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Sandia, Pajarito ski areas to open today

BY MATTHEW NARVAIZ
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Christmas came early for New Mexico skiers as a winter storm helped push opening dates for some ski resorts to this weekend.

Sandia Peak Ski Area and Pajarito Mountain Ski Area in Los Alamos, both managed by Durango, Colorado-based Mountain Capital Partners, are opening Saturday, according to their websites.

Sandia Peak opens on Saturday at 9 a.m. and will stay open through 4 p.m. The ski area, located near Albuquerque, says there will be no groomed terrain available but said

advanced terrain is open with access via Lift 3.

Sandia said ski school and lessons, as well as food and beverage, will not be available on opening day, but said the lodge will be open for restroom access "and keeping cozy," according to its website. Tickets start at \$55 and are available for payment only through credit cards and online purchases.

Meanwhile, Pajarito Mountain also plans to open on Saturday. Tickets are \$79 for Saturday's opening day.

The openings of the two ski resorts

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Wheeler blazes the path for his owner Anita Doornbos at the Sandia Peak Ski Area in 2023. The ski area, as well as Pajarito Mountain Ski Area, are opening this weekend.

Muhammad Syed sentenced to life for 2022 killings of 3 Muslim men



CHANCEY BUSH/JOURNAL

Muhammad Syed, 53, is escorted out of the courtroom after being sentenced to life in prison for the murders of three Muslim men in the summer of 2022 by state District Judge Britt Baca in Downtown Albuquerque on Friday.

Defendant proclaims innocence as family, friends of victims speak of the devastation

BY NAKAYLA MCCLELLAND
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Family and friends had one question for 53-year-old Muhammad Syed after he gunned down three Muslim men over a two-week span in 2022, but Syed wouldn't give an answer.

Instead, after being found guilty of one killing and pleading no contest in two others, Syed maintained his innocence in a sentence hearing Friday and requested to return home to Afghanistan with his wife

and children.

Second Judicial District Judge Britt Baca handed down the sentence to Syed during a one-hour sentencing hearing at the Bernalillo County Courthouse in Albuquerque.

Life in prison means Syed will spend a minimum of 30 years behind bars before having a chance at parole.

In a deal offered by prosecutors, Syed pleaded no contest to two counts of second-degree murder in the fatal shootings of Mohammud Afzaal Hussain, 27, and Naeem

Hussain, 25. Four counts of tampering with evidence were thrown out as part of the plea deal. The deal allows Syed to serve the sentences concurrently with the 30 years he received from his first-degree murder conviction.

In March, a jury found Syed guilty of first-degree murder for killing 41-year-old Aftab Hussein on July 26, 2022. Evidence showed Syed shot Hussain to death with an

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Retired lab chimps in NM headed to Louisiana sanctuary

The remaining elderly animals at Alamogordo facility were used for biomedical experiments

BY GILLIAN BARKHURST
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Retired lab chimpanzees housed at Alamogordo facility are headed for greener pastures in an animal sanctuary in Louisiana next spring, the National Institutes of Health said.

The primates are being relocated to Chimp Haven, a federally funded 200-acre forested sanctuary in Keithville, Louisiana, where they'll be joining nearly 300 other chimpanzees, many of whom came from labs. The chimps are expected to be transferred in early 2025, the NIH confirmed to The Associated Press.

The remaining 23 elderly chimpanzees at Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF) at Holloman Air Force Base were used for biomedical experi-

ments by the National Institutes of Health and their fates have been in limbo for much of their lives.

In 2000, Congress passed the CHIMP Act that mandated that all retired lab chimps be moved to sanctuaries. It's been nearly 25 years since that law was enacted, and the news that chimps are being relocated is a move some animal advocates "never thought would come," said Gene Grant, who directs policy surrounding animals in



Bowen, a former lab chimpanzee housed at Alamogordo Primate Facility, sticks his tongue out at the camera.

COURTESY OF ANIMAL PROTECTION NEW MEXICO

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US election mostly trouble-free

Flood of misinformation raises future concerns

BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY AND DAVID KLEPPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A relatively trouble-free presidential election was good news for those working to restore faith in the system. Less encouraging was a flood of misinformation that sought to undermine trust in voting and sow chaos, something experts say is likely to get worse in the years ahead.

The most significant test for officials on Election Day was a series of bomb threats reported in five battleground states, some of which forced polling places to be evacuated temporarily. The day otherwise played out like most other election days, with only routine problems, and former President Donald Trump's commanding lead allowed the presidential race to be called early Wednesday morning.

"High turnout and wide margins — that's all we ever hope for," said Zach Manifold, the elections supervisor in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

The more than 84 million people who voted early, either in person or by mail, eased the crush on Tuesday and provided election workers with more flexibility to respond to unexpected problems.

"Yesterday and the election season was a wonderful example of how early voting is so important to maintain security, and how it actually minimized and mitigated some of the threats that we saw," David Becker, a former U.S. Justice Department attorney who leads the Center for Election Innovation and Research, said the day after Election Day.

When the bomb threats came in — starting early in the day in the Atlanta area and then spreading to Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — election officials were prepared. They had spent the better part of the year meeting with local law enforcement, training through various scenarios and updating their emergency plans.

"I saw professionals all across the country saying, 'OK, here's what we're going to do,'" said Carolina Lopez, a



Election workers process ballots at the Maricopa County Tabulation Center Wednesday in Phoenix.

former local election official who leads the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions.

The FBI said the threats appeared to originate from Russian email domains, though federal cybersecurity officials cautioned the culprits were not necessarily Russian.

Interference from Russia and other foreign adversaries was a constant theme running through election season.

Russia, Iran and China steadily increased their use of English-language disinformation in the months leading up to Election Day. Their motives varied, but their tactics were similar: using networks of bogus social media accounts and websites to spread content designed to erode confidence in election security and American democracy.

Russia was particularly audacious, creating and spreading staged videos that aimed to smear Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz. The Kremlin's efforts this year also involved paying a Tennessee media company \$10 million to produce pro-Russian content.

"Russia clearly interfered in this election," said Brian Taylor, a political science professor and Russia expert at

Syracuse University. He said Russia's objectives were to "help Trump and to sow chaos more generally — although there is no evidence that their activities changed the outcome."

Experts say America's adversaries are playing a long game, using disinformation to undermine Americans' confidence in their own country and gradually diminish U.S. power. Russia, in particular, preferred Trump as a candidate because he is seen as less likely to support assistance for Ukraine, said Emerson Brooking, resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab, which tracks foreign disinformation.

"None of this goes away after Election Day," Brooking said. "What are Russia's goals? It wasn't to elect President Trump, but to steer the United States in a particular direction. Trump's election is one step in that process."

Steve Simon, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, praised the quick work done by federal agencies to call out the disinformation. He said federal officials had within a day identified Russia as being behind a viral video purporting to show voter fraud in Georgia.

IN BRIEF

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Judge cancels court deadlines in Trump's 2020 election case

WASHINGTON — The judge overseeing Donald Trump's 2020 election interference case has canceled any remaining court deadlines after prosecutors said they need time to assess "the appropriate course going forward" after the Republican's presidential victory this week.

Smith's team has been evaluating how to wind down the two federal cases before the president-elect takes office in light of longstanding Justice Department policy that says sitting presidents cannot be prosecuted, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

In a court filing Friday in Trump's election interference case, Smith's team said it needs "time to assess this unprecedented circumstance and determine the appropriate course going forward consistent with Department of Justice policy."

Trump put Musk on phone with Ukraine's Zelenskyy during call

KYIV, Ukraine — President-elect Donald Trump put billionaire Elon Musk on the line with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy when the Ukrainian leader called to congratulate the incoming U.S. president.

That's according to a Ukrainian official with direct knowledge of the phone call on Wednesday who was not authorized to comment on the matter publicly. The official confirmed that Zelenskyy and Musk spoke during the call with Trump, but Musk did not appear to be on the line for the entire conversation.

The presence of Musk on the call highlights his influence in the president-elect's circle. Trump's interactions with Zelenskyy are being closely watched as he has signaled a shift in Washington's steadfast support for Ukraine against Russia's nearly three-year-old invasion.

Feds investigating racist mass texts sent following the election

WASHINGTON — Several federal and state agencies are investigating how racist mass texts were sent to Black people across the country in the wake of the presidential election this week.

The messages invoking slavery raised alarm across the country this week after they were sent to Black men, women and students, including middle schoolers, prompting inquiries by the FBI and other agencies.

Experts say the culprit likely took advantage of a bulk-messaging industry designed to help legitimate marketers reach people on their phones. Phone service provider TextNow said that "one or more" of its accounts were used to send the text messages and that it quickly disabled those accounts for violating its terms of service.

Attacks on Israeli soccer fans in Amsterdam called antisemitic

AMSTERDAM — Dutch authorities say Israeli fans were assaulted after a soccer game in Amsterdam by hordes of young people apparently riled up by calls on social media to target Jewish people. Five people were treated at hospitals and dozens were arrested after the attacks, which were condemned as antisemitic by authorities in Amsterdam, Israel and across Europe. Reports of antisemitic speech, vandalism and violence have been on the rise in Europe since the start of the war in Gaza, and tensions mounted in Amsterdam ahead of Thursday night's match between the Dutch team Ajax and Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Feds bring criminal charges in Iranian plot

Justice Department unseals documents in thwarted plan against Trump

BY ERIC TUCKER AND LARRY NEUMEISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Friday disclosed an Iranian murder-for-hire plot to kill Donald Trump, charging a man who said he had been tasked by a government official before this week's election with planning the assassination of the Republican president-elect.

Investigators were told of the plan to kill Trump by Farhad Shakeri, an

accused Iranian government asset who spent time in American prisons for robbery and who authorities say maintains a network of criminal associates enlisted by Tehran for surveillance and murder-for-hire plots.

Shakeri told the FBI that a contact in Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard instructed him this past September to set aside other work he was doing and assemble a plan within seven days to surveil and ultimately kill Trump, according to a criminal complaint unsealed in federal court in Manhattan.

The official was quoted by Shakeri as saying that "We have already spent a lot of money" and that "money's not an issue." Shakeri told investigators the

official told him that if he could not put together a plan within the seven-day timeframe, then the plot would be paused until after the election because the official assumed Trump would lose and that it would be easier to kill him then, the complaint said.

Shakeri is at large and remains in Iran. Two other men were arrested on charges that Shakeri recruited them to follow and kill prominent Iranian-American journalist Masih Alinejad, who has endured multiple Iranian murder-for-hire plots foiled by law enforcement.

"I'm very shocked," said Alinejad, speaking by telephone to The Associated Press from Berlin.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 9, the 314th day of 2024. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 9, 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West for the first time in decades.

Also on this date:

In 1906, Theodore Roosevelt made the first trip abroad of any sitting president in order to observe construction of the Panama Canal.

In 1935, United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization.

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as thousands of Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in a pogrom or deliberate persecution that became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout began with a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours, leaving 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning

apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 2007, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf (pur-VEHZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhv) of Pakistan placed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto (BEN'-uh-zeer BOO'-toh) under house arrest for a day and rounded up thousands of her supporters to block a mass rally against his emergency rule.

In 2011, after 46 seasons as Penn State's head football coach and a record 409 victories, Joe Paterno was fired along with the university president, Graham Spanier, over their handling of child sex abuse allegations against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

Today's Birthdays: Film director Bille August is 76. Actor-bodybuilder Lou Ferrigno is 73. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 72. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 65. TV writer-director-producer Ryan Murphy is 59. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 54. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DEHS'-kee) is 54. Golfer David Duval is 53. Actor Eric Dane is 52. Singer-TV personality Nick Lachey is 51. R&B singer Sisqo is 46. Actor-TV personality Vanessa Lachey is 44. Country singer Chris Lane is 40.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

ARGUS HAMILTON



God bless America, and how's everybody?

■ The Atlantic quoted numerous Hollywood celebrities before the election who said if Trump won they'll move to Canada, Australia or New Zealand to escape the racism. It's hilarious. Whenever celebrities threaten to leave the U.S. to escape racism they always want to move to the White Dominions.

■ The Wall Street Journal said Trump's win prompted a rally on Wall Street with the Dow Jones average skyrocketing 1,500 points in one day. It gave many Americans newfound confidence. I don't mean to brag, but when I'm at the Taco Bell drive-thru placing my order, I don't even look at the prices.

■ The Jerusalem Post reports Donald Trump received a phone call from Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu who brought Trump up to date on Israeli war activities. On Tuesday Qaim Nasseem was elected and appointed the new leader of Hezbollah. He shouldn't have bought those green bananas.

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LOTTERY

Friday numbers

Pick 3 Plus

2-1-3 (day)

5-3-5 (eve)

Pick 4 Plus

5-2-1-8 (day)

4-9-9-5 (eve)

Roadrunner Cash

2-6-10-26-32

Mega Millions

25-28-42-64-69

Mega Ball: 19

Megaplier: 3



Flying the colors

The flag is to be flown at full staff Saturday.

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Man accused of shooting girlfriend, killing son-in-law

The shootings happened within hours of each other

BY MATTHEW REISEN
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A 61-year-old man is accused of killing his son-in-law and shooting his girlfriend, believing the two were having an affair in southwestern New Mexico.

Prosecutors — believing his girlfriend and at least one other man are still at risk — are now seeking to keep Anthony Aveles behind bars until trial in the Nov. 1 death of David Ruiz, 46, of Bayard.

“His actions were a manifestation of his desire to kill her and if Defendant is released there are inadequate guarantees that he will not finish the job,” prosecutors



Anthony Aveles

wrote in a pretrial detention motion.

“Defendant has shown he is willing to resort to murdering individuals involved in romantic relationships with his girlfriend, which means at least one other person’s life would be put in grave danger if Defendant were to be released pending trial.”

Aveles is currently locked up in the Grant County Detention Center.

Around 2 p.m., the Grant County Sheriff’s Office responded to a shooting along U.S. 180 near Santa Clara, according to a statement of probable cause filed in Magistrate Court. A woman told deputies she had been shot by her boyfriend, Aveles, when he

saw her driving down the road.

The girlfriend was brought to the hospital as authorities searched for Aveles.

Deputies said a second call came in of a shooting at an apartment in Bayard. Deputies went to the apartment and found Ruiz dead inside.

A neighbor told police they had seen a man outside the apartment with a gun earlier in the day.

Bayard police found Aveles in the area and he initially put a gun to his head “as if attempting to commit suicide” before surrendering, according to the statement.

Aveles told New Mexico State Police, which took over the investigation, he was “fed up with cheating and disrespect from his girlfriend.”

Police said Aveles told them she had been cheating with Ruiz and another man. He

told police he went to Ruiz’s apartment and shot him through the screen door when he opened it.

Aveles told police he then went to his girlfriend’s house and tried to shoot her but the gun jammed, according to the statement. He said he later saw her driving on U.S. 180 and shot at her.

Police said the girlfriend later told them she didn’t tell anyone when Aveles first came to her home and tried to kill her because she loved him “and knew he had been using drugs heavily in the past few days.”

Aveles told police someone lent him the gun he used to shoot his girlfriend and Ruiz but wouldn’t name the man because “he had nothing to do with what (Aveles) did,” according to the complaint.



EDDIE MOORE/JOURNAL

Joe Molina, left, and Simon Melendez, utility technicians with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, inspect a water meter on Viewcrest NE in Albuquerque on Friday. They are looking for any lead pipes but also assessing people’s waterlines and advising them if they find an issue.

No lead in the lines — so far

City county Water Authority will inventory every service line in the city looking for the metal over the next 10 years

BY CATHY COOK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Over a year into searching, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority has found no lead pipes. The Water Authority is checking service lines for lead because of a federal Environmental Protection Agency requirement.

Lead in drinking water is bad for human health even at low exposure levels and especially for children. Lead can get into drinking water if plumbing materials that contain lead corrode, according to the EPA’s Ground Water and Drinking Water webpage.

The U.S. banned lead pipes in 1986. However, some communities still

have many lead service lines, and most communities do not have comprehensive records of the materials used in service lines. So, the EPA issued an updated rule in October that requires water systems across the country to find and replace lead pipes within the next 10 years.

Contemporary water service lines are made of copper or plastic, said Water Authority Compliance Division Manager Danielle Shurn.

“We don’t have any data that points to us thinking that we will find a big patch of lead service lines,” Shurn said. “We’re finding a lot of galvanized steel,



Pictured is a water meter that utility techs with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority inspected on Viewcrest NE Friday. The Water Authority is checking service lines for lead under an Environmental Protection Agency requirement.

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Report details Rio Rancho teen’s death

A car with tinted windows left the scene, hit a bump, car ‘flew up’

BY MICHAELA HELEAN
RIO RANCHO OBSERVER

RIO RANCHO — A police incident report released Thursday shows the shooting death of 15-year-old Adrian Maestas is being investigated as first-degree murder.

Officers responding to gunshots in the area of Inca Road and Second Street around 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, found Maestas suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. He died at a hospital around midnight Nov. 1.

“The preliminary investigation has revealed a group of individuals known to one another met to resolve an ongoing dispute,” the report states. “The interaction led to an exchange of gunfire. Adrian Maestas was struck and transported to an area hospital, where he later succumbed to the injury sustained.”

It said all people and vehicles associated with the incident are under investigation by the Criminal Investigations Division, and evidence is being processed.

The incident report also details witness accounts.

A caller at the scene with Maestas said they saw him lying in the road on Second Street and a car driving away. They said two more people stopped and tried to render aid to the teenager.

According to a responding officer, a group of four juveniles was spotted nearby, and one of them told police that before they arrived, they heard seven or eight shots, a pop and two sets of rapid-firing guns. They also saw a car with tinted windows speeding so fast that when it hit a bump, the car “flew up.” They also said they saw two people run toward the car and jump in, adding that they thought at least three people were involved.

While many other witnesses heard the incident, the only one who saw what happened is

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Keller, city gear up for another four years of Trump in office

‘He also deserves a chance, so we’ll see what happens,’ mayor says of the president-elect

BY NOAH ALCALA BACH
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

This isn’t Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller’s first rodeo leading a Democratic-leaning city with a Republican in the White House.

On the heels of Donald Trump winning the presidential election, Keller will be taking notes from his first two years as mayor — during Trump’s first term — to guide policy in the city while holding out limited optimism.

“We’ve been through a Trump administration before when I was mayor, and so we know some of the things that were tried,” Keller told the Journal on Thursday. “And so we’re going to be ready to just stand up for what our city believes in.”

Keller was first elected mayor in 2017 and assumed office in 2018, making him the head of the city for the last two years of the first Trump term.

“He also deserves a chance, so we’ll see what happens. I want to acknowledge it may be different this time around, but we’re going to make sure and protect everyone’s civil rights,” Keller said. “We’re going to make sure and stand up for folks who are disadvantaged, respect our culture and try and keep our community strong and together and unified.”

Since the election was called for Trump, Keller said his office has fielded phone calls from people worried about what a Trump presidency means for themselves or their relative’s citizenship status.

A couple cornerstones of Trump’s campaign were mass deportations and ending birthright citizenship. Despite this, Trump performed historically well with Latino voters and gained ground in New Mexico, although more New Mexicans voted for Democratic nominee Vice President Kamala Harris than for her Republican challenger.

Bernalillo County saw support for Trump jump slightly, compared with 2020.

Cecilia Martinez, a spokesperson for Trump, did not respond to a request for comment.

During his first presidential term and even recently,



CHANCEY BUSH/JOURNAL

Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller addresses attendees during the Democratic Party of New Mexico election night watch party at Isleta Resort & Casino on Tuesday.

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Policy shielding immigrants from deportation struck down

It allowed undocumented spouses of US citizens to apply for a green card without having to leave country

BY HANNAH SCHOENBAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge on Thursday struck down a Biden administration policy that aimed to ease a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants who are married to U.S. citizens.

The program, lauded as one of the biggest presidential actions to help immigrant families in years, allowed undocumented spouses and stepchildren of U.S. citizens to apply for a green card without first having to leave the country.

The temporary relief from deportation brought a brief sense of security to some 500,000 immigrants estimated to benefit from the program before Texas-based U.S. District Judge J. Campbell Barker put it on hold in August, days after applicants filed their paperwork.

Barker ruled Thursday that the Biden administration had overstepped its authority by implementing the program and had stretched the legal interpretation of relevant immigration law "past its breaking point."

The short-lived Biden administration initiative known as "Keeping Families Together" would have been unlikely to



President Joe Biden talks with the U.S. Border Patrol and local officials in February, as he looks over the southern border in Brownsville, Texas, along the Rio Grande.

remain in place after Donald Trump took office in January. But its early termination creates greater uncertainty for immigrant families as many are bracing for Trump's return to the White House.

Trump's election victory this week sets the stage for a swift crackdown on undocumented individuals after the Republican ran on promises of "mass deportation."

The president-elect energized his supporters on the campaign trail with a litany of anti-immigrant statements, including that immigrants were "poisoning the blood" of the nation.

During his first term, Trump appointed Barker as a judge in Tyler, Texas, which lies in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a favored venue for advocates pushing con-

servative arguments.

Barker had placed the immigration initiative on hold after Texas and 15 other states, led by their Republican attorneys general, filed a legal challenge accusing the executive branch of bypassing Congress to help immigrant families for "blatant political purposes."

Republicans argued the initiative created costs for their states and could draw more migrants to the U.S.

The policy would have applied to people who have been living continuously in the U.S. for at least 10 years, do not pose a security threat and have utilized the existing legal authority known as "parole in place" that offers deportation protections.

Those married to a citizen by June 17, the day before the program was announced, could pay a \$580 application fee and fill out a lengthy application explaining why they deserve humanitarian parole. If approved, applicants would have three years to seek permanent residency and obtain work authorization.

It was not immediately clear Thursday whether anyone had received approval under the program, which only accepted applications for about a week before the judge placed it on hold.

Noncitizen spouses are already eligible for legal status but often have to apply from their home countries. The process typically includes a years-long wait outside of the U.S., which can separate family members with different immigration statuses.

Astronauts won't say who got sick after months in space

The crew spent almost eight months in orbit, longer than expected

BY MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Three NASA astronauts whose prolonged space station mission ended with a trip to the hospital last month declined to say Friday which one of them was sick.

Astronauts Matthew Dominick, Michael Barratt and Jeanette Epps publicly discussed their spaceflight for the first time since returning from the International Space Station on Oct. 25. They spent nearly eight months in orbit, longer than expected because of all the trouble with Boeing's Starliner crew capsule and rough weather, including Hurricane Milton.

Soon after their SpaceX capsule splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast, the three were taken to a hospital in nearby Pensacola along with Russian cosmonaut Alexander Grebenkin, who launched with them back in March.

One of the Americans ended up spending the night there for an undisclosed "medical issue." NASA declined to say who was hospitalized

or why, citing medical privacy.

When asked at Friday's news conference which one had been sick, the astronauts refused to comment. Barratt, a doctor who specializes in space medicine, declined to even describe the symptoms that the unidentified astronaut had.

"Spaceflight is still something we don't fully understand. We're finding things that we don't expect sometimes. This was one of those times and we're still piecing things together on this," said Barratt.

Epps said everyone is different in how they respond to space — and gravity.

Dominick said little things like sitting comfortably in a hard chair took several days to get used to once he returned. He said he didn't use the treadmill at all during his time in space, as part of an experiment to see what equipment might be pared on a long trip to Mars. The first time he walked was when he got out of the capsule.

The two astronauts who served as test pilots for Boeing's Starliner — Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams — will remain at the space station until February, flying back with SpaceX. Starliner returned empty in September.

WATER >>

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and we expected that, but we don't have records that show we have a lot of lead or ever really have."

Plumbing codes did allow lead pipes to be used in New Mexico prior to 1986, but so far no lead service lines have been found in Bernalillo County and few have been found in New Mexico, Shuryn said.

If a lead line is identified, the Water Authority will work with the property owner to collect water samples to test for lead and can teach customers how to flush their lines before using the water to reduce exposure to lead before the lines get replaced.

Water service lines bring water from the water main in the street to the plumbing in a home or building. At the meter is where ownership of water service lines is divided: the Water Authority owns the line from the water meter to the water main and the homeowner is responsible for the line from the water meter to their home. The water meter is typically located in the sidewalk.

The Water Authority is able to check the material of the line going to the street and the material of the line going to the house from the water meter. If the agency finds any lead pipes, it will notify property owners. Residents can also request testing if they are concerned that their water is contaminated.

Along with checking lines at the meter, the Water Authority is also collecting data on the history of the service lines with the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office and through voluntary customer submissions, as customers often have better records of line repairs and replacements.

The EPA rule also requires the Water Author-



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A water meter that utility techs with the Water Authority inspected on Viewcrest NE in Albuquerque.

ity to test for lead in elementary schools and child care facilities. Next year, the Water Authority will begin that process. That testing will go a step further than checking water service lines. The Water Authority will also test water samples from kitchens and water fountains. Albuquerque Public Schools have previously done a lot of lead testing in schools and replaced plumbing when needed, Shuryn said.

More information is available at abcwua.org/your-drinking-water-lead-copper.

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Keller's administration has put measures in place intended to buffer Trump's policies.

In 2018, Albuquerque strengthened its status as a sanctuary city when the City Council, with the mayor's signature and approval, passed an ordinance that prohibited the city from asking about a person's citizenship status and prohibited the Albuquerque Police Department from enforcing federal immigration law.

Keller also said that the city had to fight the Trump administration from time to time to hold on to grants.

"That's where our legal team will be involved. That money is rightfully Albuquerque's, and so we're gonna fight for it, and we're not gonna let politics get in the way," Keller said.

One notable grant the city fought for was Operation Relentless Pursuit, a crime fighting effort launched in December 2019 by the U.S. Department of Justice deployed in seven cities, one of which was Albuquerque.

However, the funding to Albuquerque was delayed, which city leaders suspected was done because of political squabbling.

APD Chief Harold Medina, who was deputy chief at the time, told the Journal in February 2020, "They're trying to give us limitations of how we can access this federal funding that we need to help keep the citizens of Albuquerque safe."

The funding was awarded in May 2020.

In 2019, the Keller administration billed the Trump campaign for his stay in Albuquerque before a rally in Rio Rancho. Typically, the administration does not bill elected officials and could not provide examples of other campaigns it has billed.

The balance has remained unpaid and Trump's team was denied use of the Convention Center for his Oct. 31 New Mexico rally, in part because of the outstanding balance from 2019, Keller admitted on the eve of the rally.

The day after the election, Keller posted on X: "As Mayor, I will always stand up for and serve every resident of our city. While many are anxious about what a second Trump presidency will mean, in ABQ we will continue to work together, respect one another, and fight for a better future for our families."

He said he did so to send a message of unity and is most concerned about preserving the rhetoric, culture and respectful discourse he believes Albuquerque and New Mexico have.

"I think our state and our city has had a long history of building a community, despite our differences and despite our history, which is here actually very traumatic if you go way back," Keller said. "I just want us to be grateful to live in Albuquerque because we resolve our differences in a way that is at least appropriate and peaceful and respectful."

Trump will be inaugurated in January. Keller will be up for reelection the following November.

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an 11-year-old. The child told police they were playing outside and saw someone wearing a black sweater and black backpack walking toward where Maestas was on the ground. Fifteen minutes later, they heard gunshots. The witness told police, "It was a lot, over 10." They ran inside to get others. When they came outside, they saw four "kids" running east but couldn't see their faces, saying they could have been wearing ski masks.

All the witnesses identified the same car.

Police took casts of shoe prints at the scene.



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Nearly 100 people attended a vigil for Adrian Maestas on Nov. 4.



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Mushahid Hussain, Naeem Hussain's oldest brother, reacts while listening to defendant Muhammad Syed give a statement before Syed is sentenced to life in prison, by state District Judge Britt Baca in Downtown Albuquerque on Friday, for the murders of three Muslim men in the summer of 2022. Naeem Hussain was shot to death after attending funeral services at the Islamic Center of New Mexico for Aftab Hussein and Mohammad Afzaal Hussain.

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AK-47 while hiding behind a bush outside his home.

On Aug. 1, Mohammad Afzaal Hussain was found shot to death after officers responded to reports of a drive-by shooting. Four days later, Naeem Hussain was shot to death after attending funeral services at the Islamic Center of New Mexico for Aftab Hussein and Mohammad Afzaal Hussain.

Evidence showed Syed followed Hussain after the funeral service and shot him from his vehicle.

The killings sparked concern in the Albuquerque Islamic community, with members fearful the attacks were hate crimes targeting Muslim men. Syed was arrested on Aug. 9 outside of Santa Rosa, driving to Texas, on Aug. 9, 2022. He has been behind bars ever since.

Before receiving his sentence on Friday, family and friends of those slain spoke of the devastation wrought by Syed.

Naeem Hussain's brother Ali Hussain spoke to the court, telling the judge: "I think it takes a monster to kill not one, not two, but three people."

"At least they got some sense of justice, and the person who committed such a crime got



Muhammad Syed sits in court during his sentencing for the murders of three Muslim men in the summer of 2022.

what he deserved, and I hope this brings some comfort to the friends and families of the victims," Ali Hussain said.

Syed, when given a chance to speak, proclaimed innocence and said true justice would be the ability to return to Afghanistan with his wife and children.

"Your honor, I did nothing wrong," Syed said, as tears rolled down his face. "I'm 100% confident I am not a murderer. The reports and accusations that have been brought against me are unjust, they're cruel and they're not true. I'm asking the court to allow me to be reunited with my family and I can go back to my country."

Syed told the judge he felt the evidence

against him was not clear.

Prosecutors and the victims' families said they were disappointed at Syed's lack of accountability, but they were filled with a sense of relief at the judge's decision.

"I'm happy Mr. Syed will no longer be able to have a voice in this matter as he's already pleaded no contest to three terrible things that he's done," said Melanie Bartholomew, friend of Naeem Hussain and Aftab Hussein.

"More importantly is to talk about Naeem Hussain and how much of a really good friend he was to everyone. It is a little bit of solace to be able to say that the person who has killed him and two other people, at least in the community, is no longer able to harm any other person."

Naeem's oldest brother Mushahid Hussain, said it was difficult to move forward because Syed never admitted to his crimes or gave a motive, but he believes Syed murdered his brother out of hatred for the Muslim community.

"Where I live, people kill people if they have the name Ali or Hussain because they think they belong to that religion," Mushahid said. "I think this guy did the same thing because all three of the people he killed had the last name Hussain. He never said he did it, and he wants to show himself as innocent, but God knows better."

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come as parts of New Mexico endured winter-like storms this week, including in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, which saw several inches of snowfall.

That's also opening the door for other ski areas to open before Thanksgiving, including Ski Santa Fe, which wrote in a news release Friday that it plans to open on Nov. 23.

"Guests will be able to take a ride on the new Santa Fe Express High-Speed Quad, which will be spinning for Opening Day," Ski Santa Fe said. "We are making all efforts to open all lifts on opening day. Terrain openings will be announced on Wednesday, Nov. 20."

Taos Ski Valley is slated to open Nov. 28 and Angel Fire Resort on Dec. 13, according to Ski New Mexico, though that can be subject to change.

The snow report from Sandia Peak shows a base depth of between 16 and 24 inches and a season total of 36 inches.

Pajarito Mountain, meanwhile, had a base depth between 18 and 24 inches of snow and a season total of 44 inches.

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Man who voiced AOL's 'You've got mail' dies at 74

Edwards made \$200 from the recordings

BY JOHN SEEWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elwood Edwards, who voiced America Online's ever-present "You've got mail" greeting, has died. He was 74.

He died Tuesday at his home in New Bern, North Carolina, said his daughter Heather Edwards. The cause was complications from a stroke late last year, she said.

Edwards taped his AOL greeting in 1989 into a recorder while

sitting in the living room of his home. "You've got mail" became a pop culture catchphrase in the late 1990s and served as the title of the 1998 Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan film.

"He would still blush anytime someone brought it up," his daughter said. "He loved the attention, but he never got used to it."

He was also the voice of AOL's "Welcome," "Goodbye" and "File's done" messages. He made \$200 from the recordings.

He got the gig while working at an independent TV station in Washington, D.C. His second wife,

Karen, was a customer service representative for the internet provider that later became known as AOL. She heard the company was looking for someone to be the voice of its software and suggested her husband.

"They were so impressed, they didn't have him go in a recording booth," his daughter said.

While few people knew his face, his voice was heard by millions of people each day.

"For a while, America Online was keeping it a secret, making me a man of mystery. But finally it was released, and there you go,"

Edwards said in 1999.

He did appear on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" in 2015 to repeat the famous catchphrase, smiling broadly and chuckling as the studio audience cheered. He also added his voice to an episode of "The Simpsons" in 2000.

Edwards first worked in radio and then moved into television. He had a brief stint as a weatherman and worked as an announcer, but mostly he spent his time behind the camera, Heather Edwards said.

"He would say, 'I have a face for

radio," she said, adding that her dad "always had a ready smile anytime you'd see him."

He later worked at WKYC-TV in Cleveland as a "graphics guru, camera operator, and general jack-of-all-trades," the station said. Edwards also did freelance voice-over work for radio and television commercials.

Survivors include another daughter, Sallie Edwards; granddaughter Abbie Edwards; and a brother, Bill.

The family plans to hold a memorial service Monday in New Bern.

Beyoncé leads the 2025 Grammy nominations for 'Cowboy Carter'

New album receives 11 nods, bumping the artist to a record 99 total nominations during her career

BY MARIA SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Welcome to Beyoncé country. When it comes to the 2025 Grammy Award nominations, "Cowboy Carter" rules the nation. She leads the nods with 11, bringing her career total to 99 nominations. That makes her the most nominated artist in Grammy history.

"Cowboy Carter" is up for album and country album of the year, and "Texas Hold 'Em" is nominated for record, song and country song of the year. She also received nominations in a wide swath of genres, including pop, country, Americana and melodic rap performance categories.

This is her first time receiving nominations in the country and Americana categories. Previously, she and her husband Jay-Z were tied for most career nominations, at 88.

If Beyoncé wins the album of the year, she'll become the first Black woman to do so in the 21st century. Lauryn Hill last won in 1999 for "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," joining Natalie Cole and Whitney Houston as the only Black women to take home the Grammys' top prize.

Post Malone also received his first ever nominations in the country categories this year, having released his debut country album "F-1 Trillion" in August. That one is up for country album and "I Had Some Help," his collaboration with Morgan Wallen, is nominated for country song and country duo/group per-

formance. They are Wallen's first ever Grammy nominations.

Malone is just behind Beyoncé, with seven nominations, tied with Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar and Charli XCX, who earned her first nominations as a solo artist.

Lamar's ubiquitous diss track released during his feud with Drake, "Not Like Us," is nominated for record and song of the year, rap song, music video as well as best rap performance. He has two simultaneous entries in the latter category, a career first: Future & Metro Boomin featuring Lamar, "Like That" is up for best rap performance and best rap song.

This is his third time receiving two simultaneous nominations for best rap song.

Taylor Swift and first-time nominee Sabrina Carpenter and Chappell Roan boast of six nominations each.

Last year, women artists dominated the major categories. This year, that continues somewhat, but the main trend seems to be a variance of genre. In the album of the year category, alongside "Cowboy Carter" is André 3000's new age, alt-jazz "New Blue Sun" and multi-instrumentalist Jacob Collier's "Djesse Vol. 4." Rising pop stars Carpenter and Roan round it out, with "Short n' Sweet" and "The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess" respectively, as well as Swift's "The Tortured Poets Department," Eilish's "Hit Me Hard and Soft," and Charli XCX's rave-ready "BRAT."

Eilish is the only artist to have her first three albums become nominated for album of the year.

Last year, Swift won album of the year for "Midnights," breaking the record for most wins in the category with four. This



Beyoncé appears at a campaign event for Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris in Houston on Oct. 25.

year, she becomes the first ever woman to reach seven career nominations in the category.

"The breadth and the variety of genres represented in the general field feels new and really exciting," says the Recording Academy CEO and President Harvey Mason Jr. He credits an active and evolving voting body for its success. "We've been very intentional in how we looked at and tried to rebalance our membership. So not just gender or people of color, different racial makeup, but also genre equity and trying to make sure that all different types of music in different regions and different locations are being represented in every way possible."

Only recordings commercially released in the U.S. between Sept. 16, 2023 through Aug. 30, 2024 were eligible for nominations. The final round of Grammy voting, which determines its winners, will take place Dec. 12 through January 3.

In the best new artist category, Carpenter and Roan will go head-to-head, alongside Benson Boone, Doechii, Khruangbin, RAYE, Shaboozey and Teddy Swims.

In the song of the year category, Beyoncé is joined by Eilish with "Birds of a Feather," Swift and Post Malone with "Fortnight,"

Roan's "Good Luck, Babe!," Carpenter's "Please Please Please," Lamar's "Not Like Us," Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars' "Die With A Smile," and Shaboozey's "A Bar Song (Tippy)." Shaboozey is also a first-time nominee. His "A Bar Song (Tippy)" is the biggest song of the year, having spent more weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 than any other — it is so popular, a remix of the track is also up for remixed recording.

Elsewhere, Shaboozey is nominated in the melodic rap performance category for his feature on Beyoncé's "SPAGHETTII." Linda Martell, the first commercially-successful Black woman musician in country, is also featured on the song, delivering the 83-year-old artist her first Grammy nomination.

For record of the year, "Texas Hold 'Em" will compete against Swift and Post Malone's "Fortnight," Eilish's "Birds of a Feather," Lamar's "Not Like Us," Roan's "Good Luck, Babe!," Carpenter's "Espresso," Charli XCX's "360," and the Beatles last new song, the AI-assisted "Now and Then."

"We're trying to make sure we're keeping up with how music creators and our community are using technology. And in this case,

AI enhanced the record and allowed it to be eligible in the categories that it was eligible in," Mason Jr explains.

Dolly Parton scored her 55th career nomination in the audio book, narration, and storytelling recording category for her "Behind the Seams: My Life in the Rhinestones," news The Associated Press broke to the country music legend Friday morning. "No! What did I get nominated for?" she cheered over the phone. "Oh, well, that's cool. I thought it would be for my rock album, I'd take it."

She's up against producer Guy Oldfield, George Clinton, Barbra Streisand and Jimmy Carter, who could become the oldest Grammy award winner in history at 100.

So, what's missing? Like last year, there's a huge dearth of Latin music — the fastest growing streaming genre in the United States — across the board, and no representation in the major categories. There

are also only four entries in the best Música Mexicana album category, despite it also being one of the fastest growing genres.

And K-pop, too, seems to be absent. There are no nominations for the BTS members who've released solo material this year: RM's "Right Place, Wrong Person," J-Hope's "Hope on the Street, Vol. 1," and Jimin's "Muse." As a boy band, BTS has received five nominations across their career.

"I definitely see room for improvement across many genres and we are continuing to invite people to be a part of the academy," Mason Jr. says. "Without the right representation we don't get the right results. When I say right, I mean reflective and representative of what's happening in music today. So, the work continues."

The 2025 Grammy Awards will air Feb. 2 live on CBS and Paramount+ from the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.



Charlene L. Cooke



Charlene Cooke, 69, passed away Friday October 25, 2024 at home in Fort Collins, Colorado. Charlene was a Cochiti Pueblo Native, born in Santa Fe, and raised in Albuquerque.

See the full obituary at www.afterall.com/obituaries/d-18687830/loveland-colorado/charlene-lee-cooke/october-2024

Charles Robert Johnson

Charles Robert "Bobby" Johnson of Albuquerque, NM, died October 10, 2024. Services will be at St. John's United Methodist Church, 2626 Arizona St. NE, Albuquerque, on Monday, November 11, at 1 p.m. Park on the east side of the church. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, NM. Donations in his memory may be made to St. John's in lieu of flowers. Full obituary at <https://nmcremation.com>.

Patricia Lada

Passed away on October 17, 2024. Pat lived in Albuquerque and Tijeras for 29 years. She worked as both a nurse and a teacher. Pat was simply the best wife, mother, and friend. Pippinfuneralhome.com/obituaries has more information.



Helga Hetes

The one I love now resides above in the splendor of God's heavenly kingdom. Though it hurts to have her gone it gladdens my heart to know her spirit lives forever in memories wafting eerily about my senses. Alles klar Hans, my gray-eyed liebchen? Ron and Family.



Revising the rules of engagement, court says jilted bride must give back \$70,000 ring

BY STEVE LEBLANC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Who gets to keep an engagement ring if a romance turns sour and the wedding is called off?

That's what the highest court in Massachusetts was asked to decide with a \$70,000 ring at the center of the dispute.

The court ultimately ruled Friday that an engagement ring must be returned to the person who purchased it, ending a six-decade state rule that required judges to try to identify who was to blame for the end of the relationship.

The case involved Bruce Johnson and Caroline Settino, who started dating in the summer of 2016, according to court filings. Over the next year, they traveled together, visiting New York, Bar Harbor, Maine, the Virgin Islands and Italy. Johnson paid for the vacations and also gave Settino jewelry, clothing, shoes and handbags.

Eventually, Johnson bought a \$70,000 diamond engagement ring and in August 2017 asked Settino's father for permission to marry her. Two months later, he also bought two wedding bands for about \$3,700.

Johnson said he felt like after that Settino became increasingly critical and unsupportive, including berating him and not accompanying him to treatments when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, according to court filings.

At some point Johnson looked at Settino's cell phone and discovered a message from her to a man he didn't know.



A jeweler displays an engagement ring in 2014 in Jacksonville, N.C.

"My Bruce is going to be in Connecticut for three days. I need some playtime," the message read. He also found messages from the man, including a voicemail in which the man referred to Settino as "cupcake" and said they didn't see enough of each other. Settino has said the man was just a friend.

Johnson ended the engagement. But ownership of the ring remained up in the air.

A trial judge initially concluded Settino was entitled to keep the engagement ring, reasoning that Johnson "mistakenly thought Settino was cheating on him and called off the engagement." An appeals court found Johnson should get the ring.

In September, the case landed before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which ultimately ruled that Johnson should keep the ring.

In their ruling the justices said the case raised the question of whether the issue of "who is at fault" should continue to govern the rights to engagement rings when the wedding doesn't happen.

More than six decades ago, the court found that an engagement ring is generally understood to be a conditional gift and determined that the person who gives it can get it back after a failed engagement, but only if that person was "without fault."

"We now join the modern trend adopted by the majority of jurisdictions that have considered the issue and retire the concept of fault in this context," the justices wrote in Friday's ruling. "Where, as here, the planned wedding does not ensue and the engagement is ended, the engagement ring must be returned to the donor regardless of fault."

Johnson's lawyer, Stephanie Taverna Siden, welcomed the ruling.

"We are very pleased with the court's decision today. It is a well-reasoned, fair and just decision and moves Massachusetts law in the right direction," Siden said.

A lawyer for Settino said they were disappointed, but respected the court's decision to follow the majority rule among the states.

"We firmly believe that the notion of an engagement ring as a conditional gift is predicated on outdated notions and should no longer be a legal loophole in our otherwise well-established rule that a breach of a promise to marry is not an injury recognized by law," Nicholas Rosenberg said.

Harvard Law School professor Rebecca Tushnet, who studies engagement ring law, said she wasn't surprised that the court rejected the fault standard, saying it really doesn't fit with modern family law.

Two men convicted of attempting to kill federal agents

They fired on agents ahead of a planned trip to the Texas-Mexico border to shoot at immigrants illegally crossing

BY JOHN HANNA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two men who co-founded a militia group have been convicted of attempting to murder federal agents ahead of a planned trip to the Texas-Mexico border to shoot at immigrants illegally crossing there and any federal agents who might try to stop them.

A jury at the U.S. District Court in the Missouri state capital of

Jefferson City found Jonathan S. O'Dell, 34, of Warshaw, Missouri, and Bryan C. Perry, 39, of Clarksville, Tennessee, guilty of more than 30 felony counts each, the chief federal prosecutor for western Missouri, Teresa Moore, announced Friday. The convictions Thursday came after jurors deliberated for more than two hours.

O'Dell's attorney, Jonathan Truesdale, declined comment, but Perry's attorney, Thomas Kirsch, said his client plans to appeal the verdict. Kirsch said Perry is disappointed in the verdict but said he is grateful for jurors' dedication and the opportunity to exercise "his fundamental right" of trial by jury.

"My client has a deep love and passion for our country and the values it stands for and what the Constitution stands for, including his right to a trial by jury," Kirsch said.

A sentencing date for either man has not yet been set. They both face at least 10 years in prison, and possibly life.

Perry also pled guilty to three charges, including escaping from federal custody. Held for trial in a county jail in Rolla, Missouri, he escaped in September 2023 but was captured two days later and about 160 miles (258 kilometers) to the northwest, outside Kansas City, following a high-speed chase.

The two men formed the 2nd

Amendment Militia and then in the summer and fall of 2022 tried recruit others to join them, prosecutors said. In September 2022, O'Dell's home about 100 miles became a staging site as the two men collected firearms, ammunition, paramilitary gear and other supplies, according to the government's evidence.

Prosecutors said Perry posted a TikTok video in September saying that their militia group was going to "go protect this country," and another in early October saying the group would be "out huntin'." Prosecutors said the two men viewed U.S. Border Patrol agents as traitors for allowing immigrants to cross into Texas.

The day before they planned to leave for Texas, an FBI team using an armored vehicle served a search warrant on O'Dell's home, and prosecutors said Perry fired 11 rifle shots at them. O'Dell and his girlfriend surrendered, but after exiting the house, Perry fought with agents.

The charges against the two men also included using a firearm in a violent crime, illegal gun possession and damaging federal property. Perry couldn't legally have a gun because in 2004, he pled guilty in Tennessee to a felony aggravated robbery charge and served about four years in prison, according to online records.



COURTESY OF ANIMAL PROTECTION NEW MEXICO

Devon, a former Alamogordo Primate Facility chimpanzee, roams about his new home at Chimp Haven. Devon, like most of the primates at Chimp Haven, was used for biomedical experiments by the National Institute of Health.

CHIMPS >>

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science for the advocacy group Animal Protection New Mexico.

Rep. Melanie Stansbury, D-N.M., also applauded the NIH after the announcement.

"This long overdue step will ensure that these animals can live out the remainder of their lives with dignity and will end a long, painful, and expensive chapter in New Mexico's history on this issue," Stansbury said in a statement Friday.

The NIH announced in 2015 that it had retired all of its research chimpanzees and was committed to relocating them to Chimp Haven.

As the NIH relocated retired animals across the country, many chimps were left behind at the Alamogordo Primate Facility due to poor health conditions, according to a statement from the NIH in 2019. NIH officials were concerned that they were too ill to travel.

Grant said that while chimps, especially those suffering medical conditions, must be handled with the utmost care, none have died in transit to the sanctuary. The greater threat, Grant said, is the NIH wasting precious time in moving the animals.

Since 2019, when the NIH

announced it would not relocate its animals, reports indicate that nearly half of the population at the Alamogordo facility has died. In 2019, there were 44 primates, and as of October, there are 23.

Causes of death were not listed in the reports, but many of the animals were elderly and in poor health, according to previous statements by the NIH.

"The agency's foot-dragging condemned these incredible animals — who had endured a lifetime of suffering — to spend their final years and days in a sterile laboratory with barren outdoor enclosures," Kitty Block, the CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, said in a statement Friday.

NIH officials did not return multiple calls for comment from the Journal on Friday.

The NIH told The New York Times that the decision to relocate the chimps came after finding out that a majority of their caretakers were planning to retire by this summer.

The Humane Society points toward a 2022 lawsuit it filed, alongside Animal Protection New Mexico, that found the NIH in violation of the CHIMP Act by failing to relocate the primates.

Beyond quality of life concerns, Grant argues that operating the APF

was a "fantastic-level" waste of taxpayer money.

According to a NIH report from October, the daily cost for housing a chimp at APF is three times as expensive as caring for them at the sanctuary.

It costs \$290 per day to house a chimp at APF, while the daily cost at Chimp Haven is \$76. The federal government spent \$1.93 million to maintain APF this year, according to the report.

"Paying three times the money for a chimp to have substandard care," Grant said. "It was just unacceptable."

Grant urged the federal government to act quickly to move chimpanzees, as many don't have long to live. The chimps are aged 34 to 62, the latter of which is on the tail end of the primates' expected lifespan in captivity.

Despite the losses, Grant sees the announcement as fulfilling a decades-long promise to man's closest relative.

"We're so grateful they're actually going to get to live out their (remaining) years in the promise that we promised them," Grant said.

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43 monkeys remain on the run from South Carolina lab

BY JEFFREY COLLINS,
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Forty-three monkeys bred for medical research that escaped a compound in South Carolina have been spotted in the woods near the site and workers are using food to try to recapture them, authorities said Friday.

The rhesus macaques made a break for it Wednesday after an employee at the Alpha Genesis facility in Yemassee didn't fully lock a door as she fed and checked on them, officials said.

"They are very social monkeys and they travel in groups, so when the first couple go out the door the others tend to just follow right along," Alpha Genesis CEO Greg Westergaard told CBS News.

Westergaard said his main goal is to have the monkeys returned safely with no other problems. "I think they are having an adventure," he said.

The monkeys on Friday were exploring the outer fence of the Alpha Genesis compound and are cooing at the monkeys inside, police said in a statement.

"The primates are exhibiting calm and playful behavior, which is a positive indication," the police statement said, adding company workers are closely watching the monkeys while keeping their distance as they work to safely recapture them.

The monkeys are about the size of a cat. They are all females weighing about 7 pounds.

Alpha Genesis, federal health officials and police all said the monkeys pose no risk to public health. The facility breeds the monkeys to sell to medical and other researchers.

"They are not infected with any disease whatsoever. They are harmless and a little skittish," Yemassee Police Chief Gregory Alexander said Thursday.

Authorities still recommend that people who live near the compound about 1 mile from downtown Yemassee shut their windows and doors and call 911 if they see the monkeys. Approaching them could make them more skittish and harder to capture, officials said.

Eve Cooper, a biology professor at the University of Colorado Boulder who has studied rhesus macaques, said the animals have the potential to be dangerous and urged people to keep their distance.

Rhesus macaque monkeys can be aggressive. And some carry the herpes B virus, which can be fatal to humans, Cooper said.

However, Alpha Genesis states on its website that it specializes in pathogen-free primates. Cooper noted that there are pathogen-free populations of rhesus macaques that have been quarantined and tested.

"I would give them a wide berth," Cooper said. "They're unpredictable animals. And they can behave quite aggressively



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In this 2017 photo, a rhesus macaque observes kayakers as they navigate along the Silver River in Silver Springs, Fla.

when they're afraid."

Alpha Genesis provides primates for research worldwide at its compound about 50 miles northeast of Savannah, Georgia, according to its website.

Locally, it is known as "the monkey farm." And there is more amusement than panic around Yemassee and its population of about 1,100 just off Interstate 95 about 2 miles from Auldbrass Plantation, a Frank Lloyd Wright house designed in the 1930s.

There have been escapes before, but the monkeys haven't caused problems, said William McCoy, who owns Lowcountry Horology, a clock and watch repair shop.

"They normally come home because that's where the food is," he said.

McCoy has lived in Yemassee for about two years and while he plans to stay away from the monkeys, he has his own light-hearted plan to get them back.

"I'm stocking up bananas, maybe they'll show up," McCoy said.

The Alpha Genesis compound is regularly inspected by federal officials.

In 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture fined Alpha Genesis \$12,600 in part after officials said 26 primates escaped from the Yemassee facility in 2014 and an additional 19 got out in 2016.

The company's fine was also issued because of individual monkey escapes as well as the killing of one monkey by others when it was placed in the wrong social group, according to a report from the USDA.

The group Stop Animal Exploitation Now sent a letter Thursday to the USDA asking the agency to immediately send an inspector to the Alpha Genesis facility, conduct a thorough investigation and treat them as a repeated violator. The group was involved in the 2018 fine against the company.

"The clear carelessness which allowed these 40 monkeys to escape endangered not only the safety of the animals, but also put the residents of South Carolina at risk," wrote Michael Budkie, executive director of the group.

The USDA, which has inspected the compound 10 times since 2020, didn't immediately respond to the letter.

Pompeii archaeological park sets daily visitors' limit to combat over-tourism

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ROME — The Pompeii archaeological park plans to limit visitor numbers to 20,000 a day and introduce personalized tickets starting next week in a bid to cope with over-tourism and protect the world heritage site, officials said Friday.

The move comes after what authorities called a record summer that saw over 4 million people visiting the world-famous remains of the ancient Roman city, buried under ash and rock following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

The park's director Gabriel Zuchtriegel said visitors to the main archaeological site now exceed an average of 15,000 to 20,000 every day, and the new daily cap will prevent the numbers from surging further.

"We are working on a series of projects to lift the human pressure on the site, which could pose risks both for visitors and the heritage (that is) so unique and fragile," Zuchtriegel said.

Starting Nov. 15 tickets to access the park will be personalized to include the full names of visitors. A maximum of 20,000 tickets will be released each day, with different time slots during the peak summer



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A view of Pompeii, a buried and ruined Roman city near modern Naples in Italy.

season.

The park's management is also trying to attract more tourists to visit other ancient sites connected to Pompeii by a free shuttle bus under the "Greater Pompeii" project, including Stabia, Torre Annunziata and Boscoreale sites.

"The measures to manage flows

and safety and the personalization of the visits are part of this strategy," Zuchtriegel said.

"We are aiming for slow, sustainable, pleasant and non-mass tourism and above all widespread throughout the territory around the UNESCO site, which is full of cultural jewels to discover," he added.

Treat the sick, don't jail them

BY CHRISTINA DENT
INSIDESOURCES.COM

Since President Richard Nixon first declared a “war on drugs” in 1971, the criminal justice system has been the default for fighting drug use and addiction. But with 107,543 drug overdose deaths in 2023, it's clear our current methods are not working.

That's because drug addiction is a health issue — not a crime. As such, it cannot be cured by a system that is overwhelmingly designed to punish instead of healing.

For years now, most Americans have recognized that people suffering from drug addiction should be treated instead of jailed. They want real solutions to the problems they see, not leaders who double down on the failed status quo and its empty promises.

It's time to adopt a health-centered approach to drug use in the United States that will adequately treat those suffering from addiction, reduce the burdens on our overworked criminal justice systems and keep communities safer and healthier.

I used to believe that people who used drugs were bad, that they were criminals who lacked self-control and deserved to be punished. That changed when I became a foster parent.

One of my foster children, Beckham, was taken from his mother, Joanne, as a newborn because she used drugs during her pregnancy. I assumed that Joanne used drugs because she did not love her child enough to stop and that she could have easily quit if she only cared about being a mother.



Christina Dent

Then I met her, and I saw her love for Beckham. Joanne challenged everything I thought I knew about drug addiction.

As I began finding more research, it became clear that drug addiction does not appear out of nowhere. It is often a result of unresolved trauma, PTSD, or other emotional and mental distress.

I realized that incarcerating people like Joanne would only add to that trauma. Yet, that is precisely what we are doing. In 2020, for example, about 87% of drug-related arrests were for “mere possession” — not sale or manufacturing.

Not only are the conditions of incarceration often traumatic, but incarceration also separates people from their families and support systems, which are necessary for overcoming addiction. It's hard on families, too. Studies show that children whose mothers have been incarcerated are at higher risk of developing behavioral and mental health issues. Incarceration saddles people with a criminal record for life, making it difficult for them to gain lawful employment.

Fortunately, Joanne was not sent to prison. She received specialized treatment and is now in recovery, helping others overcome addiction.

Not everyone gets that opportunity.

It's estimated that 63% of people in jail and 58% of those in prison struggle with a substance use disorder. Most go untreated — it's estimated that 10% of people in state prisons who have substance use disorders receive clinical treatment.

People in prison are not just going without treatment; they are actively getting worse. In fact, studies show that drug use tends to increase after periods of incarceration and that incarceration also increases the risk of dying of a drug overdose.

It's hard to break free of the mindset that people who use illegal drugs are synonymous with criminals. Even election polls lumps “crime” and “drugs” together into a single category.

The hard truth is that no matter how many people we incarcerate, drug use is never going away. We've had a five-decade-long trial of using the criminal justice system to manage drug use, to no avail. Decriminalizing drugs and tackling drug use from a healthcare perspective is the best way we can save lives and keep families together.

Ironically, involving the criminal justice system less will make communities safer.

At least 20% of police calls involve a mental health or substance use crisis, which police are not adequately trained to manage. Shifting these responsibilities to community-based health professionals will allow police to focus their limited resources on preventing and solving serious crimes.

Research also shows that the availability of substance abuse treatment centers in a community reduces local crime rates. Drug courts, which offer people treatment instead of incarceration, are also shown to reduce recidivism, with one meta-analysis finding a 24% decrease in recidivism for drug court participants compared to incarcerated individuals.

Because illegal drugs are unregulated, they have become deadlier than ever as drug traffickers attempt to make more potent drugs that pack a bigger punch in a smaller package, allowing them to better avoid detection while boosting profits. Regulating popular drugs, just as we do with alcohol and tobacco, would ensure substances are safer and reduce the financial incentive to participate in the underground drug trade.

To be clear — this proposed solution is in no way “lenient” toward drug traffickers and violent offenders. People who harm others should be prosecuted. It merely recognizes that we cannot incarcerate ourselves out of our drug problem. What we are doing is not working, and it has never worked. It's time to invest in modern-day solutions that will save lives.

Christina Dent is the founder and president of End It for Good. She wrote this for InsideSources.com.



NM needs to stop investing in failed policies

It's no secret that New Mexico is struggling with a severe shortage of affordable housing, leaving tens of thousands of people in our state without shelter.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently reported that New Mexico had the second largest percentage increase in homelessness in the country between 2022 and 2023. This large and growing number of unhoused people have nowhere to go but the streets. And on the streets, they face daily threats of arrest and incarceration. These high rates of arrest and incarceration only make their situation worse by saddling people with criminal records and further destabilizing their lives.

Amidst these realities comes the announcement of an anti-panhandling law that will further criminalize unhoused people in New Mexico. Any bill that further ensnares unhoused people in the criminal legal system, even if coupled with hundreds of millions of dollars to expand affordable housing, is cruel and misguided. The “carrot and the stick” approach simply will not work.

Homelessness must be addressed as a public health issue, as people experiencing homelessness are often simultaneously experiencing high rates of chronic mental health conditions, addiction, and physical health conditions, coupled with barriers to care and lack of safe shelter — the foundation for healing. In a state like New Mexico where there are severe shortages of healthcare workers and long wait lines for receiving care, these problems are only made worse.

According to the Prison Policy Initiative, at least 63% of unhoused people with mental illness will be arrested during their lifetimes, and formerly incarcerated people are 10 times more likely to be unhoused than the general population. That's because people with convictions are faced with a myriad of criminal-record related barriers to accessing housing and obtaining employment.

It's easy to see how anti-panhandling laws that target the most vulnerable people in our state for arrest and incarceration will only exacerbate cycles of trauma, homelessness, poverty and mental illness.

Policymakers also need to consider the impact our criminal legal system has beyond the courtroom and the jail. We have lived with a system that treats poor people one way and the wealthy another. Over-policing of communities of color, overly harsh sentencing, and misguided approaches to substance abuse have contributed to wealth inequality

and disparate homeownership.

It's not too late to reverse course. Our lawmakers should promote racial and economic justice by investing now in supportive housing — without attaching these investments to failed, harmful policies that have been struck down by courts as unconstitutional.

We have an opportunity to foster a future where all people in our state can live safe and healthy lives, with stable and secure housing. New Mexicans deserve this.

Now, it's up to our elected officials to make it happen.

Monet Silva is executive director of New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

MONET SILVA
Santa Fe

NM's capital outlay process needs an update

A major feature of the New Mexico legislature's capital outlay funding process has long been undesirable and is getting much worse.

Much of the funding for capital projects, essentially construction projects, such as roads, buildings, sports stadiums, film studios and playgrounds are appropriated on a single-legislator basis. Each legislator gets a specific amount of money to allocate to projects as he or she chooses. Last session, each senator had over \$4 million and each representative nearly \$3 million. The money must be directed to local governments or other public institutions that are willing to accept it, but, of course, many projects also benefit private interests. For good reasons, no other state follows this process.

First, this process is inefficient. Typically, the amounts legislators allocate toward a project in a legislative session are insufficient to complete the project, so the money is held in suspense awaiting additional contributions in subsequent years. There are thousands of projects for which money totaling billions of dollars currently is being held in suspense.

Second, the system is subject to abuse. There may be a temptation for a legislator to appropriate in a way that assists a re-election campaign or fundraising rather than based on the merits of a project.

Usually promises made to interest groups, contributors or lobbyists to pass legislation can be fulfilled only if the legislation can pass through the two houses of the legislature, including several committees, and survive a possible veto. There are hearings addressing the legislation and opportunities for opponents to speak. The single-legislator appropriation process avoids all

these hurdles. It simply combines all the individual requests into a single bill and passes them without hearings, examination or evaluation against other possible uses of the funds. Frequently, the governor also has projects included and has agreed not to veto the others.

Finally, the single-member appropriation process circumvents the constitutional design of legislative bodies and the legislature's own rules. Legislatures are designed to provide substantive consideration of legislation. Besides the constitutional requirement that legislation pass two houses and be signed by the governor, legislative rules require multiple public committee hearings. Circumventing the constitution and rules is inconsistent with the obligation of public officials to consider what they are voting on.

The single-legislator appropriations process is a problematic agreement among officials: “If you do not examine my appropriation, I will not examine yours.”

New Mexico's system of single-member appropriations has been in place for several decades. It has always been bad, but it is getting much worse. Originally only several hundred thousand dollars were available for each legislator. Because of the current oil and gas boom, multiple millions are now available and will likely increase in future years.

Other states have found more than forty better ways to allocate money to capital projects. New Mexico should be able to find one.

DICK MINZNER
Albuquerque

The horrors of overpaid restaurant workers

Regarding “Restaurants: Wait staff in city being overpaid” (Oct. 23 Journal). Oh, the horror, Carol Wight and the New Mexico Restaurant Association are up in arms once again, complaining that restaurant workers are being overpaid.

According to their calculations, the average worker working 40 hours per week is overpaid \$936 annually. Of course, wages are a tax-deductible expense, so in reality that net expense to the restaurant would actually be \$561 annually. How can restaurants ever afford such an excessive expense? I'm surprised restaurants in N.M. haven't closed in droves.

Of course, Carol Wight and her group have been complaining about raising the minimum wage for years. They should be ashamed of themselves.

ALLAN BABER
Albuquerque

NM United looks to cool off Las Vegas Lights



MIKE SANDOVAL / FOR THE JOURNAL

New Mexico United's Mukwelle Akale celebrates after scoring the go-ahead goal during a USLC playoff match against Phoenix Rising FC last Sunday at Isotopes Park. United hosts Las Vegas Lights FC for a USL Championship Western Conference semifinal on Saturday.

NMU hopes home crowd provides a winning edge

BY KEN SICKENGER
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Just about everyone enjoys seeing a Las Vegas longshot come in from time to time. New Mexico United wants nothing to do with that scenario Saturday night.

Top-seeded United hosts No. 4 Las Vegas Lights FC for a USL Championship Western Conference semifinal at Isotopes Park. Both teams will be gunning for a first-ever appearance in next week's conference finals.

Similarities abound between the two clubs. Both have largely overachieved this season, with New Mexico climbing from an eighth-place finish in 2023 to the top of the conference table in

Saturday

USLC Playoffs: Las Vegas Lights FC at NM United, 7:30 p.m., 1017 FM, ESPN+ (streaming), Estrella TV

coach Eric Quill's first full season.

Las Vegas' rise has been even more surprising. The Lights basically nuked their roster after a last-place finish in 2023 and went on to earn the franchise's first playoff berth — advancing after a scoreless draw by beating perennial contender Sacramento Republic 3-2 in penalties.

United and Lights FC split their two regular-season meetings, each taking a 2-1 victory on the road.

While few might have seen NMU and Las Vegas squaring off for a conference finals berth in the preseason, Quill is not surprised by the matchup.

"Las Vegas is a good opponent and they play a lot like us," Quill said Friday. "They like to hold the ball and try to break you down back to front. They're not really direct like a lot of teams in this league, but they play a good brand of soccer. It should be a hard-fought game and a fun one for fans to watch."

The similarities between United and Lights FC are not just stylistic. Las Vegas scored one more goal than NMU this season (49-48), conceded one more goal (46-45) and both rank among the league's top five in passes and passing accuracy. Even the defensive and discipline numbers are remarkably close, including duels won (Las Vegas 1,648, New Mexico 1,645).

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SUNDEVILS' SUPREMACY



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Sandia Prep's Rylie Elison, right, celebrates a goal with teammate Bridget Hurley during the Class 1A-3A state championship game against Cottonwood Classical on Friday at UNM.

Sandia Prep captures its fourth straight blue trophy

BY TRISTEN CRITCHFIELD
FOR THE JOURNAL

Under coach Matthew Westerlund, Sandia Prep has been all but inevitable.

The top-seeded Sundevils (19-4) shook off a slow start to cruise to a 4-0 victory over No. 3 Cottonwood Classical Prep (16-5-1) in the girls Class 1A-3A championship game at the UNM Soccer Complex on Friday.

It's the fourth straight blue trophy for Sandia Prep and sixth in the last seven years with Westerlund at the helm. The Sundevils, who matched the school record for most consecutive state titles, won their 13th overall, second most in New Mexico girls soccer history behind La Cueva (16).

"You sometimes think about that kind of thing," Westerlund said.

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Sandia Prep's Rylie Elison, left, battles Cottonwood Classical's Grace Rodriguez during the 1A-3A State Championship game, played Friday at UNM.

Note to readers

New Mexico football at San Diego State and New Mexico men's basketball vs. No. 22 UCLA in Las Vegas, Nevada, finished after the Journal's print deadline Friday. Most of the Friday night prep football playoff games finished just before deadline (see scoreboard below). Get coverage of the UNM football and men's basketball games, as well as recaps and more photos from Friday night prep football in the Journal's Saturday e-edition, the Sunday print edition or online at ABQJournal.com.



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Hobbs' Shamus Wright scores a touchdown against Eldorado during their Class 6A first-round game at Wilson Stadium on Friday.

PREP FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

CLASS 6A FIRST ROUND

(9) Hobbs 35, (8) Eldorado 14
(5) Las Cruces 49, (12) West Mesa 7
(6) Los Lunas 28, (11) Piedra Vista 27
(7) Rio Rancho 48, (10) Sandia 17

CLASS 5A FIRST ROUND

(9) Highland 20, (8) Miyamura 12
(12) Valley at (5) Los Alamos, Saturday, noon
(11) Belen at (6) Mayfield, Field of Dreams, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(10) Goddard at (7) Lovington, Saturday, 1 p.m.

CLASS 4A FIRST ROUND

(12) Chaparral 10, (5) Portales 0
(9) Moriarty at (8) Valencia, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(11) Manzano at (6) Española Valley, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(10) Silver at (7) Grants, Saturday, 1 p.m.

CLASS 3A FIRST ROUND

(9) Thoreau 22, (8) Hope Christian 20
(5) New Mexico Military Institute 35, (12) Hot Springs 6
(11) Ruidoso at (6) West Las Vegas, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(10) Pojoaque Valley at (7) Hatch Valley, Saturday, 1 p.m.

CLASS 2A FIRST ROUND

(9) McCurdy at (8) Navajo Prep, Saturday, 3 p.m.
(12) Laguna-Acoma at (5) Eunice, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(11) Cuba at (6) Loving, Monday, 1 p.m.
(10) Jal at (7) Raton, Monday, noon

8-MAN QUARTERFINALS

(9) Lordsburg at (1) Melrose, Saturday, 1 p.m.
(5) Clayton at (4) Gateway Christian, Monday, 1 p.m.
(6) Tatum vs. (3) Mesilla Valley Christian at Hatch, Saturday, 4 p.m.
(10) Escalante at (2) Fort Sumner/House, Saturday, 3 p.m.

6-MAN SEMIFINALS

(1) Logan 48, (4) Elida 2
(3) Mountainair at (2) Grady, Saturday, 5 p.m.

NMMI reloads and remains a state champion

Colts' multinational team tops SF Prep for second straight title

BY TRISTEN CRITCHFIELD
FOR THE JOURNAL

It wasn't always smooth sailing for New Mexico Military Institute this season, but the finished product was an undeniable success.

Nicholas Barcenas Barbieri scored the game-winning goal in the 74th

minute, leading the fourth-seeded Colts (16-5) to a 2-1 victory over No. 2 Sante Fe Prep (17-2-2) in the boys Class 1A-3A championship game at the UNM Soccer Complex on Friday night. It's the second consecutive blue trophy for NMMI, which won its first-ever title in boys soccer last year.

According to coach John Barbour, it was a different experience this time around. More than just getting talent to work together, it was about getting

different cultures and personalities to mesh.

"We lost eight to nine seniors last year, but we rebuild and every year is just kind of almost a new year," Barbour said. "We didn't expect to have five players from Brazil show up. And so then we've got Portuguese being spoken. We've got English being spoken. We've got Spanish being spoken. And trying

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New Mexico Military Institute's Nicholas Barcenas Barbieri, middle, and his teammates celebrate winning the Class 1A-3A state championship after beating Santa Fe Prep 2-1 in Friday's game played at UNM.

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NMU's Gloster chasing another championship



New Mexico United defender Chris Gloster, right, goes up for a header against Memphis forward Noe Meza during an Oct. 26 home match.

Defender has won titles at MLS, international levels

BY KEN SICKENGER
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

New Mexico United's Chris Gloster already knows plenty about soccer playoffs and big-time celebrations. Been there, done that.

The 24-year-old defender is arguably the most decorated member of New Mexico United's roster. His impressive résumé includes:

- CONCACAF U-20 Championship while a member of the U.S. National youth development program
- MLS Cup Champion while playing for New York City FC
- Campeones Cup Champion — also as a member of NYCFC

Still, Gloster says United's 2024 run feels different. New Mexico hosts Las Vegas Lights FC on Saturday night and can punch its first-ever ticket to the Western Conference Finals with a win. Gloster, a Montclair, New Jersey native, has been a primary contributor in his first season in Albuquerque.

"I'm so happy with this season," Gloster said Thursday. "Being a consistent starter and just being able to contribute to this club were super big things to me. Individually, I feel like it's been a breakout year, but now that we're in the playoffs, it's only about team

success. We're all 100% focused on winning and trying to keep this run going."

Despite his extensive background, Gloster signed with United in January feeling like he had something to prove. In addition to playing for NYCFC and U.S. National age-group teams, Gloster spent time overseas and with MLS Next Pro and USL Championship clubs. He had impressive moments at every level but was unable to nail down a primary role.

New Mexico United has proven to be a perfect fit. Gloster ranks third on the club in games played (30), starts (29) and minutes played (2,402), trailing only goalkeeper Alex Tambakis and defender Talen Maples. Gloster missed time with an ankle injury in July, but has otherwise been an iron man at left back as NMU set franchise records for wins and points on its way to a first-place finish in the USL Western Conference.

Gloster says the entire experience has been an eye-opener.

"Honestly, if you'd have told me I'd be living in Albuquerque, New Mexico right now, I wouldn't have believed it," he said with a laugh. "But this city has been great. The fan support we get is amazing and this state has a lot of hidden gems, a lot of history and really great people. I'm so thankful for the way New Mexico's taken me in."

Gloster hopes to return the favor by helping United extend its postseason run. After all, win-

ning championships is something he knows about.

"Yeah, I think having playoff experience is important because it turns nerves into adrenaline almost," Gloster said. "I've been through it with the national team and NYCFC and I think it does help having people who know how playoffs work. This team has other veteran guys who've played in big games, too, so that's an advantage for us."

Gloster believes last week's 2-1 come-from-behind win over Phoenix Rising in round one of the USL playoffs was a key turning point for NMU, which had sputtered as the regular season wound down. Playoff pressure, Gloster said, can be a good thing.

"Not to make excuses, but I think we were ready to get the playoffs started," he said. "Being at the top of the table for most of the year and clinching No. 1 in the West early was amazing, but those last few games we weren't at our best. But now we're in it, we've got a win under our belt and the vibe is super high. We're fired up to hopefully take it all the way."

TAILGATE PLANS: United's pre-match tailgate on Saturday will be moved to UNM's Stadium West parking lot to accommodate a balloon glow and other festivities including a live concert, face painting, and free hot chocolate provided by Piñon Coffee. The tailgate begins at 4 p.m., with the balloon glow set for 5:15 p.m.

GAME DAY: LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC AT NM UNITED



Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 101.7 FM, ESPN+ (streaming), Estrella TV

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Las Vegas (13-10-11 regular season): A few Lights FC names stand out among the USL Championship statistical leaders. Forward Khori Bennett ranks fifth in the league with 14 goals and has taken a team-high 54 shots. Midfielder Valentin Noel (10 goals, 7 assists, 52 shots 49 chances created) has been equally dangerous and netted a goal and an assist in Las Vegas' 2-1 win July 31 at Isotopes Park. On the defensive end, goalkeeper Raiko Arozarena has been a force and made three straight saves in a penalty shootout versus Sacramento to help the Lights advance. A bit more under the radar perhaps has been midfielder Jean-Claude Ngando, who has been strong in every area for Las Vegas this year. Ngando leads the team in minutes played



Jean-Claude Ngando

(3,016), chances created (69 — fifth most in the USL) and interceptions (34).

New Mexico (18-11-5 regular season): Last week's 2-1 playoff win over Phoenix was business as usual for United in that one never knows who will step up for coach Eric Quill's club. Mukwelle Akale continued his recent run of strong play, scoring the eventual game-winner. Akale now has four USL goals and leads NMU with five assists and 46 chances created. Less expected were defender Will Seymore's first goal of the season and Avionne Flanagan's second assist, setting up Akale's goal. Daniel Bruce did not play versus Phoenix but might be a good bet to contribute on Saturday. Three of Bruce's five USL goals this season came against the Lights, including both tallies in United's 2-1 win May 4 in Las Vegas. Midfielder Nannan Houssou continues to excel for NMU, leading the club with 43 interceptions and 136 duels won.

NOTEWORTHY: United was hobbled by injuries late in the regular season but the club's health continues to steadily improve. Midfielder Marco Micaletto returned to the starting 11 last week, and defender Abdi Mohamed returned to full training this week. Mohamed has been out with a leg issue since Sept. 29. Defender/midfielder Harry Swartz is "close" to returning to action, Quill said. ...Saturday's winner will meet either Colorado Springs or Orange County in next week's Western Conference Final. Those clubs square off Sunday night at the Switchbacks' Weidner Field.

—Ken Sickenger

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If nothing else, the clubs' similarities make for a relatively simple game plan.

"Las Vegas wants to play possession and look for openings," Quill said. "We have to disrupt that."

The Lights did an outstanding job playing keep-away last week versus Sacramento, finishing with 68% of the possession. Overall, Las Vegas ranks first in the USL in average possession, while New Mexico ranks third.

But while the statistics and underdog stories are similar, United has a hole card in its favor Saturday night. The game will be played at Isotopes Park.

"Yeah, our fans make a huge difference," midfielder Mukwelle Akale said. "They stayed loud and kept us going (in Sunday's 2-1 playoff win over Phoenix) and that big

win gave us confidence. Now we all get a chance to build on that."

Quill also credited United fans for helping to will their club to victory over Phoenix. He's hoping to capitalize on another aspect of home-field advantage Saturday night — the weather.

Thursday's snowfall in Albuquerque forced NMU to delay and shorten the day's training session. Still, Quill insisted on practicing at the team's Mesa del Sol training center rather than moving indoors.

"I wanted us to get used to the conditions," he said. "Our field might be a little damp Saturday night and it'll probably be kind of cold — colder than Las Vegas. I want that to be an advantage."

United and Phoenix played through steady rain on Sunday, but Saturday's weather in Albuquerque is expected to be clear and chilly. Fans will need to bundle up as game-time temperatures in the mid- to low-40s are expected.



Rylie Elison, center, and other members of Sandia Prep's girls soccer team celebrate their 1A-3A state championship win over Cottonwood Classical on Friday at UNM.

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"And at the end of it, yeah, you can put those on the wall of the the fieldhouse and the gymnasium. But the one that I get most proud of is these girls being able to carry that home. The time that I put into planning sessions is all worth it to be able to have them be having something they can carry with them."

Sandia Prep beat the Coyotes handily — 3-0 and 6-0 — in two previous meetings, but early on it appeared that the underdogs were a different team with a blue trophy at stake. The district rivals battled to a virtual stalemate for the majority of the first half, and Cottonwood Classical nearly drew first blood when Grace Rodriguez launched a shot that deflected off the post from about 30 yards away.

"You sometimes get this idea of what the outcome's gonna be. Not the case tonight," Westerlund said. "Their coach had them extremely organized, and that was one of the toughest games we played all season."

Momentum shifted when a foul just outside the box gave Sandia Prep senior Bridget Hurley a free kick opportunity. She converted without issue, and that gave the Sundevils new life, as well as a lead, heading into halftime.

"I think it really did change the momentum. It really helped us to be able to put more goals in the net (later in the game)," Hurley said. "And I think it's better to go into the half being up than being tied."

Sandia Prep was much more assertive in the second half, and that led to Hurley scoring after a scramble near the Cottonwood Classical net in the 46th minute. Four minutes later, Ava Payne scored to make it 3-0 and any real hopes of a Coyotes upset were extinguished. Rylie Elison provided the final goal in the 67th minute.

While converting scoring chances was essential, it was just as significant that the Sundevils were more physical over the final 40 minutes.

"The telltale sign of a team of quality, of perseverance, is one that's able to weather adversity and be able to organize themselves," Westerlund said. "And that's what happened at halftime ... I think during the entire second half, we really dictated the kind of play that we've been doing all year."

This particular Sundevil senior class has known nothing but ending each season on a victorious note. However, Westerlund does recall that group taking their lumps as eighth-graders during the COVID season.

"They were the ones that were put into the the true inferno of playing a really tough schedule within two and a half weeks before we literally played state," he said. "And the defeat to St. Mike's was what they needed to say, 'Hey, we're not gonna feel this again.'"

And they didn't. "I'm glad that we are able to do this with this team," Hurley said. "We've been working for this for all four years that I've been here, and it just feels really good to have my last one be a state championship again."

NMMI >>

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to get them all to gel and get on the same page and knowing who to communicate in what language is a real trick."

There were some growing pains, to be sure. The Colts began the campaign with losses in five of their first eight outings, but they closed the season with 13 consecutive triumphs as the squad came together at just the right time.

"We just keep working and keep working," Barbour said. "It takes us about five or six games through the season. But once we hit our stride, then we just start building off of it ... And the guys get better, and they start playing with each other day in and day out."

"And next thing you know, we're here."

NMMI dominated possession and threatened on multiple occasions throughout the first half, but it was the Blue

Griffins who struck first, as Dylan Shandler deftly worked his way to the left end line to set up Cyrus Hnasko on the right side of the goal for an easy score in the 34th minute. The Colts didn't lose faith, however.

"We always trust in our offense," said senior Javier Yepiz. "We knew that one was going in."

Shortly thereafter, Octavian Chavez headed the ball into the air following a NMMI corner kick, and Yepiz capitalized by heading the ball into the Santa Fe Prep goal to make it 1-1 in the 38th minute.

The second half took on a similar tone to the first, as it was the Colts who more consistently connected passes and had scoring opportunities. It wasn't until the 74th minute that Daniel Dosamantes Urbina curved a free kick around the Santa Fe Prep defense to Barbieri for a header to provide the final margin.

"I was so tired," Barbieri said. "I was not even gonna go

up to the free kick, but something told me, 'You gotta go.' And I went, and, thankfully, the ball landed on my head and (it scored). So it was a lot of emotions at the same time. I just went crazy."

Barbour noted that Barbieri's brother, Alejandro, played for a NMMI squad that made it to state some six years ago. The younger Barbieri, who hails from Mexico, is a team captain — so it was expected that he might deliver in a key moment.

The guy's got nine to 10 goals now to his credit," Barbour said. "That's what he does. He's just an asset."

While the first title was unprecedented, this one was a little more special for Barbieri for obvious reasons.

"It means everything to me," he said. "In the last year, it was the first state title for NMMI. But now — winning it as a senior and as a captain and scoring the ball — is just something else."



New Mexico Military Institute's Nicholas Barcenas Barbieri, left, hugs Luis Rodriguez Valencia, and along with teammate Pedro Rocha Dionizio, celebrate winning the 1A-3A state championship, beating Santa Fe Prep 2-1 Friday at UNM.

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BOXING

East and Eastman meet again in the ring

Chavez and Gonzales to fight for vacant UBO title

BY RICK WRIGHT
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It was Mike Tyson-Buster Douglas in miniature. Well, sort of.

Tyson, as most boxing fans recall, never got a chance to avenge the first loss of his professional career — KO'd by Douglas in one of the sport's most shocking upsets. Their careers went in different directions.

Cody East, though, gets that opportunity Saturday night at the Marriott Pyramid.

When East stepped into the ring at Buffalo Thunder Casino on Jan. 24, 2015, he'd had only two previous boxing matches. But he'd won them both, had a 9-1 MMA record and was a two-time New Mexico state wrestling champion as well as a football star at Los Lunas High School. His combat-sports résumé was impressive.

In sharp contrast, Manuel Eastman, his opponent that night, had a 1-3 pro boxing record. He was a New Mexico Golden Gloves amateur state runner-up in 2012. His combat-sports résumé was flimsy in comparison.

Eastman, as well, was the smaller man. He'd weighed in at 164 pounds for his previous fight. East weighed in at 250 1/4 pounds for the fight at Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino. Eastman weighed a blown-up 217 1/4.

And so ... Yeah, that's right. That night in Pojoaque, Eastman



Manuel Eastman, left, and Cody East face off during weigh-ins on Friday ahead of their Saturday fight at the Marriott Pyramid in Albuquerque.

stunned East with a right hand, then pummeled him virtually at will before East sank to the canvas. Eastman by first-round KO.

And now? The two men are scheduled to meet again on Saturday in a six-round heavyweight co-main event on a Legacy Promotions card at the Marriott Pyramid.

Again, all signs point to an East victory. The Los Lunas fighter is now 5-1 (four knockouts) as a boxer. Eastman is 3-8-2 (one KO). He's been stopped short of the distance in six of his eight defeats.

East has fought twice this year, winning both times; Eastman hasn't fought since August 2023. So, was East overconfident

when he fought Eastman the first time? Yes, he admitted after Friday's weigh-in at the Pyramid.

"I took him light and got caught," he said. "He caught me. It's the fight game, you know?"

Will that happen again? No, he said. He's confident but not cocky — not after what happened the first time.

Saturday

Boxing: Clinton Chavez vs. Mario Gonzales, Cody East vs. Manuel Eastman, six other bouts. 6 p.m., Marriott Pyramid. **Tickets:** Call 505-382-5126

"I'm bigger, faster, stronger, and I'm a better boxer than him," East said. "I've just got to keep my hands up and respect the power that he does have. ... Just got to stay sharp, the whole night."

Eastman, for his part, said he's prepared for whatever East, nicknamed "Freight Train," has for him.

"We're two different fighters," the Albuquerque boxer said. "We train different, we fight different. It could go either way."

Asked if he believes he can pull another mini-Buster Douglas, he said, "Yes, sir."

East weighed in at 220.6 pounds, six-tenths of a pound over the contracted weight but not enough to affect the bout. Eastman weighed in at 218.6 pounds.

THE MAIN EVENT: San Felipe Pueblo's Clinton Chavez (7-2, four KOs) weighed in at 153.6 pounds for his scheduled eight-round bout against Hobbs' Mario Gonzales (5-0, four KOs).

Gonzales was delayed by weather in his drive to Albuquerque and did not arrive in time for the weigh-in. He weighed in later at 153.4.

The vacant United Boxing Organization junior middleweight title will be at stake.



Jaron Ennis, right, fights Custio Clayton during a 2022 welterweight boxing bout in Carson, Calif.

'Boots' Ennis is more than just Philadelphia's favorite fighter

He's the 147-pound champ who wants more

BY DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — He's known as Boots. Jaron Ennis much prefers these days being called IBF welterweight champion.

Make that, the undefeated champ. The 27-year-old Ennis, out of northwest Philadelphia, is a rising star in the sport. His home city sure knows it — he headlined a card in July that attracted a surprising 14,119 fans to the Wells Fargo Center. Home of the 76ers, home of the Flyers, home to Ennis. At least there's one champion in the house.

"My favorite Philadelphia sports memory, the Eagles winning the Super Bowl," Ennis said. "That and (the Phillies winning) the World Series in 2008. Those are the biggest two moments in Philly history. We're going to put this one up there, too."

Ennis drew so well that he fights there again Saturday night in south Philly when he puts his title — and that 32-0 record (with one no-contest) — on the line against Ukrainian fighter Karen Chukhadzhian (24-2).

It's a rematch from their January 2023 fight that Ennis won by unanimous decision. Ennis defended the welterweight title later that year against Roiman Villa in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and defeated David Avanesyan this year in his Philly homecoming.

Who is Boots?

Ennis was raised in the German-

town section of Philadelphia and was a Golden Gloves gold medalist as an amateur. He made his pro debut in 2016. Of his 32 wins, he's stopped 29 opponents. In defeating Chukhadzhian in their first fight, Ennis won all three cards, 120-108, and went the 12-round distance for the first time in his career.

His fights are promoted by Eddie Hearn's Matchroom Boxing. Hearn said tickets sales for Saturday are on pace to rival's July's crowd when Philadelphia had its largest attendance for a boxing card since 1978.

As for that Boots nickname? His dad was a boxer and Ennis picked it up as a kid when he tagged along to training sessions in the gym.

What's next?

Ennis has been vocal about wanting to fight Errol Spence Jr. or Terence Crawford. He'd also like a shot at Canelo Alvarez. Big dreams, bigger fights.

Ennis also hasn't ruled out a move up in weight class to 154 pounds. He's been stymied by some of the welterweight division's top fighters refusing to get in the ring with him. Crawford is holding out for a fight next year against Alvarez.

"I do got bigger goals in my mind. I want to be undisputed," champ, Ennis said. "I was trying to get these other champions but it fell through. It wasn't on my end."

Why Philadelphia?

Boxing's biggest cards these days are either gimmick bouts — such as next weekend's Mike Tyson vs. Jake Paul fight at the home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas — or

moving to Saudi Arabia. Oleksandr Usyk puts the heavyweight belt on the line against Tyson Fury on Dec. 21 in Riyadh.

Atlantic City has gone bust as a premium boxing destination and even Madison Square Garden and Barclays Center in New York don't attract marquee main events anymore.

That left Philadelphia open to get back in the live event ring and having a popular local fighter in Ennis only helped the push for a return. Ennis' fight was the first at the Wells Fargo Center since 2001. It was also the first title fight in the arena since it opened in 1996.

Ennis has fought at venues all over Philadelphia, including seven times at the 2300 Arena, where this week he promoted the Chukhadzhian fight.

"Starting from here at 2300 to go to Wells Fargo, that's crazy," Ennis said. "I had one of my biggest knockouts in this arena, and I plan on doing it at Wells Fargo on Saturday."

The city was once a heavyweight in the boxing game. Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney packed more than 120,000 fans into the Sesquicentennial Stadium in 1926. Rocky Marciano, Joe Louis, Marvin Hagler and Joe Frazier all called Philly home on fight night.

Ennis vowed to bring a major title defense back to Philadelphia.

"Who knows if Canelo will come to Philadelphia," Ennis pondered. "Big-name guys, you know?"

The Ennis fight airs on DAZN. Jesse "Bam" Rodriguez also defends his super flyweight crown against Pedro Guevara.

MLB NOTES

Duran and Crawford among the Super 2s eligible for arbitration

Preston Mattingly (Don's son) promoted to GM of Phillies

BY RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK — Boston outfielder Jarren Duran and right-hander Kutter Crawford are among 29 players with two-to-three years or service time who are eligible for salary arbitration, and Atlanta left-hander Angel Perdomo just missed the cutoff.

Seattle's George Kirby also is among the so-called Super 2s along with fellow right-handers Shane Baz (Tampa Bay), Kyle Bradish (Baltimore), Edward Cabrera (Miami), Ryan Feltner (Colorado), Ben Lively (Cleveland) and Andre Palante (St. Louis).

Left-handers include Reid Detmers of the Los Angeles Angels, who pitched a no-hitter against Tampa Bay as a rookie in May 2022, and Bailey Falter of Pittsburgh. Among the outfielders are MJ Melendez of Kansas City and Jarred Kelenic of Atlanta. Minnesota shortstop Royce Lewis also is eligible.

The cutoff was set at 2 years, 132 days of major league service, up from 2 years, 118 days last offseason. The cutoff was as low as 2 years, 115 days in 2019 and as high as 2 years, 146 days in 2011.

Washington right-hander Michael Rucker was the last player above the cutoff but became a free agent Monday after refusing an outright assignment to Triple-A Rochester. Seattle catcher Seby Zavala would have been eligible but elected free agency last month.

Perdomo, who has 2 years, 131 days of service, is recovering from last year's Tommy John surgery.

Others eligible include Washington catcher Riley Adams, Detroit right-hander Beau Brieske, Seattle catcher Luis Campusano, Toronto shortstop Ernie Clement, New York Yankees right-hander Scott Effross, Miami catcher Nick Fortes, Miami left-hander Braxton Garrett, Pittsburgh right-hander Colin Holderman, Oakland right-hander Dany Jimenez, Detroit third baseman Andy Ibáñez, Colorado right-hander Justin Lawrence, Atlanta left-hander Dylan Lee, Chicago White Sox



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Boston Red Sox outfielder Jarren Duran is among 29 players with two-to-three years of service time who are eligible for salary arbitration.

right-hander Penn Murfee, Toronto right-hander Zach Pop and San Francisco right-hander Austin Warren.

The top 22% of players by service time with at least two years but less than three are eligible for arbitration as long as they had at least 86 days of service this year. They join the group of three-to-six-year players.

Players and teams are set to exchange proposed salaries on Jan. 9, and hearings for those lacking agreements will be scheduled for Jan. 27 to Feb. 14 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Players were eligible after two years of service from 1974-85, and the threshold increased to three years in 1986. The super 2 class began in 1991 at 17% and it increased to 22% in 2013.

PHILLIES: Preston Mattingly, a son of former star first baseman and manager Don Mattingly, has been promoted to general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies under president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski.

Sam Fuld, the GM since December 2020, is studying for his Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and will become the team's president of business operations when he receives his degree in May 2026.

Fuld will oversee business operations departments after his graduation and until then will share GM duties with Mattingly, who joined the Phillies front office in 2021.

YANKEES: Aaron Boone will return for an eighth season as New York Yankees manager after the team exercised his 2025 option on Friday.

Boone has led the Yankees to a 603-429 record, three AL East titles and one pennant. New York reached the World Series this year for the first time since 2009.

QUICK HITS

JOURNAL STAFF AND WIVES

UNM volleyball topples Nevada

Kialah Jefferson racked up 14 kills and 11 digs to help the New Mexico volleyball team take a 3-1 win over Nevada at Johnson Center on Thursday night. The set scores were 25-27, 25-20, 25-12 and 25-22.

Jayda Bouyer posted 12 kills and Lauryn Payne added 10 to the Lobos (10-13, 3-10 MWC), who snapped a nine-match losing streak and avenged an earlier road loss to the Wolf Pack (11-13, 4-8). Liepa Lavickyte had a season-best 12 block assists as UNM controlled the net for most of the match.

The Lobos host Utah State at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Gauff upsets No. 1 Sabalenka

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Coco Gauff defeated top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka 7-6 (4), 6-3 and set up a showdown with Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen in the final of the WTA Finals on Friday.

Gauff generated six break points to Sabalenka's four and built on early momentum in the opening set's tiebreak that she carried through to the second set.

She's the youngest player at 20 to make the final at the WTA Finals since Caroline Wozniacki in 2010.

Zheng earlier defeated Wimbledon champion Barbora Krejickova 6-3, 7-5 to book her place in Saturday's final.

UF coach under investigation

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida basketball coach Todd Golden is facing allegations of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, stalking and cyberstalking multiple women — including students — over the past 12 months, according to a report published Friday in the school's student newspaper.

According to the Independent Florida Alligator, the claims against Golden include unwanted sexual advances on Instagram, requesting sexual favors, and sending photos and videos of his genitalia. The newspaper based its report on a copy of a Sept. 27 Title IX complaint against Golden it said it had obtained.

The Associated Press contacted the university to request a copy of the complaint. School officials declined comment when reached by the AP. It was not immediately known if Golden has legal representation and he did not return a text message seeking comment.

A 39-year-old married father of two young boys, Golden signed a two-year contract extension in March that includes a \$1 million raise. The additional two years puts Golden under contract through 2030. His new deal tops \$4 million annually.

Golden is 42-29 in two-plus seasons in Gainesville.

Waring fires a 61 in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Paul Waring hit the shot of his life to complete a career-low 11-under 61 in the second round of the Abu Dhabi Championship on Friday and establish a five-stroke lead heading into the weekend of the European tour's first playoff event.

The No. 229-ranked Englishman hit a draw with a 3-wood from about 260 yards to inside 4 feet at No. 18 and topped in the birdie putt to move to 19 under par for the tournament. It's the lowest 36-hole score to par in the tour's history.

PREPS

STATE SOCCER BOYS Class 5A Semifinals — Wednesday, Nov. 6 Centennial 2, Eldorado 1 La Cueva 1, Rio Rancho 0 Championship — Saturday, Nov. 9 Centennial vs. La Cueva at UNM, 3 p.m. Class 4A Semifinals — Wednesday, Nov. 6 St. Plus 5, Hope Christian 1 Albuquerque Academy 2, Los Alamos 0 Championship — Saturday, Nov. 9 St. Plus vs. Albuquerque Academy at UNM, 10 a.m. Class 1A-3A Semifinals — Tuesday, Nov. 5 Santa Fe Prep 5, Bosque School 1 Championship — Friday, Nov. 8 NMMI 2, Santa Fe Prep 1 GIRLS Class 5A Semifinals — Wednesday, Nov. 6 La Cueva 3, Volcano Vista 1 Las Cruces 1, Eldorado 0 Championship — Saturday, Nov. 9 La Cueva vs. Las Cruces at UNM, 5:30 p.m. Class 4A Semifinals — Wednesday, Nov. 6 Hope Christian 2, St. Plus 1 Albuquerque Academy 2, Los Alamos 0 Championship — Saturday, Nov. 9 Albuquerque Academy vs. Hope Christian at UNM, 12:30 p.m. Class 1A-3A Semifinals — Tuesday, Nov. 5 Sandia Prep 6, Bosque School 0 Cottonwood Classical 3, Ruidoso 2 (2OT) Championship — Friday, Nov. 8 Sandia Prep 4, Cottonwood Classical 0

FOOTBALL

NFL STANDINGS AMERICAN CONFERENCE East W L T Pct PF PA Buffalo 7 2 0 .778 260 173 N.Y. Jets 3 6 0 .333 171 183 Miami 2 6 0 .250 124 187 New England 2 7 0 .222 141 217 South W L T Pct PF PA Houston 6 3 0 .667 201 200 Indianapolis 4 5 0 .444 188 193 Tennessee 2 6 0 .250 140 213 Jacksonville 2 7 0 .222 195 252 North W L T Pct PF PA Pittsburgh 6 2 0 .750 187 119 Baltimore 7 3 0 .700 318 253 Cincinnati 4 6 0 .400 270 262 Cleveland 2 7 0 .222 148 213 West W L T Pct PF PA Kansas City 8 0 0 1.000 203 147 L.A. Chargers 5 3 0 .625 159 101 Denver 5 4 0 .556 183 161 Las Vegas 2 7 0 .222 168 251 NATIONAL CONFERENCE East W L T Pct PF PA Washington 7 2 0 .778 263 189 Philadelphia 6 2 0 .750 199 155 Dallas 3 5 0 .375 171 225 N.Y. Giants 2 7 0 .222 139 202 South W L T Pct PF PA Atlanta 6 3 0 .667 221 216 Tampa Bay 4 4 0 .444 259 243 Carolina 2 7 0 .222 147 293 New Orleans 2 7 0 .222 207 229 North W L T Pct PF PA Detroit 7 1 0 .875 258 148 Minnesota 6 2 0 .750 209 150 Green Bay 6 3 0 .667 230 194 Chicago 4 4 0 .500 172 148 West W L T Pct PF PA Arizona 5 4 0 .556 207 214 L.A. Rams 4 4 0 .500 170 194 San Francisco 4 4 0 .500 210 182 Seattle 4 5 0 .444 210 221

Thursday's Game Baltimore 35, Cincinnati 34 Sunday's Games N.Y. Giants vs. Carolina at Munich, 7:30 a.m. Atlanta at New Orleans, 11 a.m. Buffalo at Indianapolis, 11 a.m. Denver at Kansas City, 11 a.m. Minnesota at Jacksonville, 11 a.m. New England at Chicago, 11 a.m. Pittsburgh at Washington, 11 a.m. San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m. Tennessee at L.A. Chargers, 2:05 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 2:25 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 2:25 p.m. Houston at Denver, 2:20 p.m. OPEN: Cleveland, Las Vegas, Green Bay, Seattle Monday's Game Miami at L.A. Rams, 6:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic W L Pct GB Boston 8 2 .800 — New York 4 4 .500 3 Toronto 2 7 .222 5/2 Philadelphia 1 6 .143 5/2 Southeast W L Pct GB Charlotte 4 5 .444 — Orlando 4 6 .400 1/2 Atlanta 4 6 .400 1/2 Miami 3 5 .375 1/2 Washington 2 5 .286 — Central W L Pct GB Cleveland 10 0 1.000 — Indiana 4 5 .444 5/2 Detroit 4 6 .400 6 Chicago 3 6 .333 6/2 Milwaukee 2 7 .222 7/2 WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest W L Pct GB Memphis 6 4 .600 — Houston 5 4 .556 1/2 Dallas 5 4 .556 1/2 San Antonio 4 5 .444 1 1/2 New Orleans 3 7 .300 3 Northwest W L Pct GB Oklahoma City 8 1 .889 — Minnesota 6 3 .667 2 Denver 6 3 .667 2 Portland 3 7 .300 5/2 Utah 1 7 .125 6/2 Pacific W L Pct GB Phoenix 8 1 .889 — Golden State 7 2 .778 1 Sacramento 5 3 .625 2/2 L.A. Lakers 4 4 .500 3/2 L.A. Clippers 4 4 .500 3/2 Thursday's Games Minnesota 135, Chicago 119 San Antonio 118, Portland 105 Milwaukee 123, Utah 100 Friday's Games Orlando 115, New Orleans 88 Charlotte 103, Indiana 83 Detroit 122, Atlanta 121 New York 116, Milwaukee 94 Cleveland 136, Golden State 117 Phoenix 114, Dallas 113 Boston 108, Brooklyn 104, OT Oklahoma City 126, Houston 107 Memphis 128, Washington 104 Denver 135, Miami 122 Minnesota 127, Portland 102 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, late Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, late Saturday's Games Utah at San Antonio, 3 p.m. Brooklyn at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m. Chicago at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m. Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

HORNETS 103, PACERS 83

INDIANA (83) Maturin 8-16 4-5 22, Siakam 11-17 0-2

27, Turner 5-13 1-4 12, Halliburton 2-11 2-2 6, Sheppard 1-7 0-2 2, Freeman 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Toppin 1-4 0-0 2, Walker 2-5 1-1 5, Furphy 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 3-7 0-7. Totals 33-83 8-14 83. CHARLOTTE (103) Green 1-2 0-0 2, Salaun 1-6 0-0 2, Gibson 1-1 0-0 2, Ball 10-29 6-8 31, Miller 10-17 2-2 29, Diabate 0-1 0-0 0, G.Williams 3-8 2-2 8, Martin 6-11 0-0 15, Curry 0-0 0-0, Mann 6-13 0-0 14, Rhoden 0-1 0-0 0, Smith Jr. 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-90 10-12 103.

Indiana 26 18 22 17 — 83 Charlotte 29 15 30 29 — 103 3-Point Goals—Indiana 9-29 (Siakam 5-7, Maturin 2-2, O.Jackson 1-3, Turner 1-3, Freeman 0-1, Furphy 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Walker 0-1, Toppin 0-2, Halliburton 0-4, Sheppard 0-4, Charlotte 17-50 (Miller 7-11, Ball 5-18, Martin 3-6, Mann 2-5, Green 0-1, Smith Jr. 0-1, Salaun 0-3, G.Williams 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 27 (Turner 10), Charlotte 56 (Diabate 15). Assists—Indiana 24 (Halliburton 9), Charlotte 23 (Ball, Miller 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 16, Charlotte 16. A—17,024 (19,077)

CAVALIERS 136, WARRIORS 117

Golden State 22 20 41 34 — 117 Cleveland 39 44 29 24 — 136 3-Point Goals—Golden State 13-42 (Kuminga 3-7, Green 2-5, Melton 2-6, Santos 1-1, Moody 1-3, Wiggins 1-3, Curry 1-4, Hield 1-4, Podziemski 1-6, Waters III 0-1, Anderson 0-2). Cleveland 20-42 (Garland 6-11, Okoro 4-6, Jerome 3-3, LeVert 2-3, Mitchell 2-7, Wade 1-1, Niang 1-2, Merrill 1-4, Tyson 0-2, Mobley 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 40 (Looney, Podziemski 7), Cleveland 43 (Allen 12). Assists—Golden State 32 (Green 6), Cleveland 33 (Garland 6). Total Fouls—Golden State 24, Cleveland 12. A—19,432 (19,432)

THUNDER 126, ROCKETS 107

Houston (107) Brooks 12-25 6-17, Smith Jr. 2-7 0-1-4, Sengun 3-12 5-6-11, Ja.Green 5-14 2-2 14, VanVleet 4-9 1-2 11, Eason 5-11 0-0 12, Ja.Green 1-1 0-0 3, McVeigh 1-2 0-0 3, Tate 2-4 2-3 6, Thompson 5-12 4-4 14, Adams 2-2 1-3 5, Landale 0-0 0-2 0, Holiday 1-2 1-1 3, Sheppard 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 39-90 18-26 107. OKLAHOMA CITY (126) Dort 1-7 0-0 3, Ja.Williams 7-11 0-0 14, Holmgren 8-14 9-10 29, Gilgeous-Alexander 11-16 6-7 29, Wallace 2-4 0-0 4, Dieng 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 1-6 0-0 2, Leons 0-0 1-2 1, Collins 2-2 0-2 0, Joe 5-1 1-1 14, Mitchell 5-8 1-1 12, Wiggins 3-9 0-0 8. Totals 46-90 20-23 126.

Houston 31 20 25 31 — 107

Oklahoma City 31 44 23 28 — 126 3-Point Goals—Houston 11-30 (Brooks 3-4, VanVleet 2-4, Eason 2-5, Ja.Green 2-8, Ja.Green 1-1, McVeigh 1-2, Sengun 0-1, Smith Jr. 0-1, Tate 0-2, Thompson 0-2), Oklahoma City 14-37 (Holmgren 4-6, Joe 3-8, Caruso 2-3, Wiggins 2-3, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-2, Mitchell 2-3, Dort 1-5, Dieng 0-1, Ja.Williams 0-1, Wallace 0-1, Jones 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 41 (Sengun 9), Oklahoma City 42 (Joe 6). Assists—Houston 19 (Sengun 6), Oklahoma City 24 (Mitchell 7). Total Fouls—Houston 18, Oklahoma City 23. A—18,203 (18,203)

KNICKS 116, BUCKS 94

Milwaukee (94) Antetokounmpo 11-21 2-6 24, Prince 1-4 0-0 3, Lopez 3-5 1-2 7, Jackson Jr. 1-3 0-0 3, Lillard 6-15 7-19, Beachamp 1-3 2-2 4, Portis 1-8 2-4 4, Smith 4-5 1-2 0, Robbins 1-2 0-0 2, Connaughton 1-4 0-0 2, Green 3-6 0-0 9, Rollins 3-5 0-0 7, Umude 0-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-83 15-23 94. NEW YORK (116) Anunoby 4-12 5-6 14, Hart 4-5 2-2 11, Towns 12-20 4-5 32, Bridges 7-18 0-0 17, Brunson 6-14 3-4 15, Ryan 1-2 0-0 3, Hukporti 0-1 0-0 0, Sims 1-2 0-0 2, Dadiet 0-1 0-0 0, Kolek 3-5 0-0 8, McBride 5-11 2-2 14. Totals 43-91 16-19 116.

Milwaukee 25 22 25 22 — 94

New York 32 34 25 25 — 116 3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 7-30 (Green 3-6, Rollins 1-2, Smith 1-2, Jackson Jr. 1-3, Prince 1-3, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Brunson 0-1, Connaughton 0-2, Umude 0-2, Portis 0-3, Lillard 0-4), New York 14-46 (Towns 4-8, Bridges 3-11, Kolek 2-4, McBride 2-6, Hart 1-1, Ryan 1-2, Anunoby 1-8, Dadiet 0-1, Brunson 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 41 (Antetokounmpo 12), New York 48 (Towns 11). Assists—Milwaukee 20 (Lillard 6), New York 35 (Brunson 9). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 16, New York 20. A—19,812 (19,812)

GRIZZLIES 128, WIZARDS 104

Washington 24 25 22 33 — 104 Memphis 34 32 32 30 — 128 3-Point Goals—Washington 9-35 (George 3-8, Poole 2-4, Davis 1-1, Gall 1-1, Kispert 1-3, Carrington 1-5, Baldwin Jr. 0-1, Holmes 0-1, Valanciunas 0-1, Butler 0-2, Coulibaly 0-3, Sarr 0-5), Memphis 14-43 (Jackson Jr. 5-12, Kennard 3-5, LaRavia 2-4, Edey 1-2, Kawamura 1-2, Huff 1-4, Wells 1-4, Clarke 0-1, Konchar 0-2, Phippen Jr. 0-2, Aldama 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 41 (Carrington 10), Memphis 50 (Pippen Jr. 10). Assists—Washington 27 (Carrington 8), Memphis 30 (Pippen Jr. 11). Total Fouls—Washington 27, Memphis 19. A—16,216 (18,119)

SUNS 114, MAVERICKS 113

Phoenix (114) Beal 6-17 2-2 15, Durant 8-14 7-7 26, Nurkic 6-12 1-2 15, Booker 5-13 2-2 13, Jones 7-13 0-0 17, O'Neale 7-8 0-1 18, Plumlee 2-2 0-2 4, Allen 0-4 0-0 0, Okogie 2-3 1-2 6. Totals 43-86 13-18 114. DALLAS (113) Marshall 7-12 2-2 18, Thompson 4-13 3-3 12, Gortner 6-7 3-15, Doncic 11-25 3-3 30, Irving 10-17 7-9 29, Edwards 0-1 0-0 0, Prosper 0-1 0-0 0, Powell 1-1 2-2 4, Dinwiddie 1-2 0-0 3, Grimes 1-1 0-0 2.

SCOREBOARD

Hardy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-80 20-22 113. Phoenix 36 27 24 27 — 114 Dallas 26 24 33 30 — 113 3-Point Goals—Phoenix 15-39 (O'Neale 4-4, Jones 3-5, Durant 3-6, Nurkic 2-4, Okogie 1-2, Beal 1-7, Booker 1-8, Allen 0-3), Dallas 11-33 (Doncic 5-12, Irving 2-6, Marshall 2-6, Dinwiddie 1-1, Thompson 1-7, Edwards 0-1). Fouled Out—Phoenix None, Dallas 1 (Gortner). Rebounds—Phoenix 37 (Nurkic 10), Dallas 39 (Doncic, Gafford, Irving 7). Assists—Phoenix 26 (Booker 12), Dallas 18 (Doncic 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 18, Dallas 22. A—20,277 (19,200)

CELTICS 108, NETS 104

Brooklyn (104) C.Johnson 6-13 3-3 18, Finney-Smith 2-0 0-5, Claxton 1-3 0-0 2, Schroder 9-23 0-20, Thomas 11-22 5-2 31, Wilson 3-10 2-2 8, Simmons 4-6 0-0 8, Williams 4-11 1-2 9, K.Johnson 1-6 1-1 3. Totals 41-100 12-15 104. BOSTON (108) Tatum 12-25 6-7 33, Tillman 0-3 0-0 0, Horford 5-12 0-0 13, Holiday 8-14 1-1 17, White 5-11 3-4 14, Hauser 3-11 0-8, Walsh 0-1 0-0 0, Queta 1-2 1-2 3, Pritchard 6-11 5-5 20. Totals 39-90 16-19 108.

Brooklyn 28 23 27 16 10 — 104

Boston 24 25 27 18 14 — 108 3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-38 (Thomas 4-9, C.Johnson 3-8, Schroder 2-8, Finney-Smith 1-3, K.Johnson 0-3, Williams 0-3, Wilson 0-4), Boston 14-53 (Tatum 5-13, Pritchard 3-7, Horford 3-9, Hauser 2-3, White 1-6, Walsh 0-1, Tillman 0-3, Holiday 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 51 (Williams 22), Boston 39 (Horford, Queta 10). Assists—Brooklyn 24 (Simmons 8), Boston 23 (Tatum, White 6). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 22, Boston 15. A—19,156 (18,624)

FRIDAY'S MEN'S COLLEGE SCORES

EAST Buffalo 87, Fredonia St. 78 CCSU 73, Saint Joseph's 67 Cornell 88, Samford 86 George Washington 82, Hampton 54 Hofstra 90, Iona 76 Maryland 86, Mount St. Mary's 52 Navy 85, Harvard 80 Penn St. 103, UMBG 54 Pittsburgh 83, Murray St. 68 Princeton 75, Duquesne 68 Rhode Island 91, Holy Cross 77 Temple 103, Monmouth (NJ) 74 Villanova 80, Boston College 55 Virginia 91, NJIT 54 West Virginia 75, UMass 69 SOUTH Alabama 88, Arkansas St. 79 Clemson 88, St. Francis (Pa.) 62 Coll. of Charleston 86, South Florida 71 Duke 100, Army 58 E. Kentucky 82, ETSU 78 FAU 99, Coastal Georgia 49 Furman 76, Belmont 74 Mississippi 66, Grambling St. 64 Mississippi St. 101, Georgia St. 66 NC State 81, Presbyterian 72 Radford 89, William & Mary 77 South Alabama 70, Nicholls 64 South Carolina 86, SC State 64 Tulane 80, Louisiana-Monroe 64 UCF 75, Fort Wayne 68 UNC-Wilmington 92, Georgia Southern 84 Virginia Tech 93, SC-Upstate 74

MIDWEST

Akron 88, Ohio Wesleyan 67 Austin Peay 68, Butler 56 Ball St. 87, Franklin 60 Cincinnati 83, Morehead St. 56 Davidson 91, Bowling Green 85 E. Michigan 83, Siena Heights 55 Ill.-Chicago 91, Yale 79 Illinois 90, SIU-Edwardsville 58 Kansas 92, North Carolina 89 Kent St. 98, Miami-Hamilton 53 Marquette 77, Howard 82 Missouri 77, Morehead 59 Our Roberts 105, Ambassadors 49 Purdue 72, N. Kentucky 50 Xavier 94, IUPUI 80

SOUTHWEST

Incarinate Word 97, Southwestern 53 TCU 67, Florida Gulf Coast 51 Texas 90, Houston Christian 59 Texas A&M 87, Texas A&M Commerce 55 Texas A&M-CC 87, Dallas Christian 36 St. Louis 102, McMurry 62 FAR WEST Arizona St. 81, Santa Clara 74 BYU 86, UC Riverside 80 Denver 97, W. Colorado 80 N. Arizona 115, SW Assemblies 67 Pacific 80, San Jose St. 67 Stanford 80, Cal St.-Fullerton 53

FRIDAY'S WOMEN'S COLLEGE SCORES

EAST Albany (NY) 67, Rhode Island 57 Buffalo 123, Buffalo St. 69 Columbia 77, Providence 69, OT Dartmouth 98, Keene St. 47 Fordham 66, Cal St.-Fullerton 51 Hofstra 74, NJIT 69 Penn 64, Merrimack 52 St. John's 67, LIU Brooklyn 50 SOUTH Abilene Christian 76, FIU 73 Auburn 128, Va.-Lynchburg 36 Elon 69, Gardner-Webb 61 Georgia 61, Houston 47 Georgia Tech 67, Georgia St. 47 Howard 69, George Washington 66 LSU 95, Northwestern St. 36 Louisiana-Lafayette 74, Loyola (NO) 50 Louisville 75, S. Indiana 51 Middle Tennessee 57, Grand Canyon 47 SC State 53, Presbyterian 54 Tennessee St. 66, E. Kentucky 48 Vanderbilt 93, Austin Peay 37

MIDWEST

Ball St. 89, IUPUI 63 Dayton 79, Delaware St. 44 Detroit 73, Bowling Green 66 Indiana 86, Lehigh 55 Michigan St. 100, Yale 44 Minnesota 74, Vermont 52 North Dakota 66, E. Illinois 63 S. Dakota 57, Breighton 71 Youngstown St. 95, Lake Erie 39 SOUTHWEST Arkansas 84, Texas A&M Commerce 65 Cent. Arkansas 63, Samford 44 Oklahoma 95, Virginia 51 FAR WEST Air Force 73, South Dakota 66 Arkansas St. 100, Arizona St. 96 CS Northridge 69, Utah St. 65 Colgate 71, CS Bakersfield 42 Colorado St. 65, Oregon St. 59 Nevada 70, Bushnell 48 San Diego St. 83, UC Davis 77, OT UC Riverside 80, Whittier 45

THURSDAY

LOBOS 66, EAGLES 56 MOREHEAD STATE (1-1): Michelle Ugwah 0-1 0-0 0, Katie Dike 2-8 0-0 4, Harley Paynter 4-11 0-0 12, Christawn Coleman 1-8 2-2 4, Kate Novik 6-11 2-3 14, Kyrin Brunson 1-2 1-2 3, Aileen Marquez 8-13 0-0 21, Myla Benton 0-1 0-0 0, Alyse Holliman 0-2 0-0 0, Kallise Hill 0-3 0-0 0, Maia Rosarion 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 22-60 5-7 56. NEW MEXICO (1-1): Hilda Joaquin 6-12 0-0 12, Destinee Hooks 3-12 0-0 6, Alyssa Hargrove 3-6 3-4 11, Joana Magalhães 2-2 0-0 0, Vianey Cumber 8-15 0-2 3, Lara Langermann 1-1 0-0 2, Lydie Mwamba 2-3 2-2 8, Paris Lauro 0-2 0-0 0, Aiyah Moreland 0-1 0-0 0, Reza

Po 0-1 4-4 4, Drew Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Nayli Padilla 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 23-65 9-10 66. MOREHEAD STATE 15 8 7 26 — 56 New Mexico 24 13 9 20 — 66 3-Point FGs: MS 7-21 (Paynter 2-6, Coleman 0-1, Novik 0-2, Marquez 5-9, Benton 0-1, Hill 0-2); NM 11-30 (Hargrove 2-4, Magalhães 0-1, Cumber 2-6, Langermann 0-7, Mwamba 2-2, Lauro 0-1). Rebounds: MS 32 (Dike 4, Paynter 7, Coleman 4, Novik 3, Brunson 2, Marquez 2, Benton 3, Holliman 2, Rosarion 1); NM 47 (Joaquin 10, Hooks 4, Hargrove 1, Magalhães 3, Cumber 12, Langermann 2, Mwamba 2, Lauro 1, Moreland 4, Po 1, Jordan 1). Assists: MS 12 (Paynter 4, Novik 4, Marquez 1, Benton 2, Hill 1); NM 21 (Joaquin 1, Hooks 2, Hargrove 3, Magalhães 6, Cumber 3, Langermann 1, Mwamba 1, Lauro 1, Po 3). Steals: MS 13 (Dike 4, Paynter 2, Coleman 1, Novik 3, Brunson 1, Marquez 1, Rosarion 1); NM 8 (Joaquin 1, Hargrove 1, Magalhães 2, Cumber 2, Langermann 2). Blocks: MS 5 (Ugwar 1, Dike 1, Coleman 2, Holliman 1); NM 10 (Joaquin 2, Hooks 2, Hargrove 2, Langermann 1, Mwamba 1, Moreland 1, Po 1). Turnovers: MS 19, NM 24, Team Fouls: MS 17, NM 14. Fouled out: MS Ugwah. Technical fouls: None.

HOCKEY

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic GP W L OT Pts GF GA Florida 14 10 3 1 21 54 43 Toronto 15 8 5 2 18 46 40 Tampa Bay 14 7 6 1 15 49 45 Boston 15 7 7 1 15 38 49 Detroit 13 6 6 1 13 34 39 Buffalo 14 6 7 1 13 47 44 Ottawa 13 6 7 0 12 45 42 Montreal 14 4 8 2 10 38 58 Metropolitan GP W L OT Pts GF GA Carolina 12 10 2 0 20 58 28 New Jersey 16 9 5 2 20 58 45 Washington 13 9 4 0 18 51 39 N.Y. Rangers 12 8 3 1 17 45 30 N.Y. Islanders 14 6 6 2 14 36 42 Pittsburgh 16 8 2 14 46 61 Columbus 12 5 2 12 40 40 Philadelphia 14 5 8 1 11 37 51

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central GP W L OT Pts GF GA Winnipeg 14 13 1 0 26 63 30 Minnesota 13 9 2 2 20 47 35 Dallas 12 8 4 0 16 38 28 Utah 14 6 5 3 15 41 47 St. Louis 14 7 7 0 14 37 44 Colorado 14 6 8 0 12 46 55 Chicago 15 5 9 1 11 39 48 Nashville 14 4 9 1 9 33 50 Pacific GP W L OT Pts GF GA Vegas 13 9 3 1 19 58 39 Los Angeles 15 8 4 3 19 49 45 Vancouver 12 7 2 3 17 39 36 Calgary 14 7 5 2 16 41 44 Edmonton 14 6 7 1 13 33 45 Seattle 14 5 8 1 11 40 45 Anaheim 12 4 6 2 10 25 36 San Jose 15 4 9 2 10 36 56

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime loss. The top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to the playoffs.

Thursday's Games Toronto 3, Pittsburgh 1 New Jersey 5, Montreal 3 N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2 Buffalo 6, N.Y. Rangers 1 Florida 6, Nashville 2 Boston 4, Calgary 3, OT Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO Dallas 3, Chicago 1 Winnipeg 1, Colorado 0 Utah 4, St. Louis 2 Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 2 Minnesota 5, San Jose 2 Friday's Games Toronto 3, Detroit 1 Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2 Minnesota at Anaheim, late Vegas at Seattle, late Saturday's Games Calgary at Buffalo, 11 a.m. Dallas at Winnipeg, 1 p.m. Philadelphia at Florida, 4 p.m. Montreal at Toronto, 5 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 5 p.m. Ottawa at Boston, 5 p.m. Washington at St. Louis, 5 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 5:30 p.m. Utah at Nashville, 6 p.m. Carolina at Colorado, 7 p.m. Columbus at Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

GOLF

WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday At El Cardonal Golf Course Cabo San Lucas, Mexico Purse: \$7.2 million Yardage: 7,452; Par: 72 Second Round Nicolas Charvarria 69-63-132 -12 Mike Greysinger 68-64-132 -12 Byron Young 72-61-133 -11 Dylan Wu 69-65-134 -10 Austin Eckroat 68-67-135 -9 Kelly Kraft 68-67-135 -9 Maverick McNeely 69-66-135 -9 Ryan Gerard 70-66-136

ANALYSIS

So much for parity as nine teams have two wins

Dolphins and Browns the 2-win teams who made playoffs last season

BY ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine NFL teams have nearly no chance nine weeks into the season.

The Patriots, Raiders, Jaguars, Browns, Giants, Saints and Panthers are 2-7. The Dolphins and Titans are 2-6.

On the opposite side, 11 teams have at least six wins.

So much for parity.

The league's goal has always been to have every team stay in contention for as long as possible. But 28.1% of the teams — more than a quarter of the league — will likely spend the second half battling for draft positioning.

Maybe Miami still has a chance to stage a turnaround because Tua Tagovailoa is back and playing well. The Dolphins went 1-3 when Tagovailoa was out with a concussion, averaging just 10 points. They've lost both games since his return but scored 27 in each.

Odds makers are giving Miami respect. The Dolphins are just 1-point underdogs on the road against the Los Angeles Rams (4-4) on Monday night.

"Live in real hope, which is how are people's games getting better?"



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Cleveland Browns place kicker Dustin Hopkins gets up after his 51-yard field goal attempt was blocked during last Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Chargers in Cleveland.

Are we getting better?" coach Mike McDaniel said Thursday. "Does that mean it's up to standard or that losses are acceptable? Absolutely not but vital to football teams having success in any NFL season is that they master the art of getting better in the noise, and don't confuse noise with just losing.

"Noise is also very loud when you're winning, and sometimes you can have that — you could be sitting at 6-2 and if the ball isn't getting better through all the noise, I don't have real hope. My

hope is real is because the football that I'm watching and detailing is improving, and I think the team is focused on trying to have a game where they feel like their brand of football was mastered. I think the football team knows that when that occurs, things will take care of themselves in the win column."

The Dolphins are one of two of the two-win teams that made the playoffs last season. Cleveland is the other. Both finished 11-6 and lost in the AFC wild-card round.

The Jaguars, Saints and Giants had playoff aspirations coming in.

Jacksonville was 9-8 in each of the previous two seasons, winning the AFC South in 2022 and advancing to the divisional round. But this year has been a disaster for coach Doug Pederson, quarterback Trevor Lawrence and the Jaguars. They've lost five games by five points or fewer.

"You got to build them back," Pederson said. "You have to get them back ready to go for another challenge. I need to show them and talk to them in a way that is accountability, ownership, do your job, do it better, do the little things. I have to show that in a team setting, bring it to light and just show the guys, 'Listen, this is what's holding us back right now, plays X, Y, and Z,' whatever it is."

The Giants also made the playoffs in 2022 when Brian Daboll was AP Coach of the Year in his first season in New York. They went 6-11 last year when quarterback Daniel Jones missed 11 games because of injuries.

Jones is back but things haven't gone any better for the Giants.

"Well, these guys, everybody, coaches, the players, again, you see that we all do this to try to win," Daboll said. "We spend a lot of time here. We practice the right way. We work hard. When you don't get the results, certainly it's frustrating. You do everything you can do to get a win. Ultimately, that's my job and my job is to

support and lead. Again, it should fall on me, not these guys. They're working their butts off."

New Orleans finished 9-8 last season and got off to an impressive start this year, going 2-0 and scoring 91 points in the process. Nothing has gone right for the Saints since Week 3. The losing cost coach Dennis Allen his job this week.

Carolina, New England and Tennessee were supposed to be rebuilding so it's no surprise each team has struggled.

At least the Patriots have reason for optimism because rookie Drake Maye looks like he can be a franchise quarterback. Las Vegas, Cleveland, Tennessee and Carolina have question marks at that important position.

"I know everyone's excited about our quarterback, and he's a good player for us," coach Jerod Mayo said. "He will continue to develop going forward, but he understands there are a lot of things to work on for himself personally as well. You see some of the other guys, and they're at different points in their rookie year. Your rookie year, no matter what position you play, it's always tough. Again, those guys, it's about getting better every single day, and you're going to deal with different situations every single day, whether you're talking on the field or off the field."

NOTES



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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts scrambles under pressure from Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Devin Lloyd, middle, and Jaguars defensive end Arik Armstead during last Sunday's game in Philadelphia.

Hurts is a go for Eagles against Cowboys

Commanders RB Robinson and Bills WR Coleman to miss games with injuries

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PHILADELPHIA — Jalen Hurts is clear on the injury report to play for Philadelphia at the Dallas Cowboys after coach Nick Sirianni revealed Friday his quarterback is dealing with an ankle issue.

Hurts was listed as a limited participant in practice Wednesday with the non-injury designation of rest. Hurts' participation was listed as full Thursday and Friday. There is no playing status for Hurts on the injury report, which means he is set to play Sunday.

Asked why Hurts was listed for rest when the 26-year-old hadn't been previously, Sirianni said, "Yeah, he was dealing with — it was on the injury report. Dealing with the ankle. And, you know, making sure we're cautious with everything."

Told the ankle wasn't listed as the reason on the injury report, and as another reporter asked if Hurts had an ankle injury, Sirianni responded with, "What's that?"

At that point, a member of the team's media relations staff said the listing was "rest," then a reporter asked if Hurts was dealing with an ankle injury. Sirianni said, "No. Rest."

Hurts was slow to get up after scrambling and getting sacked in last week's 28-23 victory over Jacksonville. He didn't miss any time or get evaluated in the medical tent.

During the portion of practice open to reporters Wednesday, Hurts didn't participate in individual drills with fellow QBs Kenny Pickett and Tanner McKee.

Both of Hurts' top receivers, A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith, also are clear for Sunday. Brown has been dealing with a knee injury, and Smith has a hamstring issue.

TITANS: Will Levis will start for Tennessee on Sunday when the team visits the Los Angeles Chargers after the second-year quarterback missed the last three games with an injured shoulder, coach Brian Callahan said Friday.

"There's no need to wait," Callahan told reporters after practice. "He had a really good week of practice. He's looked good, the best he's looked in a couple of weeks, so I'm excited to see him go forward."

Levis sprained the AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder against Miami on Sept. 30 diving for a first down. Tennessee had its bye, and then Levis played Oct. 13 in a home loss to Indianapolis. Levis admitted after that game his shoulder played a role in a late-game interception that factored into the three-point loss.

The Titans pulled Levis and played backup Mason Rudolph, who went 1-2 starting the past three games for Tennessee (2-6).

COMMANDERS: Washington running back Brian Robinson Jr. will not play Sunday against the Pittsburgh Steelers because of a hamstring injury.

Robinson was ruled out Friday. This is the second consecutive game the team's leading rusher will miss after he was a late scratch last week at the New York Giants.

The 25-year-old was also out Oct. 13 at Baltimore with a knee injury, the Commanders' only loss since the season opener. Robinson has rushed for 461 yards and six touchdowns on 101 carries in seven games.

Austin Ekeler, Jeremy McNichols and Chris Rodriguez Jr. figure to

split the responsibilities in Robinson's absence.

BILLS: Buffalo coach Sean McDermott on Friday said rookie receiver Keon Coleman could miss multiple weeks with a wrist injury, ruling out the player for Buffalo's game at the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

Coleman appeared to be hurt Sunday when he was blindsided by Dolphins safety Jordan Poyer while attempting to make a catch on Buffalo's eventual game-winning final drive in a 30-27 victory over Miami. Poyer was penalized for unnecessary roughness on the play, which helped set up Tyler Bass for a franchise-record 61-yard field goal.

The rookie second-round pick out of Florida State ranks second on the team with 417 catches, and is tied for the team lead with three touchdowns receiving.

The AFC East-leading Bills (7-2) could also be minus receiver Amani Cooper for a second consecutive game.

JETS: Spencer Shrader is next up in the New York's kicking shuffle.

Interim coach Jeff Ulbrich said Friday that Shrader is likely to be the team's kicker Sunday at Arizona after another shakeup at the position.

Riley Patterson, who made all three of his extra point attempts last week against Houston, was released after just one game filling in for the injured Greg Zuerlein. Patterson had beat out Shrader in a mid-week competition heading into the Jets' 21-13 win over the Texans.

Shrader remains on the practice squad, but will be either elevated or signed to the active roster ahead of the game against the Cardinals. The Jets also signed former Packers and 49ers kicker Anders Carlson to the practice squad.

Prescott wants to avoid surgery, Jerry Jones says

Cowboys quarterback's hamstring partially torn off the bone

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott wants to avoid surgery so the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys can play again this season after tearing a hamstring, owner Jerry Jones said Friday.

Jones confirmed on his radio show that Prescott's hamstring was partially torn off the bone, an injury known as a partial avulsion.

A full tear of the tendon off the bone requires surgery, and that's what happened two years ago in training camp when former Dallas left tackle Tyron Smith missed 13 games. In Prescott's case, Jones said it could be a few weeks before it is known whether surgery will be required.

The injury happened in last week's 27-21 loss to Atlanta. Cooper Rush will start in Prescott's place Sunday against NFC East rival Philadelphia (6-2) with the defending division champion Cowboys (3-5) trying to stay in the playoff race after qualifying with 12-5 records each of the past three seasons.

"He's got to have some weeks off of it before he can see if it really does require surgery," Jones said on his radio show. "He doesn't want surgery. He wants to be on the field and go for it. He's weighing that. We're weighing that."

Stephen Jones, Jerry's son and the Cowboys' executive vice president of personnel, said on his radio show later Friday that Prescott would be placed on injured reserve. The move will sideline the 31-year-old at least four games, and Prescott is

likely to be out longer than that.

"Obviously a tough, tough situation, losing him for that period of time," Stephen Jones said. "But we're going to do what's in the best interest of Dak and right now I don't think anyone knows whether it'll be four weeks, six weeks or the season."

Rush was 4-1 as the starter two years ago when Prescott was out after breaking the thumb on his throwing hand in a season-opening loss. Rush also won a game in 2021 when Prescott had a calf strain.

A new element to replacing Prescott is the presence of Trey Lance, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2021 draft by San Francisco. The 49ers traded him to the Cowboys last year after Lance lost the battle for the backup job, and he has been the third QB for Dallas since then.

Lance took the vast majority of the snaps in the preseason so coach Mike McCarthy and his staff could evaluate a 24-year-old who is on an expiring rookie contract.

McCarthy has indicated he would stick with Rush the same way he has with Prescott, therefore shying away from packages that might incorporate Lance, who is by far the most mobile of the three QBs.

Jerry Jones suggested otherwise on his radio show for an offense that has struggled even with a healthy Prescott and has the second-worst rushing attack in the NFL.

"Oh, there is a window for Trey Lance," Jones said. "There's packages that we can work on. Let me be clear, that's not just to get Lance some play time. That's to bring to the table some offense for us."



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott carries the ball during the second half of last Sunday's game against the Falcons in Atlanta.

NBA ROUNDUP

Cavaliers rout Warriors to improve to 10-0

Cunningham records his third straight triple-double

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Darius Garland scored 27 points and Evan Mobley had 23 as the Cleveland Cavaliers routed the Golden State Warriors 136-117 on Friday night, extending their franchise-best start to 10-0 this season.

The Cavaliers became the first team in NBA history to win their first 10 games and score at least 110 points in each of them. Wilt Chamberlain and the 1960-61 Philadelphia Warriors had shared the mark with nine.

Cleveland also set a franchise record with a 41-point halftime lead at 83-42 — tying the eighth largest in the NBA's shot clock era — and equaled its mark for points in a half. Ty Jerome scored 13 of his 20 points before the break.

Jonathan Kuminga scored 21 points and Stephen Curry had 12 points and six turnovers for Golden State, which lost for the first time in six road games this season. Draymond Green had six points, six assists and four fouls.

PISTONS 122, HAWKS 121: In Detroit, Cade Cunningham finished his third consecutive triple-double by scoring the winning basket with 8.5 seconds left, and Detroit beat Atlanta.

Cunningham had 22 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds. Malik Beasley and Tobias Harris also scored 22 points for Detroit.

Cunningham matched Grant Hill for the longest triple-double streak in franchise history. It was Cunningham's fifth career triple-double, tying Isaiah Thomas for the second-most in franchise history.

Trae Young gave the Hawks their first lead of the game at 121-120 with 12.5 seconds left. But Cunningham drove and hit a hook shot in traffic to put Detroit back in front.

Young then drove to the basket before dishing the ball to Onyeka Okongwu, but Cunningham blocked his shot as time expired.

Young had 35 points and 13 assists. Jalen Johnson scored 20 for Atlanta.

SUNS 114, MAVERICKS 113: In Dallas, Jusuf Nurkic made the



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Ty Jerome, right, celebrates a 3-pointer with teammate Caris LeVert during Friday night's game against the Golden State Warriors in Cleveland.

second of two free throws with 0.8 seconds left after getting fouled on an offensive rebound, lifting Phoenix over Dallas.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points, and Nurkic had 15 points and 10 rebounds as the Suns improved to 8-1 for the first time since 2009-10. Two of the victories have been over defending Western Conference champion Dallas.

Nurkic had put the Suns ahead with 31 seconds remaining with a dunk on a putback from a miss Durant. Daniel Gafford got Dallas even at 113 on an alley-oop dunk from Luka Doncic, who had 30 points, seven assists and seven rebounds.

Royce O'Neale missed a runner in the lane in the final seconds, but Nurkic grabbed the rebound and was bumped by several Dallas defenders on a missed shot as the buzzer sounded. Gafford fouled out on the play.

CELTICS 108, NETS 104 (OT): In Boston, Jayson Tatum had 33 points and nine rebounds, Payton Pritchard scored six points in overtime and Boston beat Brooklyn.

Pritchard finished with 20 points. Jrue Holiday added 17 points and five assists, and Derrick White scored 14 and had six assists for the Celtics (8-2).

Cam Thomas reached 30 points for the fourth time this season, finishing with 31 to lead the Nets (4-5). Dennis Schroder added 20 points.

Cameron Johnson was fouled by Tatum after missing a wide open 3-point attempt in the closing seconds of regulation but grabbed his own miss. He calmly sank two free throws, tying it at 94 with 7.6 seconds to play.

Tatum front-rimmed a 3 as time expired, sending it to OT.

Boston guard Jaylen Brown missed his fourth straight game with a strained left hip flexor, center Luke Kornet was also out because of right hamstring tightness.

THUNDER 126, ROCKETS 107: In Oklahoma City, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Chet Holmgren each scored 29 points to help Oklahoma City rout Houston.

Oklahoma City opened a six-game homestand with a victory

after losing at Denver on Wednesday night for its first defeat of the season.

Gilgeous-Alexander made 10 of his first 11 field goals and didn't take a 3-pointer until his 13th shot. It went in to give the Thunder a 96-73 lead in the third quarter.

Holmgren made 8 of 14 field goals, including 4 of 6 3-pointers, for the Thunder (8-1).

Dillon Brooks scored 17 points for the Rockets (5-4), who shot just 43.3% from the field.

GRIZZLIES 128, WIZARDS 104: In Memphis, Tenn., Jaren Jackson Jr. scored 39 points, Scotty Pippen Jr. got his first career triple-double and Memphis beat the Washington for its fourth win in five games.

Pippen had 11 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. Rookie Zach Edey had 14 points, eight rebounds and two blocks for the Grizzlies, and Santi Aldama added 12 points.

Kyshawn George scored 17 points to lead the Wizards, and Jonas Valanciunas added 16 points. Corey Kispert finished

with 14 points.

The Grizzlies maintained a lead of at least 20 points through the bulk of the second half, sending the Wizards to their third straight loss.

KNICKS 116, BUCKS 94: In New York, Karl-Anthony Towns had 32 points, 11 rebounds and five assists and New York snapped a two-game losing streak with a win over Milwaukee.

New York (4-4) did not trail, and six different Knicks scored in double figures.

Jalen Brunson chipped in 15 points and nine assists, and Josh Hart had 11 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in the Knicks' third win of at least 20 points this season.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Damian Lillard had 19 points. Milwaukee (2-7) lost for the seventh time in eight games and is 1-5 on the road this season.

HORNETS 103, PACERS 103: In Charlotte, N.C., LaMelo Ball scored 17 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, Brandon Miller tied a career high with seven 3-pointers and had 29 points and Charlotte overcame a 13-point deficit to beat Indiana.

Cody Martin added 15 points and Tre Mann had 14 off the bench. The Hornets have won two straight to improve to 4-5.

Former New Mexico State Aggie Pascal Siakam scored 27 points for Indiana (4-5). Benedict Mathurin added 22.

MAGIC 115, PELICANS 88: In Orlando, Fla., Franz Wagner scored 27 points and Orlando broke a five-game losing streak, never trailing in a victory over injury-depleted New Orleans.

Mo Wagner added 17 points for Orlando.

Brandon Boston Jr. had 26 points for New Orleans. Jose Alvarado added 21 points, five rebounds and five assists.

After the Magic took a 24-point lead, Boston and Alvarado combined for 15 points on a 17-1 Pelicans run that cut it to 10.

Jalen Suggs' 3-pointer with 8:36 left in the third quarter ended a stretch of more than nine minutes in which the Magic did not make a field goal.

MEN'S COLLEGE ROUNDUP

No. 1 Kansas blows 20-point lead but edges No. 9 UNC

No. 2 Alabama survives scare from Arkansas State

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Hunter Dickinson had 20 points for top-ranked Kansas, which blew a 20-point first-half lead against No. 9 North Carolina before holding on for a 92-89 victory when the Tar Heels' Elliot Cadeau missed a 3-pointer as time expired Friday night.

Zeke Mayo had 21 points and KJ Adams Jr. had 14 for the Jayhawks (2-0), who led 49-29 in the first half but trailed 87-83 with 3:28 to go. Dickinson and Mayo responded with a series of baskets to tie the game at 89, and Dickinson's basket with 1:15 to go and free throw with 12 seconds remaining made it a three-point game.

The Tar Heels (1-1) raced up the floor, but Cadeau's 3 from the wing never had a chance.

Seth Trimble scored 19 points to lead North Carolina. RJ Davis had 16 points and Cadeau finished with 12.

It was just the 13th matchup of the Tar Heels and Jayhawks, and the first since Kansas rallied from a 16-point deficit to win the 2022 national championship. The only other time they have met on campus was in 1960, when Larry Brown — who would later coach the Jayhawks to the 1988 title — helped the Tar Heels win in Allen Fieldhouse.

Kansas made a repeat seem unlikely when it built a 20-point first-half lead. But the Tar Heels trimmed the deficit in the second half, and Jae'Lyn Withers' 3-pointer gave them an 80-79 lead with 7:06 to go. The two bluebloods wrestled it away several other times before Kansas finally put the game away.

No. 2 ALABAMA 88, ARKANSAS STATE 79: In Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mark Sears scored 19 points and No. 2 Alabama survived an upset scare, beating Arkansas State.

The game was tied with seven minutes left before Alabama scored 11 of the next 13 points, three of them from Sears at the free throw line.

Labaron Philon, Clifford Omoruyi and Grant Nelson each scored 12 points for the Crimson



Kansas forward KJ Adams Jr. dunks the ball during Friday's game against North Carolina in Lawrence, Kan.

Tide (2-0) but only combined for one 3-pointer. Alabama went 6 for 31 (19%) from behind the arc.

Arkansas State (1-1) was led by 20 points from Kobe Julien and 18 from Taryn Todd.

No. 7 DUKE 100, ARMY 58: In Durham, N.C., Cooper Flagg had 13 points and 11 rebounds and No. 7 Duke rolled to a victory over Army.

Khama Maluach had 11 points and 14 boards for the Blue Devils (2-0). Kon Knueppel added 15 points, Tyrese Proctor tallied 14, Sion James had 12 and Caleb Foster scored 11 for Duke.

For Army (1-1), Jalen Rucker scored 17 points, while Josh Scovens added 16 points and seven rebounds.

Former Army and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, a West Point graduate and the all-time winningest coach in the history of Division I men's college basketball, sat courtside at Cameron Indoor Stadium with his wife Mickie.

No. 13 TEXAS A&M 87, EAST TEXAS A&M 55: In College Station, Texas, Zhuric Phelps scored 18

points in his Texas A&M debut, Manny Obaseki and Henry Coleman III each added 14 and the 13th-ranked Aggies beat East Texas A&M.

Texas A&M (1-1) bounced back after losing at Central Florida on Monday in its season opener. Phelps, an SMU transfer, missed that game with a hand injury.

Hayden Hefner added 13 points for Texas A&M and Wade Taylor had 10. The Aggies led 50-24 at halftime.

Scotter Williams Jr. scored 12 points for East Texas A&M, which changed its name from Texas A&M-Commerce on Thursday.

No. 14 PURDUE 72, NORTHERN KENTUCKY 50: In West Lafayette, Ind., Fletcher Loyer scored 16 points and Trey Kaufman-Renn had 14 to lead No. 14 Purdue to a rout of Northern Kentucky.

Braden Smith added 11 points and seven assists for the Boilermakers (2-0). Caleb Furst scored eight off the bench.

No one reached double figures for the Norse (0-2). Trey Robinson, Sam Vinson and Keeyan Itejere

each had eight points.

In the first minute of the game, Purdue freshman center and former La Cueva High School player Daniel Jacobsen, who scored 13 points in the season opener, fell and needed to be helped to the locker room and returned to the bench with ice on his shin, but did not play again.

Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said Jacobsen sustained a lower leg injury and will have an MRI on Saturday.

No. 18 MARQUETTE 82, GEORGE MASON 63: In Milwaukee, David Joplin had 27 points and 10 rebounds as No. 18 Marquette pulled away down the stretch to beat George Mason in front of a festive, all-student crowd.

The game had a tense moment in the final minute as Marquette's Ben Gold drove to the basket and got fouled hard by Woody Newton. It appeared Newton's elbow hit Gold in the face.

Players from both teams exchanged words and shoves. Newton and Marquette's Kam

Jones both received technical fouls.

Jones had 24 points and eight assists for Marquette (2-0). Darius Maddox scored 20 for George Mason (1-1).

No. 19 TEXAS 90, HOUSTON CHRISTIAN 59: In Austin, Texas, freshman guard Tre Johnson scored 28 points and No. 19 Texas defeated Houston Christian.

Arthur Kaluma added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Longhorns (1-1), who began pulling away with a 15-0 run that started late in the first half.

Chendall Weaver had 12 points, five rebounds and three steals. Kadin Shedrick finished with 10 points, six rebounds and four blocks.

Julian Mackey led Houston Christian (1-1) with 20 points. Bryson Dawkins added 13.

No. 20 CINCINNATI 83, MOREHEAD STATE 56: In Cincinnati, Simas Lukosius had 14 points and a team-high six assists and No. 20 Cincinnati beat Morehead State.

Jizzle James and Dillon Mitchell also scored 14 points, and Aziz Bandaogo had 12 for the Bearcats (2-0). Arrinten Page added 13 points off the bench for Cincinnati.

Kenny White Jr. scored 10 points and Dieonte Miles and Jalen Breazeale each had nine for Morehead State (1-2), which faced a ranked opponent for the fifth straight season.

No. 24 MISSISSIPPI 66, GRAMBLING STATE 64: In Oxford, Miss., Dre Davis scored 13 points, Sean Pedulla added 12 points and four assists and No. 24 Mississippi rallied from a 12-point second half deficit to hold off Grambling State.

Ole Miss (2-0) used a 20-0 second-half run to take a 47-39 lead, but Grambling State (1-1) cut it to 64-63 on two free throws by Mikale Stevenson with 4 seconds left.

Jaylen Murray was fouled and made two free throws for a 3-point lead, and the Rebels fouled to prevent the Tigers from attempting a 3-pointer at the buzzer. Murray scored 10 points for the Rebels.

Stevenson scored 16 points. Kintavious Dozier had 15 points and Ernest Ross added 14 for Grambling State. The Tigers led 33-25 at halftime.

NASCAR defends drivers in Cup Series title race

Final weekend arrives at Phoenix Raceway

BY JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. — NASCAR President Steve Phelps defended the four drivers racing for the Cup Series championship this weekend — even though others had better statistics than the finalists — as well as the playoff system itself in Friday's annual State of the Sport address.

Reigning champion Ryan Blaney, Team Penske teammate Joey Logano, Daytona 500 winner William Byron of Hendrick Motorsports and regular-season champion Tyler Reddick of 23XI Racing will race for the title Sunday in the winner-take-all finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Phelps admitted NASCAR has heard fan backlash that the most deserving drivers were eliminated from the title-deciding race, including Kyle Larson, who led the Cup Series with six wins this season, and Christopher Bell, who was outstanding in the third round of the playoffs but disqualified for riding the wall last week at Martinsville Speedway in a move deemed to be a safety violation.

That gave the final berth to Byron on points after Logano, Reddick and Blaney all won races to earn automatic spots in the finale. Among those eliminated were Chase Elliott and Denny Hamlin.

"There's a lot of chatter around the four that are competing on Sunday. Heard some words like, 'they're not deserving, you've got the wrong drivers, two, three, four drivers,'" Phelps said. "All our drivers knew the format. All four of these drivers deserve to be here — full stop."

Logano was eliminated from the playoffs following the second round but was reinstated when Alex Bowman's car failed post-race inspection following an elimination race. He will try to become the only active three-time champion in NASCAR's top series.

He will be up against Blaney, who with Logano will try to win a third consecutive Cup title for team owner Roger Penske and Ford. Reddick didn't have the best playoffs but used a last-corner pass at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win and put the team co-owned by Michael Jordan and Hamlin into the championship for the first time in team history.

Byron earned his way in on



Ryan Blaney celebrates after winning last Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia.

points once Bell's move was deemed illegal.

Penalties aplenty

NASCAR this week issued \$600,000 in fines and suspended nine team members from three organizations over race manipulation last weekend at Martinsville Speedway that chief operating officer Steve O'Donnell said the sanctioning body found completely out of line.

NASCAR penalized 23XI Racing for running interference for fellow Toyota driver Bell, while Chevrolet teams Trackhouse Racing and Richard Childress Racing were penalized for helping Byron.

"I would argue before what we saw, one of the best races we've seen in the playoffs, and it's unbelievable that we're sitting here talking about this topic," O'Donnell said. "I'll probably get in trouble for saying this, but I'll say it anyway what I saw in Martinsville pissed me off, and it pissed everyone off at NASCAR because we all know better, and we know what happens."

NASCAR waffled on suspending drivers Bubba Wallace, Ross Chastain and Austin Dillon, but instead issued heavy fines and has a Saturday driver meeting to discuss the penalties. NASCAR has already held a meeting with the manufacturers to discuss the role they play in ordering their teams to help aligned teams.

"We had a call with our OEMs where we were very clear in what our intentions are going forward," O'Donnell said. "It is true, do we have a rule right now where we could do something? We don't. Will we have a rule next year? 1,000%. They're aware of that, and they're aware if anything happens this

weekend, which it won't, but we will react."

O'Donnell also denied that NASCAR is inconsistent in its officiating and remained adamant that the playoff system is not going away.

"Can you name one sport that doesn't have officiating questions throughout the year?" he asked. "The format is one thing, but playoffs, we're not going to go away from playoffs. We read fans and everything. We'll absolutely look at what form the playoffs take in the offseason. You always learn, but playoffs in and of itself, you cannot argue with the quality of racing that the playoffs have delivered."

Farewell to champions

Phelps took a moment to congratulate former Cup Series champion Martin Truex Jr., who will retire at the end of the season, and Hall of Famer Tony Stewart, who is selling his stake in Stewart-Haas Racing.

Truex won the 2017 championship driving for now-defunct Furniture Row Racing, while Stewart won two titles for Joe Gibbs Racing and one for SHR. He is now a full-time NHRA drag racer and expecting his first baby with wife, Leah Pruett.

"I did want to make sure that I said something about Martin Truex and his retirement from full-time racing. Martin has been a class act. He is a clean race car driver, never dirty. He's got a great fan base, and we will miss him. We are hopeful that he will come back and do one-off races or participate in other ways in this sport," Phelps said.

"Then, likewise, Tony Stewart selling his charters. So Tony is going to concentrate with Leah on their family and on drag racing. So we wish Tony well. Tony is always welcome at our racetracks as well."

Judge weighs in on NASCAR lawsuit

Motion denied to recognize teams as chartered organizations

BY JENNA FRYER
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AVONDALE, Ariz. — A federal judge on Friday denied a motion by two NASCAR teams — one of them owned by NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan — to be recognized as chartered teams as they proceed with their antitrust lawsuit against the stock car series and chairman Jim France.

The motion was signed by federal Judge Frank Whitney of the U.S. District Court of Western North Carolina in Charlotte at the exact same time NASCAR executives were giving their annual "State of the Sport" address at Phoenix Raceway.

NASCAR President Steve Phelps opened the address by noting that series officials have not publicly discussed negotiations over charters in the more than two-year process and would not start now.

"I know people are frustrated about that," Phelps said. "We are not going to negotiate in the media about charters, ever. And we are very happy that 32 of the 36 charters were extended because those were race teams that where the deal that was put on the table for them, the primary big win for the race teams was money."

"I won't go into what the money split looks like, but what I will say is that the amount of money, it now puts the race teams, starting in '25, as the single largest beneficiary of our media deal," he added. "And we did that because the race teams were upside down financially."

The court decision came down just hours before Cup Series cars hit the track for the first practice session of championship weekend. Tyler Reddick, who drives for Jordan-owned 23XI Racing, is one of four driver in Sunday's winner-take-all finale.

When the ruling came out and NASCAR was informed as executives sat on the stage at Phoenix Raceway, NASCAR chief operating officer Steve O'Donnell quipped: "You can't make it

up, for the timing" as he and Phelps declined comment.

Jeffrey Kessler, an antitrust attorney hired by the 23XI and Front Row Motorsports in the legal fight, indicated after Monday's hearing in Charlotte that the plaintiffs can immediately appeal the ruling.

"We are pleased with the court's decision to expedite discovery and fast track the schedule in our case against NASCAR," Kessler said Friday. "Although we are disappointed that the preliminary injunction was denied without prejudice and as premature, which we intend to appeal, this denial has no bearing on the merits of our case. My clients will move forward to race in 2025 and fight for a more fair and equitable system in NASCAR that complies with antitrust laws."

Both 23XI and Front Row Motorsports refused to sign a take-it-or-leave-it charter agreement presented to teams by NASCAR in September, just 48 hours before the playoffs began. The offers came after more than two years of negotiations and 13 of 15 teams signed the deal.

23XI Racing and Front Row accused NASCAR of being "monopolistic bullies" in forcing teams to into what is essentially a revenue-sharing agreement between the sanctioning body and its teams.

NASCAR has since rescinded the offers on charter extensions to 23XI and Front Row, whose current charters expire at the end of the year. The teams are free to operate as "open" teams but the lack of chartered protection denies them an equal share of revenue, a guaranteed spot in the field of 38 races and other provisions.

23XI and Front Row have asked for things to remain status quo as their antitrust case proceeds because the new charters prevent teams from suing NASCAR. Kessler asked that the teams be released from that clause for the duration of the lawsuit.

In his ruling, the judge found that Kessler failed to demonstrate that 23XI and Front Row "will face irreparable harm through several avenues."

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The address of the real property is 1151 Alexandra Street Southwest, Albuquerque, NM 87121. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the stated address of the described property, if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 12, 2024 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of 10,939.41 plus interest thereafter at the rate of 18% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special

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Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable for any damages. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: October 23, 2024

/s/ Margaret Lake
Special Master
Prolegal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
505-715-3711

Journal: October 26, and November 2, 9, 16, 2024.

State of New Mexico County of Bernalillo Second Judicial District Court Case No. D-202-PB-2024-00732 Estate of Aaron Clay Pena, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kelly Pena 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 any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the attorney for the personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the 2nd Judicial District Court, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, located at the following address: 400 Lomas NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Submitted by: Stewart C. Butler Attorney for Personal Representative 5732 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 Phone (505) 266-5056 Fax (505) 266-5192 Email: sbutler@sblnm.com

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-202-CV-2024-01585

RIO GRANDE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff

V. Defendant, David Carrillo

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO

Defendant, David Carrillo

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 recover a balance under the 10/19/22 contract.

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: Esquivel Law Firm, P.A., 1911 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 505-275-3200.

WITNESS the Honorable Nancy J. Franchini District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, on 10/8/24 Katina Watson, Second Judicial District Court Clerk of the Court, by /s/ Jacqueline B. Trujillo Deputy Clerk.

Journal: November 2, 9, 16, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CAUSE NO. D-202-CV-2024-06406

GUADALUPE DEGADO and NICK DELGADO Petitioners, vs. ROBERTO DE LEON, 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 civil action against you

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in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being: Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages and Personal Injury.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17 day of January, 2025, a judgment by default will be entered against you. Humberto S. Enriquez, The Enriquez Law Firm, 1212 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79902. WITNESS the Honorable Ramczyk, 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 11/8/2024 day of November 2024.

KATINA WATSON CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Patricia Serna Deputy Clerk

Journal: November 9, 16, 23, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-202-DM-2024-

NOTICE OF FILING OF PLEADINGS

TO: Geoffrey George Banagan Albuquerque, NM

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED and advised that counsel for Petitioner have filed a Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on September 3, 2024, in the Second Judicial District Court. The matter has been assigned to the Honorable Debra Ramirez. The Petitioner is required to give Geoffrey George Banagan notice that the above-referenced Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed. PLEASE BE FURTHER NOTIFIED and advised that pursuant to the New Mexico Statutes Annotated Section 1978, 35A-5-27 (2001), you have thirty (30) days from the date of service in which to respond to the Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage if you intend to Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and the failure to do so shall be treated as a default and your consent will not be required.

Clerk of the District Court By: Deputy Respectfully submitted, Janine Callier, Esq. NEW MEXICO LEGAL GROUP, PC 2701 Arizona St. NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-202-CV-2024-04513

RIO GRANDE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff

V. Defendant Maxine Aliyah Sabado Toya

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO

Defendant, Maxine Aliyah Sabado Toya

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 recover a deficiency balance under the 8/24/21 contract.

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: Esquivel Law Firm, P.A., 1911 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 505-275-3200. WITNESS the Honorable Erin B. O'Connell, District Judge of the

Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, on 11/4/2024 Katina Watson, Second Judicial District Court Clerk of the Court, by /s/ Jacqueline Trujillo, Deputy Clerk.

Journal: November 9, 16, 23, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-202-PB-2024-00770

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDE E. HALBERT, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

KEITH E. HALBERT and SCOTT E. HALBERT have been appointed as the co-personal representatives of the estate of CLAUDE E. HALBERT, 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

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the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative 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.

/s/Keith E Halbert
KEITH E. HALBERT, Co- Personal Representative

Scott E Halbert
SCOTT E. HALBERT, Co- Personal Representative

Respectfully Submitted By:

/s/ Guy W. Tann
Electronically Signed
08.29.2024
BUDAGHER & TANN
3500 Comanche Road NE, Building B
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 881-9060

Journal: November 9, 16, 23, 2024.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO No. D-202-PB-2024-00677 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY A. BIGNY, 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 (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice if this notice is given by publication as provided in Subsection A of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, or within sixty (60) days after the mailing or delivery of this notice for creditors who are given actual notice as provided by Subsection b of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative at PO Box 91658, Albuquerque, NM 87199, or filed with the Bernalillo, County District Court.

DATED: September 11, 2024

Wesley Avery Bigney, III, Personal Representative of the estate of Wesley A. Bigney, Jr., deceased

528 Camino La Morada NW Albuquerque, NM 87114 (505) 321-3823

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ROYBAL-MACK & cORDOVA, P.C.

By /s/Kenneth C. Leach Attorney of Wesley Avery Bigney, III, Personal Representative of the estate of Wesley A. Bigney, Jr., deceased PO Box 91658 Albuquerque, NM 87199 (505)288-3500

Journal: October 26, November 2, 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO No. 2024-1050 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Anna Gale Home, 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 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 Probate Court of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 415 Silver Ave SW, suite C204 Albuquerque, NM 87102. Dated: 27, 2024

/s/Dirk S. Home

809 California St. SE 505-228-5463

Journal: November 2, 9, 16, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO No. 2024-1049 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Thor William Home aka William Thor Home, 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 this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal

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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. Dated 27, 2024

/s/Dirk S. Home

809 California St. SE 505-228-5463

Journal: November 2, 9, 16, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT BERNALILLO COUNTY No. 2024-0607 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES STEVENS, 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 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 Probate Court of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 415 Silver Ave. SW, Suite C204, Albuquerque, NM, 87102. Dated: November 2, 2024

/s/ Trevor Stevens

TREVOR STEVENS, Personal Representative of the estate of MARY FRANCES STEVENS, deceased

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO No. 2024-1049 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Thor William Home aka William Thor Home, 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 this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal



'Doer' is tired of always helping out stepmom

DEAR ABBY



Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old woman who seems to be the go-to person in my family to figure things out. Due to my stepmom not feeling comfortable enough with her English and my striving to win her approval, I made sure to take care of the things she couldn't from an early age. The problem is, while I used to be proud of myself for always being able to figure things out, I no longer feel that way.

There are five siblings in total. We are all adults now, but my stepmom seems to come only to me to solve any issues she has. If anyone does offer her assistance, she'll say something like, "That's fine, but I'll just ask your sister instead."

I've been struggling more and more with feeling used, as if my worth is dependent only on what I can do for her. Is there a way to change her expectations without having to tell her outright how I feel? — TOO HELPFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TOO HELPFUL: You might find it easier to start by being less available when your stepmother has a "honey-do." She may be shocked and not like it, so be prepared when you tell her to ask one of your siblings. The alternative is to be completely upfront with her about your feelings, including the fact that you feel she values you only because of what she perceives you can do

for her.

Being the only "adult" in the family is a terrible burden to be placed on a child, which appears to be what has happened to you. I knew someone like this. Like you, he was the designated problem-solver in the family. Sadly, no one was grateful for his efforts. Instead, they not only took advantage of him, but also resented him for it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a walker, and I'd like to know, is there a rule regarding passing an oncoming walker? I tend to stay on my right as though I were driving a car, but the occasional walker seems insistent upon staying on their left.

Also, a shoutout to your readers: Sidewalks are for PEDESTRIANS, so please don't park your vehicles, lawn mowers, home maintenance/repair equipment, etc. on them. While it's easy for me to maneuver around them, it isn't easy for small children on bikes or individuals using wheelchairs or pushing strollers. — STROLLING IN FLORIDA

DEAR STROLLING: The etiquette for pedestrians is the same as that for drivers in all 50 states: Keep to the right side of the "road." Also, people who ride scooters and bicycles on the sidewalk are a danger to pedestrians. In many communities, there may be ordinances to discourage parking equipment on sidewalks. If the arrangement is semi-permanent, visit your city hall website to determine to which department the violation(s) should be reported.

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MACANUDO



NORTH
10 8 3
3
A 7 5 4
Q 10 7 6 2

WEST EAST
K 9 6 4 J 7 2
8 6 A 10 7 2
K Q J 9 10 8 3
A J 3 K 9 4

SOUTH
A Q 5
K Q J 9 5 4
6 2
8 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

The bidding:
South West North East
1 1 Pass 1
2 All pass

Opening Lead: Diamond king
'The golden rule is to help those we love to escape from us.' —Friedrich von Hugel

Our final deal on the subject of natural bids in the opponents' suits is one that many less experienced players get wrong. Here, bidding responder's suit should be natural, showing a six-card suit and at least the values for a two-level overcall. (In some

ACES ON BRIDGE



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partnerships, bidding opener's minor is natural, too.) South's hand here is a minimum for the action. Against two hearts, West leads the diamond king. South ducks the diamond, wins the next trick and leads a heart to the nine. He then marches out the top hearts from his hand. East holds up until the third round, seeing a discouraging spade discarded from his partner.

East now knows declarer has two honors in spades. If they are the king and queen, passive defense should prevail. But imagine that, as here, declarer holds the ace and queen in spades. If East exits in diamonds, declarer will ruff. Now the final trump is drawn, West discarding a club. Declarer exits with a club to the 10. The defense cashes two rounds, ending in the West hand, then exits with the fourth diamond, but declarer discards his low spade, endplaying West to lead away from

the spade king. Contract made.
What can the defense do? They must cash their minor-suit tricks early to extract declarer's exit cards. Then declarer must lead spades himself at the finish and is slated to fail. It is tough for West to see the need for this, but maybe East can. A shift to the club four is the suggested defense at trick five — easier said than done.

BID WITH THE ACES

11-9-B

South holds:
10 8 3
3
A 7 5 4
Q 10 7 6 2

South West North East
? 1 Pass

ANSWER: Even if you play constructive raises, this is almost worth a raise to two spades. A singleton and an ace on the side justify the optimism. With less shape (say, change the club four to the heart four), it would be clear to go low, using the forcing no-trump and then giving preference to spades. I can see both sides of this coin, but with hearts instead of spades, the raise is clearer. Otherwise, you may never get your support in.

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HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 9). Socializing for fun will further an ambition. New work broadens your perspective, gives you advantages, including access to people you've long admired. And though there's no roadmap for the new territory, your inner GPS works perfectly all year. More highlights: Love brings peculiar surprises, education will be free and you'll be gifted a trip. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 5, 18, 20 and 32.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're playing poker with the universe today, but don't worry — you're holding all the aces. That doesn't mean you should play them right away. When you feel pretty certain you can take all, it's more fun to draw out the game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're surrounded by strong personalities who want to guide your steps. You're the one who holds the map. Trust your instincts, make the call. Your decisiveness will attract admiration and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your feelings have changed, and it's too soon to know what they've changed into yet. It's OK that you can't give it a name. Isn't it fun that you keep experiencing brand-new aspects of what it means to be you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have your own unique voice, but there are those who seem to prefer you to be their echo. What's the harm in going along? It's easier to supply this. Only give your real opinion to those who can appreciate, listen and learn from it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Nothing gets by you. You're a detective solving a mystery where the clues are whispered in passing and you catch them all. It doesn't mean you'll immediately have the big answers, but you're definitely building a file.*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Among the greatest perks of mastering a skill is how it reduces the number of decisions you have to make to get a result. Instead of wondering along the way if you should go right or left, you follow your north star with steadfast self-assurance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will help to recognize that disagreements about money aren't really. The crux of the problem is deeper than dollars and more emotional than sense. Financial topics hold the seeds of insecurity. What can you do to assuage the fear?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An important matter gets tied up in a beautiful bow. The resolution helps you achieve that elusive balance between work and rest, an ideal often chased but rarely caught.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today's a dance. You'll keep it light, like hopping barefoot on hot sand — graceful, but conscious of the heat. As long as you're moving ever-forward, you won't get burned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a cat sneaking up on your own goals. The trouble is, you want the same thing many people around you want and you're all trying to be coy. You're so tuned in, you anticipate the moves of others before they make them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Taking offense when none was intended causes as much friction as accidentally offending. Clear communication can help avoid misunderstandings before they escalate. It's helpful to assume positive intent and address any confusion directly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being anxious about other people's perceptions interferes with listening. A mind that rushes to plan what to say prevents the ears from taking in what's being said. Calm yourself to give yourself the listener's advantage.

WUZZLES WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM. Includes puzzle grid with words like MILLION and IN THE TOWEL.

WORD SLEUTH CREEPERS AND CRAWLERS

Word search grid with letters and circled words like MILLIPEDE.

Friday's unlisted clue: SALMON

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: WHAT SAT DOWN BESIDE HER

- Ants Cockroach Lizard Snakes
Bed bugs Crabs Lobster Turtles
Beetles Crocodile Millipede Worms
Centipede Leeches Snails

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle with words PTZOA, PRVEI, UNMFIF, SWLEIY and a cartoon of a chef.

Yesterday's Jumbles: PATIO SOUPY HUMANE GENDER
Answer: For the Jumble's play on words to make sense, the creators need — GOOD "PUNMANSHIP"

11-9 CRYPTOQUIP

H VDR JCMITMNU FNDWWTR YC
GTLCT DW DMLVDTCNCSHQY,
GZY H JTD MTR H IHSVY TWR ZF
HW MZHWQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN AN OCCURRENCE CAUSES IMPERIAL REIGNING WOMEN TO SHOUT "WOW,!" IT IMPRESSES EMPRESSES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals G

Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Prattle 37 Hearing 4 Never 26 Micro-wave
4 Asia's 38 Coffee before 27 Tuna
— Sea order 5 Marsh con-
8 Iranian 45 Done with growth 28 Suit-
money 46 Hammer 6 Tel — 29 German
12 Flamenco 47 Inter- 7 Inter- 31 Harle-
cry target mediary article
13 Jeans 47 "Caught 8 Luxury 31 Harle-
maker ya!" 8 Luxury watch brand quin
Strauss 48 Dweeb 9 "— your 32 Andean
14 Theater 49 New 10 Verdi 32 Andean
award York's — Field pardon!" land
15 Lass 50 Utter 10 Verdi 34 Vagrant
16 "Star 51 Love god heroine 35 Illumi-
Wars" 52 Formerly, 11 Tragic 35 Illumi-
princess once king nated,
17 Castor's 53 "Nova" 19 Dazzles as old
mother channel 20 Formerly 36 Grid-
18 Simple called 36 Grid-
salad 23 Govt. iron
dressing 23 Govt. lender units
21 Director 1 Type of 23 Govt. 37 Tends
Craven dancer for some 37 Tends
22 Gender 2 Jai — start-ups texts
23 Scatter 3 End-of- 24 Surpass 38 Scoop
about round 25 "Norma 38 Scoop
26 Actress 36 "Tasty!" 39 KOA 39 KOA
Saldana patron
27 Scound- 40 Archi-
rel 40 Archi-
30 Fluffy 41 "Vanity 41 "Vanity
scarves Fair"
31 Scooted director
32 Haydn 42 React in 42 React in
nickname Mira
33 Mimic 43 Melville 43 Melville
34 Jazzy 44 Sun 44 Sun
style beams
35 Chaps
36 "Tasty!"

Solution time: 26 mins.

Crossword grid with letters filled in.

Yesterday's answer 11-9

Large crossword grid with numbers 1-53.