mental exercise, then patiently worked his way around Silverado to take the lead into the weekend in the FedEx Cup Fall series opener. Working with a new mental coach who has him embracing a more relaxed and even approach, Kizzire shot a 7-under 65 for a one-stroke advantage over David Lipsky in the Procore Championship. Kizzire had seven birdies, six on the back nine, as he seeks his first victory on the PGA Tour since 2018.

UNM volleyball falls to Texans

The University of New Mexico volleyball team concluded a rough trip to Flagstaff, Arizona on Friday with a 3-1 loss to Tarleton State at the Northern Arizona Invitational.

After dropping a five-set battle to host NAU on Thursday night, the Lobos (5-3) struggled to find any rhythm in a 25-18, 19-25, 25-23, 29-27 loss to the Texans (1-6). UNM posted a .174 attack percentage and committed 41 total errors.

Lauryn Payne and Seanane Brewer had 11 kills apiece for the Lobos, who return home to host NMSU on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Tiger undergoes 6th back surgery

Tiger Woods had yet another surgery on his lower back on Friday morning. This one he hopes will relieve some of the spasms he experienced this year.

It was the sixth surgery on his lower back in the last 10 years. In a brief statement on social media, Woods described it as a microdecompression surgery of the lumbar spine for nerve impingement on the lower back.

That also is referred to as a microdiscectomy, and the recovery time can be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks.

"The surgery went smoothly, and I'm hopeful this will help alleviate the back spasms and pain I was experiencing throughout most of the 2024 season," Woods said.

Woods played only five tournaments this year — the four majors and the Genesis Invitational at Riviera in February.

FOOTBALL

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College Football Saturday FAVORITE AT TEXAS TECH 10% 10% (69%) at NC STATE 24% 21% (48%) Cincinnati 2% 3% (46%) at MICHIGAN 19% 22% (47%) Oklahoma State 20% 18% (62%) LSU 7% 6% (48%) at ILLINOIS 18% 20% (49%) Alabama 9% 16% (48%) at Florida State 1% 6% (53%) at MISSOURI 17% 15% (52%) at BUFFALO 5% 3% (45%) Coastal Carolina 17% 17% (51%) at West Virginia 5% 2% (61%) at Georgia Tech 42% 42% (57%) at OKLAHOMA 18% 13% (45%) at Notre Dame 11 7% (47%) at OHIO 29% 23% (46%) Minnesota 14% 17% (44%) at Miami (FL) 36% 36% (55%) at WASHINGTON 4% 5% (54%) Texas A&M 3% 3% (45%) at Michigan State 40% 40% (50%) Oregon 15% 16% (49%) at Iowa 14% 23% (38%) App. State 2% 1% (59%) at ARKANSAS 20% 23% (61%) Utah 21% 17% (43%) at LIBERTY 21% 23% (57%) Louisiana Tech 10% 14% (46%) Virginia Tech 13% 14% (47%) at Old Dominion 11 11 8 39 38 37 Georgia State 2% 4% (44%) at Fla. Atlantic 5% 4% (44%) at N. Carolina 37% 37% (55%) at DUKE 15% 16% (47%) UConn 15% 14% (48%) Gardner-Webb 22% 20% (64%) at Wake Forest 32% 32% (51%) Beth.-Cookman 1% 1% (53%) at E. Michigan 30% 35% (55%) UTAH 10% 10% (50%) at Mid. Tenn. 8% 7% (55%) at Georgia St. 9% 9% (44%) at So. Miss 10% 10% (57%) Hawaii 2% 4% (47%) Kennesaw St. 19% 15% (43%) at UCLA 24% 24% (55%) Eastern Illinois 10% 7% (58%) at Colorado St. 15% 16% (41%) Air Force 19% 16% (41%) Northern Iowa 2% 2% (56%) Toledo 20% 22% (44%) at KENTUCKY

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INTERLEAGUE ROYALS 8, PIRATES 3 Kansas City 060 100 010 - 8 8 0 Pittsburgh 000 001 002 - 3 9 1 A.Marsh, C.Hernandez (6), Lynch (7), Stratton (9) and Perez, Fermin; Ortiz, Wentz (5), Nicolas (7), Borucki (9) and Bart, W: A.Marsh 8-8, L: Ortiz 6-6, HRs: Kansas City, Perez (27), Isbel (8), Frazier (4). BLUE JAYS 4, CARDINALS 3 (11 innings) St. Louis 200 000 010 00 - 3 12 0 Toronto 300 000 000 01 - 4 10 0 Fedde, King (6), Liberatore (7), Fernandez (10) and Pagés; Gausman, G.Cabrera (8), Nance (9), Little (10), E.Swanson (11) and Kirk, W: E.Swanson 2-2, L: Fernandez 1-5, HRs: St. Louis, Saggese (1). REDS 8, TWINS 4 Cincinnati 010 000 610 - 8 9 0 Minnesota 000 010 300 - 4 5 0 Aguilar, B.Farmer (7), Santillan (7), Pagán (8), A.Diaz (9) and Stephenson; Ober, Alcántara (7), Tonkin (8) and Jeffers, W: Aguilar 2-0, L: Ober 12-7, HRs: Cincinnati, Friedel (12), E.De La Cruz (24), Minnesota, Buxton (17).

NATIONAL LEAGUE METS 11, PHILLIES 3 New York 000 061 031 - 11 14 0 Philadelphia 000 000 003 - 3 4 0 Quintana, P.Maton (8), A.Young (9) and F.Alvarez, Nola, J.Ruiz (5), Lazar (6), Gilbert (8), Clemens (9) and Realmuto, A.Garcia, W: Quintana 9-9, L: Nola 12-8, HRs: New York, F.Alvarez (8), Nimmo (19), Bader (12), Alonso (32), Philadelphia, B.Miller (15). NATIONALS 4, MARLINS 1 Miami 000 100 000 - 1 8 3 Washington 200 000 20x - 4 4 0 E.Cabrera, Venezuela (7), Petersen (8) and Fortes; Herz, Salazar (6), Ferrer (7), Finnegan (9) and Millas, W: Herz 4-7, L: N.Y. Yankees 4-7, Sv: Finnegan (37), HRs: E.Cabrera 4-7, Sv: Finnegan (37), HRs: Miami, O.Lopez (5), Washington, Garcia (16).

BRAVES 6, DODGERS 2 Los Angeles 001 200 000 - 2 5 0 Atlanta 140 000 01x 6 10 0 Knack, Grove (3), Graterol (5), Hudson (6), Honeywell (7), and W.Smith; Schwelbenbach, Johnson (7), J.Jiménez (8), R.Iglesias (9) and d'Arnaud, W: Schwelbenbach 6-7, L: Knack 2-4, HRs: Los Angeles, M.Rojas (5), Atlanta, Ushrela (6), Soler (18). ROCKIES 9, CUBS 5 Chicago 200 000 030 - 5 13 1 Colorado 030 100 14x - 9 12 0 Assad, Roberts (7), Smyly (8), Pearson (8) and M.Arnay, Bethancourt; Gomber, J.Hill (7), Vodnik (8), Halverson (9) and Goodman, W: Vodnik 4-3, L: Smyly 3-7, HRs: Chicago, Busch (18), Colorado, Goodman (11), Tovar (23).

Memphis at Louisville, 5 p.m. Sacramento at New Mexico, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 Oakland at Hartford, 5 p.m. Tampa Bay at Charleston, 5:30 p.m. Indy at North Carolina, 5:30 p.m. Tulsa at Rhode Island FC, 5:30 p.m. Colorado at El Paso, 7 p.m. Orange County at Monterey Bay, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Las Vegas, 8:30 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 Louisville at Detroit City FC, 1 p.m. Loudoun at New Mexico, 2 p.m. Miami at Birmingham, 3 p.m. Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 11:35 a.m. Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 11:35 a.m. N.Y. Mets at Toronto, 11:37 a.m. St. Louis at Colorado, 1:10 p.m. San Diego at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m. Milwaukee at Arizona, 2:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 5:10 p.m.

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**NM UNITED**

# New Mexico expects physical battle in Detroit

*United can clinch USLC playoff spot with victory*

**BY KEN SICKENGER**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

New Mexico United would like nothing better than to see an "x" next to its name in the USL Championship standings come Sunday.

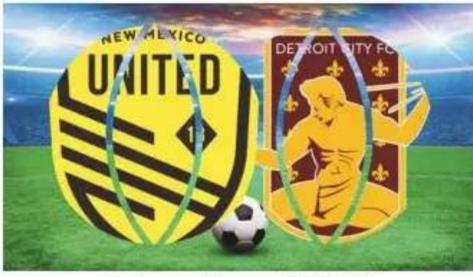
That's the designation showing a team has clinched a playoff spot — something United can accomplish with a road win over Detroit City FC on Saturday.

It would be a significant achievement. So far, only Eastern Conference-leading Louisville has punched a ticket to the USLC postseason. It would also represent progress for NMU, which has typically been forced to battle for one of the league's final postseason berths.

But for United (16-7-3), currently leading the Western Conference race by 10 points over second-place Sacramento and Colorado Springs, locking up a playoff spot amounts only to a positive step on a longer journey.

"There's no celebratory moment for this," New Mexico coach Eric Quill said. "Just a pat on the back. It's a micro-goal. Our ambition is bigger than qualifying for the playoffs, and we have to keep our heads down and keep working if we're going to reach our goals."

Quill pointed out that Detroit City FC (10-8-9) has every bit as much reason to be highly motivated Saturday. Le Rouge sits



**Saturday, 5 p.m., 101.7 FM, ESPN+ (streaming), Estrella TV**

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

**New Mexico (16-7-3):** Coach Eric Quill has effectively rotated players both into the starting 11 and off the bench all season. It will be interesting to see which combinations he employs as the club tries to improve its positioning for postseason play. This week's addition of forward Marlon Vargas (10 goals for Colorado Rapids 2) figures to apply some pressure to top scorers Greg Hurst (9 goals) and Daniel Bruce (5). Vargas, who has 16 assists over the 2023-24 seasons, could also be utilized in a playmaking role. Quill also has the luxury of options. Everyone on the roster except Cristian Nava and Dayonn Harris (ACL injuries) is fully healthy this week. The only two "sure things" for New Mexico this season have been goalkeeper Alex Tambakis and defender Talen Maples, who have each started 25 of the club's 26 USLC Championship matches.

fourth in the Eastern Conference standings, just a point ahead of Birmingham and two in front of Indy and Rhode Island. The top four finishers in each conference host first-round playoff games.

"Teams are desperate for points right now," Quill said. "Detroit is in a battle and they're blue-collar like the city they represent. They're going to fight, they're not

going to give up, and we have to be up for that."

Defender and team captain Kalen Ryden said United's players are not talking about their 10-point margin in the standings or looking too far ahead.

"No, it would be very easy to get complacent in the position we're in," Ryden said. "But with the guys we have in this locker

**Detroit (10-8-9):** Goals have been hard to come by for Le Rouge of late, leaving the club to rely on its defense as it battles for a top-four finish in the USLC's Eastern Conference.

Detroit has scored just once over its last three matches (0-1-2) and has struggled with accuracy in the final third. New Mexico has just four more shot attempts than Detroit this season (307-303), but NMU has put 136 on target to just 98 for Le Rouge. Still, Detroit has capable scorers up front, led by Maxi Rodriguez and Ben Morris (7 goals apiece). Detroit also has veteran Elvis Amoh, who has 40 goals over six seasons with five USLC teams and has been a consistent thorn in NMU's side. Goalkeepers Nathan Steinwascher and Carlos Saldaña each have four clean sheets for Detroit, which has conceded just 28 goals. Saldaña has been starting recently.

**NOTEWORTHY:** Detroit's Keyworth Stadium is known as one of the USLC's most difficult road venues but it hasn't been a particularly sweet home in 2024. Detroit City is riding an eight-game winless streak and has a better road record than it does at home this season. ... Detroit ranks seventh in the league in home attendance at 6,308 fans per game. Thanks in part to playing several weekday games, New Mexico has slipped to fourth in home attendance at 9,460 per game, trailing Louisville (10,052), Sacramento (9,827) and Indy (9,609). Colorado Springs (7,508) is fifth.



**Elvis Amoh**

— Ken Sickenger

Nava and Dayonn Harris, but it also sends a message that club is serious about chasing a championship this season.

"When I found out about their interest in me, I started looking into New Mexico United," Vargas said. "I wanted to see where they are in the table and learn more about them. I found out this club is really good and it's a great organization. That really motivated me. I really want to come in here and contribute."

Quill expects Vargas' first match with United to be a demanding one. Detroit City ranks among the league's top defensive teams and ranks among the leaders in both tackles won and duels won.

"This one will be a cage fight," Quill said.

Ryden smiled when asked about Detroit's physical style.

"As a player, you love that," he said. "You always want to play in a dogfight like that, especially on the road. Detroit has a great fan base and it's always a challenge to try to go in and try to spoil the party."

The opportunity to clinch a playoff spot provides that much more incentive, even if Quill and his players don't want to focus on it.

"We're not going to be satisfied," Quill said. "Don't get me wrong, I'm extremely happy with where we are, but there's still a long way to go. I'm not going to be satisfied until we're dumping champagne all over each other."

**MLB ROUNDUP**

# Orioles avoid being no-hit but fall 1-0 to Tigers

*Judge's grand slam lifts Yanks over Red Sox*

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Gunnar Henderson tripled just past the glove of diving first baseman Spencer Torkelson with two outs in the ninth inning for Baltimore's first hit, and the Detroit Tigers held on for a 1-0 win over the Orioles on Friday night.

Beau Brieske and Brant Hurter (5-1) combined to retire Baltimore's first 21 batters before Adley Rutschman's eight-pitch walk leading off the eighth.

Brenan Haniffee retired the next three batters and Tyler Holton relieved to start the ninth.

Emmanuel Rivera flied out and pinch-hitter Coby Mayo took a called third strike. Henderson pulled a first-pitch sweeper into the right-field corner for the Orioles' second baserunner.

Holton struck out Anthony Santander to remain perfect in eight save chances.

**ROYALS 8, PIRATES 3:** In Pittsburgh, Salvador Perez and Kyle Isbel hit home runs and drove in two runs each. Alec Marsh struck out 11 in 5 1/3 innings, and Kansas City snapped Pittsburgh's four-game winning streak.

Perez's two-run shot to the bullpens in left-center capped a six-run second inning. Isbel's solo homer in the fourth pushed the lead to 7-0. Adam Frazier added a solo home run in the eighth.

Marsh (8-8) allowed only one run and the 11 strikeouts matched a career high. It was the second-year right-hander's first win since July 10.

**METS 11, PHILLIES 3:** In Philadelphia, Francisco Alvarez, Brandon Nimmo and Harrison Bader hit three-run homers, Jose Quintana allowed three hits in seven shut-out innings and New York routed NL East-leading Philadelphia for its 12th win in 14 games.

Alvarez and Nimmo homered in a three-run fifth inning off Aaron Nola (12-8), Alvarez's second three-run homer in a span of three at-bats.

Bader homered in the eighth against Tyler Gilbert and Pete Alonso went deep in the ninth off infielder Kody Clemens. It was the first big league homer allowed in 12 career pitching appearances by Clemens. His father, seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, gave up 363 in 24 seasons.

**NATIONALS 4, MARLINS 1:** In Washington, Luis Garcia Jr. homered, DJ Herz allowed just one run in five innings and Washington defeated Miami.

Jacob Young added an RBI single as the Nationals scored three unearned runs on three Miami errors.

Otto Lopez homered for Miami, which has dropped four of five.

**YANKEES 5, RED SOX 4:** In New York, Aaron Judge ended the longest home run drought of his career with a go-ahead grand



The Detroit Tigers' Kerry Carpenter rounds the bases after hitting a home run off Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Zach Eflin during the first inning of Friday's game in Detroit.

slam in the seventh inning that rallied the Yankees past Boston.

The star slugger had gone 16 games without a longball before launching a clutch drive into the lower left-field seats off reliever Cam Booser (2-3) to give New York a 5-4 advantage.

New York extended its AL East lead to three games over Baltimore. It is the Yankees' largest cushion since they led by 3 1/2 games before a June 15 defeat at Boston that started a 4-14 slide.

The fading Red Sox (74-74) began the night 4 1/2 games behind Minnesota for the league's last wild card.

**BLUE JAYS 4, CARDINALS 3:** In Toronto, Alejandro Kirk drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded single in the 11th inning and Toronto beat St. Louis in the opener of a three-game series.

After the Cardinals intentionally walked Vladimir Guerrero Jr. to begin the 11th, Leo Jimenez advanced both Guerrero and automatic runner Nathan Lukes with a bunt single.

Kirk won it with a single to deep left over the drawn-in outfield off right-hander Ryan Fernandez (1-5). It was the first game-win-

ning hit of Kirk's career.

**RAYS 3, GUARDIANS 1:** In Cleveland, Zack Littell shut down Cleveland for six innings and rookie Logan Driscoll hit his first career homer, a two-run shot, sending Tampa Bay to a win over the AL Central-leading Guardians.

Littell (7-9) allowed just two hits in his second straight strong start. He blanked Baltimore for five innings last week and has thrown 13 consecutive scoreless frames.

The right-hander is 4-0 in his career against the Guardians.

The Guardians had only two hits and didn't score until the eighth, when rookie Jhonkensy Noel and David Fry hit back-to-back doubles off Mason Montgomery.

**BRAVES 6, DODGERS 2:** In Atlanta, Spencer Schwellenbach kept Shohei Ohtani in the park and off the bases, while Gio Urshela and Jorge Soler went deep for Atlanta in a victory over Los Angeles.

Ohtani was hitless in four at-bats with two strikeouts, putting a hold on his quest to become the first player in major league history with 50 homers and 50 sto-

len bases in a season. The Dodgers star is at 47 homers and 48 stolen bases with 15 games left in the regular season.

Schwellenbach, who started the season in the Class A Sally League, surrendered two runs on four hits in six strong innings.

**ATHLETICS 2, WHITE SOX 0:** In Chicago, rookie Brady Basso pitched five-hit ball into the sixth inning in his first major league win, and Oakland handed Chicago its 16th consecutive home loss.

Chicago was shut out for the 18th time, finishing with six hits. At 33-115, the White Sox are approaching the post-1900 record for losses — 120 by the 1962 New York Mets in their inaugural season.

**REDS 8, TWINS 4:** In Minneapolis, Elly De La Cruz hit his first big league grand slam in a six-run seventh inning, and Cincinnati beat Minnesota.

Minnesota (78-69) lost for the seventh time in 10 games and is 2 1/2 games ahead of Detroit for the final AL wild card.

**vs. Las Vegas**  
**6:35 p.m.**  
**610 AM/**  
**95.9 FM**  
**PROBABLES:**  
Aviators RHP  
**Janson Junk** (3-5, 3.60) vs. Isotopes  
LHP **Carson**

**Palmquist** (1-2, 4.83)  
**PROMOTIONS:** Little League Night, postgame fireworks (weather permitting)

**FRIDAY: Elehuris Montero** smacked a walk-off two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Isotopes a 16-14 victory over Las Vegas in one of the wildest games of the season at Isotopes Park.

**Greg Jones** also homered for the third straight game for the Isotopes, who trailed 9-0 midway through the second inning. Jones' 16th homer, a three-run shot that extended his hitting streak to 16 games, capped a five-run seventh inning that gave Albuquerque a 13-10 lead.

The margin was 14-10 after eight innings but the Aviators rallied for four runs in the ninth to pull even. Reliever **John Curtiss** worked a scoreless top of the 10th set the stage for Montero's winning blast in the bottom of the frame.

**ISOTOPES 16, AVIATORS 14 (10 INNINGS)**  
Friday at Isotopes Park

LAS VEGAS					ALBUQUERQUE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Hernaiz ss	4	1	2	1	Jones ss	6	1	1	3
Alexander 3b	6	1	3	2	Veen rf	4	1	1	0
Pozo dh	5	1	2	1	Montero dh	6	2	2	4
Perez c	6	1	2	1	Herron cf	6	3	3	0
Gray 1b	5	2	2	1	Lavigne 1b	3	2	2	1
Davidson lf	5	3	3	3	Lewis 2b	5	3	3	2
Harris 2b	5	2	2	0	Hannah lf	4	1	2	1
Thomas rf	5	2	2	3	Cope c	4	2	2	2
Bowman cf	4	1	1	0	Clifford 3b	5	1	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>004</b>	<b>0-14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Albuquerque</b>	<b>013</b>	<b>040</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>2-16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>			

E—Beers, Jones, LOB—LV 9, ABQ 6. 2B—Alexander, Bowman, Davidson, Lavigne, Harris, Lewis 2. 3B—Davidson, Herron. HR—Perez (26), Davidson (12), Thomas (185), Gray (2), Jones (15), Montero 2 (15). SB—Harris, Herron.

Las Vegas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beers	4.1	9	8	7	4	4
Cushing	2.0	2	3	3	1	3
Reyes	2.0	0	0	0	0	2
Santos	1.0	3	1	1	0	2
Jimenez (L-1-2)	1.0	1	2	1	0	1
<b>Albuquerque</b>						
Battenfield	0.2	6	7	7	2	0
Lambert	3.1	5	3	2	0	4
Adams	2.0	2	0	0	0	0
Kelly	1.1	0	0	0	1	1
Hartlieb	0.2	4	4	4	0	2
Curtiss (w-2-5)	2.0	1	0	0	1	0

T—3:19. A—7:319.

TJ Friedl drove in the Reds' first two runs with a second-inning home run and a tiebreaking squeeze bunt single in the seventh off Bailey Ober (12-7) that put Cincinnati ahead 2-1. Ty France hit an RBI double and De La Cruz followed with his 24th home run, his second since Aug. 21.

**ROCKIES 9, CUBS 5:** In Denver, Hunter Goodman hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth inning, and Colorado came back to beat Chicago.

Goodman finished with three hits and a career-high seven RBIs. Ezequiel Tovar hit his 23rd home run of the season and Brendan Rodgers added a run-scoring double for the Rockies, who snapped a six-game losing streak to the Cubs.

With the loss, Chicago fell six games behind the Mets for the third NL wild card.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## No. 14 Kansas State knocks off No. 20 Arizona

UNLV scores late to pull off upset in Kansas

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Avery Johnson threw two touchdown passes, Dylan Edwards returned a punt 71 yards for a score and No. 14 Kansas State beat No. 20 Arizona 31-7 on Friday night in a rare nonconference matchup of new Big 12 rivals.

The loss ended Arizona's nine-game winning streak, the longest active streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Johnson had 156 yards passing and 110 yards rushing, and D.J. Giddens added 86 yards rushing and a score, as Kansas State (3-0) rebounded from a lackluster road with over Tulane with an emphatic victory over the desert Wildcats.

Noah Fifita had 268 yards passing for Arizona (2-1) with an interception. Tetairoa McMillan had 11 catches for 138 yards, but the potential first-round NFL

draft pick was unable to turn any of those grabs into a big play or touchdown.

The schools agreed to the matchup before Arizona left the Pac-12 for the Big 12. And with neither having enough time to find a replacement opponent, Kansas State and Arizona kept the game but without it counting in the conference standings.

The teams traded grinding, time-consuming touchdown drives to start the game, but otherwise the first 30 minutes was plagued by penalties, mental mistakes and dumbfounding miscues from two teams trying to make a statement.

Arizona failed to cover a poor punt that Edwards returned untouched for a touchdown. On the next drive, Fifita lazily threw over the middle into double coverage and was picked off by Kansas State's Keenan Garber in the end zone.

Johnson made perhaps the most embarrassing gaffe. He was

sacked at the Arizona 19 with 24 seconds left in the first half. On the next play, the freshman needed only to step out of bounds to stop the clock and bring on the field-goal team, but he instead reversed field and ran the other way, allowing the clock to expire without the chance for an attempt.

Kansas State still led 14-7 at the half, and the mistake didn't matter in the end.

**UNLV 23, KANSAS 20:** In Kansas City, Kan., Kylin James scored on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line with 1:51 left to lift UNLV past Kansas at Children's Mercy Park.

The Jayhawks are playing all their games away from Lawrence, Kan., this season because of construction on their stadium.

UNLV quarterback Matthew Sluka was just 7-for-18 passing for 86 yards, but he rushed for 113 yards.

Jalon Daniels was 12-for-23 passing for 153 yards, with two interceptions for Kansas (1-2). He had two rushing touchdowns.



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Kansas State quarterback Avery Johnson (2) runs the ball during the first half of Friday's game against Arizona in Manhattan, Kan.

## NFL



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Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) falls to the ground after colliding with Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin (3) during Thursday night's game in Miami Gardens, Fla.

## Tagovailoa's concussion elicits larger discussion on player safety

Some say Miami QB should call it a career

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Tua Tagovailoa is now dealing with the third diagnosed concussion of his NFL career, all of them coming in the last 24 months.

And there are now questions about his future — both short-term and long-term.

The Miami Dolphins quarterback was hurt in his team's 31-10 loss to the Buffalo Bills on Thursday night, sustaining the injury on a play where he collided with Bills defensive back Damar Hamlin. Tagovailoa, who was rushing successfully for a first down, initiated the contact by lowering his shoulder into Hamlin instead of sliding as many quarterbacks do on a scramble.

Players from both teams immediately began gesturing that Tagovailoa needed medical attention as he lay on the turf and exhibited some signs typically associated with a traumatic brain injury. He remained down on the field for a couple of minutes, got to his feet and walked to the sideline after the play in the third quarter.

He made his way to the tunnel not long afterward, looking into the stands before smiling and departing toward the locker room. The Dolphins needed only a few minutes to announce that he would not return to the game.

### What do we know about Tagovailoa's concussion?

All anyone really could say with certainty late Thursday and early Friday was that he was concussed. The process of the Dolphins evaluating his condition was beginning in earnest on Friday and there is no timetable for how long that will take.

He has been placed into the NFL's concussion protocol and will have to successfully complete a series of tests and assessments before he or the Dolphins can even think of him returning to the field. The Dolphins will bring in another quarterback, coach Mike McDaniel said Friday, simply because they know they'll be without Tagovailoa for an undetermined period of time.

"Each player and each concussion is unique," the NFL says in the introduction to the protocol rules.

"Therefore, there is no set time-frame for return to participation or for the progression through the steps of the graduated exertion program set forth below. Recovery time will vary from player to player."

### What is Tagovailoa's injury history?

He was diagnosed with two concussions in 2022, as well as one when he played at Alabama.

There have been many other issues, including some in college that were serious. At Alabama, he had a procedure for a high ankle sprain in October 2019, which caused him to miss one game. A month later, Tagovailoa dislocated his right hip against Mississippi State, which prematurely ended his college career.

In his pro career, Tagovailoa has dealt with rib fractures, a thumb injury and a fractured middle finger on his throwing hand, along with the concussions.

In April 2023, he revealed that he discussed with his family whether it was wise to continue playing after the two concussions in the 2022 season.

### What are players saying about Tagovailoa?

There are a mix of reactions, as would be expected, though many former players who have since become analysts are suggesting that he take a hard look at his long-term health and ask if it's wise to continue playing football.

Former linebacker Manti Te'o, who has known Tagovailoa for years and calls him his "little brother," said he hoped to see him leave the game after the concussion at Cincinnati in 2022. He said he's thinking of his parents, what they had to have gone through on Thursday night, as well as Tagovailoa's long-term ability to parent his own children.

"After he suffered the one against the Bengals, I wanted him to walk," Te'o said on NFL Network's "Good Morning Football" on Friday, appearing to choke back tears after he said that. "What people have to understand is this is just a game. And then there's life."

Added former NFL quarterback Robert Griffin III, on social media: "Think of the person not just the player," a sentiment shared by countless others.

And former receiver Dez Bryant

was even more direct, saying it's time for the league to intervene. "That's it.... NFL go ahead and do the right thing," Bryant posted. "Tua has had entirely way too many concussions ... He needs to retire for his longevity health concerns."

That stance was echoed later by Las Vegas Raiders coach Antonio Pierce, who said he believes Tagovailoa should take care of his family and not risk further injury.

McDaniel made clear on Friday that he simply wants Tagovailoa to recover and wanted no part of speculating on his future. Tagovailoa has signed a four-year, \$212 million extension that begins in the 2025 season.

### Have players retired because of concussions?

Retirements over concussion concerns have happened on a handful of known occasions, with players at varying stages of their career when they made the decision to walk away.

Carolina Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly is perhaps the most prominent example. He was 28 when he retired at the peak of his game, a perennial All-Pro but one who had three concussions in the span of three seasons. Among those concussions: one in a game in 2016 when he cried on the field. He has since been an advocate for awareness and safety.

Frank Wycheck, the Tennessee Titans star who famously threw the lateral on the "Music City Miracle" play, left the game after 11 seasons citing the "lingering effects" of the "physical stuff," including two concussions in the 2003 season. He retired after that season, said in a television interview in 2017 that he was certain he had CTE, and died last December after a fall at his home.

Jordan Reed was 30 when he retired in 2021 after seven seasons as a tight end for Washington and San Francisco, citing concussions. He said doctors advised him continuing to play would not be wise.

Kylie Fitts was 27 when he retired in 2022. The former Arizona linebacker said at the time "due to too many concussions ... it is no longer safe for me to continue to play."

Chris Borland was only 24 when he retired after just one season in the NFL, citing concerns about head trauma.

## NOTES

## 49ers RB McCaffrey could be headed to IR

Chicago's top wide receivers questionable

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — All-Pro running back Christian McCaffrey has been ruled out of this weekend's game for the San Francisco 49ers because of his lingering calf and Achilles' injuries and could be headed to injured reserve.

McCaffrey was held out of practice on Friday, a day after experiencing pain in practice. He was then ruled out of the game Sunday against Minnesota after expressing hope earlier in the week that he could play.

Coach Kyle Shanahan said the team will discuss whether to shut McCaffrey down for at least four more weeks by placing him on injured reserve after saying earlier in the week that wasn't under consideration.

"It's something we're considering now," Shanahan said Friday. "Yesterday was his worst day. It's on and off, but with yesterday having the most pain, it's something we're going to be discussing here the next 24 hours."

McCaffrey got hurt early in training camp and missed four weeks of practice before returning to the practice field last week. He was a late scratch for the opener on Monday night against the Jets and now is sidelined again.

McCaffrey led the NFL last season with 2,023 yards from scrimmage and was tied for the league lead with 21 touchdowns, winning AP Offensive Player of the Year.

The Niners made up for McCaffrey's absence thanks to a strong performance from backup Jordan Mason, who had 28 carries for 147 yards and a touchdown in San Francisco's 32-19 victory over the New York Jets.

The Vikings also will be missing a key offensive player with receiver Jordan Addison ruled out after injuring his right ankle in Week 1. Addison had seven catches for 123 yards and two TDs in a win against San Francisco last season.

**BEARS:** No. 1 draft pick Caleb Williams could be missing two key wide receivers when the Chicago Bears visit the Houston

Texans on Sunday night.

Rome Odunze, another first-rounder, and six-time Pro Bowler Keenan Allen will be game-time decisions, coach Matt Eberflus said Friday. Both players were listed as questionable.

Odunze (sprained knee) practiced Friday on a limited basis after sitting out the previous two days, while Allen (heel) did not practice this week.

Odunze, the No. 9 pick, and the Bears were breathing a little easier this week after an MRI showed no major damage after he was hurt in a season-opening win over the Tennessee Titans. He sprained an MCL blocking. Allen's heel has been bothering him for a few weeks.

**CHIEFS:** Kansas City wide receiver Marquise Brown will have surgery on his dislocated shoulder joint next week and be placed on injured reserve, keeping one of their biggest free-agent acquisitions out for at least four weeks and perhaps much longer.

Brown, who signed a \$7 million contract with Kansas City for this season, dislocated his sternoclavicular joint when he was tackled upon making a catch during an Aug. 10 preseason game in Jacksonville. The team did not put him on IR when they cut their roster after training camp, hoping that he would be back around the start of the season, but the injury did not heal properly.

**BILLS:** Buffalo starting middle linebacker Terrel Bernard is out indefinitely after hurting a pectoral muscle, with coach Sean McDermott on Friday not ruling out placing the starter on the short-term injured reserve list.

McDermott said the team is still having internal discussions on whether to place Bernard on IR, and making him eligible to return after missing a minimum four games. Bernard didn't return after being hurt while making a tackle in the first quarter a 31-10 win over the Miami Dolphins on Thursday night.

His injury leaves Buffalo without its two starting linebackers, with Matt Milano out until at least December with a torn left biceps.



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San Francisco 49ers running back Christian McCaffrey walks on the sideline during the second half of Monday night's game against the New York Jets in Santa Clara, Calif.

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  - They don't usually produce change
  - Brand of brightly colored hair dye with a rhyming name
  - Celebratory gloat
  - Sport that has generated noise complaints across the country in recent years
  - Rapper \_\_\_  
Nasty
  - Thin strip
  - Finish a study session at the library, perhaps
  - Sellout sign
  - Not fooled by
  - Circus venue
  - "That's not good!"
  - Regular joes?
  - Becomes inseparable
  - Ferocious, as winds
  - Field of the supernatural
  - "Aw, that's a shame"
  - Exclamation of exasperation
  - Out
  - Sprung
  - Gambling venues with a portmanteau name
  - Any of the Apennines
  - Open, waist-length jacket
  - \_\_\_ suit
  - lnits. on a food assistance card
  - Photographers' considerations
  - Animals from which shofars can be made
  - Landed (on)
  - Ultraconfident affirmation
  - Name that's Latin for "nobody"
  - She's so full of herself!
  - Sign
  - Gossip, in modern lingo

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- Puzzle by Spencer Leach**
- Getting a high grade?
  - Cosmetics giant
  - Steamed bun of Chinese cuisine
  - "Faster!"
  - Suffix that turns a verb into an adjective
  - Contracts for shrinks, e.g.
  - Turkey's currency
  - \_\_\_ roll (toilet paper, in Britspeak)
  - Walk leisurely
  - Gas relief brand
  - Animal whose pattern allows it to camouflage into grassland
  - Best ever, informally
  - Chordophone popular in medieval times
  - Be in pain
  - Arrive in time for
  - Lose one's cool
  - The "long" version of it is 12% heavier
  - How-\_\_\_

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Journal: September 10, 12, 14, 2024.



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Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024-006 for Adult/Dislocated Worker Services Provider

The Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (NALWDB) is seeking competitive proposals from public or private agencies or other entities with the capacity and expertise to provide Adult/Dislocated Worker Services to the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board and to provide services to the staff and board members in the 10 counties of Northern New Mexico.

Responses to this RFP may be accessed at nmmp.org. If you intend to submit a proposal in response to this RFP, please submit your intent to bid via email to Elizabeth Quirante at equirante@nmmp.org and Elizabeth Leif at eljleif@leif.net

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options to renew in part or in whole for additional two-year terms for a total of four years, including all extensions and renewals.

Journal: September 13, 14, 15, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE

Proposals must be received at NALWDB offices by 4:00 PM on September 25, 2024. Interested bidders can, as of August 19, 2024, obtain a copy of the RFP package from the NALWDB website.

All inquiries on the RFP should be directed to the RFP Procurement Officer at the NALWDB address listed above, by calling (505)986-0363 or by email at procurementofficer@nalwdb.org

Journal: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024



Legal Notice

Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024-007 for Youth Services Provider

The Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (NALWDB) is seeking competitive proposals from public or private agencies or other entities with the capacity and expertise to provide Youth Services to the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board and to provide services to the staff and board members in the 10 counties of Northern New Mexico.

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Journal: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

LEGAL PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Española, New Mexico calls for Sealed Proposals for:

RFP 2024-002 Consultant Services

The City of Española is requesting proposals to select a qualified and approved accounting firm for consultant services.

Interested parties may secure a copy of the Request for Proposal, Contract Documents and any Amendments if applicable from:

Marissa T. Baca, Procurement Officer mbaca@espanolanm.gov

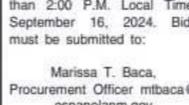
Electronic bid submissions must be received by the City of Española's Procurement Officer, Marissa T. Baca, no later than 2:00 P.M. Local Time, September 16, 2024. Bids must be submitted to:

Marissa T. Baca, Procurement Officer mbaca@espanolanm.gov

City of Española reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and waive all formalities.

City of Española Procurement Officer

Journal: September 5-14, 2024.



Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) Procurement Department INVITATION FOR BID ADVERTISEMENT IFB #622 Purchase of New Vehicles: 1/2 Ton 4x4 Crew Cab Pick-up Trucks

The Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) (hereinafter called the "Owner") invites all authorized vehicle dealership vendors to bid on purchase of new vehicles for NHA. Detailed information may be obtained via email to Darlene Yazzie, Procurement Specialist, darlene@hooghan.org and requesting for Advertisement IFB #622 Purchase of New Vehicle: 1/2 Ton 4x4 Crew Cab Pick-up Trucks. The Owner will receive electronic Sealed Bids until 2:00 PM, (MDST) on September 30, 2024 via email at darlene@hooghan.org. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after the specified closing time. Faxed bids will not be accepted. This invitation is not restricted to Navajo or Indian



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organization and Navajo or Indian owned economic enterprises pursuant to 24 CFR 1000.48 (a) (2) of NAHASDA.

Journal: September 13, 14, 15, 2024.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority will conduct its September, 2024 Board meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers of the Albuquerque Government Center, Basement Level, One Civic Plaza NW. The meeting can also be viewed by tuning into GovTV on Comcast Channel 16. Members of the public will have the ability to join for public comment in person or via video conference by following the instructions for public comment sign up on the posted agenda. Agendas will be posted on the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority agenda portal at https://abcwua.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or can be picked up at the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Office, One Civic Plaza NW, 5th Floor, Room 5027.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Water Authority Office, Suite 5027, Albuquerque Government Center, phone 505-289-3100 or by the TTY 1-800-659-8331, as soon as possible prior to the meeting date. Public documents, including the agendas and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Executive Director of the Water Authority at the Water Authority Office if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIQUOR HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to anyone wishing to comment on the applications that the City of Albuquerque Liquor Hearing Officer, Steven M. Chavez, Esq., pursuant to § 60-6B-4D(1), NMSA 1978 as amended, and § 13-2-1 Revised Ordinances, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994 as amended, will hold a public hearing Via Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering the applications for a liquor license set forth hereunder.

If any persons desire to testify, participate or otherwise submit comments, please contact Donna Montoya, Liquor License Coordinator at: (505) 768-3147 or by email donna@cabq.gov at least 72 hours before the hearing.

NOTICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Donna Montoya at least three days before the hearing date at 768-3147.

1.Liquor License/Application No.: 28091 / New License No. DIS-001287 Applicant: Bebidas 1, LLC. Doing Business As: Cantina Real Proposed Address: 601 Commercial Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102 The Applicant is seeking a Transfer of Location of Inter-Local Dispenser Liquor License No. 28091 (New License No. DIS-001287) with On-Premises Consumption Only

2.Liquor License/Application No.: Applicant: Umail, LLC Doing Business As: Red Chili House Proposed Address: 8201 Golf Course Road NW, Suite B2, Albuquerque, NM 87120 The Applicant is seeking a Restaurant A Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption Steven M. Chavez, Esq. September 11, 2024 Liquor Hearing Officer Journal: September 14, 21, 2024

In accordance with Section 3-60A-12, NMSA 1978, notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (MRA), on behalf of the City of Albuquerque, is inviting proposals for a housing conversion development project in any designated Metropolitan Redevelopment Area ("Subject Area").

I. LOCATION / OWNERSHIP: The proposed site must be located within the Subject Area (see MR Area map to determine geographic eligibility of the proposed project(s): https://www.cabq.gov/mra/redevelopment-areas). The proposer must have site control in the form of a deed, long-term lease (at least 50 years), or an exclusive option to purchase/lease that expires, if not exercised, no sooner than four months after the due date of this RFP.

II. REDEVELOPMENT: The City seeks projects that convert part or all of an existing non-residential building (e.g., hotels, motels, and commercial buildings) into housing units. Proposed Projects must create at least 10 total units of housing, with a minimum 20% of the total units set aside for households at or below 80% AMI.

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In addition to the §§ 7(b) and 3 compliance requirements, the successful contractor must comply and ensure subcontractor compliance with the Copeland Act (29 C.F.R. Part 3); 2 C.F.R. Part 200, including but not limited to procurement requirements, requirements related to reporting, patent rights, and/or copyrights and other rights to data; IPHA Procurement, Inventory, Acquisition, Disposition, and Housing Standards Policy; and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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Prior to such meeting, potential contractors must request from IPHA a copy of the full Request for Proposals by contacting the IPHA Executive Director, Kevin Knight, at (505) 869-4153 or by e-mail at Kevin.Knight@isletapueblo.com.

Inquiries related to the submittal of proposals may be addressed to Kevin Knight, Executive Director, at (505) 869-4153. Proposers shall submit an original copy of the proposals in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for IPHA Business Office." In the alternative, proposals may be submitted electronically at

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Journal: September 14, 2024.

Notice

Request for Proposal Number: 25-92400-00002 Title: New Mexico Safe School Summit

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Terms: The provision of services is anticipated to begin as of October 23, 2024, and will conclude June 30, 2025. This RFP may be a one-year award. This procurement will result in a contractual agreement between two parties.

General Information: All questions about the contents of the RFP document shall be directed to: Anne Marlow-Geter Procurement Manager New Mexico Public Education Department 300 Don Gaspar, Room 126 Santa Fe, NM 87501 Anne.MarlowGeter@ped.nm.gov (505) 396-0601

Issuance: The Request for Proposals will be issued on September 9, 2024. Firms interested in obtaining a copy may access and download the document from the internet at the following address: https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/rfps-rfis-rfas/

Pre-Proposal Conference: An in-person conference will not be held. Instead, Potential Offeror(s) are encouraged to submit written questions in advance to the Procurement Manager referenced in this publication. The identity of the organization submitting the question(s) will not be revealed. All written questions must be submitted in writing by September 16, 2024, and will be addressed in writing on September 18, 2024.

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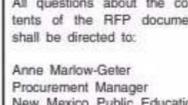
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Journal: September 7-21, 2024



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III. FINANCING & GRANT AVAILABILITY: The City has up to \$4 million (\$4,000,000) in gap financing available to support an achievable project that meets the goals and objectives of the relevant Redevelopment Area Plan(s) and the Threshold and Evaluation Criteria outlined in this RFP. Funds may be structured as equity, a loan, or a grant. MRA may award multiple projects.

Journal: September 14, 2024.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Evaluation Criteria, as more specifically outlined in the MRA's RFP, include:

- Consistency with the City's Project Goals and Community Benefits
Team Experience
Design
Financial Structure
Financial Capacity
Development Timeline

V. SELECTION PROCESS

As more specifically outlined in the RFP, Developer selection is a multi-step process, including:

- 1. Project submittal and qualification.
2. Advisory Committee Review.
3. Selection by the Albuquerque Development Commission.

Approval by City Council.
5. Contract negotiations with selected developer.

VI. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: Full RFP details and instructions are at https://www.cabq.gov/mra/request-for-proposals. The proposal deadline is 9/27/2024 at 5:00 PM MT. Responses must be uploaded to MRA via the City of Albuquerque's Super-Flash File Transfer Protocol ("SFFTP") file directory at https://sfftp.cabq.gov/link/17RwFw7giL0/. No physical, telephone, email or facsimile Responses will be considered. Late submissions will not be accepted.

CONTACT PERSON: China Osborn (505) 810-7499 / cosborn@cabq.gov

THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO END THE SELECTION PROCESS AT ITS DISCRETION.

METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Journal: September 14, 21, 2024

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Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority (IPHA), the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for the Pueblo of Isleta (Pueblo) is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the design and construction of a commercial office building (Office Building) on the Pueblo.

The Office Building will consist of 24 offices approximately 12x12 in size, 2 public and two staff handicap bathrooms, functional kitchen, breakroom, mechanical room, janitor's closet, one small and one large conference room, server and peripheral room, reception area with seating, paved parking, and at least two exits. The Office Building may be wood or metal frame or modular.

The work to be performed under the proposal is on a project subject to section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. §5307(b)). Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (1) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (2) preferences in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. All entities submitting proposals and claiming Indian Preference must include documentation satisfactory to show that they are Indian-owned. All subcontracts executed between the successful contractor and its subcontractors, if any, also are subject to these provisions, and language requiring such compliance will be included in all subcontracts.</

NON-GOV'T LEGALS

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to New Mexico Self-Storage Lien Act (48-11-1 to 48-11-9), Valencia Storage & MHP located at 3149 Hwy 47, Los Lunas, NM 87031 will be auctioning unit B2U17 to satisfy the Owner Lien. Sale is to be held online at storagetreasures.com, final date of the auction will be 09/19/2024. Unit B2U17 occupied by Salma Solar, 12 Costancia Dr, Los Lunas NM 87031 Description: Highchair, twin mattress & box spring, Christmas Tree, decorations, portable crib, toys, wire rack, tote, wall pictures.

Journal: September 7, 14, 2024.

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to New Mexico Self-Storage Lien Act (48-11-1 to 48-11-9), Valencia Storage & MHP located at 3149 Hwy 47, Los Lunas, NM 87031 will be auctioning unit B3U16 to satisfy the Owner Lien. Sale is to be held online at storagetreasures.com, final date of the auction will be 09/19/2024. Unit B3U16 occupied by Jenna Trullio 66 Vista Del Rio, Belen, NM 87002 Description: mini refrigerators, refrigerator, microwave, guitar, golf clubs, grill, central AC unit, furnace, shelved, tools, car battery, washer & dryer, chairs, couch, mattress & boxspring, 2 window AC units, boxes & totes.

Journal: September 7, 14, 2024.

Notice is hereby given that Alameda Storage, in accordance with the provisions of the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act 48-11-1 to 48-11-9 NMSA 1978, offers the following unit(s) for online bid auction. Alameda Storage does not guarantee or offer any warranty for the items purchased. All units are sold "as is" and without any warranty of the contents, quality, or value. The property stored in these spaces will be sold or disposed of on or after the following date, time and place. Date: October 2, 2024 Time: all sales will conclude at 8:00 A.M. online at www.bid13.com Units can be viewed and bid on for at least 10 days prior to auction start time at the website listed. Any paid-up units will be pulled from the sale list.

A18, Chris Gonzales, 9856 Camino San Martin Dr SW, washer, queen bed, covered queen mattress and box spring, car toddler bed, power washer, carpet cleaner, chairs, metal craftsmen toolbox, dresser, boxes, totes.

Journal: September 14, 21, 2024

NOTICE OF LAWSUIT FOR PUBLICATION

District Court: SECOND BERNALILLO County, New Mexico Court Address: 400 Lomas Blvd NW Room 119, 1st Floor Albuquerque, NM 87102 Court Telephone Number: (505) 841-7451

Case Number: D-202-CV-2022-03137

Judge: Victor S. Lopez

Plaintiff(s): GEICO ADVANTAGE INSURANCE COMPANY v. Defendant(s): ANGEL CASTILLO AND REBECCA CASTILLO-PENA Defendant(s)

Name: Angel Castillo and Rebecca Castillo-Pena Address: 224 Artisco Vista Blvd SW Albuquerque, NM 87121

Angel Castillo and Rebecca Castillo-Pena: Take notice that 1. A lawsuit has been filed against you, requesting \$74,146.88 for a car accident that you caused.

2. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing. You must file your written response with the Court no later than thirty (30) days from the date you are served with this Summons. (The date you are considered served with the Summons is determined by Rule 1-004 NMRA) The Court's address is listed above.

3. You must file (in person or by mail) your written response with the Court. When you file your response, you must give or mail a copy to the person who signed the lawsuit.

4. If you do not respond in writing, the Court may enter judgment against you as requested in the lawsuit.

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5. You are entitled to a jury trial in most types of lawsuits. To ask for a jury trial, you must request one in writing and pay a jury fee. 6. If you need an interpreter, you must ask for one in writing. 7. You may wish to consult a lawyer. You may contact the State Bar of New Mexico for help finding a lawyer at www.nmbar.org; 1-800-876-6227; or 1-505-797-6066.

Electronically Filed /s/Timothy D. Ducar Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff Timothy D. Ducar Matthew Lang Law Offices of Timothy D. Ducar, PLC 9280 E. Raintree Drive, Suite 104 Scottsdale, AZ 85260 P: (480) 502-2119 F: (480) 452-0900 orders@azlawyers.com

Journal: September 14, 21, 28, and October 5, 2024.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. D-202-PB-2024-00382

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE H. COOK, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Kathryn Mercedes Cook and Robert John Cook have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be either presented to the undersigned Co-Personal Representatives, c/o Brown Legal Group, PC, 600 Central Avenue, S.E., Suite 203, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, or filed with the Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. DATED: August 28, 2024. s/Kathryn Mercedes Cook KATHRYN MERCEDES COOK, Personal Representative

And /s/Robert John Cook ROBERT JOHN COOK, Personal Representative c/o Brown Legal Group, PC 600 Central Avenue, S.E., Suite 203 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 (505) 352-1614 Journal: August 31, September 7, 14, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO IN THE PROBATE COURT

No. 2024-0936

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE WONG, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Bernalillo County Probate Court, 415 Silver Ave. SW, 2nd Floor, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

DATED: 9/4/2024 /s/ Deborah D. Allison DEBORAH D. ALLISON Personal Representative 5012 Olsen Pl. NW Albuquerque, NM 87114

DAVID A. GRAMMER III Grammer Law Offices, P.C. Attorney for Personal Representative 2730 San Pedro Drive NE, Suite D Albuquerque, NM 87110 Tel. (505) 883-9880 Fax (505) 225-4121 E-mail: david@grammerlawoffices.com

Journal: September 17, 14, 21, 2024.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-911-CV-2023-00205

WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff, vs.

RICHARD L. LAWSON, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. LAWSON, Deceased, REBECCA P. LAWSON; RICHARD "BUDDY" LAWSON, JR.; PAUL LAWSON; LEVI LAWSON; TYLER LAWSON; SAYSHA LAWSON; KARRIE ARNOLD; SHAYLEIGH LAWSON; L&J WELL SERVICE, INC.; HEALTHCARE COLLECTIONS LTD, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, DBA A-1 COLLECTION AGENCY, LLC; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF RICHARD L. LAWSON, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) Richard L. Lawson, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Richard L. Lawson, Deceased, Levi Lawson and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Richard L. Lawson, Deceased. You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1437 A RR 4 South, which may also be known as 1437 S RR 4, in the City of Portales, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (S/2NE/4NW/4NE/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT (28) IN TOWNSHIP ONE (1) SOUTH, RANGE THIRTY-FIVE (35) EAST, N.M.P.M., ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID S/2 NE/4 NW/4 NE/4 SECTION 28, SAID POINT BEING 1988.47 FEET WEST AND 436.85 FEET S0'07'43"W OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER SECTION 28, T1S R35E, N.M.P.M.; THENCE S0'07'43"W, A DISTANCE OF 235.5 FEET;

THENCE N89°59'58"E, A DISTANCE OF 185.0 FEET; THENCE N0°07'43"E, A DISTANCE OF 235.5 FEET;

THENCE S89°59'58"W, A DISTANCE OF 185.0 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Together with a Roadway Easement for ingress and egress, over, across and upon the following described tract: A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (S/2NE/4NW/4NE/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT (28) IN TOWNSHIP ONE (1) SOUTH, RANGE THIRTY-FIVE (35) EAST, N.M.P.M., ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28 AND SAID POINT BEING WEST 1988.47 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 28, T1S R35E, N.M.P.M.; THENCE S.0'07'43"W, A DISTANCE OF 672.32 FEET;

THENCE S.89°59'58"W, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET; THENCE N.0'07'43"E, A DISTANCE OF 672.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE SECTION 28; THENCE EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 30.0 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1700

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Louisiana Blvd. NE, #300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable DONNA MOWRER, District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Roosevelt County, this 4th day of September, 2024.

Michelle Grizzle CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT (SEAL)

By /s/ Michelle Grizzle Deputy

Journal: September 7, 14, 21, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF OTERO TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

In RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT T. LOPEZ, SR., DECEDENT

D-1215-PB-2024-00026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Yvette S. Aragon has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert T. Lopez, Sr. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o Law Offices of Brian A. Thomas, P.C., 2535 Wyoming Boulevard, NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87112 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, 1000 N New York Ave #209, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Dated August 5, 2024. By: /s/ David Allen Stokes DAVID ALLEN STOKES c/o Law Offices of Brian A. Thomas, P.C. 2535 Wyoming Boulevard, NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87112

By /s/ Brian A. Thomas c/o Law Offices of Brian A. Thomas, P.C. 2535 Wyoming Boulevard, NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87112 (505) 293-1101 (office) Journal: September 7, 14, 21, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1329-SA-2024-00010

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MELISSA AND BRIAN THACKER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Marvin Trujillo

A Verified Petition for Adoption has been filed in the above-captioned and numbered cause in the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, 1500 Idalia Rd., Blvd A, Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004. The minor child who is subject of said petition is D.V.R.T. (DOB 11/2/2011). If you intend to contest the adoption, you shall respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days from the date of service. FAILURE TO RESPOND SHALL BE TREATED AS DEFAULT AND YOUR CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED.

Clerk of the District Court (SEAL)

By: /s/ Mary Ann Lowe

Journal: September 7, 14, 21, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-1329-PB-2024-00153

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA LEE DOHLE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Lee Dohle, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Pregonzer Baysinger Wideman & Sale, PC, 2424 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, or filed

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with the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, Sandoval County, 1500 Idalia Rd, Bernalillo, NM 87004.

Dated: September 4, 2024. /s/ Judith M. Clifford Judith M. Clifford PO Box 65453 Albuquerque, NM 87193 (702)-575-7432 Personal Representative

PREGENZER BAYSINGER WIDEMAN & SALE, PC

By: /s/ Erin E. Wideman Erin E. Wideman, Esq. 2424 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite 200 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 Phone: (505) 872-0505 Fax: (505) 872-1009 ewideman@pbwslaw.com Attorneys for Personal Representative

Journal: September 7, 14, 21, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-202-CV-2024-06297

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

THE ESTATE OF MARIA L. PROKESCH, Deceased; SCOTT CHARLES PROKESCH, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria L. Prokesch, Deceased; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MARIA L. PROKESCH, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Maria L. Prokesch, Deceased

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2930 Kentucky St NE, in the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4) IN BLOCK LETTERED "N" OF VISTA ENCANTADA, A SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1963 IN VOLUME 05, FOLIO 186.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you. Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1700 Louisiana Blvd. NE, #300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable JOSHUA ANDREW ALLISON, District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, this 5th day of September, 2024.

KATINA WATSON CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: /s/ Jacqueline B. Trujillo (SEAL) Deputy Journal: September 7, 14, 21, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-202-PB-2023-00173

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA JEFFERY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LINDA JEFFERY, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LINDA JEFFERY, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Verified Petition of Personal Representative for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate of Linda Jeffery, filed by the Personal Representative, relating to the Estate of Linda Jeffery, Deceased, will be held by a remote Google Meet/telephonic hearing, on September 30, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. (MST), before District Court Judge Victor S. Lopez.

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Pursuant to Sec. 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of the hearing is given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Electronically Filed /s/Richard J. Grodner Attorney for Personal Representative 4801 Lang NE Suite 110 Albuquerque, NM 87109 505.266.2566

Journal: September 7, 14, 19, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CAUSE NO. D-202-PB-2024-00663

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN JAMES HERRERA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to creditors of the date of mailing or the delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County Courthouse, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dated: Sept. 10, 2024.

/s/ Annette Sybil Patricia Herrera

/s/ William J. Lock Attorney for Applicant 5732 Osuna Road NE Albuquerque, NM 87109

Journal: September 14, 21, 28, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-202-PB-2024-00357

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGDALENA STRICKLAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

JOHN A. BUDAGHER III has been appointed as the special administrator of the estate of MAGDALENA STRICKLAND, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the special administrator c/o Budagher & Tann, Attorneys at Law, 3500 Comanche Road NE, Building B, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, or filed with the Second Judicial District Court of Bernalillo County, 400 Lomas NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 or P.O. Box 488, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 or albd-cvprosefilings@nmcourts.gov. /s/ John A. Budagher III JOHN A. BUDAGHER III, Special Administrator of the estate of MAGDALENA STRICKLAND, deceased. 3500 Comanche Road NE, Building B Albuquerque, NM 87107 Journal: August 31, September 7, 14, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF EDDY FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-503-DM-2024-257

Crusita Josephine Perez, Petitioner

vs. Edgar De Jesus Perez Ventura, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent(s), Greetings: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a domestic action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. Unless you enter your appearance in said cause within 30 days of the first publication of this notice a judgment by default will be entered against you.

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WITNESS the Honorable Jane Shuler-Gray, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of The District Court of Eddy County, this 22 day of August, 2024.

MARTHA HUEREQUE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: /s/ Shara Bannister Deputy Clerk

Journal: August 31, September 7, 14, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE DISTRICT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-101-PB-2023-00203 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET C. LOPEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative whose address is shown below or filed with the above Court. DATED: September 9, 2024. Elizabeth Z. Montoya Santa Fe, NM 87507 FOX LAW FIRM PC ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE By /s/ John R. Fox John R. Fox P. O. Box 1769 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1769 505 986 2800

Journal: September 14, 21, 28, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT BERNALILLO COUNTY

No. 2024-0883

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHAWN GARY CHARLES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the Decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o Law Offices of Brian A. Thomas, P.C., 2535 Wyoming Boulevard, NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87112 or filed with the Second Judicial District Court of the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, 400 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dated August 5, 2024. By: /s/ David Allen Stokes DAVID ALLEN STOKES c/o Law Offices of Brian A. Thomas, P.C. 2535 Wyoming Boulevard, NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87112 (505) 293-1101 (office) Journal: September 7, 14, 21

Probate Court of Bernalillo County, NM 415 Silver Ave SW, Suite 2C04 Albuquerque, NM 87102 (505) 364-3691 probate@bemco.gov

Dated: August 28, 2024

/s/ Raymond Charles, Personal Representative of the Estate of Shawn Gary Charles

c/o GILCHRIST LAW FIRM, P.C. Grieta Gilchrist 3500 Comanche Rd NE, Ste A2 Albuquerque, NM 87107 (505) 999-1962 grieta@gilchristlawfirm.com

Journal: August 31, September 7, 14, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO No. 20240975

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Daniel William Moreno, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 415 Silver Ave SW, Suite C204, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Invitations are open to all qualified Contractors. The selection of the contractors shall be made in accordance with the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act, 5 N.N.C. § 201 et seq., and the selected firm shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Navajo Nation. All Proposal must be received by TCRHCC at 167 North Main Street, Administration Building, Finance Department, on or before 2:00 p.m., MDT on September 26, 2024. Proposals will be submitted by courier service due on the Due Date and Time. The full Request for Proposals (RFP) may be requested via e-mail to:

Crystal McCabe, Contract Manager Finance Department Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation E-mail: Crystal.McCabe@tchealth.org

Journal: September 4-20, 2024.

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Dated: August 28, 2024 /s/ James Moreno 4420 Avenida Del Sol NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 Journal: August 31, September 7, 14, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT BERNALILLO COUNTY

No. 2024-0889

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Wallace J Bow Jr, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of

Coddled teenager worries bride-to-be

DEAR ABBY



Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My nephew-to-be has just turned 14. He has older parents (his mom was 42 when he was born) and is so socially inept that we fear for his future.

My fiancé and I are worried about the boy's future if he's never out from under his mother's wing. His grandparents are worried as well.

I think it would be great to send my nephew-to-be to a summer camp for kids like him. He needs to gain confidence so he can do basic things, like order his own food at restaurants.

DEAR AUNTIE: You are not yet a family member, and even after you and your fiancé are married, you won't be a blood relative.

dismissive, perhaps your fiancé and his parents should discuss these concerns together with her. Her overprotectiveness may stem from the fact that it took her so long to conceive a child that she's having trouble letting go.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a dysfunctional marriage for more than a decade. Finally, my cheating ex-wife divorced me. In retrospect, it was, hands down, the best thing that ever happened to me.

I feel angry and resentful when I know we will have face-to-face interaction. We have clashed at times during these events. So, how do I move forward? I want to no longer carry these resentments.

DEAR SICK: The first step in overcoming a problem is recognizing that you have one. Congratulations on having taken that important first step.

Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. BOX 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14). Even when others are overjoyed with your work, you'll never get too comfortable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll meet a broke thing you can either fix immediately or toss immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The first step to making yourself irreplaceable is to realize that no one is irreplaceable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll clean up a mess, order some chaos or simply straighten what needs a refresh.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is easier to give the help and care that is needed when you don't assume it's the same for each person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One's environment and opportunities — or lack thereof — can heavily influence their destiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're imagining a change and deciding now just how far to go with it. Don't limit the brainstorm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you could have a superpower today, the one to claim would be presence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships will inspire you or compel you to unexpected actions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You expect acquaintances to be cheerful and positive, and friends slightly less so because a snarky comment here and there affirms your shared humanity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The profound things in life will announce themselves. No one needs poeticize, dramatize or even point them out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When there's a knock at the door, sometimes you want to rush to see who it is, and other times you want to duck and pretend you're not home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The nearness of danger is known to cause the mind to race. It's trying to solve a problem. The real question is whether the danger, and by extension the problem, is real or a figment of imagination.

MACANUDO



NORTH ♠ A J 9 7 2 ♡ A J 9 4 ♣ A Q J 4

WEST ♠ Q J 10 6 5 2 ♡ 6 4 ♣ K Q 7 3 ♣ 7

SOUTH ♠ A K 7 3 ♡ Q 10 8 3 ♣ 10 6 2 ♣ 10 6

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East 3♥ 2♠ 4♣ 4♠ 5♥ All pass

Opening Lead: Club seven

"We're all poor nuts and things happen, and we just get mixed in wrong, that's all." — Eugene O'Neill

Different partnerships use the two-no-trump call in competition in diverse ways. In competition over partner's one-no-trump opener, you can use two no-trump as a limited hand with a lower-ranking suit, while new suits at the three-level are forcing.

ACES ON BRIDGE



Bobby Wolff

convention is called Lebensohl, sometimes misspelled as "Lebensold."

In today's parallel sequence, South's three-heart bid showed values (though it was invitational rather than forcing) because he would have started with a Lebensohl two no-trump with a weak hand.

West led his singleton club, and declarer finessed the queen at trick one. East won and gave his partner a ruff. East eventually came to the heart king for one down.

club ace and then plays the heart ace followed by another heart, removing the entry to the East hand, the defense cannot prevail.

BID WITH THE ACES

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South holds:

♠ A J 9 7 2 ♡ A J 9 4 ♣ A Q J 4

South 1♥ Dbl. ? West 1♠ Pass North Pass East 1NT Pass

ANSWER: North did not bid one no-trump at his first turn, nor did he play for penalties. Since he should have five spades, with no one having competed to two spades, his hand must be very weak.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

WUZZLES WORD PUZZLES BY TOM WOOD. Includes crossword puzzles with clues like 'THE NEWS' and 'SIDE'.

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CRYPTOQUIP

J N K J T C B N A B G Q W H C N I H B H X A Y ' C Q A V S A U B I T L T U J T K C I Q P P W A V ? N A I P G U V Y ' B W A A L T C B Q T H Z N B S A X .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MILITARY COMMANDER RUSHED FORWARD SWIFTLY IN COMBAT, WHAT WAS HE? THE SURGING GENERAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals H

WORD SLEUTH • STARCHES

Word search grid with letters and circled words like 'S' and 'U'.

Friday's unlisted clue: OFFSHORE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Arrowroot Cassava Millet Rye Bananas Chickpeas Oats Sorghum Barley Lentils Potatoes Wheat Beans Maize Rice

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble puzzle with scrambled words like SAEYT, SHARB, RULPLA, GEUJOHN and a cartoon illustration.

Yesterdays' Jumbles: OMEGA COMFY STYLUS REBUKE Answer: The owners of the new store hoped that customers would be — EASY TO COME "BUY"

Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-14

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer.