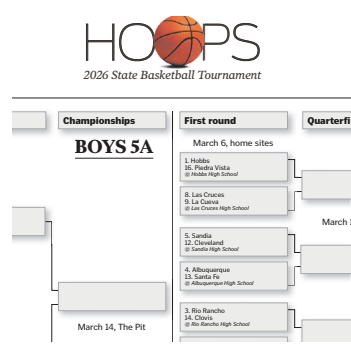


High school state hoops tournament brackets ready to go

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Colo. St. wins what may be UNM's last regular-season home game

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Zuckerberg deposition airs for S.F. jury

Facebook founder reiterated 'free expression' pledge, defended investments in safety in 4th week of civil trial

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In the fourth week of a high-profile civil trial in Santa Fe, jurors heard recorded testimony Wednesday from Meta Platforms Inc. CEO and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who defended the company's approach to safety. Attorneys representing the New

Mexico Department of Justice had questioned Zuckerberg — whose company also owns Instagram and WhatsApp — on research and practices. The state argues in its civil case against Meta that the social media giant has for years prioritized profits over child safety, but Zuckerberg testified the

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Attorneys for the New Mexico Department of Justice watch a recording of Meta founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg's deposition played for jurors Wednesday in a Santa Fe courtroom. JIM WEBER/THE NEW MEXICAN

ANALYSIS

From Hamas attack to Iran war, violence reshapes map

By Steve Hendrix
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM

Early on a cool autumn morning in 2023, from a tunnel beneath the Gaza Strip, Yahya Sinwar gave an order that sent thousands of Hamas fighters through the fence separating the territory from Israel. That green light has reordered the Middle East on a scale comparable to the Arab Spring or the carving up of the Ottoman Empire in the early 20th century — but not remotely in the ways Sinwar had in mind.

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Twenty-nine months later, the Middle East is almost unrecognizable. Israel stands indisputably as the military hegemon, its enemies demolished or decapitated. Saudi Arabia is emerging as a pivotal economic and political anchor, its Persian Gulf neighbors reeling under Iranian missile fire. Palestinians, mourning 75,000 dead in a shattered Gaza and losing territory in the West Bank, seem marginalized — by everyone, again.

Sinwar is dead — assassinated by Israel in October 2024 — and after nearly two and a half years of bloodshed and upheaval, the network he hoped would ride to his

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Marketing their campaigns

Gubernatorial hopefuls from both parties make their pitch to business community at Abq. event



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ABOVE: Duke Rodriguez, a GOP contender for governor in New Mexico's June primary election, speaks during a meet and greet Wednesday in Albuquerque. BELOW: Democratic candidate Deb Haaland is interviewed by KOAT Channel 7 at the event.

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ALBUQUERQUE Days before they make their pitch to party insiders at their respective preprimary conventions, the five Republicans and two Democrats running for governor of New Mexico delivered their spiel to members of Albuquerque's Hispanic business community Wednesday.

"I'm sure you guys are getting tired of listening to politicians say

the same thing over and over and over again, right?" Steve Lanier, a Republican state senator from Aztec, joked at the outset of his speech to a crowd of about 200. Lanier wasn't necessarily off base. During a two-hour event hosted by the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the seven candidates and a proxy for Ken Miyagishima, who was seeking the Democratic nomination for governor but is now running as an independent, pledged to tackle

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KONSTANTIN TOROPIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth speaks during a new briefing Wednesday at the Pentagon. Hegseth and Gen. Dan Caine, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there would be no letup in the U.S. and Israeli strikes.

U.S. sub sinks warship, NATO downs missiles as strikes widen

Hegseth says torpedo use near Sri Lanka first since WWII as involvement of U.S.-led alliance clear signal of war's expansion

By Eric Schmitt, Helene Cooper, Lara Jakes and Michael Levenson
The New York Times

The 5-day-old war with Iran spread far beyond the Middle East on Wednesday as an American submarine torpedoed an Iranian navy ship off Sri Lanka and NATO air defenses shot down an Iranian ballistic missile that was heading toward Turkish airspace.

The Iranian warship, the IRIS Dena, with a crew of 180, sank in international waters in the Indian Ocean, more than 2,000 miles from Iran. The Sri Lankan navy rescued 32 critically injured sailors and was searching for more survivors but had encountered only bodies floating in the water near an oil slick and empty lifeboats, a spokesperson said.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said it was the first time a U.S. submarine had fired a torpedo at a ship since World War II. But it was NATO's introduction into the conflict that made clear the widening scope of the fight.

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New measles case crops up in Doña Ana jail

Six infections have been reported this year, all of which have been detected in Southern N.M. detention centers

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A second federal inmate at Doña Ana County jail has tested positive for measles, bringing the total number of cases in the state

to six so far this year, the New Mexico Department of Health announced Wednesday.

All six cases occurred in Southern New Mexico jails, with two each at jails in Doña Ana, Hidalgo and Luna counties.

While information about how federal inmates in local jails were exposed to measles remains scant, the affected facilities and state Health Department have implemented quarantine, isolation, testing and vaccination protocols to minimize the risk of spread.

Members of the public may also have been exposed to the most recent case of measles between

8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the federal courthouse at 100 N. Church St. in Las Cruces, the state Health Department warned.

"We understand this news may worry other inmates and their families, as well as our staff and their families," Doña Ana County spokesperson Ariana Parra wrote

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Santa Fe Community College art openings

Ripple Effect Gallery: Lab for the Acoustic Window III, multisensory installation by Cary Cluett; through April; reception 4-6 p.m., Room 723D. Visual Arts Gallery: Celebration of Clay 2026: Clay Speaks of Home, works by members of New Mexico Potters and Clay Artists; through April 8; reception 4-6 p.m.; 6401 Richards Ave.

More events Fridays in Pasatiempo



Today

Mostly sunny during the day with clear conditions at night. High 61, low 31.

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Obituaries

Jose "Tony" Antonio Anchondo, 80, Santa Fe, Feb. 20

Richard D. Chavez, 91, Santa Fe, Jan. 22

Arsenio David Trujillo, Jr., 53, Nambe, Feb. 26

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