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BYU football set for its season debut versus Utah Tech this Saturday, B1

Labor Day Holiday

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no paper on Monday, Sept. 7

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Judge to rule Tuesday on whether Tyler Robinson will stand trial

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Tyler Robinson will return to court Tuesday for the final scheduled day of the preliminary hearing, with Judge Tony F. Graf set to rule on whether to send the case to trial.

Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Fourth District Courthouse in Provo, the prosecutor and defense will make final arguments on whether there is sufficient probable cause to try Robinson in the shooting and killing of Charlie Kirk before Graf makes his ruling.

The looming decision comes nearly a year after Kirk was shot and killed on Sept. 10, 2025, in front of thousands of students at a Turning Point USA event at Utah

Valley University in Orem. Robinson is charged with aggravated murder, a first-degree felony, and the state is pursuing the death penalty in the case.

At a five-day preliminary hearing in July, the Utah County Attorney's Office presented its evidence to the judge linking Robinson to the crime. Prosecutors presented video evidence that allegedly showed Robinson at the time of the shooting, including an individual running across the roof of the Losee Center at UVU and dropping into a crawl position.

Prosecutors also presented videos allegedly tracking Robinson's movements around campus and forensic and physical evidence against Robinson. Witnesses testified to Robinson turning himself

in to the Washington County Sheriff's office. A video was shown of his former roommate, Lance Twiggs, telling law enforcement Robinson confessed to the murder and said he "wishes he hadn't done it."

The defense spent much of the week fighting against the admission of evidence, citing hearsay, public access and Robinson's right to a fair trial. They also brought two witnesses to the stand from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and questioned the reliability of DNA evidence.

In a preliminary hearing briefing presented Aug. 11, the defense argued the state did not establish

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Tess Crowley/The Deseret News via AP
Tyler Robinson, accused in the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk, listens as defense attorney Michael Burt speaks during a preliminary hearing for Tyler Robinson, the Utah man accused of fatally shooting Charlie Kirk, at the 4th District Court in Provo on July 10.

Stepping up



AP photo
Residents leave with belongings salvaged from their damaged homes filled with mud and debris in Devighat, in Nepal's Nuwakot district, Saturday following the Aug. 26 flash floods.

Utah-based organization involved in relief efforts after Nepal flooding

BY JACOB NIELSON
Daily Herald

A Utah-based organization is playing a role in disaster relief efforts for Nepal after flooding killed hundreds and left towns devastated last week.

The Global EnviroHealth Initiative, founded by Utah native Spencer Crocker, is on two

committees established by the Nepali government's central disaster relief platform: a healthcare committee and a water systems committee.

Dr. Bernhard Fassl, a Utah resident and GEI's chief science adviser, said the organization is working with an in-country implementation partner in Nepal to coordinate relief efforts in

areas such as Uttargaya Rural Municipality in Rasuwa district, which has faced tremendous infrastructure losses.

"Administrative buildings gone, hospitals gone," Fassl told the Daily Herald. "We are now aware of six to seven government health

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More storms possible at Grand Canyon where a flash flood killed at least 2 people, others missing

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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — At least two bodies have been recovered since a major flash flood swept through the Grand Canyon, park officials said Monday, as search and recovery efforts continued for about 15 people still missing.

Weather forecasters warned rain and thunderstorms could bring more flooding to the popular tourist attraction from where scores of visitors were evacuated following the storm-fueled flood Saturday in Bright Angel Creek.

The deluge also seriously damaged the only water pipeline in the canyon, leading to emergency water restrictions for year-round residents, and tourists have been barred from staying at lodges and hotels inside the park.

Video from the area showed a force of muddy, debris-filled floodwaters carrying what appeared to be remnants of a bunkhouse and rocks through the canyon. Four "waves of rainfall" over two creek drainages during the weekend resulted in rapid onset flash flooding, the National Weather Service said. The National Park Service says the area gets less than 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain per year on average.

Visiting the Grand Canyon — a crown jewel of the national park

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Some US cities have begun rewarding careful drivers with fewer red lights



AP photo
A sign notifies drivers that stoplights are set for a specific speed limit as part of the "rest on red" signal program in Albuquerque, N.M., on Aug. 12.

BY JEFF MCMURRAY
Associated Press

Officials struggled for years to curb high-speed crashes along a residential corridor cutting through Albuquerque, New Mexico, but simply punishing the lead-footed drivers didn't seem to work.

What ultimately did was rewarding the law-abiding ones with fewer red lights.

The solution, which the city credits for a dramatic drop in crashes and injuries along one busy stretch of road, is a relatively novel version of a longstanding traffic safety concept commonly known

as "rest in red," in which traffic signals default to red until a vehicle approaches. But Albuquerque and Portland, Oregon, took it a step further by adding speed sensors that grant a much earlier green light to drivers traveling at or below the posted limit.

"We're finding that the technology itself is kind of its best advertisement," Jennifer Turner, Albuquerque's director of municipal development, said of the strategy the city deployed on Lead and Coal avenues, parallel one-way streets. "If you come to Albuquerque right now and you're driving that corridor, you will learn

pretty quickly that if you are speeding, you stop."

Isaac Romero, who lives along the corridor, said he has noticed a big difference. Before rest in red, he would sometimes wake up in the middle of the night to the sound of drivers racing to beat the traffic lights or one another. He saw cars that had crashed and flipped, including one that ended up in his neighbor's yard.

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