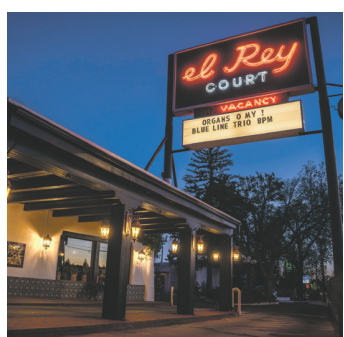


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Speedy sister step closer to sainthood

Vatican votes unanimously to advance cause for canonization for 'Fastest Nun in the West,' who came to Santa Fe in 1870s

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ALBUQUERQUE — Sainthood is not a crown.

It's acknowledgment a person serves as an example for others to imitate, said Allen Sánchez, president of the nonprofit Catholic health organization

CommonSpirit St. Joseph's Children.

With that in mind, Vatican theologians voted unanimously late last week to advance the cause for beatification and canonization for Sister Blandina Segale, a member of the Sisters of

Charity of Cincinnati who traveled to Santa Fe in the 1870s and played a vital role in establishing New Mexico hospitals and the state's public school system.

The Thursday vote brings Segale one step closer to sainthood — a declaration Sánchez has been petitioning for

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Sister Blandina Segale played a vital role in establishing New Mexico hospitals and the state's public school system. COURTESY PHOTO

PECOS RIVER

Landowner faces charges of threatening fisherman

Arrest of 65-year-old on assault, firearm offenses comes after '22 high court ruling that access to waterways a public right

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A Northern New Mexico landowner was arrested Friday following a bitter feud over Pecos River access on his property near Terrero.

Erik Briones, 65, is charged in San Miguel County with five counts of aggravated assault, with a firearm enhancement. He is being held in the Santa Fe County jail, according to a spokesperson for the New Mexico Department of Justice.

Briones, the former owner of Minerva Canna, will have his first appearance Tuesday in San Miguel County Magistrate Court. A motion seeking a judge's order to detain him until his trial called him a "clear danger" to people trying to fish in a stretch of the Pecos River that flows through his property.

In an affidavit included with Briones' arrest warrant, Department of Justice Special Agent Isaac Maes describes several incidents between Briones and fishermen wading in the Pecos River. Four anglers interviewed by Maes said

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Erik Briones

Chasing accountability

'Truth commission' OKs slew of subpoenas in second meeting of group tasked with Zorro Ranch inquiry



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Amanda Roberts, sister-in-law to Jeffrey Epstein victim Virginia Roberts Giuffre, and Sky Roberts, Virginia Roberts Giuffre's brother, wipe tears from their eyes as they listen to Epstein survivor Rachel Benavidez speak to the legislative truth commission Monday at the state Capitol. The commission is designed to investigate Epstein's potential criminal activities in the state and explore legislative reforms.

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The Santa Fe Institute could be forced to hand over information on its links to Jeffrey Epstein under a subpoena from a legislative commission investigating Zorro Ranch.

The prestigious scientific research center in Santa Fe is among 14 public and private institutions the state House of Representatives' truth commission plans to subpoena, the panel announced during a public hearing Monday, when it approved the subpoenas.

Other entities on the list include the FBI, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, the New Mexico Governor's Office, the Department of Public Safety and the State Land Office, said state Rep. Andrea Romero, D-Santa Fe, who is chairing the truth commission.

No individuals will be subpoenaed in this initial round.

John Heil, a spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety, which also faces a subpoena, said the agency hasn't been served yet, but "we would comply to

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Rep. Marianna Anaya and Rep. Andrea Romero listen while family members of Roberts Giuffre speak during the truth commission hearing. Epstein owned Zorro Ranch in southern Santa Fe County from 1993 until his death in a Manhattan jail cell in 2019. Unlike several of his other properties, Zorro Ranch was never thoroughly investigated by federal law enforcement.

Israel, Hezbollah will hold off on military attacks, Trump claims

Officials in Lebanon say militant group prepared to accept ceasefire; Netanyahu says onslaught coming if strikes continue

By Aaron Boxerman, Christina Goldbaum, Johnatan Reiss and Richard Pérez-Peña
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — President Donald Trump said Monday that Israel and Hezbollah had agreed to end their attacks on each other, and the Lebanese government said a new ceasefire between the enemies was taking shape, just hours after threats by Israel and Iran indicated that fighting would escalate.

Trump, in a social media post, said that he had spoken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and, indirectly, with Hezbollah, the armed group in Lebanon that is backed by Iran. "Israel will not attack them, and they will not attack Israel," Trump wrote.

Netanyahu later issued a statement that made no mention of a new ceasefire, though he appeared to back off an immediate threat to strike Hezbollah in the southern outskirts of Beirut.

"I spoke with President Trump tonight, and told him

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