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## Marion sheriff gives updates

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Marion County Sheriff Gregg Alexander released a 2023 year-in-review this week, informing the public about some of the department's activities last year as well as goals for continuing to strengthen the department this year. "We are already a couple of weeks into 2024 and I wanted to give a brief one-year update before too much time gets away from us," he shared.

This marked the new sheriff's first year in the role. Alexander brings forty-three years of previous law enforcement experience to the role. He is confident that his first year as Marion County Sheriff has been a productive one, "It is hard to believe we have been here at the Marion County Sheriff's Office for a year now. Last year at this time, we were just realizing all we had taken on and this year, with 2023 behind us, we are feeling more prepared to handle the daily variables we face in county law enforcement."

Alexander shared that the 2024 budget is set and he pledges to again be as responsible as we can with the financial needs of the department, "One thing we have learned is that there are many times throughout the year things can crop up that we cannot predict. Any one issue can come at a large financial cost - we experienced that in November when our Detention Center computer that controls all our electronic systems went down. A diagnostic visit alone cost nearly \$4,000. This month we are facing some issues with our fire alarm/sprinkler system. We are working to get things fixed and are continuing to look at ways to stay on top of maintenance details preventatively."

Another goal Alexander has for 2024 is to replace the radio system used by the county's emergency personnel, "The system we have is outdated and lacks service in many parts of the county. This is a HUGE safety issue for deputies in already dangerous situations. We know this is an expensive undertaking and are looking into grant options and various ways to make this goal a reality."

Alexander also detailed

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## Airport prepares for ARC

Famous air race puts Boone County on list of stops



Ladies, start your engines! The 2025 Air Race Classic has put Boone County on the list of stops for the race. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By **TERRI IVIE SMITH** terris@harrisdaily.com

The Boone County Airport board members attended the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the airport.

Snow remained on the ground from the storm that came through over the weekend, preserved by the single-digit temperatures lingering in the area. "It takes about 6 hours to clear the runways alone, and another 6 to do the ramps and exits," Airport Manager, Judy McCutcheon, stated as she looked out the window.

McCutcheon gave the Airport Manager's report, including passenger totals and fuel purchases. FedEx Corporate Travel had 7 trips, totaling 31 passengers and purchased 664 gallons of fuel. Southern Air transported 342 passengers out of Harrison on 290 outbound flights to Dallas and 52 to Memphis. FBO (fixed base operator) sales totaled 8,603 gallons of Jet-A, and 1,185 gallons of Avgas, bringing the total gallons sold 9,788 gallons.

Updates to hangars are moving along, but the recent winter weather has slowed the work down some. Concrete pads are expected to be complete in about 3 weeks.

A project to update airfield signage, LED lights and other equipment renewals, such as wind socks was funded by the Federal Aviation Administration, making taking off and landing safer for travelers. Bids for the project reflect a price tag of \$489,370. The FAA paid \$465,370,

taking care of 95% of the costs and the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics contributed \$24,493, leaving the airport to pay a total of \$1.02 of the costs.

Judy McCutcheon announced that she had just learned that the Air Race Classic will be stopping at the Boone County Airport! The Air Race Classic, or ARC, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to encouraging female pilots to pursue their passion for aviation. The ARC is held yearly and takes a different route across the country each year. Women of all ages, backgrounds and professions, flying a wide variety of airplanes, continue the tradition of women's air racing. Racers arrive a few days prior to the start of the race for pilot briefings and airplane inspections. The actual air race is four days, with every team taking off in order, 30 seconds apart. After the takeoff, teams strategize on how many legs of the race to fly each day, and which stop they are planning on spending the night along the route. Weather, wind, terrain and airplane performance all play a role, since the race must be flown in daylight hours. In some years, a team finishing the course in 2 days may be the winner. In other years, the team that arrives at the terminus just before the official deadline is the winner. The teams race against their own handicap, so whichever team beats their handicap speed by the most, wins. After 2 days of inspections, debriefings,

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## Trash pickup delayed for some

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Lakeshore Recycle Services (LRS), waste and recycling provider for Harrison residents, announced on Tuesday that routes normally run on Monday, Jan. 16 and Tuesday, Jan. 17 would not be picked up this week. Normal services are to resume on Wednesday for routes with pickups on Wednesday and beyond. The company issued a statement saying the decision not to run the Monday and Tuesday routes was made with "the safety of our employees and communities we service" in mind, with consideration for the "continued dangerous temperatures and many side streets remaining partly to mostly snow and ice covered" early in the week.

LRS stated that they will "tentatively resume routes on Wednesday, January 17, running on a normal schedule with servicing Wednesday



An LRS truck serves customers after snow has melted enough to ensure roads can be traveled safely. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

routes." They assure customers that any additional residential bags leftover from Monday and Tuesday will be picked up next week on the normal schedule. The company explained, "Please set your trash out on your normal scheduled service day where accessible and not blocked by snow or other objects. We appreciate your patience and understanding of our commitment to the safety of our employees and the communities we serve."

## Scholarship memorializes Bragg family

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An Arkansas family is being memorialized with a new scholarship. On Dec. 30, 2023, four members of the Bragg family died in a house explosion in Michigan. The family — Hope Bragg, 51, Don Bragg, 53, and their kids Kenneth Bragg, 22, Elizabeth Bragg, 19, and Stephen Bragg, 16, were visiting Hope's father, Richard Pruden, 72, when a sudden explosion destroyed Pruden's home. Pruden and 16-year-old Stephen survived the explosion, which was fatal for the other four members of the Bragg family.

The explosion destroyed the home, which was located about 45 miles west of Detroit. The Northfield Township Police investigated the case, and have reported that they do not suspect foul play in the incident and that it likely occurred due to an "undetermined fuel air explosion." Lt. David Powell stated, "I've never seen anything like it," in response to the damage the explosion caused.

Hope Bragg was a 4-H STEM instructor with the Division of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service. Don Bragg was a project leader for the U.S. Forest Service with an office at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Arkansas 4-H Foundation has created a scholarship to memorialize the Braggs.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to an Arkansas 4-H member high school senior who plans to pursue a college degree in natural resources or in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. Archaeology will also be an eligible field of study.

"Losing a beloved colleague so suddenly has been a shock to all of our 4-H, extension and Division of Agriculture family," said John Anderson, director of the Cooperative Extension Service. "We all wanted to do something that would honor the Bragg family and their love for Arkansas 4-H, education and particularly the sciences. We hope this scholarship will enable 4-H members to further their education and pursue their own passions for the

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# NWA men headed to fed for CP offenses

From Times Sources

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Two northwest Arkansas men were sentenced to federal prison this week for child exploitation offenses. The Honorable Timothy L. Brooks presided over the sentencing hearings, which was held in the U.S. District Court in Fayetteville.

On Jan. 10, 2024, Ernest Dean Easley, age 72, of Gravette, Arkansas, was sentenced to 168 months without the possibility of parole after being convicted of transporting child pornography through the internet. According to court documents, on June 28, 2022, an FBI taskforce officer received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children indicating that Easley had sent an email con-

taining images of child sexual abuse material. Officers later served a search warrant at Easley's residence and discovered additional child pornography, some of which appeared to have been self-produced. Easley later admitted that years prior, while living in Texas, he had taken lascivious photographs of a minor female relative while she was sleeping.

On Jan. 11, 2024, Lyle Kenneth Smith, age 53, of Gentry, Arkansas, was sentenced to 74 months in federal prison without the possibility for parole after being convicted of receiving child pornography. In August of 2021, FBI taskforce officers were conducting a nationwide investigation into Freenet, an online peer-to-peer platform. During the investigation a task force officer



Smith

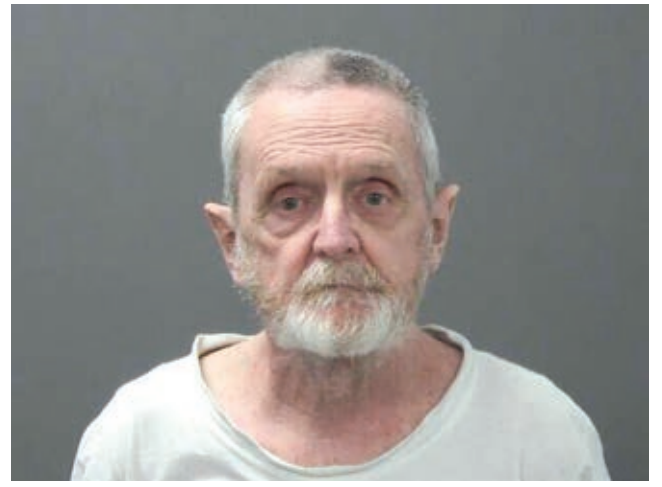
discovered that Smith was actively searching for child pornography through Freenet. Officers executed a search warrant at Smith's residence and discovered multiple devices containing child pornography and forensic evidence that Smith had downloaded illegal content from Freenet. Smith later admitted to having collected child

pornography for years, using Freenet and other online sources.

U.S. Attorney David Clay Fowlkes of the Western District of Arkansas made the announcement.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Benton County Sheriff's Office, and Bentonville Police Department investigated the cases.

Assistant U.S. Attor-



Easley

ney Devon Still prosecuted these cases on behalf of the United States.

These cases were prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S.

Attorneys' Offices and CEOS, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

# Northark Board of Trustees optimistic for '24

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The North Arkansas College Board of Trustees attended its regularly scheduled meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the south campus.

Dr. Rick Massengale reviewed enrollment numbers, stating that

the college had met 90% of the enrollment goal of 1,700 students for the spring semester. He also stated that he was confident that the goal would be met once registration had been completed. Massengale attributed the higher enrollment numbers to programs allowing high

school students to attend college courses and flexible meeting methods. New programs, such as workforce and nursing training, will continue to bring classes to students and prepare them for careers.

Richard Stipe gave the financial report, comparing Northark to

the other 21 two-year colleges in the state. Revenues and expenditures are drawing closer to target with every semester, and the trend seems to be state wide. "NAC is definitely underfunded," Stipe noted as he reviewed the numbers. "However, we remain the 10th least

expensive college in our district, and that is important. An education needs to be affordable." Northark has not raised tuition in several years.

The funding matrix for colleges and technical schools has been in place for many years. Many schools have merged with uni-

versities or made other changes that have not been accounted for. Changes in populations, industries and career requirements can make a significant difference in college enrollment numbers.

The board, having no other business to attend to, adjourned.

# Coordinated arrests bring in 245 criminals

From Times Sources

**WEST MEMPHIS** — Arkansas State Police led a law enforcement contingent earlier this week in a joint operation to help remove wanted and repeat offenders from the streets of Eastern Arkansas.

This initiative was part of a coordinated

operation that led to the arrest of 245 individuals over the span of eight hours. ASP contributed 27 Troopers to a total of 55 law enforcement officers to saturate the streets of Crittenden County and reduce criminal activity in the area.

A total of 449 offi-



Law enforcement agents from across departments, including the Arkansas State Police worked together to make 245 arrests this week in a coordinated effort. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

cer violation contacts were made along with 75 criminal arrests and 13 DWI arrests. The team also seized eight firearms and various illegal narcotics, from crack cocaine to marijuana.

"We greatly impacted the Crittenden County area and provided calm to chaos in a community that has been the victim of violent crime for far too long," said ASP Captain Philip Hydron, Troop D Commander.

Operation participants included members of the 2nd Judicial District Drug Task Force and the cities of Marion and West Memphis.

"Arkansas State Police will not hesitate to

step up with our partner law enforcement agencies in communities that sorely need our support," said ASP Colonel Mike Hagar. "Operations like these make Arkansas a safer place for all."

# Rushing named extension forestry instructor

From Times Sources

**MONTICELLO** — The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture has named Jaret Rushing, a 16-year veteran of the Division's Cooperative Extension Service, as its first extension forestry instructor. Rushing will provide forestry expertise and assistance for Arkansas forest landowners, county agents, forestry professionals and youth. Before this appointment, Rushing served as an extension agent for the Calhoun County Cooperative Extension Service office, most recently as staff chair.

"So now, instead of being confined to a county, I can

do forestry programming across the entire state of Arkansas as well as with all other agents whenever they need help, do programs, demonstration work, and things of that nature," Rushing said. He will now be part of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, housed at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus.

Rushing grew up in Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, graduating from Watson Chapel High School in nearby Pine Bluff. He later obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

"Once I got to UAM, I got heavily involved in timber sports activities," Rushing said. "My small claim to fame is even to this day, I still hold the

Southern Regional conclave record for knife throw, 12 out of 15."

Rushing and his wife, Traci, are proud parents of a nine-year-old son and six-year-old twin daughters.

Rushing said his experience as a county agent guides his drive to help county agents with forestry issues statewide.

"Forestry is so vast, and it's also very seasonal," he said. "I want to be somebody that at the drop of a hat can help the agents out. I can speak at events, and I can develop and program events. I can hold trainings here on campus or wherever in Arkansas."

Rushing said he is also eager to help landowners and youth as an extension forestry instructor.

"Extension programming starts blue-collar

with the landowners, and I don't want to put them out of sight," he said.

Near the Camden area, the Division of Agriculture has a partnership with the owner of hundreds of acres of pine forest with a long history of management focused on wildlife habitat and timber production. This forest is a unique part of the Division's Discovery Farm network, highlighting the ecological and hydrological benefits of sound management.

Rushing is developing youth programs and demonstration projects focused on the Camden Discovery Farm. "Once we get those off the ground, I'll be aiding in those projects and programs," he said.

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## Weather has created unbalanced conference standings

**Staff Report**

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Those that read conference standings love to see perfect bell curves in those numbers.

However, Mother Nature has played havoc with the standings in the early stages of the conference races.

Part of the 5A-West has played three games while others have only played two.

The Harrison Lady Goblins find themselves in fourth place in the 5A-West race. Mountain Home is at the top of the pack with a 3-0 record.

Greenwood, who was scheduled to play the Lady Goblins on Friday night before weather moved the contest, is in second place with a 2-0 mark.

Russellville is third at 2-1 with Harrison checking in at 1-1.

Teams are a half game behind the Lady Goblins. Alma, Greenbrier and Van Buren have 1-2 records. Siloam Springs is 0-3 on the season.

Van Buren and Alma are leading the pack early in boys action.



Spencer Traywick (left) of Jasper and Chism Floyd of Kingston battled at Pioneer Pavilion in the North Arkansas College Senior Boys Invitational Tournament. Kingston is on top of the 1A-1East standings with Jasper being a game behind. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

Both teams are 3-0 in league play. Russellville and Mountain Home are a game back at 2-1.

Greenbrier is fifth with a 1-2 record. Harrison and Greenwood

are tied for sixth place with 0-2 marks and Siloam Springs is eighth with a 0-3 mark.

The Goblins and Lady Goblins are scheduled to go to Van Buren on Friday night.

### 4A-1

Farmington is leading the pack on both sides of the basketball in the 4A-1.

The Cardinals and Lady Cardinals both have 6-0 league records to lead the standings.

In the girls standings, Gentry and Pea Ridge is tied for second with 4-2 marks. Gravette is a half game back at 3-2.

Berryville and Prairie Grove are tied for fifth with 2-3 records while Huntsville and Shiloh Christian are tied for seventh with 0-5 records.

Pea Ridge is second in boys play. They are 5-1 and a half game ahead of Gravette at 4-1.

Huntsville and Shiloh Christian are tied for fourth place with 3-3 records. Prairie Grove is sixth at 1-4. Gentry is seventh at 1-5 and Berryville is eighth at 0-6.

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## Mark hits late bucket to lift Arkansas to win

**By OTIS KIRK**

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FAYETTEVILLE — Tramon Mark hit the game-winning basket with 1.1 seconds remaining on Tuesday night to give Arkansas a 78-77 win over Texas A&M in Bud Walton Arena.

Mark's clutch shot was needed after Wade Taylor IV hit a contested 3-point shot with 7.6 seconds remaining to give the Aggies their first lead of the game at 77-76. It appeared Arkansas had blown a 20-point lead to lose yet again, but Mark was unstoppable. He finished the game with 35 points while Taylor had 41. Mark talked about the shot that gave Arkansas its first SEC win this season.

"Coach drew it up and I just went out there and executed it," Mark said crediting Eric Musselman.

Mark, who transferred to Arkansas from Houston prior to the season, was 17-of-22 from the free throw line. He's hoping this win can provide the Hogs some momentum.

"I feel like it's the start of something good for us, we just got to keep getting better," Mark said.

Musselman obviously was pleased that Mark was able to be the Razorback taking the final shot.

"We got the ball in the hands of who we needed to tonight because of how T-Mark was playing tonight," Musselman said.

Musselman had seen his team lose to Auburn by 32 points (83-51), Georgia 10 (76-66) and then 22 (90-68) at Florida.

"We lead for 38 minutes that's a drastic improvement from where we were in our first three [SEC] games," Musselman said.

The Razorbacks jumped out to a 17-3 lead with 12:14 remaining in the first half. The Aggies were extremely cold in the first half shooting 7%, 1-of-15 from behind the 3-point line. Arkansas held a 46-32 lead at intermission. The largest lead of the game was 20 points, 34-14, with 6:07 remaining in the first half.

Louisville transfer El Ellis played 2:54 against Florida this past Saturday. He got the surprise start on Tuesday night and responded with 15 points, six rebounds and two assists in 31 minutes.

"It felt really good to be out there," Ellis said. "You always gotta be ready for your number to be called and tonight mine was."

Jeremiah Davenport and Trevon Brazile each contributed eight points. Brazile also pulled down five boards. Davonte "Devo" Davis finished with seven points, six rebounds and an assist before being ejected from the game for a Flagrant 2 call with 4:41 remaining on the clock.

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North Arkansas College sophomore Mat Jones rebounds a basketball during action on Saturday at Pioneer Pavilion. The Pioneers are scheduled to play University of Arkansas, Cossatot on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. weather permitting. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

## Helmet manufacturer: Mahomes' shattered lid in playoff game 'did its job'

**By DAVE SKRETTA**

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The manufacturer of the helmet that Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes shattered during their AFC wild-card game with Miami says it "did its job" by protecting the league MVP "during a head-to-head impact in unprecedented cold temperatures."

The game Saturday night was the fourth-coldest in NFL history. The temperature at kickoff was minus-4 degrees Fahrenheit, and winds gusting to more than 25 mph made the wind chill approach minus-30 during the game.

"Extreme conditions like those are bound to test the limits of even the highest-performing products," Certor Sports, which makes the VICIS ZERO2 helmet that Mahomes was wearing, said in a statement Wednesday.

Mahomes was scrambling toward the end zone in the second half of the Chiefs' 26-7 vic-

tory when he was hit by Dolphins safety DeShon Elliott. Their helmets clashed and, likely because of the extreme cold that made the outer shell brittle, a fist-sized chunk went flying from Mahomes' helmet just above the facemask covering his left eye.

"They're testing it right now," Mahomes said Wednesday, "but I'm adamant on getting the helmet after. It's something that's cool, I'll be able to keep for a long time. Like they said, it did its job. I was perfectly fine after."

The VICIS ZERO2 uses a proprietary multilayer technology that creates a "deformable outer shell," the company said, and that is wrapped around a stiffer inner shell. The design is similar to that of car bumpers, which might appear to be inexpensive plastic at first glance but are in fact engineered to absorb and disperse energy at the point of impact.

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## Northark back in action on Thursday

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Weather permitting, the Lady Pioneers and Pioneers of North Arkansas College will be back in action on Thursday night at Pioneer Pavilion.

Mother Nature won games on Tuesday night before Northark is back in Region II action against University of Arkansas, Cossatot.

Cossatot comes into the game with a 5-12 overall mark. They are 1-0 in league play. The defeated Shorter College.

The Colts are averaging 70.6 points a contest while shooting 38.8 percent from the field and 26.3 percent from behind the arc.

In the month of January, Cossatot is 1-2 with the win being over Shorter, 94-79.

Monday, the team postponed a game with Arkansas State University, Mid-South.

The Pioneers come into the game with a 10-8 mark. The squad is 1-1 in league play.

Northark defeated Shorter in the first game of Region II play, 84-67. They lost to Southern Arkansas University Tech, 87-64.

The Pioneers defeated Arkansas State University, Newport on Saturday. Newport will be a part of Region II after their probationary season this year.

Northark is averaging 90.8 points a contest while shooting 44.7 percent from the field and 30.4 percent from behind the arc.

Game time is around 7:30 p.m. following the Lady Pioneer contest that starts

at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Pioneers come into the game with Cossatot with an 0-2 Region II mark.

Cossatot comes into the game with a 9-9 record and a 1-0 league record. The Lady Colts defeated Shorter, who was one of the teams that beat Northark.

Averaging 74.1 points a game, Cossatot is hitting 37.0 percent of its shots and 25.5 shots from behind the 3-point line.

Northark is 2-11 and averaging 63.2 points a game. The Lady Pioneers are hitting 41.8 percent of its shots and 31.2 percent of shots behind the arc.

Inclement weather is predicted for Central Arkansas on Thursday. Cossatot is traveling from the DeQueen area. Weather may play a part in whether the contest will be held.

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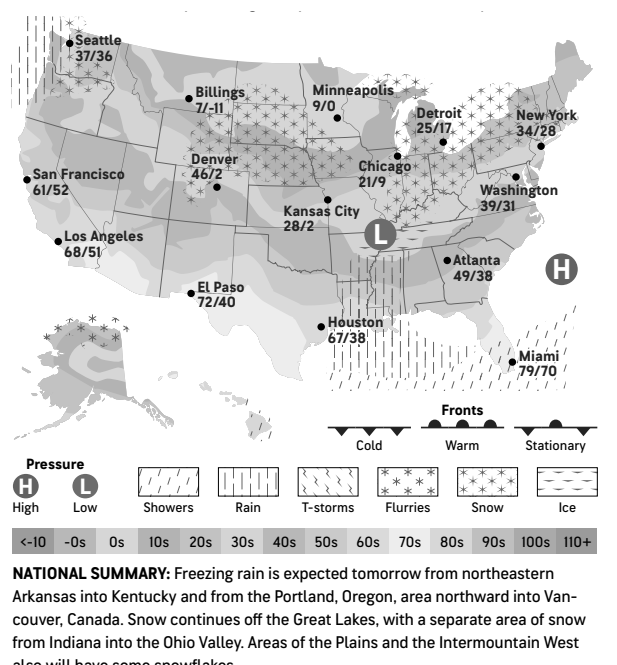
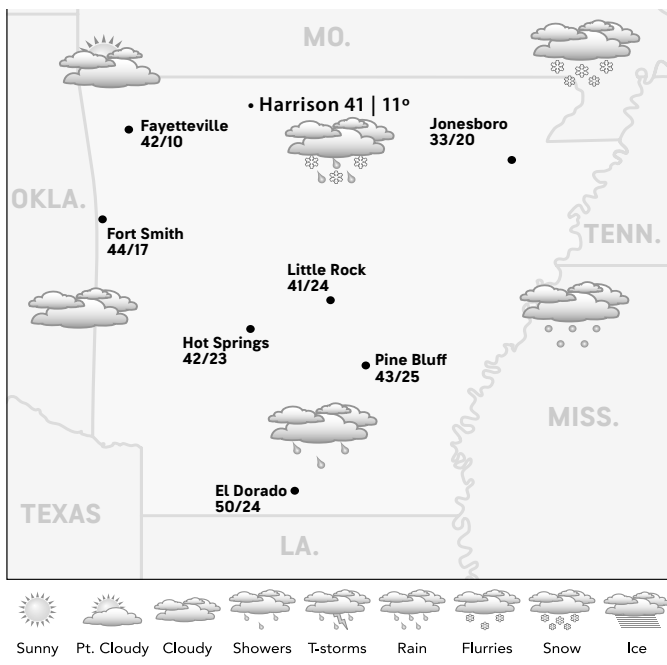
**LOCAL WEATHER**

**Today's forecast**

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy in the evening with more clouds for later at night. Low 11F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph

**Tomorrow:** Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 21F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph.

**Tomorrow night:** A mostly clear sky. Low 4F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.



**Extended forecast**

**Saturday:** Sunshine. Very cold. High 23F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday night:** A few clouds. Very cold. Low 13F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Cloudy skies. High near 35F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday night:** Cloudy with some light freezing rain after midnight. Low 28F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precip 50%.

**Monday:** Freezing rain early...changing to rain in the afternoon. High near 35F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precip 90%.

**Monday night:** Cloudy with periods of rain. Low 34F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%. Rainfall near a quarter of an inch.

**Almanac**

Jan 25

Feb 2

Feb 9

Feb 16

**Sunrise** 7:23 a.m.      **Moonrise** 11:49 p.m.  
**Sunset** 5:35 p.m.      **Moonset** 12:46 a.m.

**Statewide**

City	High	Low	Precip
El Dorado	41	27	0.01
Fayetteville	41	8	0.00
Fort Smith	42	16	0.00
Harrison	41	11	0.00
Hot Springs	37	22	0.00
Jonesboro	33	20	0.00
Little Rock	36	22	0.00
Mountain Home	40	13	0.00
Pine Bluff	37	25	0.01
Russellville	40	20	0.00

**Today's Records**

**Record High**  
70°F

**Record Low**  
-3°F

**One year ago**  
High 54°, Low 48°

**Ten years ago**  
High 52°, Low 0°

**Precip. year to date**  
2.11 inches

**Lake and River Levels**

Location	Current level	24-hour change
<b>Buffalo River Flood Level 7 a.m.</b>		
Boxley	2.10	-0.10
Ponca	2.30	-0.10
Pruitt	4.10	-0.10
Hasty	3.90	-0.10
St. Joe	4.30	-0.30
Hwy 14	4.00	-0.10
<b>Lakes</b>		
Beaver Lake	1,111.96	-0.22
Table Rock Lake	909.55	-0.24
Bull Shoals Lake	651.91	-0.25
Norfolk	554.62	-0.03

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Earth's exosphere extends at least 60,000 miles up from earth's surface to the edge of interplanetary space. And you have around 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body! They transport blood carrying oxygen, nutrients, hormones, immune system cells, and platelets (for clotting) and deliver these necessities to your cells and organs, as they help transport waste and toxins out of the body. Big job. But sometimes, your circulation becomes obstructed or slowed down because of heart disease or blocked arteries. You may have chronically cold feet or fingers, lack of breath or fatigue, or sexual

dysfunction. To ease poor circulation or prevent it from happening, the Cleveland Clinic suggests you: — Try low-impact exercise such as walking or pool exercise classes — Skip red meat and full-fat dairy to reduce or prevent atherosclerosis, which can lead to peripheral artery disease — Maintain a healthy blood pressure and, if recommended, reduce your salt intake — Elevate your legs about hip level whenever possible — Wear compression socks — Don't smoke In addition, you want to

eat a plant-based diet with no simple sugars or syrups, get 150 to 300 minutes of physical activity a week, stay hydrated, and try dry brushing before showering (never on moles or irritated skin). It increases blood circulation. Some foods and supplements also promote healthy blood flow. They include vasodilating cayenne pepper and pomegranates, and garlic, which contains allicin. Studies show that it relaxes blood vessels. Other foods to add to your diet to combat restricted blood flow include cooked tomatoes, beets, onions and berries.

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**D**ear Annie: I am a 26-year-old woman and recently graduated college with my bachelor's in May 2023. I searched for a long time before finding a job, and I ended up finding a position in a place I never expected to. Skills from my major do come into use regularly but it's not what I went to college for. Though I've grown to really like what I do and it has been fulfilling up to now, I have a problem. And it isn't with the job itself. I've found myself the victim of incessant staring, perpetrated by a man who started here not long before I did. I got a weird "vibe," if you will, the day I came in for my interview. And up to now four months hence, it's been non-stop. It's escalated to lack of boundaries where he stands way too close passing off paperwork (a regular thing we have to do to get the job done), alongside the unrelenting staring. He asked me where my house was about a month ago. I was more annoyed than scared before he said that. Now I find myself checking my surroundings everywhere I go, and I keep "making up" things I'm not sure are real or not, like his car loitering outside my home. He even requested to move departments and chose to be seated at the desk across from me. I grew so uncomfortable, I had to deal with it myself and create a barrier to make him stop. I don't know what to do. He hasn't really done anything that I can legitimately talk to my boss about. But I dread the days when I see him parked in the lot, because I know that when I come inside to work, it's going

to be a long, uncomfortable day. What am I supposed to do in this situation? I just keep hoping he'll quit. But it doesn't seem likely. What can I do to protect myself beyond what I've already tried? I installed ring cameras on my front and back doors, but my management office won't heed my request to fix my broken window latches and it's been a source of fear. I can't start a paper trail without telling management about it. Do you have any advice on how I can help myself? — Tired of Being Scared at Work and at Home

**Dear Tired of Being Scared:** If your gut is trying to tell you something, you should listen. Better safe than sorry. Since this co-worker hasn't actually done anything, the action you can take is limited. But the more allies you have, the safer you will feel. Tell friends and co-workers about him. If you have a manager or a human resources department that you trust, you should tell them, too. Don't stay at the office alone with him. If his behavior escalates, it could constitute harassment, making it a legal issue that your company has a responsibility to address. You should also stop by your local police department to see if they have any recommendations for how you can better protect yourself, or guidance on what type of red flags you should look out for. They may be able to help you assess whether this man is a legitimate threat. In terms of your broken window latches, if your management office won't fix them, it's probably worth fixing them yourself. You can't put a price on sleeping soundly at night. "How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology — featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creator-publishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com). COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM

**Overdraft fees could drop to \$3 under new Biden proposal**

By The Associated Press

The cost to overdraw a bank account could drop to as little as \$3 under a proposal announced by the White House, the latest move by the Biden administration to combat fees it says pose an unnecessary burden on American consumers, particularly those living paycheck to paycheck. The change could potentially eliminate billions of dollars in fee revenue for the nation's biggest banks, which were gearing up for a battle even before Wednesday's announcement. Under the proposal, banks would have to show how much it costs for them to run overdraft services, or instead charge a benchmark fee that could be as little as \$3. NEW YORK — The cost to overdraw a bank account could drop to as little as \$3 under a proposal announced by the

White House, the latest effort by the Biden administration to combat fees it says pose an unnecessary burden on American consumers, particularly those living paycheck to paycheck. The change could potentially eliminate billions of dollars in fee revenue for the nation's biggest banks, which were gearing up for a battle even before Wednesday's announcement. Exactly how much revenue depends on which version of the new regulation is adopted. Banks charge a customer an overdraft fee if their bank account balance falls below zero. Overdraft started as a courtesy offered to some customers when paper checks used to take days to clear, but proliferated thanks to the growing popularity of debit cards. "For too long, some banks have charged exorbitant overdraft fees — sometimes \$30

or more — that often hit the most vulnerable Americans the hardest, all while banks pad their bottom lines," President Joe Biden said in a statement. "Banks call it a service — I call it exploitation." Under the proposed rule, banks could only charge customers what it would cost them to break even on providing overdraft services. This would require banks to show the CFPB the costs. Alternatively, banks could use a benchmark fee that would apply across all affected financial institutions. Regulators proposed several fees — \$3, \$6, \$7 and \$14 — and will gather industry and public input on the most appropriate amount. The CFPB says it arrived at these figures by looking at how much it cost banks to recoup losses from accounts that went negative and were never paid back.

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## HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT LOG

Jan. 16

**4 a.m.** – An officer on patrol advised he'd be out with a stalled vehicle on Industrial Park Road. Assist completed.

**5:14 a.m.** – A caller reported a driver hit a fire hydrant on Old Bergman Road. A formal complaint was filed and the Water Department was notified.

**8:40 a.m.** – A two-vehicle wreck with unknown injuries was reported in front of Bank of 1889 on Highway 65 North.

**9:35 a.m.** – An officer on patrol advised he'd be out with a vehicle stuck in the snow on North Main. He later said the car did have a flat tire, but it was off the roadway.

**10:51 a.m.** – A woman on South Sycamore called to report an unwanted person on her property. Dispatch said the woman was hard to understand on the phone and her story wasn't making sense. An officer said the woman was suffering an altered mental

state and EMS took her to the hospital for evaluation. A caller reported the woman was outside the hospital looking in people's cars about 2 p.m. An officer said she had been discharged from the facility, so he gave her a ride home.

**11:32 a.m.** – A caller reported a possibly suicidal male subject in a room at Days Inn. An officer made contact with the subject, who said he was not suicidal and declined medical attention.

**11:57 a.m.** – A woman called to report her 73-year-old father-in-law missing. She said he spent the night sleeping in his SUV on the Walmart parking lot and was supposed to be headed for Mountain View. Officers and other local law enforcement agencies were asked to watch for the man.

**2:14 p.m.** – An officer on patrol advised he'd be out with a vehicle on North Spring Street that bore a license plate reported

stolen out of the BCSO. A deputy arrived on scene and took possession of the plate and the victim was notified.

**2:34 p.m.** – A female subject called to talk to an officer about possible sexual misconduct. A formal complaint was filed.

**2:50 p.m.** – A wrecker service reported towing a vehicle beside Wilson Avenue. Information noted for future reference.

**3:53 p.m.** – Carroll County authorities requested officers watch for a 38-year-old man wanted in connection with a domestic disturbance. Officers were notified.

**4:04 p.m.** – A caller reported a cat abandoned at a residence on East South Avenue with no utilities connected. Animal Control was notified.

**5:35 p.m.** – A woman called to talk to an officer about stolen property. Information noted for future reference.

**7:35 p.m.** – Marion County authorities requested officers watch for a 17-year-old girl reported missing. Officers were notified, but the request was canceled about four hours later after she was located.

**9:13 p.m.** – A caller requested an officer check on a male subject at an address on North Hickory because no one had been able to contact him for about 10 hours. An officer went to the residence, but there was no answer at the door.

**9:43 p.m.** – An officer on patrol logged an unoccupied vehicle left at Minnie Harris Park.

**11:24 p.m.** – A woman on East South Avenue called to report a gaming system stolen and other electronics damaged by a female subject. An officer said it would be a civil matter without any evidence of theft or damage. The other subject involved called to talk to an officer about the incident about 1:30 a.m. The officer advised her of her options.

## State vehicle fatalities for Jan. 8-14, Part 1

There were eleven fatalities on Arkansas roads and highways last week, bringing the total to fifteen vehicle-related deaths so far for 2024.

• **Darin Lee Workman, 55, of Eureka Springs, was killed in a one-vehicle accident that occurred Wednesday afternoon in Carroll County.**

Workman was a passenger a 1994 Oldsmobile Southbound on State Highway 23 while negotiating a left hand curve and lost control of the vehicle, traveled off of the right side of the roadway, and overturned to its right side before coming to a rest on its top approximately 50 feet from the roadway. The driver of the vehicle, Shanea Lynn Niblett, 37, of Eureka Springs was injured.

The accident happened at 3:30 p.m.

on Wednesday. The weather was clear and the road condition was dry.

• **David Lee Norrell, 75, of Siloam Springs, was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred Thursday afternoon in Benton County.**

Norrell was driving a 2003 Landrover Discovery East on U.S. Highway 412 when he made a left turn at the intersection of E Kenwood Street on a flashing yellow left arrow. His vehicle was struck by a 2019 International that was Westbound on E US Highway 412 in the outside lane.

A passenger in the Landrover, Jose Ruben Serna, 52, of Bentonville, was injured. No injuries were reported for the driver of the International.

The accident occurred at 1:59 p.m.

on Thursday. The weather was clear and the road condition was dry.

• **Matthew Brockman, 81, of Center Ridge, was killed in a one-vehicle accident that occurred Thursday morning near Birdtown in Conway County.**

Brockman was driving a 1997 Chevrolet, traveling Southbound on Highway 9 when he exited the roadway to the right, then traveled down the ditch and impacted a culvert with the front of the vehicle. The vehicle came to a rest on top of the culvert facing South.

The accident took place at 8:10 a.m. on Thursday. The weather was clear and the road condition was dry.

• **Gloria Strong, 68, was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred**

Friday afternoon in Polk County.

Strong was a passenger in a 2015 Dodge Ram being driven by Bruce Strong, 75, of Mena. Bruce Strong sustained injuries in the accident. A 2015 Honda CRV pulled onto Highway 71 to go Northbound while the Strong's vehicle pulled onto the Southbound lane, the vehicles then making contact. The Strong's vehicle continued traveling Northbound flipping over one and a half times and finally coming to a rest on Highway 71.

The accident happened at 1:35 p.m. on Friday. The weather was clear and the road condition was dry.

Part two of this week's fatalities will be published in the Friday, Jan. 19 edition of The Times.

## Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo to be held Jan. 25-27

Staff Report

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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is partnering with several Arkansas agricultural associations and organizations to host the second Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo on Jan. 25-27, at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo is open to all parties interested in the Arkansas agriculture industry and will focus on farmers and producers who produce for the local food system. In January 2023, the Department hosted the first Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo with over 450 attendees and 70 vendors.

The three-day event will consist of workshops, speakers, networking opportunities, a vendor trade show, and conclude with the first-ever Arkansas Grown & Arkansas Made Showcase. The Arkansas Grown & Arkansas Made Showcase will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, and will open to retailers and wholesale buyers in the morning and the public in the afternoon.

Partner organizations include the Arkansas State Horticulture Society, Arkansas Farmers Market Association, Arkansas Blackberry Growers Association, Arkansas Agritourism Association, Arkansas Association of Grape Growers, Arkansas Pecan Growers Association, Mid America Strawberry Growers Association, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Farm Bureau, and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

Opportunities for sponsorship and vendor booths are available. For more information, contact Beth Moore at [beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov).

Registration includes access to general sessions, workshops, and entrance to the expo. Walk-up registration options will be available. To register and learn more about the Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo, visit [arkansasgrown.org/arkansas-grown-conference-expo/](http://arkansasgrown.org/arkansas-grown-conference-expo/).

## Gov. Beshear's allies form group to promote Democrat's agenda

By **BRUCE SCHREINER**  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — People close to Gov. Andy Beshear formed an advocacy group Wednesday to promote the Democrat's agenda in Kentucky, as his allies try to build on his reelection victory and bolster his resume by turning more of his proposals into enacted policies in the Republican-leaning Bluegrass State.

The action signals a more aggressive strategy to advance Beshear's second-term agenda as the 46-year-old governor takes other steps to expand his political brand beyond his home state. Beshear's national profile rose after his convincing reelection win over GOP challenger Daniel Cameron last November.

The newly formed 501(c)(4) group called "Heckbent" will promote key Beshear proposals by supporting grassroots advocacy, said Eric Hyers, his chief political strategist.

"Our focus is to promote very popular policies that are good for working families here in Kentucky, that the governor and his allies have supported and ran on," Hyers said in a phone interview.

The group's strategies could include bankrolling ads to try to sway or lambaste GOP lawmakers resistant to the governor's proposals. In his recent State of the Commonwealth

speech, Beshear called for a unified effort among Republicans and Democrats to advance the state.

A more confrontational approach by the pro-Beshear group would show the shallowness of the governor's appeal for cooperation, said state GOP spokesman Sean Southard.

"Republicans remain focused on advocating policies that make our state more competitive for business and more attractive for families to live," Southard said in a statement.

The new group's formation comes as Beshear tries to make inroads with the state's Republican-dominated legislature on education funding and other key issues. The new group's name plays off a Beshear remark during last year's campaign, when he accused his GOP opponent of being "heckbent" on changing the Medicaid program in ways that would cause some people to lose their benefits.

While the new group's primary focus is grassroots advocacy, a portion of funds it raises could be used to support or oppose political candidates this election year, when legislative races are on Kentucky's ballot. Republicans hold supermajorities in the state House and Senate.

Such groups can raise and spend unlimited sums. They also do not have to reveal

their donors, which leads some advocates for increased transparency in political spending to pejoratively refer to such entities as "dark money" groups.

There was no such group to promote Beshear's agenda during his first term, when his notable legislative successes often were overshadowed by his many policy disputes with GOP lawmakers. Those successes included legalizing sports betting and medical marijuana, expanding early voting and making insulin more affordable. His administration also worked with lawmakers to funnel more money into infrastructure projects.

Beshear also announced the formation of a federal political action committee this month to support candidates across the country as he tries to expand his influence beyond Kentucky.

Beshear defeated Donald Trump-backed rivals twice in winning the governorship. His reelection in a state that has otherwise trended heavily toward the GOP has fueled speculation about whether he might run for national office someday. The term-limited governor has committed to serving out his second term, which ends in late 2027.

Beshear says his reelection offers a blueprint for Democrats, and that his PAC will focus on helping elect more Democrats in swing states

and Republican strongholds. He won broad praise during his first term for leading the state's response to deadly tornadoes in western Kentucky and massive flooding in the state's eastern sections. He's overseen record economic development for Kentucky.

The governor's record of legislative achievements is more checkered — something the new group will try to change with messaging that could focus on areas represented by GOP lawmakers.

"This is all about turning good ideas into legislation and laws that help people," Hyers said.

Beshear has noted that he signed more than 600 bipartisan bills during his first term, but some of his most ambitious proposals have stalled or been revamped.

He's so far failed to persuade lawmakers to appropriate state funds to provide preschool for every Kentucky 4-year-old. He's called for an 11% pay raise for teachers and all other public school employees. The GOP House budget bill doesn't offer a guaranteed pay raise but would award additional funding to districts, with local administrators deciding whether to use some of the money to give raises. House Speaker David Osborne said lawmakers will strongly suggest that school personnel deserve pay raises.

## Medicine for hostages, Palestinians arrives in Gaza under first Israel-Hamas deal

By The Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A shipment of medicine for dozens of hostages held by Hamas arrived in Gaza on Wednesday, part of a France- and Qatar- mediated deal that marked the first agreement between Israel and the militant group since a weeklong cease-fire in November.

The deal could bring respite to some of the roughly 100 hostages who remain in captivity, as well as to Palestinians in Gaza in desperate need of additional aid. But fighting still rages in many parts of

the beleaguered enclave, and an end to the war — or the release of the hostages — seems nowhere in sight.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Majed al-Ansari, announced late Wednesday on X, formerly Twitter, that the shipment had crossed into Gaza, without saying when or how the medicine would be distributed.

"Over the past few hours, medicine & aid entered the Gaza Strip, in implementation of the agreement announced yesterday for the benefit of civilians in the Strip, including hostages," he wrote.

A senior Hamas official said that for

every box provided for the hostages, 1,000 boxes of medicine would be sent in for Palestinians. The deal also includes the delivery of humanitarian aid to residents of the besieged coastal enclave.

The agreement came 100 days into the conflict and as Palestinian militants are still putting up resistance across Gaza in the face of one of the deadliest military campaigns in recent history. More than 24,000 Palestinians have been killed. Some 85% of the narrow coastal territory's 2.3 million people have fled their homes, and the United Nations says a quarter of the population is starving.

**OBITUARIES**

**Frances Pendergast-Alexander**

98, of Harrison

Frances Lorraine Pendergast-Alexander passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 26 (2023) at the age of 98. She was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Ventura, California to Vernon and Ava (Thomas) Pendergast.



She shared a lifelong marriage to Bruce E. Alexander, that started in 1944 in Wisconsin, just days before his deployment during the war.

She spent her life as a secretary, from the family business to a volunteer basis at the Harrison Library. She always kept herself busy. From Girl Scouts to a homemaker, she was fully devoted to everything she did. She also had many hobbies, which included cross stitching, quilting, knitting, crafting and gardening.

Frances was a passionate and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Carol, Lucelle and Jay; her husband, Bruce Alexander; her son, Kenneth Alexander; her granddaughter, Katherine Frances Benefiel; and her great-grandson, Gabriel Micah Benefiel.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Nancy Kay Douglass, of Harrison; her grandsons, Shaud Alexander, of Oregon, Michael C. Douglass and his wife, Raechelle, of Harrison, and Aron Alexander and his wife, of California; her great-grandchildren, Allie Bryant and her husband, Gavin, Gregg Benefiel, Cassandra Benefiel, Sara Douglass, Michael B. Douglass and Harley Robinson, all of Arkansas, and Gavin Arnall, of Oregon; her great-great-grandsons, Syllis and Beau Masters and Lincoln Bryant, her nieces, Cathy and Jennifer; and nephew Scott.

There will be no service per her request. A Celebration of life with her family and friends will be held at a later date.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at [www.HoltChapel.com](http://www.HoltChapel.com).

**Dayle Lewis Tatro**

65, of Mountain Home

Dayle Lewis Tatro, 65, of Mountain Home, passed away on Jan. 13 (2024). He was born on March 31, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Edward and Mavis (McGinnes) Tatro. Dayle leaves behind his loving wife, Patricia, and many family members and friends. Care entrusted to Diamond State Funerals

**Benny Armes**

90, of Marshall

Benny Jack Armes, age 90, of Marshall, passed away on Jan. 10 (2024) at Ozark Health Medical Center in Clinton. He was born in Luxora on March 25, 1933, to Ezra Garland Armes and Ima Ann Elizabeth Drewry Armes.

Survivors include his sons, Dwayne Armes (Jamie), Greg Armes (Karen) and Skip Armes (Angela); twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tolise; his parents, Ezra and Ima Armes; and his brother, Wade Armes.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Jan. 20 (2024) at Roller Coffman Chapel in Marshall, with his son, Greg, officiating. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. preceding the service. Burial will be in Marshall Memorial Gardens.

**Carol Harris**

67, of Marshall

Carol Ann Harris, age 67, of Marshall, passed away on Jan. 6 (2024) at Conway Regional Hospital in Conway. She was born in Shelbyville, Illinois on Dec. 10, 1956 to Johny Elbert Harris and Lydia Eva Lee Harris.

Survivors include two brothers, Kenny Harris and Johny Harris; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends who will mourn her passing.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents, Johny and Eva Harris; and her sister, Susan Harris Hoskinds.

No services are planned at this time.

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No services are planned at this time.

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*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**On this day in 1993 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is officially observed for the first time in all 50 US states.**  
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**Actress Joyce Randolph dies at 99**

By The Associated Press

Joyce Randolph, a veteran stage and television actor whose role as the savvy Trixie Norton on “The Honeymooners” provided the perfect foil to her dim-witted TV husband, has died. She was 99.

Randolph died of natural causes Saturday night at her home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, her son Randolph Charles told The Associated Press Sunday.

She was the last surviving main character of the beloved comedy from television’s golden age of the 1950s.

“The Honeymooners” was an affectionate look at Brooklyn tenement life, based in part on star Jackie Gleason’s childhood. Gleason played the blustering bus driver Ralph Kramden. Audrey Meadows was his wisecracking, strong-willed wife Alice, and Art Carney the cheerful sewer worker Ed Norton. Alice and Trixie often found

themselves commiserating over their husbands’ various follies and mishaps, whether unknowingly marketing dogfood as a popular snack or trying in vain to resist a rent hike, or freezing in the winter as their heat is shut off.

Randolph would later cite a handful of favorite episodes, including one in which Ed is sleepwalking.

“And Carney calls out, ‘Thelma!’ He never knew his wife’s real name,” she later told the Television Academy Foundation.

Originating in 1950 as a recurring skit on Gleason’s variety show, “Cavalcade of Stars,” “The Honeymooners” still ranks among the all-time favorites of television comedy. The show grew in popularity after Gleason switched networks with “The Jackie Gleason Show.” Later, for one season in 1955-56, it became a full-fledged series.

Those 39 episodes became a staple of syn-

dicated programming aired all over the country and beyond.

In an interview with The New York Times in January 2007, Randolph said she received no compensation in residuals for those 39 episodes. She said she finally began getting royalties with the discovery of “lost” episodes from the variety hours.

After five years as a member of Gleason’s on-the-air repertory company, Randolph virtually retired, opting to focus full-time on marriage and motherhood.

FILE — Actress Joyce Randolph attends the Museum of the Moving Image Salute to Ben Stiller at Cipriani’s 42nd Street on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in New York. Randolph, who played Ed Norton’s sarcastic wife Trixie, on the “The Honeymooners,” has died at age 99. Randolph died of natural causes Saturday night, Jan. 13, 2024, at her home on the Upper

West Side of Manhattan, her son Randolph Charles told The Associated Press Sunday. (AP Photo/Evan Agostini, File)

Actress Joyce Randolph attends the Museum of the Moving Image Salute to Ben Stiller at Cipriani’s 42nd Street on Nov. 12, 2008, in New York. (AP Photo/Evan Agostini, File)

“I didn’t miss a thing by not working all the time,” she said. “I didn’t want a nanny raising (my) wonderful son.”

But decades after leaving the show, Randolph still had many admirers and received dozens of letters a week. She was a regular into her 80s at the downstairs bar at Sardi’s, where she liked to sip her favorite White Cadillac concoction — Dewar’s and milk — and chat with patrons who recognized her from a portrait of the sitcom’s four characters over the bar.

Randolph said the show’s impact on tele-

vision viewers didn’t dawn on her until the early 1980s.

“One year while (my son) was in college at Yale, he came home and said, ‘Did you know that guys and girls come up to me and ask, ‘Is your mom really Trixie?’” she told The San Antonio Express in 2000. “I guess he hadn’t paid much attention before then.”

Earlier, she had lamented that playing Trixie limited her career.

“For years after that role, directors would say: ‘No, we can’t use her. She’s too well-known as Trixie,’” Randolph told the Orlando Sentinel in 1993.

Gleason died in 1987 at age 71, followed by Meadows in 1996 and Carney in 2003. Gleason had revived “The Honeymooners” in the 1960s, with Jane Kean as Trixie.

Randolph was born Joyce Sirola in Detroit in 1924, and was around 19 when she joined a road company of “Stage


Door.” From there she went to New York and performed in a number of Broadway shows.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, she was seen often on TV, appearing with such stars as Eddie Cantor, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Danny Thomas and Fred Allen.


Randolph met Gleason for the first time when she did a Clorets commercial on “Cavalcade of Stars,” and The Great One took a liking to her; she didn’t even have an agent at the time.

Randolph spent her retirement going to Broadway openings and fundraisers, being active with the U.S.O. and visiting other favorite Manhattan haunts, among them Angus, Chez Josephine and the Lambs Club.

Her husband, Richard Lincoln, a wealthy marketing executive who died in 1997, served as president at the Lambs, a theatrical club, and she reigned as “first lady.” They had one son, Charles.



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By Tom Purcell

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Gen Z job applicants are bringing their parents to job interviews, reports the New York Post. As it goes, for several decades America's children have been over-coddled by their "helicopter parents" — parents who zoom in to resolve any challenge their children may face, even as they become adults.

Now they can't even conduct a job interview without mom or dad holding their hands and guiding the outcome?

Geeze. That makes me kind of worried.

Aren't the Zs the generation I'm supposed to count on for paying my future Social Security and Medicare checks?

I'm not exactly sure where American parents first went off the rails, but I suppose this latest "helicopter-ism" is a direct result of the way social media has impacted childhood.

According to Market Insider, some 20% of our young people spend more than 5 hours a day absorbing TikTok — the Chinese propaganda outlet where they learn how evil America is and that the values of their parents and grandparents are incredibly wrong and outdated.

It's no wonder our children are so confused.

They are being impacted daily by messages in the palm of their smartphoned hands that contradict what their parents and grandparents are desperately trying to teach them.

I suppose it is no wonder, then, why parents are staying so close to their children nowadays.

I suppose parents are doing their very best to control the many outside influences their children are getting.

I also suppose that is why the tough-love approach that was common before social media has evolved into the hyper-coddling "helicopter-parent" approach in which parents are accompanying their adult children on job interviews?

Maybe. Maybe not.

All I know is that over-coddling anyone never worked and never will.

It's true that older generations often think younger generations are messing everything up — but then again, I can't imagine ever asking my dad to be my chaperone at a job interview:

"I wouldn't hire this boy," he probably would have said. "He was late for school every morning, never took his homework seriously and, by the way, he wet the bed until he was 11."

Dads from his generation were masters of tough love — because they knew we needed to be tough and alert to flourish in an unpredictable, highly-competitive, often nasty world.

And they were right.

The world is just as unpredictable and competitive as ever — and with our bottomless sea of bizarre social media posts, it's certainly more confusing than it has ever been.

Sorry, kids, but in today's world we lack the time or the luxury of having mom and dad accompanying our overly sensitive young adults to job interviews.

Try as they may, no parent can prevent their child from eventually encountering the harsh realities of being an adult in the real world.

Sooner or later a nasty boss is going to snap at all of us, and running to mom and dad is not going to be an option — if we wish to keep our jobs, anyway.

Sooner or later an incredibly stressful situation is going to happen, and you better have the fortitude to navigate it with clarity and good sense.

The lessons taught by my tough-love dad were unpleasant as I learned them, but his wisdom prepared me for some very unpleasant adult situations.

Including going to my first adult job interview alone.



## Trump and his dangerous ideas

By Elwood Watson

Donald Trump is on track to once again secure the Republican presidential nomination, as he did in 2016. No surprise here.

Anxiety and weariness are ever-present in the run-up to the November 2024 election. There is intense speculation on how Trump and his cult-like band of sycophantic followers will respond, whether in the face of victory or defeat.

The motivating factor for Trump's reemergence as a candidate is revenge. He has made it abundantly clear to his MAGA base he is their answer to retribution, and has promised to "completely annihilate" the deep stat. Whatever actions he takes — illegal or otherwise — would garner significant support from pluralities of Republican voters and politicians.

Polls continually demonstrate that politically right-center voters are increasingly shunning political decency. It began happening almost immediately after Trump announced his initial candidacy in 2015. Instead of rejecting candidate Trump and his odious messages of racism, sexism and xenophobia, many right-wing Republicans, including White evangelicals, saw an opportunity to regain executive power by coddling white supremacy and tapping into the regressive psyche of the nation's most reactionary impulses.

Today, almost a decade later, we are still enduring the results of such reductive maladies.

This is not the only disturbing difference among Republican voters. An increasing segment is now considering condoning political violence. A poll conducted in October 2023 indicated that a startling 33 percent of Republicans agreed with the statement that "because things have gotten so

far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country."

Particular animosity has been directed toward Republicans who have adhered to the rule of law. Republican lawmakers and election officials in Georgia, Arizona, and Wisconsin, as well as members of their families, have received death threats for following the law and rejecting Trump's demands to overturn the 2020 presidential election. More recent threats have been directed against political officials in the political, legal, and criminal justice system, who have tried to hold Trump accountable for his actions.

Recently, Trump amplified his rhetoric, referring to his political opponents as "vermin" and declaring that immigrants entering America illegally are "poisoning the blood of our country." In more politically sane and sensible times, such remarks would be considered so offensive and reprehensible that any politician would undoubtedly suffer backlash from colleagues and voters. Nonetheless, in the perverse political world of conservative politics, a Des Moines Register/NBC News/Mediacom Iowa Poll found that a 42 percent plurality of likely Iowa Republican caucus goers said such rhetoric would actually bolster their commitment to Trump.

This is hardly a new American phenomenon. To quote Black Panther H. Rap Brown, "Violence is as American as cherry pie." Violence is deeply embedded in the fabric of the nation's soil starting with the Revolutionary War, when the nation aggressively, defiantly, and skillfully defended itself against the tyrannical impulses of British imperialism. During the Civil War the nation was engaged in a fractious divide over the repugnant regime of slavery. Post-reconstruction President Ruth-

erford B. Hayes and his vice president, Samuel Tilden, with their infamous Hayes/Tilden compromise of 1877, withdrew union troops from the South and returned the region to its segregationist Dixiecrats, who were all too eager to exact their revenge on Black citizens through a variety of economic social and judicial indignities — among them overt, wanton violence and political disenfranchisement.

Millions of workers waged courageous battles during the early to mid-decades of the twentieth century as they remained steadfast and defiant against the physical and emotional violence directed toward them by sadistic corporate managers, wealthy stockholders, and other business titans. Also consider the brave and heroic struggle so many clergy, students, and ordinary folk undertook during the modern civil rights movement. These men, women, and in a number of cases, children routinely managed to bravely persevere despite relentless opposition from hardcore segregationist sheriffs with water hoses and cattle prods, foreclosures of land, violent prisons, and angry white segregationist mobs.

Trump has been successful in sinisterly tapping into the socially-stunted psyche of more than a few white people who long for the days when people of color and non-christians were second-class citizens and members of the LGTB+ community were shunned.

Trump's die-hard base longs for the day when America returns to the nation it unmistakably resembled in the mid-nineteenth century. The Jim Crow era of the mid-20th century is too benign for them. Their message is clear: either you are with them, or you are against them.

If you are a member of the latter category, they intend to deal with you by any violent means necessary.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

## Why is good now bad?

When business man Donald Trump recognized that the country had been fundamentally destroyed by its two term president by 2015, he decided to speak out to the American people in an attempt to recover her from an all out assault on her rightful place as a Christian super power trying to restore peace in the world.

In 2008 politicians had convinced enough people that our country was controlled by a racist power hungry ruling class. A Black man running for president promising fundamental change seemed to be the logical answer. No one seem disturbed by his lack of love for the country and it's rich history of helping bring peace to a violent world in the mid twentieth century.

Too soon he was apologizing to countries around the world for our place in history. Many of these countries had countless cemeteries filled with American soldiers who helped save them from Hitler's savage assault in WWII. They were sacred grounds for those who had not forgotten. The message must have been disturbing to the free world. Declaring our country no longer a Christian Nation was a harbinger of things to come. Donald Trump's love for our country and it's people was never in doubt when he decided to run for president in 2016 on the "Make America Great

Again" platform. The things he did in four short years to make our country energy independent, secure the southern border and bring many mid eastern countries to the table instead of the battle fields to find common ground was unprecedented.

Unfortunately, his second objective to "drain the swamp" brought on the wrath of a power hungry ruling class who spent years planning the destruction of our unrivaled system of Christianity and law and order like the world had never seen before.

Their victory in 2020 embolden them to openly dismantle our southern border, halt our energy independence and fuel our proven enemies with our money for oil supplies while they attacked our allies using that very same money. Not to mention the moral and ethical decline of our own society aided by Satan's power of deceit!

Calling MAGA evil and accusing the "orange man" of wanting to become a genocidal dictator is a low blow even for the corrupt mass media! Don't drink the Kool-Aid! Putting up a barrier fence around our nation's Capital should be a loud and clear message that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is in eminent danger!

Alvin Hanson  
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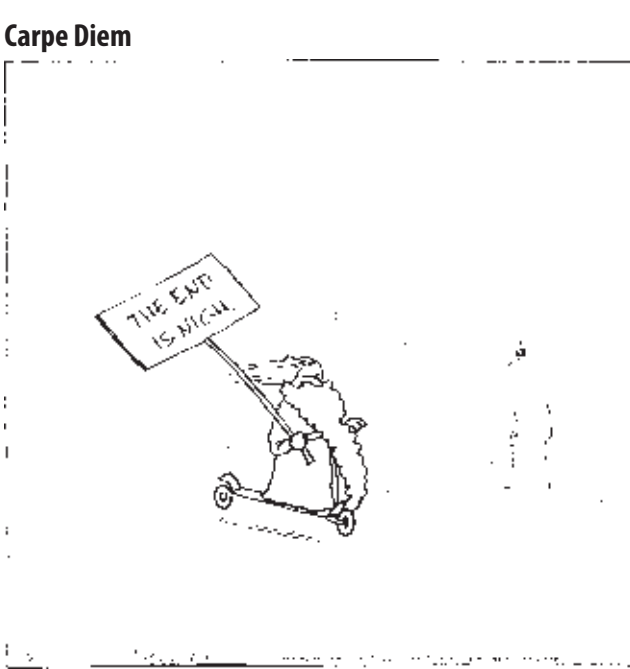
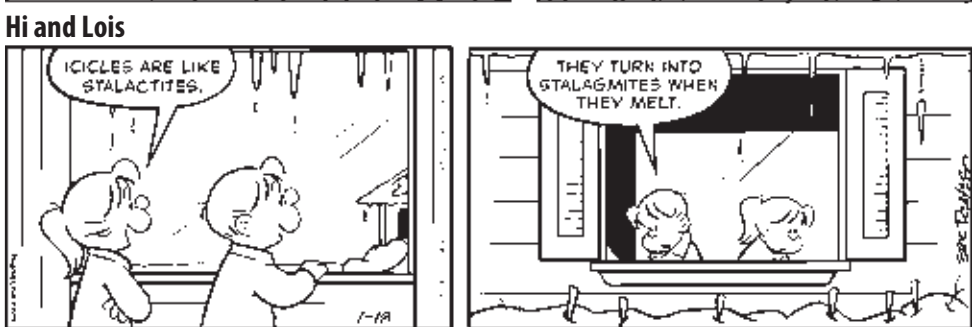
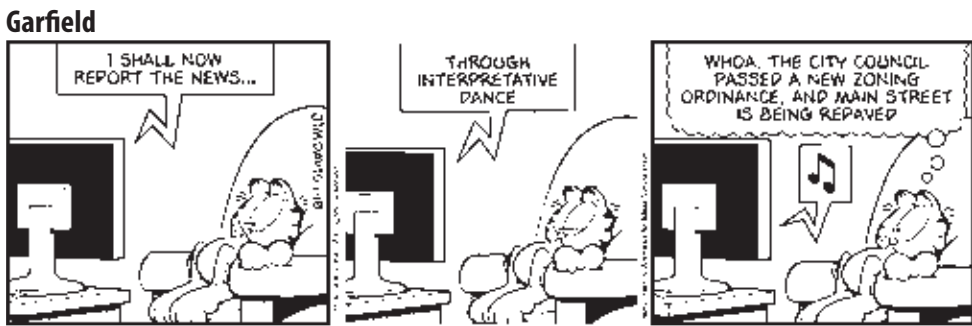
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- Food fish
- Campfire remnant
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- Cornbread
- "Give — rest!"
- Gridiron players
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- Antelope

**DOWN**

- Hotel employee
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- Confused state
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- Main

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**38 Copycat**

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**45 "— my brother's keeper?"**

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**49 Picture puzzle**

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**57 Commotion**

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**59 Turkish chief**

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by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "Secretly, I think everyone who makes fun of California really does want to be in California." — Zoëy Deschanel

TODAY'S CLUE: M s t e m b e r 1

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 18th day of 2024 and the 29th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1788, English settlers landed in Australia to establish a penal colony.

In 1943, the first armed uprising began at the Warsaw Ghetto in German-occupied Poland.

In 1964, planners unveiled the designs for New York's World Trade Center to the public.

In 1990, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested on drug possession charges as a result of an FBI sting operation.

In 2000, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Baron de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), statesman/orator; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), children's author; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor.

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## SHERIFF

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Gregg Alexander  
Marion County Sheriff

activities in staffing at the department, “We have two more officers who just completed their first week in academy at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden, Arkansas. These men, in addition to the three deputies who completed academy in 2023, will be a great addition to our department.” He hopes to continue developing the staff in the year to come, “We are in need of more patrol officers and hope to make strides in this area in 2024. We are also in need of Detention Officers. The Detention Center, like the Patrol Division, runs twenty-four hours a day and staying fully staffed is a challenge. Having trained individuals who care about their jobs is a requirement and we would like to find individuals to fill these needed roles.”

He is also seeking to staff a third Criminal

Investigator in the CID Division, “It is no secret that crime is all around us and it is a personal goal of mine to see that each and every citizen that has been violated has the opportunity to be heard and their crime investigated. With only two investigators, and the case load we face, we are hard pressed to meet these demands.”

Deputy Mark Lee was recently promoted to Sergeant and Alexander stated that Lee and Sgt. Zeb Gilley will share the responsibility of leading the Patrol Division.

In late December MCSO passed the annual Jail Standards inspection by Sterling Penix, Coordinator of the Criminal Detention Facilities Review Office. “It is our desire to excel as a facility and I am grateful for the work our Jail Administrator and staff have done this past year,” said the sheriff.

Alexander expressed his gratitude for the community as well, “I want to thank you for your support throughout our first year here and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. We take your safety and the protection of this county seriously and hope to work every day to improve on what we do. We hope 2024 is a wonderful year for us all.”

## BRAGG

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Hope and Don Bragg  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

sciences.”

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture has already made a donation of \$5,000 to the memorial scholarship fund. Deacue Fields, head of the Division of Agriculture shared his gratitude, “I want to thank John Thomas and the 4-H Foundation for quickly establishing a scholarship in honor of Hope and the Bragg Family. This scholarship will honor their memory for years to come by helping young people achieve their college goals.”

The foundation will need a total of \$25,000 to endow the fund, so

that scholarships can be awarded from interest earned on the money while preserving the capital. Recent reports indicate the amount raised is currently over \$15,000.

“This is our way of ensuring that the passions these Bragg family members had for 4-H will not only be remembered but also will be passed on to future generations of Arkansas 4-H youth,” Thomas said. Both Hope and Don shared a profound love of education.

“They were both so focused on educating youth,” said Debbie Nistler, assistant vice president for 4-H Youth Development with the Division of Agriculture. “If you had the opportunity to see either one of them work with youth, you couldn’t help but get excited. We want to make their passion for education a legacy.”

Donations to the fund can be made at [www.arkansas4hfoundation.org](http://www.arkansas4hfoundation.org)

## ARC

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The Air Race Classic was once known as the Women's Air Derby. Photo courtesy of Air Race Classic, Ltd.

and meetings with the scorer and the judges, the winners are announced at the final banquet.

Women’s air races were held for the first time in 1929. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, California, to Cleveland, Ohio, to the site of the National Air Races. Women continued to race airplanes throughout the 30s and 40s. After WWII was over, the All Women’s Transcontinental Air Race, or AWTAR, began holding what came to be known as the Powder Puff Derby in 1947. From there, the Air Race Classic formed and is considered one of the premier air races to this day.

# Pacific Northwest residents are told to stay off roads

By CLAIRE RUSH

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — An ice storm threatened to topple towering trees onto power lines and turned roads and mountain highways treacherous Wednesday in the Pacific Northwest, where residents were urged to avoid travel.

Around Portland, Oregon, long icicles dangled from roofs and cars, and ice encased branches, plants and leaves like thick glass. Swaths of the area were under warnings Wednesday for as much as an inch of ice, promising only to add to the damage wrought by a powerful storm that hit over the weekend and was blamed for at least seven deaths.

The warning area was reduced later in the morning to parts of southwest Washington and northwest Oregon, including Portland, a metro area of over 2 million, and further limited to the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge in the afternoon.

Diane Flaherty, resident of a hilly and forested neighborhood in southwest Portland, said her home has been without power since Saturday. That day, she left her house when she saw the large tree in her front yard start swaying in the strong wind. To stay safe — and warm — she decided to go stay with her brother-in-law.

“It was like a war zone,” she said, describing the sound of trees cracking as they toppled onto her neighbors’ cars and homes. “We were absolutely stunned.”

Schools and government buildings closed as authorities warned of icy roads and the chance of new power outages, even as crews struggled to restore electricity to thousands blacked out for days.

The storm canceled or delayed flights, including in Vancouver, British Columbia, where heavy snow blanketed the city and snarled traffic, The Canadian Press reported. The city could get nearly 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow by the evening.

The storm hit the northwest corner of the U.S. as much of the rest of the country coped with bitter weather that in some places put electricity supplies at risk. More than 90,000 homes and businesses — mostly in Oregon — lost power across the country, according to PowerOutage.us.

Freezing temperatures

spread as far south as North Florida on Wednesday morning, said Bob Oravec, a National Weather Service forecaster. It was 12 degrees (minus 11.1 Celsius) early Wednesday in Atlanta, where thousands of students returned to school after icy weather Tuesday.

It was 5 degrees in Chicago (minus 15 Celsius) and 6 degrees (minus 14.4 Celsius) in Detroit — significantly colder than Alaska’s capital of Juneau, where it was 18 degrees (minus 7.8 Celsius). Some Midwesterners managed to find a bright side.

“It’s probably the most beautiful time in Chicago, ever,” Richard Wineberg said as he admired the snow-covered landscape.

New York and Philadelphia ended a drought of sorts, with snow falling in both cities. Five people were struck and killed by a tractor-trailer on Interstate 81 in northeastern Pennsylvania after they left their vehicles following a separate crash on slick pavement. Investigators were still determining the exact cause.

In western New York, the weather was blamed for three deaths in three days. Two people were apparently stricken while clearing snow, and a third was struck by a vehicle while brushing snow from his car, Erie County officials said Wednesday.

Heavy lake-effect snow was forecast in Buffalo, with up to 4 inches (10 centimeters) an hour expected through the afternoon. City hall was closed, school districts declared snow days, and travel bans were issued for several suburbs. The blast came days after a storm that delayed an NFL playoff game for a day.

Early Wednesday, Patrick Sahr shoveled snow from his car and driveway in Buffalo after at least 18 inches (45.7 centimeters) of snow fell overnight — on top of 3 feet (1 meter) over the weekend.

“I just want to keep up with it,” he said during a lull.

On the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation near Fort Thompson, South Dakota, about three dozen people stayed in a shelter and the tribe paid to put up about 40 families in a motel. The tribe also provided propane and wood for home heating, and plastic to cover drafty windows, for what tribal Chairman Peter Lengkeek called “substandard government homes.”

It’s expensive, but “you can’t

put a price on life and suffering,” Lengkeek said.

In Tennessee, health officials have confirmed at least six weather-related deaths. Memphis-Shelby County Schools, the state’s largest public school system with about 100,000 students, canceled Thursday classes.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, which provides electricity to seven Southern states, reported a preliminary all-time record for peak power demand Wednesday morning as the region dropped to an average of 4 degrees (minus 15.5 Celsius).

In Oregon, officials closed 47 miles (76 kilometers) of Interstate 84, a major east-west highway, because of the threat of ice.

The Pacific Northwest is more known for rain and was not set to experience such arctic temperatures, but the heavily forested region is especially prone to the danger of falling trees and power lines, particularly during freezing rain, or ice, storms.

Ice storms occur as freezing rain results in dangerous accumulations of ice. Freezing rain falls as water but freezes when it hits cold surfaces such as roads. It can weigh down trees and power lines, making them heavier and likelier to snap, especially in strong winds.

Frigid air and strong winds were blamed for at least seven deaths in Oregon, including two from fallen trees and five from hypothermia, authorities said.

Warmer air was expected to provide some relief Wednesday.

However, the icy morning forecast led Portland Public Schools, the state’s largest district, to cancel classes for a second day, citing concerns about power, burst pipes, and unsafe walkways and parking lots. Courts, libraries and parks were also closed in Portland and other parts of Multnomah County.

County officials extended a state of emergency until noon Wednesday after serving a record number of people in its overnight emergency weather shelters. Officials called for volunteers, citing the high demand in an area where thousands of people live outside.

“The real limitation for us right now is staffing,” said Dan Field, director of the county-city homelessness office. “We have to have enough people to keep the doors open of the emergency shelters.”

## Rio de Janeiro state confronts flood damage after heavy rain kills 12

By DIARLEI RODRIGUES

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Neighborhoods in Brazil’s Rio de Janeiro state remained flooded Monday more than a day after torrential rains that killed at least 12 people.

The heavy downpour wreaked havoc over the weekend, flooding peoples’ homes, a hospital, the metro line in the city of Rio and a main freeway section, Avenida Brasil.

Some people drowned and were killed in landslides, while at least three died after being electrocuted. Eighteen towns across the state remained at “high” risk of landslides, according to civil defense officials.

The floods were particularly devastating in Rio’s northern peripheries, some of the metropolitan’s poorest areas.

“We feel like animals. It’s not normal to live like this,” Heloisa Regina, 55, said as she surveyed her flooded bar and home in Duque de Caxias, a city to the north of Rio where more than 100 millimeters (3.9 inches) of rain fell in 24 hours.

Regina spent the night trying to sleep on a pool table, wondering how she was going to pay to repair the damage to the bar she has owned for 30 years. “We’ve lost everything,” she said.

Residents waded through waist-high water Monday to navigate streets in Duque de Caxias. Others climbed on roofs and called for help as helicopters flew overhead, according to video footage

from Brazil’s Globo television network.

Firefighters were searching for a woman who disappeared after her car fell into the Botas River in Rio’s Belford Roxo neighborhood.

Around 2,400 military personnel from Rio’s firefighters corps were mobilized over the weekend and used ambulances, boats, drones and aircraft to rescue residents and to monitor affected areas.

Authorities intervened in over 200 incidents due to the flooding across the state, according to a statement from Rio’s civil defense. But some people accused authorities of negligence.

“We are completely abandoned,” Duque de Caxias resident Eliana Vieira Krauss, 54, charged. “Nothing has improved” since similar floods more than a decade ago, the nursing assistant said.

Krauss carried her 80-year-old disabled father-in-law to her sister-in-law’s home herself. “The water was almost reaching his bed. If he had turned around and fallen, he would have drowned,” Krauss said.

Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes on Sunday declared an emergency and urged people to not force their way through flooded areas and to avoid disrupting rescue and recovery efforts.

Moderate to heavy rain, lightning and gusts of wind were forecast Monday afternoon. Rio’s civil defense advised people not to swim in lakes or the sea, and when at home to stay away from

sockets, windows and metal doors.

Floods in the basement of the Ronaldo Gazolla Municipal Hospital led to power cuts that were resolved by Sunday, but all appointments at the hospital have been delayed by 15 days, Rio Health Secretary Daniel Soranz said on X, formerly Twitter.

Brazil’s National Institute of Meteorology had warned Thursday of the potential for heavy rain in Rio, Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais due to a combination of heat, humidity and areas of low pressure in the atmosphere.

In February 2023, heavy rain caused flooding and landslides that killed at least 48 people in Sao Paulo state. In September, flooding from a cyclone in southern Brazil killed at least 31 people and left 2,300 homeless.

At the same time, the Amazon rainforest in Brazil has faced severe drought. Scientists say extreme weather is happening more frequently due to human-caused climate change, and 2023 was the hottest year on record.

Nizia Maria Geralda Francisco, 70, spent Saturday night on the roof where she was taken by neighbors to escape the flooding of her home in Belford Roxo.

When she returned the next morning, she found her belongings drenched in muddy water, including a wardrobe and her documents. “It’s hard to stay in this place, but it’s ours. We don’t have any money to leave,” Geralda Francisco said, crying.

“Humans are destroying nature, so this is what we’re getting in return,” she added.

# Eagles must decide fate of coach, rest of staff

By **DAN GELSTON**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Nick Sirianni is the kind of coach that would make a pretty good Eagles fan.

He talked smack to Colts fans after a road win last season in Indianapolis. He taunted Chiefs fans — “See ya! — after the Eagles beat the Super Bowl champs this season. And don’t forget the time the cocky coach stared into a TV camera and bobbed his head after a touchdown in a playoff game.

Kind of funny when the Eagles are winning. When they’re not?

Well, it’s makes it easy for Eagles fans to turn on Sirianni for acting the fool. It makes it easy for the rest of the NFL fan base to troll him on social media, too.

See ya! And don’t let the door hit ya on the way out.

Sirianni took the brunt of a popcorn shower after a disgruntled Eagles fan dumped his bucket on the field toward the third-year coach after perhaps the worst postseason loss in perhaps the worst final six weeks in franchise history.

Sirianni got off easy Monday night.

His luck may not extend to his employment. Sirianni is on the hot seat and there’s little indication — aside from glum looks in his suite and no-comments to the media — which way owner Jeffrey Lurie will go. Take a look at the full picture and it almost seems silly to consider a change: Sirianni has three playoff trips in three seasons, a Super Bowl appearance and wins in 67% of his regular-season games.

But Lurie’s call isn’t all about three years. It’s about everything that has happened since Nov. 26, when the Eagles were 10-1 and at the top of the NFL. It was three straight losses and five of six overall to close the regular season. It was a 32-9 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in an NFC wild-card game on Monday night that assured changes — big ones — loom for the Eagles.

Sirianni may get a reprieve. His staff is sure to undergo a makeover.

Defensive coordinator Sean Desai already took the fall for the defense and his responsibilities were stripped down the stretch. Matt Patricia only made the defense worse. Offensive coordinator Brian Johnson couldn’t do much right other than call for the “tush push” on fourth-and-1.

Jalen Hurts regressed. Wide receiver A.J. Brown sulked because of misuse, then missed a playoff game with an injury (Sirianni played his starters in a meaningless season finale). Haason Reddick went from feared pass rusher with 16 sacks last season to 11 through 13 games this season to none over the final five games after Patricia dropped him into pass coverage.

The Eagles lost to backup QBs. They lost to bad teams.

The biggest loss just may have been the Eagles’ faith in Sirianni.

When Hurts was asked if he wanted Sirianni back, the QB simply said, “I didn’t know he was going anywhere.”

Pressed repeatedly on Sirianni, Hurts sounded more like an artificial intelligence version of what a QB would say after a pre-season game.

“I have a ton of confidence in everyone in this building. Just a matter of us going out there and playing clean football, and that’s been something we have not done,” he said.

What a ringing endorsement.

Sirianni, for his part, said he was only “thinking about the guys” and not his job status.

It doesn’t help that should Lurie fire Sirianni, the pool of candidates is particularly deep this offseason. Bill Belichick is on the market. Mike Vrabel is free. Even Jim Harbaugh might have an itch to return to the NFL.

Lurie, though, has hired only rookie NFL coaches in his tenure: Andy Reid, Chip Kelly, Doug Pederson and Sirianni. Based on past history, Lurie and general manager Howie Roseman are surely gathering names of unknown or perhaps unwanted assistants.

Maybe one of those potential candidates — or a hot new surprise — has a better handle on why the Eagles collapsed. Sirianni still isn’t sure.

“Throughout the body of work of the season it was good, but it wasn’t as good in the last couple weeks,” he said. “I think you can look at everything, if you look at the body of work in a lot of different things this season, the numbers may say one thing but it wasn’t good enough in the past month of the season, right?”

Right.

## JALEN’S REGRESSION

Hurts played through injuries all season, everything from a bone bruise on his left knee that hampered his running to a mangled finger that hampered his throwing.

He’ll certainly be back after agreeing in April to a five-year, \$255 million extension, including \$179.3 million guaranteed.

Hurts flashed only occasional glimpses of the dynamic play that made him the NFL MVP runner-up last season and sparked the Eagles’ run to the Super Bowl. He clearly had trouble picking up defenses — notably blitzes — and stopped trying to throw deep. His determination to the end to try to make a play saw him rarely throw the ball away — and that cost him when he took a safety against the Buccaneers.

He threw one more touchdown (23) pass in 17 games than he did in 15 last season while his interceptions soared from six to 15.

“I think different years require different versions of a person, and I’ll just continue to learn to be the best leader I can be for this team and for this organization,” Hurts said.

## FREE AGENTS

Defensive end Brandon Graham says he’d like to return for a farewell tour. Defensive tackle Fletcher Cox also faces an uncertain future. Both players are in their 30s and have a lot of miles on them. D’Andre Swift, a 1,000-yard rusher, is one of three running backs approaching free agency, and wide receiver Quez Watkins may have dropped his last pass for the Eagles.

## KELCE’S FAREWELL

One player who isn’t coming back is center Jason Kelce.

The heart of the Eagles, Kelce has told teammates he’s not coming back for another season, the first domino to fall in an offseason sure to keep the transaction wire humming.

## Rams’ McVay hopes in-demand coordinator will be back next season

By **DAN GREENSPAN**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams have established a foundation for the future.

However Sean McVay understands the coaching carousel could take away one of the key members of his staff.

McVay hopes to have defensive coordinator Raheem Morris back next season, while recognizing his status as one of the more desirable candidates to fill any of the seven head coaching vacancies around the NFL.

“There might be some changes if Raheem gets an opportunity that I think is well deserved and long overdue,” McVay said Wednesday.

Morris has at least three interviews scheduled this week, as he is set to meet with the Carolina Panthers, Washington Commanders and Seattle Seahawks.

Morris, 47, went 17-31 in three seasons as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2009-2011 and also served as interim coach of the Atlanta Falcons in 2020. A two-time Super Bowl winner as a coordinator, he turned in one of his most impressive coaching performances this season as the Rams overhauled their defense to rely on youngsters and low-cost free agents around superstar defensive lineman Aaron Donald.

“It’d be so bittersweet because he is such a special leader and so deserving of an opportunity to lead a team,” McVay said. “But if we do lose Raheem, there will be a very patient, thorough and deliberate process.”

McVay said the only potential changes to the coaching staff would come from external opportunities. One such move came on Monday when respected defensive line coach Eric Henderson took the co-defensive coordinator position at Southern California.

“Obviously, there could be some chips that

end up falling in place, relative to Raheem getting an opportunity to be a head coach,” McVay said.

Otherwise, McVay’s focus will be on improving a roster that defied external expectations to go 10-7 in the regular season before losing 24-23 to the Detroit Lions on Sunday in an NFC wild-card playoff game.

“We’ll have some resources like draft capital and some flexibility to be able to add some players or re-sign some that wasn’t afforded to us last year, and so I’m really excited and motivated,” McVay said.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford has already pledged to return for his fourth season in Los Angeles, and McVay expects the team to match that promise.

“Absolutely, unequivocally yes,” McVay added. “We’re ready to go, he’s ready to go, and couldn’t be more committed to having him lead us next year.”

Stafford could have a different backup next season. Fourth-round draft pick Stetson Bennett was ticketed for that role, but spent the season on the non-football injury/illness list. McVay said it was too soon to know if the former Georgia star would be available to participate in offseason workouts.

“I think he’s doing better, but I wouldn’t be in a position to answer that accurately right now,” McVay said.

McVay did confirm that tight end Tyler Higbee tore his ACL and MCL late in the loss to the Lions, making it reasonable to expect he could start next season on the physically unable to perform list.

Breakout running back Kyren Williams underwent surgery on Tuesday for a broken bone in his hand. McVay was waiting to find out if any other players would need offseason procedures, having had to push back his exit interview with reporters one day because of illness.

# Mahomes vs. Allen 3rd playoff showdown features a twist

By **JOHN WAWROW**

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Get ready for Patrick Mahomes versus Josh Allen: Playoff Edition Part III.

Only this time there’s a twist — and no, it doesn’t involve potential sightings of Taylor Swift at Buffalo’s more popular wing joints.

The most significant change from a football perspective involves the Kansas City Chiefs (12-6) leaving the frigid comforts of Arrowhead in January by traveling to the equally frigid — and snowier — confines of Highmark Stadium for an AFC divisional round playoff showdown on Sunday night.

Rather than being serenaded by the “Tomahawk Chop,” the Chiefs will be greeted by a fanbase better known for trashing folding tables and which celebrated Buffalo’s playoff-opening rout over Pittsburgh by throwing tufts of snow in the air like confetti on Monday.

Though this will be Mahomes’ second trip to Western New York following the Chiefs’ 26-17 regular-season win in 2020, it’ll be the quarterback’s first true playoff road game.

Fittingly, it’s Buffalo, where the Bills (12-6) and their fans have long fantasized over how home-field advantage might turn the tables after two of their past three playoff runs ended in Kansas City.

There was the lopsided 38-24 blowout loss in the AFC championship game in the 2020 season.

More memorable was the heart-wrenching 42-36 overtime loss in the divisional round a year later in a game dubbed “13 Seconds” by Bills fans.

That’s how much time was left in regulation for the Chiefs to gain 44 yards on two plays and set up Harrison Butker’s game-tying 49-yard field goal. Kansas City won the coin toss and scored on its opening possession, which led directly to the NFL changing its playoff rules in now allowing the coin-toss loser one possession to tie the game if scored upon.

So nightmarish was the outcome, Bills coach Sean McDermott, to this day, refuses to reveal what went wrong in the team’s decision to kickoff into the end zone — rather than bounce it short — after Gabe Davis scored his fourth touchdown to put the Bills ahead.

This season, Buffalo earned the right to host the game with a 20-17 win at Kansas City on Dec. 10, which sparked the Bills five-game winning streak to close the season and clinch their fourth straight AFC East title.

The Bills, however, know all too well to be careful what they wish for in knowing the task of beating the Chiefs won’t be easy after splitting their previous six meetings, including playoffs, since 2020.

“We’ve had our battles over the years and this will be another one. I mean, you watch what they did the other night. They were dominant,” McDermott said, referring to the Chiefs’ playoff-opening 26-7 win over Miami on Saturday. “So we gotta get our rest and try and get a little bit healthier, if we can, and then, and get ourselves ready to go again.”

Complicating matters further are the Bills are playing on an even shorter week after their playoff opener was moved from Sunday to Monday because of a lake-effect storm hitting the region. With another storm set to hit Buffalo on Tuesday night, there’s concern the Bills may not be able to travel to their facility for practice on Wednesday.

Injuries are an even bigger issue. Buffalo closed the game against Pittsburgh with a patchwork defense after starting linebacker Terrel Bernard (right ankle), backup linebacker Baylon Spector (back), starting cornerback Christian Benford (knee) and starting nickelback Taron Johnson (concussion) were hurt. This is a defense that began the game without starting cornerback Rasul Douglas (knee) and starting linebacker Tyrel Dodson (calf).

The onus will be on Allen to relieve the burden, as he did against the Steelers with a no-turnover, four-touchdown outing that included an electrifying 52-yard run, the longest in franchise playoff history.

Allen is counting on “Bills Mafia” to make a difference.

“The vibe, the energy, the juice that we can use from that,” Allen said. “You just can’t chalk it up to anything other than momentum, something you can’t see but something you can definitely feel. And they give that to us.”

## WHAT’S WORKING

A running attack that provided the offense balance in gaining 179 yards — including Allen’s 74 — and improving to 12-2 when topping 100 yards this season.

## WHAT NEEDS HELP

A training staff dealing with a rash of injuries that could include punter Sam Martin, who stayed in the game after hurting his left hamstring attempting to chase down a blocked field goal.

## STOCK UP

LB A.J. Klein. The 11th-year player was planning to retire before the Bills re-signed him to the practice squad last week. He stepped in by leading Buffalo with 11 tackles against Pittsburgh.

## STOCK DOWN

PK Tyler Bass. The fourth-year player had a 49-yard attempt blocked and then missed wide left from 27 yards, the first time Bass has failed from inside the 29.

## INJURIES

McDermott had no updates on the status of his long list of injured players except to say the team is taking things day to day.

## KEY NUMBERS

29-5 — Allen’s record when he doesn’t commit a turnover, including 4-1 in the postseason.

## NEXT STEPS

After facing Steelers coach and former William & Mary college teammate Mike Tomlin, McDermott faces his mentor in Kansas City coach Andy Reid. McDermott was part of Reid’s staff in Philadelphia from 1999-2010.

# California Gov. says he won't sign a proposed ban on tackle football

By ADAM BEAM  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Gavin Newsom said he will not sign a proposed ban on tackle football for children under 12, ending advocates' short-lived hopes of having the bill become law this year.

"I will not sign legislation that bans youth tackle football," Newsom said in a statement late Tuesday. "I am deeply concerned about the health and safety of our young athletes, but an outright ban is not the answer."

The proposal from Democratic Assemblymember Kevin McCarty would have been phased in gradually through 2029.

Last week, a legislative committee sent the bill to the floor of the state Assembly, clearing the way for a vote by the end of the month.

But even if the bill were to pass, Newsom's pledge not to sign it — first reported by Politico — means there is little, if any, chance of it becoming law this year. While California lawmakers have the power to override a veto, they have not done that in more than four decades.

The proposed ban was a step too far for Newsom, who, as a potential candidate for president beyond 2024, would be courting vot-

ers across the country where football carries significant cultural and social importance.

The proposal to ban youth tackle football gained momentum this year amid increasing concern about concussions along with the rise in popularity of flag football. The goal was to have kids play flag football until age 12, which would give athletes about three years of playing tackle football before entering high school. Advocates say that would limit children's risk of brain damage, which studies have shown increases the longer a person plays tackle football.

But the bill prompted

strong opposition from parents, coaches and kids. Many attended a public hearing in the California Capitol last week wearing their football jerseys while asking lawmakers not to pass the bill.

Critics viewed the bill as a challenge to parental rights, with one parent going so far as to say it didn't make sense for California to tell her she could decide what happens with her pregnancy but not what sport her children play.

California has regulated youth tackle football, with Newsom signing a law that took effect in 2021 limiting teams to just two full-contact prac-

tics per week of not more than 30 minutes each during the regular season. That law also required youth tackle football coaches to have training on concussions and other head injuries.

Newsom, who has four children, pledged to work with lawmakers "to strengthen safety in youth football — while ensuring parents have the freedom to decide which sports are most appropriate for their children."

"As part of that process, we will consult with health and sports medicine experts, coaches, parents, and community members to ensure California maintains the high-

est standards in the country for youth football safety," Newsom said. "We owe that to the legions of families in California who have embraced youth sports."

Ron White, president of the California Youth Football Alliance, thanked Newsom for pledging to not sign the bill in a video message posted to X, formerly known as Twitter.

"We collectively look forward to working with you and the California legislative body to drive the California Youth Football Act as the most comprehensive youth tackle football safety measure in the country," White said.

# Edey scores 33, No. 2 Purdue rolls over rival Indiana, 87-66

By The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Zach Edey had 33 points and 14 rebounds as No. 2 Purdue rolled past rival Indiana 87-66 on Tuesday night.

Edey was 11 of 23 from the field and 11 for 12 at the free throw line to help the Boilermakers (16-2, 5-2 Big Ten) win at Assembly Hall for the first time in three seasons. Fletcher Loyer scored 19 points and Lance Jones added 17 for Purdue.

Trey Galloway scored 17 points and Mackenzie Mgbakco had 15 for the Hoosiers (12-6, 4-3), who swept last season's series.

The Boilermakers stormed out to 51-29 lead at halftime, but the Hoosiers charged back, opening the second half on a 20-7 run and closing to 60-51. Purdue answered with five straight points and never allowed Indiana to get close again.

**No. 3 KANSAS 90, OKLAHOMA STATE 66**

STILLWATER, Okla. — Hunter Dickinson had 21 points and seven rebounds, and Kansas rolled past Oklahoma State.

Kevin McCullar Jr. scored 18 points, KJ Adams Jr. scored 16 for the Jayhawks. Johnny Furphy matched a season high by scoring all 15 of his points in the first half.

In front of a crowd that was maybe half full and included a significant number of Kansas fans, the Jayhawks (15-2, 3-1 Big 12) shot 62% and never trailed.

Bryce Thompson led Oklahoma State with 20 points. The former Kansas guard surpassed 1,000 career points after entering the night with 986.

**No. 6 TENNESSEE 85, FLORIDA 66**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Dalton Knecht scored a career-high 39 points and had eight rebounds to lead Tennessee past Florida.

Jonas Aidoo had 19 points and a team-high 10 rebounds to help the Volunteers (13-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) win their 12th straight at home.

Knecht shot 13 of 23 overall including 4 of 6 on 3-pointers and made all nine of his free throws.

The Gators (11-6, 1-3), who haven't won in Knoxville since 2014, were led by Walter Clayton Jr. with 16 points and Riley Kugel with 12.

**KANSAS STATE 68, NO. 9 BAYLOR 64, OT**

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Arthur Kaluma converted a four-point play to give Kansas State the lead with 20 seconds left in overtime, and Tylor Perry added a pair of free throws with 6.9 seconds to go, helping the Wildcats beat Baylor.

Perry and Cam Carter finished with 18 points apiece for the Wildcats (13-4, 3-1 Big 12). Kaluma had 12.

Langston Love had 15 points and Jalen Bridges scored 11 to lead the Bears (14-3, 3-1), who were just 5 for 28 from beyond the arc. Ja'Kobe Walter was held to eight points on 3-for-11 shooting.

The Bears led 31-26 at halftime.

**PENN STATE 87, NO. 11 WISCONSIN 83**

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Kanye Clary scored 27 points, Ace Baldwin Jr. added 20 and Penn State beat Wisconsin for its first win over an AP Top 25 team under coach Mike Rhoades.

The Nittany Lions (9-9, 3-4 Big Ten) had to fight back from dou-

ble-digit deficits in their previous two conference wins this season. This time, they barely trailed as they knocked off the Big Ten's last unbeaten team in league play.

AJ Storr scored 23 points and Steven Crowl added 17 for the Badgers (13-4, 5-1), who had their six-game winning streak snapped.

**NEW MEXICO 99, NO. 16 UTAH STATE 86**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Nelly Joseph scored a season-high 26 points, Donovan Dent had 15 points and a career-high 14 assists, and New Mexico beat Utah State for its second straight victory over a ranked opponent.

The Lobos (15-3, 3-2 Mountain West) had six players in double figures. Jaelen House added 14 points to help New Mexico end a seven-game losing streak to the Aggies.

New Mexico was coming off a victory over then-No. 19 San Diego State on Saturday.

Ian Martinez scored 22 points and Mason Falsey had 19, but Utah State (16-2, 4-1) had its 15-game winning streak snapped.

**CINCINNATI 81, NO. 19 TCU 77, OT**

CINCINNATI — Dan Skillings Jr.'s go-ahead layup with 22 seconds left in overtime lifted Cincinnati to a victory over TCU.

Day Day Thomas scored 21 points and John Newman III had 20 to lead the Bearcats.

Trevian Tennyson scored 17 and Emanuel Miller had 15 for TCU (13-4, 2-2 Big

12), which had just entered the rankings this week following wins over Oklahoma and Houston.

After Skillings Jr.'s layup put the Bearcats (13-4, 2-2) ahead 79-77, Thomas sealed the win with a pair of free throws.

**No. 20 BYU 87, NO. 24 IOWA STATE 72**

PROVO, Utah — Spencer Johnson scored a career-high 28 points to lead BYU to a victory over Iowa State.

Johnson shot 62% from the field and also had nine rebounds and five assists. Noah Waterman added 18 points and Jaxson Robinson chipped in 15 for the Cougars.

Dallin Hall tallied 11 points and a team-high eight assists to help BYU (14-3, 2-2 Big

12) beat Iowa State for the first time in seven meetings between the schools.

Keshon Gilbert led the Cyclones with 16 points and Milan Momicilovic added 11 points. Iowa State (13-4, 2-2).

**No. 21 DAYTON 70, ST. LOUIS 65**

DAYTON, Ohio — DaRon Holmes II scored 25 of his 29 points in the second half and grabbed 14 rebounds to help Dayton beat Saint Louis for its 11th straight victory.

Holmes also led Dayton (14-2, 3-0 Atlantic 10) at the free throw line, going 10 of 17.

Saint Louis (8-9, 1-3) had a 14-0 run in the first half after trailing by eight and took a 30-28 lead into halftime.

Gibson Jimerson led Saint Louis with 13 points,

Terrence Hargrove Jr. had 12 and Bradley Ezeviro scored 10.

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Razorback junior guard Tramon Mark (No. 12) from Dickinson, Texas hits the game winning shot against Texas A&M inside Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville on Tuesday night. The Razorbacks led the entire game until the Aggies took the lead with 7.6 seconds left. Mark hit his shot with 1.1 seconds remaining in the game. CRAVEN WHITLOW/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES

## ARKANSAS

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The Aggies played without senior forward Henry Coleman III who is third on the team in scoring (11.9) and second rebounding (8.0). Andersson Garcia had 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds in addition to Taylor's outstanding performance.

"Where has this been?," Musselman said. "We led for the whole game. We needed to lead from start to finish in a game... we had swagger when we played Duke, we had swagger when we played Purdue and we needed it back."

"Confidence wise, we needed it for sure. It's one

game, now it's over... I can't wait to get home and dig in to South Carolina."

Arkansas (10-7, 1-3) shot 39% from the field compared to 32 for the Aggies. The two teams combined to shoot 73 free throws and there was eight reviews by the referees during the game. Arkansas had eight turnovers to only two for A&M. Texas A&M (10-7, 1-3) won the battle of the boards 47-35 and had 25 second-chance points compared to only nine for the Razorbacks.

The Razorbacks will host South Carolina (14-3, 2-2) on Saturday with the tip at noon on the SEC Network. The Gamecocks fell to Georgia 74-69 in Columbia on Tuesday night.

## STANDINGS

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### 3A-1

The Bergman girls are at the top of the standings in the 3A-1 after a double digit win over Valley Springs on Friday night.

Valley Springs is in second place a game back of Bergman at 4-1.

Lincoln is in third place with a 3-2 mark and Elkins is fourth with a 2-2 record.

Flippin and Green Forest are tied for fifth place with 1-3 records. West Fork is last in the league with a 0-5 mark.

Elkins leads the 3A-1 boys race with a 4-0 record. Bergman is second at 4-1.

Lincoln is third with a 3-2 mark and Valley Springs and West Fork are tied for fourth with 2-3 records.

Flippin is sixth at 1-3 and Green Forest is seventh at 0-4.

### 2A-1

The Yellville-Summit girls are running away with the league race. The Lady Panthers are 8-0 in league play are 3 games ahead of Cotter. The Lady Warriors are 3-1 in league play.

Ozark Mountain is third with a 4-3 mark and Greenland is next with a 3-2 conference ledger.

Eureka Springs is fifth at 2-3 while Haas Hall, Bentonville is next at 0-5 and Life Way is last at 0-6.

The Yellville-Summit boys have a 6-3 mark and are technically tied with Cotter and Haas Hall, Bentonville, who both have 5-2 records.

Ozark Mountain is fourth with a 5-3 record.

Greenland is next at 3-3. Life Way is 4-5 and Eureka Springs is seventh at 1-5 and Haas Hall, Springdale is last at 0-6.

### 1A-1East

Kingston is leading both races in the 1A-1East.

The Lady Yellow Jackets are 9-0 and the Yellow Jackets are 8-1

Jasper is second in both standings. The Pirates are 7-2 and the Lady Pirates are 8-1.

5A-WEST BOYS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Van Buren	3-0
Alma	3-0
Mountain Home	2-1
Russellville	2-1
Greenbrier	1-2
Greenwood	0-2
Harrison	0-2
Siloam Springs	0-3

5A-WEST GIRLS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Mountain Home	3-0
Greenwood	2-0
Russellville	2-1
Harrison	1-1
Alma	1-2
Greenbrier	1-2
Van Buren	1-2
Siloam Springs	0-3

4A-1 BOYS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Farmington	6-0
Pea Ridge	5-1
Gravette	4-1
Huntsville	3-3
Shiloh Christian	3-3
Prairie Grove	1-4
Gentry	1-5
Berryville	0-6

4A-1 GIRLS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Farmington	6-0
Gentry	4-2
Pea Ridge	4-2
Gravette	3-2
Berryville	2-3
Prairie Grove	2-3
Huntsville	0-5
Shiloh Christian	0-5

3A-1 BOYS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Elkins	4-0
Bergman	4-1
Lincoln	3-2
Valley Springs	2-3
West Fork	2-3
Flippin	1-3
Green Forest	0-4

3A-1 GIRLS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Bergman	5-0
Valley Springs	4-1
Lincoln	3-2
Elkins	2-2
Flippin	1-3
Green Forest	1-3
West Fork	0-5

2A-1 BOYS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Yellville-Summit	6-3
Cotter	5-2
Haas Hall, Bentonville	5-2
Ozark Mountain	5-3
Greenland	3-3
Life Way	4-5
Eureka Springs	1-5
Haas Hall, Springdale	0-6

2A-1 GIRLS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Yellville-Summit	8-0
Cotter	3-1
Ozark Mountain	4-3
Greenland	3-2
Eureka Springs	2-3
Haas Hall, Bentonville	0-5
Life Way	0-6

1A-1EAST BOYS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Kingston	8-1
Jasper	7-2
Omaha	5-3
Alpena	4-4
Lead Hill	3-4
Deer	2-6
Mt. Judea	0-9

1A-1EAST GIRLS	
TEAM	CONF. RECORD
Kingston	9-0
Jasper	8-1
Alpena	5-3
Deer	3-5
Omaha	3-5
Lead Hill	1-6
Mt. Judea	0-9

Omaha's boys are third at 5-3 and the Alpena boys are 4-4. Lead Hill is fifth at 3-4 while Deer is sixth at 2-6 and Mt. Judea is seventh at 0-9.

The Alpena girls are third at 5-3 and the Deer girls are tied with Omaha for fourth at 3-5. Lead Hill is sixth at 1-6 and Mt. Judea is seventh at 0-9.

## HELMET

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The ZERO2 line, which includes specific models for linemen and quarterbacks, held the top five spots in testing this season by the NFL and NFLPA. The helmets also ranked highly in independent evaluations at Virginia Tech.

"It is unusual for a football helmet to crack a shell, but we've had occurrences here in the lab and we generally test at ambient temperature," said Barry Miller, who helps direct the Virginia Tech Helmet Lab. "If you asked a football equipment room

manager, you may find a different answer, as they see tons of helmets with plenty of impacts."

VICIS was founded in 2017 and quickly became a venture-capital darling, raising more than \$85 million from current and former NFL players that included Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson and Jerry Rice. And with a focus on innovation, the company produced helmets that ranked No. 1 in NFL and NFLPA testing from 2017-19.

But the company struggled to compete with established manufacturers Riddell and Schutt, and that took a toll on its finances.

Co-founder and CEO Dave Marver resigned in November 2019, the company's board of directors voted to place it in receivership the following month, and more than 100 employees were laid off in an attempt to avoid bankruptcy.

Innovatus Capital Partners bought the assets of VICIS in 2020 and it was incorporated into Certor Sports, which also produces the Schutt brand of helmets and TUCCI, which produces wood and metal baseball bats.

VICIS has continued to innovate when it comes to helmet design. A few years ago, the company relaunched

the ZERO2 platform of helmets that Mahomes was wearing, and introduced the TRENCH, a helmet designed specifically for linemen.

"VICIS helmets are extensively tested in high-impact conditions across a range of temperatures," the company said. "We are committed to continuing our development of the safest helmets in football, and working with our partners in the NFL and other organizations to constantly gain knowledge and continuously advance protective technology."

The NFL has been under pressure for years to improve player safe-

ty, which led to stronger concussion protocols, and some of that pressure has been passed on to helmet manufacturers to design equipment that better handles the forces of impact. As far back as 2016, the NFL pledged \$100 million to player safety that included the "Play Safe, Play Smart" initiative.

Mahomes said he'd never had a helmet shatter on him — "It was a first for me," he said. And he didn't immediately know that a shard had broken free until he returned to the huddle Saturday night and teammates began pointing it out to him.

Mahomes initially

played on with the broken helmet before officials intervened and made him get a backup from the sideline. But the backup had been sitting in the extreme cold all night, and it was difficult for Mahomes to get on his head. It took some work with equipment managers on the sideline between series to finally get it comfortable for him.

"We have to talk about where we store the backup because it was frozen," Mahomes said with a smile. "It didn't look great. We were able to adjust it on the sideline, get it kind of warmed up a bit and get rolling from there."



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