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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	—
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	—
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	2½
New York	3	4	.429	2½
Toronto	3	4	.429	2½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	3	.571	—
Orlando	4	3	.571	—
Miami	3	4	.429	1
Charlotte	2	4	.333	1½
Washington	1	5	.167	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	—
Indiana	4	3	.571	½
Cleveland	3	4	.429	1½
Chicago	3	5	.375	2
Detroit	2	6	.250	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	6	1	.857	—
New Orleans	4	3	.571	2
Houston	3	3	.500	2½
San Antonio	3	4	.429	3
Memphis	1	6	.143	5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	7	1	.875	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	2
Oklahoma City	4	3	.571	2½
Portland	3	4	.429	3½
Utah	2	6	.250	5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	6	2	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	3	3	.500	2
L.A. Lakers	3	4	.429	2½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	2½
Sacramento	2	4	.333	3

Monday's Results

Golden State 120, Detroit 109
Indiana 152, San Antonio 111
Philadelphia 146, Washington 128
Dallas 117, Orlando 102
New York 111, L.A. Clippers 97
Miami 108, L.A. Lakers 107
Milwaukee 129, Brooklyn 125
Chicago 130, Utah 113
Houston 122, Sacramento 97
Oklahoma City 126, Atlanta 117
Minnesota 114, Boston 109, OT
Denver 134, New Orleans 116

Tuesday

No games scheduled.

NHL

National Hockey League

All Times AST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	12	10	1	1	21	42	25
Detroit	12	7	4	1	15	45	37
Tampa Bay	12	5	3	4	14	45	42
Toronto	12	6	4	2	14	42	42
Florida	11	6	4	1	13	31	32
Montreal	11	5	4	2	12	33	39
Buffalo	12	6	6	0	12	39	38
Ottawa	10	4	6	0	8	38	35

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	11	8	2	1	17	34	24
New Jersey	11	7	3	1	15	43	39
Carolina	12	7	5	0	14	42	42
N.Y. Islanders	10	5	2	3	13	27	27
Washington	10	5	4	1	11	21	30
Philadelphia	12	5	6	1	11	37	39
Columbus	12	4	5	3	11	32	39
Pittsburgh	10	4	6	0	8	36	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	11	7	3	1	15	34	32
Colorado	10	7	3	0	14	32	28
Winnipeg	11	5	4	2	12	36	39
St. Louis	10	5	4	1	11	25	28
Arizona	11	5	5	1	11	37	32
Nashville	11	5	6	0	10	32	32
Minnesota	11	4	5	2	10	40	47
Chicago	11	4	7	0	8	26	38

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	13	11	1	1	23	52	28
Vancouver	11	8	2	1	17	51	23
Los Angeles	11	7	2	2	16	47	33
Anaheim	11	7	4	0	14	37	32
Seattle	12	4	6	2	10	31	42
Calgary	11	3	7	1	7	28	41
Edmonton	10	2	7	1	5	28	44
San Jose	11	0	10	1	1	12	55

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

Monday's Results

Florida 5, Columbus 4, OT
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 5, OT
Boston 3, Dallas 2
Edmonton at Vancouver, late

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 3 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 3:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 6:30 p.m.

NFL

All Times ADT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	6	3	0	.667	285	225
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	240	160
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	132	156
New England	2	7	0	.222	135	228

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	6	2	0	.750	193	156
Houston	4	4	0	.500	187	165
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	232	242
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	148	160

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	239	124
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	155	162
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	181	139
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	133	163

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	208	143
L.A. Chargers	4	4	0	.500	201	174
Las Vegas	4	5	0	.444	156	193
Denver	3	5	0	.375	172	226

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	252	195
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	220	148
Washington	4	5	0	.444	191	245
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	101	217

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556	195	171
Atlanta	4	5	0	.444	166	192
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	158	167
Carolina	1	7	0	.125	140	226

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	200	165
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	206	190
Green Bay	3	5	0	.375	160	159
Chicago	2	7	0	.222	188	242

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	5	3	0	.625	218	140
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	171	175
L.A. Rams	3	6	0	.333	178	204
Arizona	1	8	0	.111	151	240

Thursday's Result

Pittsburgh 20, Tennessee 16

Sunday's Results

Kansas City 21, Miami 14, Frankfurt, DEU
Baltimore 37, Seattle 3
Cleveland 27, Arizona 0
Green Bay 20, L.A. Rams 3
Houston 39, Tampa Bay 37
Minnesota 31, Atlanta 28
New Orleans 24, Chicago 17
Washington 20, New England 17
Indianapolis 27, Carolina 13
Las Vegas 30, N.Y. Giants 6
Philadelphia 28, Dallas 23
Cincinnati 24, Buffalo 18
Bye: Denver, Jacksonville, Detroit, San Francisco

Monday's Result

L.A. Chargers 27, N.Y. Jets 6

Thursday's Game

Carolina at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indianapolis vs New England at Frankfurt, DEU, 5:30 a.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 9 a.m.
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 9 a.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 9 a.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 9 a.m.
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 9 a.m.
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 9 a.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 12:05 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Chargers, 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 12:25 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 12:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Las Vegas, 4:20 p.m.
Bye: Kansas City, Miami, L.A. Rams, Philadelphia

Monday's Game

Denver at Buffalo, 4:15 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

All Times ADT

First Round (Best of 3)

x-if necessary

Eastern Confernce

Philadelphia 1, New England 0

Wednesday's match: Philadelphis at New England, 3 p.m.

Orlando 1 Nashville 0

Tuesday's match: Orlando at Nashville, 5 p.m.

Columbus 1, Atlanta 0

Tuesday's match: Columbus at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

Cincinnati 2, New York 0

Saturday's result: Cincinnati 1 New York 1, Cincinnati advanced 8-7 on penalty kicks

Western Confernce

Los Angeles FC 2, Vancouver 0

Sunday's result: Los Angeles FC 1, Vancouver 0, Los Angeles FC advances

Houston 1, Real Salt Lake 0

Monday's result: Houston at Real Salt Lake, late

x-Saturday's match: Real Salt Lake at Houston, noon

Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1

x-Friday's match: FC Dallas at Seattle, 6 p.m.

Kansas City 2, St. Louis 0

Sunday's result: Sporting Kansas City 2, St. Louis 1, Sporting Kansas City advances

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Georgia (49)	9-0	1558	1
2. Michigan (9)	9-0	1485	2
3. Ohio St. (3)	9-0	1453	3
4. Florida St. (2)	9-0	1411	4
5. Washington	9-0	1333	5
6. Oregon	8-1	1240	6
7. Texas	8-1	1190	7
8. Alabama	8-1	1143	8
9. Penn St.	8-1	1075	9
10. Mississippi	8-1	1027	11
11. Louisville	8-1	926	15
12. Oregon St.	7-2	772	16
13. Utah	7-2	734	18
14. Tennessee	7-2	703	19
15. Oklahoma St.	7-2	660	-
16. Missouri	7-2	644	14
17. Oklahoma	7-2	547	10
18. LSU	6-3	532	13
19. Kansas	7-2	496	22
20. Tulane	8-1	351	21
21. James Madison	9-0	294	23
22. Notre Dame	7-3	270	12
23. Arizona	6-3	176	-
24. North Carolina	7-2	95	-
25. Liberty	9-0	85	-

Others receiving votes: Fresno St. 73, Kansas St. 73, Southern Cal 46, Air Force 26, Toledo 25, UCLA 11, Iowa 6, SMU 5, Duke 4, West Virginia 3, Texas A&M 1, NC State 1, Clemson 1.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Top 25 Daily Fared

Monday

No. 1 Kansas (1-0) beat NC Central 99-56. Next: vs. Manhattan, Friday.
No. 2 Duke (1-0) beat Dartmouth 92-54. Next: vs. No. 12 Arizona, Friday.
No. 3 Purdue (1-0) beat Samford 98-45. Next: vs. Morehead St., Friday.
No. 4 Michigan St. (0-1) lost to James Madison 79-76, OT. Next: vs. S. Indiana, Thursday.
No. 5 Marquette (1-0) beat N. Illinois 92-70. Next: vs. Rider, Friday.
No. 6 UConn (1-0) beat N. Arizona 95-52. Next: vs. Stonehill, Saturday.
No. 7 Houston (1-0) beat Louisiana-Monroe 84-31. Next: vs. Texas A&M-CC, Saturday.
No. 8 Creighton (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Tuesday.
No. 9 Tennessee (1-0) beat Tennessee Tech 80-42. Next: at Wisconsin, Friday.
No. 10 FAU (0-0) did not play. Next: at Loyola Chicago, Wednesday.
No. 11 Gonzaga (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Yale, Friday.
No. 12 Arizona (1-0) beat Morgan St. 122-59. Next: at No. 2 Duke, Friday.
No. 13 Miami (1-0) beat NJIT 101-60. Next: vs. UCF, Friday.
No. 14 Arkansas (1-0) beat Alcorn St. 93-59. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Friday.
No. 15 Texas A&M (1-0) beat Texas A&M Commerce 78-46. Next: at Ohio St., Friday.
No. 16 Kentucky (1-0) beat New Mexico St. 86-46. Next: vs. Texas A&M Commerce, Friday.
No. 17 San Diego St. (0-0) vs. Cal St.-Fullerton. Next: at BYU, Friday.
No. 18 Texas (1-0) beat Incarnate Word 88-56. Next: vs. Delaware St., Friday.
No. 19 North Carolina (1-0) beat Radford 86-70. Next: vs. Lehigh, Sunday.
No. 20 Baylor (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Tuesday.
No. 21 Southern Cal (0-0) at Kansas St. Next: vs. CS Bakersfield, Thursday.
No. 22 Villanova (1-0) beat American 90-63. Next: vs. Le Moyne, Friday.
No. 23 Saint Mary's (Cal.) (1-0) beat CS Stanislaus 107-28. Next: vs. New Mexico, Thursday.
No. 24 Alabama (1-0) beat Morehead St. 105-73. Next: vs. Indiana St., Friday.
No. 25 Illinois (1-0) beat E. Illinois 80-52. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.

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Women's Top 20 Daily Fared

Monday

No. 1 LSU (0-1) lost to No. 20 Colorado 92-78. Next: vs. Queens (NC), Thursday.
No. 2 UConn (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Wednesday.
No. 3 Iowa (1-0) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 102-46. Next: at No. 8 Virginia Tech, Thursday.
No. 4 UCLA (1-0) beat Purdue 92-49. Next: vs. UC Riverside, Thursday.
No. 5 Utah (1-0) beat MVSU 104-45. Next: vs. SC State, Thursday.
No. 6 South Carolina (1-0) beat No. 10 Notre Dame 100-71. Next: vs. No. 14 Maryland, Sunday.
No. 7 Ohio St. (0-1) lost to No. 21 Southern Cal 83-74. Next: vs. IUPUI, Sunday.
No. 8 Virginia Tech (1-0) beat High Point 94-55. Next: vs. No. 3 Iowa, Thursday.
No. 9 Indiana (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. E. Illinois, Thursday.
No. 10 Notre Dame (0-1) lost to No. 6 South Carolina 100-71. Next: at NJIT, Sunday.
No. 11 Tennessee (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Tuesday.
No. 12 Mississippi (1-0) beat Queens (NC) 91-44. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Thursday.
No. 13 Texas (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southern U., Wednesday.
No. 14 Maryland (1-0) beat Harvard 98-75. Next: at No. 6 South Carolina, Sunday.
No. 15 Stanford (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Wednesday.
No. 16 North Carolina (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Wednesday.
No. 17 Louisville (1-0) beat Cincinnati 77-59. Next: vs. DePaul, Sunday.
No. 18 Florida St. (1-0) beat Charleston Southern 99-63. Next: vs. No. 11 Tennessee, Thursday.
No. 19 Baylor (1-0) beat Southern U. 85-53. Next: vs. No. 5 Utah, Tuesday.
No. 20 Colorado (1-0) beat No. 1 LSU 92-78. Next: vs. Le Moyne, Wednesday.

Manager Counsell leaves Brewers for Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs hired manager Craig Counsell away from Milwaukee on Monday, landing the former big leaguer with a record-breaking contract and firing David Ross in a tandem of surprising moves.

Counsell

The 53-year-old Counsell became the majors' highest paid manager with a five-year contract worth more than $40 million, according to a person with knowledge of the deal who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the terms weren't announced.

Ross, 46, went 262-284 in four seasons with Chicago, winning the NL Central in 2020 in his first year in charge. He also was a beloved backup catcher for the Cubs when they won the 2016 World Series in a historic moment for the franchise.

Chicago was in position for an NL wild card this year before stumbling in September. It went 83-79 after finishing under .500 in the previous two seasons.

"On behalf of the Cubs organization, we express our deep gratitude for David's contributions to our club, both on and off the field," President of Baseball Operations Jed Hoyer said in a release. "First as a player and then as a manager, David continually showcased his ability to lead. David's legacy will be felt in Chicago for generations and his impact to our organization will stack up with the legends that came before him.

"Going forward, our major league team will be managed by Craig Counsell. We look forward to welcoming Craig at Wrigley Field early next week."

METS HIRE MENDOZA

The New York Mets are hiring Yankees bench coach Carlos Mendoza as their manager, according to a person familiar with the decision. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the move had not been announced. Mendoza spent the past four seasons across town with the Yankees as bench coach under manager Aaron Boone. Mendoza replaces Buck Showalter, who was fired by the Mets at the end of last season.

VOGT TO MANAGE GUARDIANS

The Cleveland Guardians have hired Stephen Vogt, a journeyman catcher with no managerial experience, as their new manager to replace Terry Francona. A two-time All-Star, Vogt was Seattle's bullpen coach last season.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Prep

Volleyball

Monday

Birchwood Christian 3, Lumen Christi 1 (25-2, 23-25, 25-23, 25-12)

Tuesday

East 3, Bartlett 0 (25-17, 25-11, 25-9)
Dimond 3, Eagle River (25-19, 25-5, 25-8)
Service 3, West 0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-20)
South 3, Chugiak 2 (27-25, 17-25, 16-25, 25-14, 15-9)

Wednesday

West 3, Bartlett 0 (27-25, 25-16, 25-13)
West Valley 3, North Pole 0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-16)
Mt. Edgecumbe 3, Sitka 1 (25-18, 28-26, 18-25, 25-17)
Chugiak 3, Eagle River 0

Thursday

Susitna Valley 3, Ninilchik 0 (25-21, 25-16, 25-16)
East 3, Service 2 (21-25, 25-23, 25-17, 12-25, 15-9)
Sitka 3, Mt. Edgecumbe 2 (22-25, 16-25, 25-14, 25-19, 18-16)
Dimond 3, South 2 (28-26, 25-18, 23-25, 12-25, 15-9)

Friday

Monroe Catholic 3, Hutchison 0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-20)
Valdez 3, Monroe Catholic 0 (25-12, 25-12, 25-20)
Monroe Catholic 3, Galena 0 (25-9, 25-4, 25-6)
Service 3, Chugiak 0 (27-25, 25-17, 25-22)
Thunder Mountain 3, Ketchikan 0 (25-22, 26-24, 25-20)
Sand Point 3, King Cove 0 (25-17, 25-13, 25-16)
Mt. Edgecumbe 3, Sitka 1 (26-24, 25-19, 24-26, 25-14)
East 3, Dimond 0 (25-17, 25-18, 27-25)

Saturday

Sand Point 3, King Cove 0 (25-16,25-23, 25-21)
Napaaqtugmiut 3, Davis-Romoth 0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-13)
Grace Christian 3, Mountain City Christian Academy 1 (25-22, 19-25, 25-19, 25-23)

Wrestling

Wednesday

West 53, Dimond 24

103: Khawaun Baptiste (West) over (Dimond) (Fall 1:34); 112: Sam Perez (West) over (Dimond) (For.); 119: Lachlan Hulse (West) over (Dimond) (For.); 125: Donovan Gee (West) over (Dimond) (For.); 130: Jonas Dixon (West) over Keller Jackson (Dimond) (Fall 4:31); 135: Lucas Starck (West) over Garen Andrews (Dimond) (Dec 5-2); 140: Ryder Thomas (West) over Yaroslav Ustymenko (Dimond) (TF 15-0 4:00); 145: Migel Sanchez (West) over Kody Hudok (Dimond) (Dec 7-3); 152: Everett Monteil (Dimond) over (West) (For.); 160: Liam Hase (West) over Kaden Robinson (Dimond) (Fall 0:56); 171: Suleyman Guliyev (West) over Fynn Raye (Dimond) (Fall 3:25); 189: Josiah James (Dimond) over Sawyer Serrano (West) (Fall 1:20); 215: Carter Davenport (Dimond) over (West) (For.); 285: Daven Nysta (Dimond) over (West) (For.)

Eagle River 48, East 27

103: Julian Jean (East) over Daniel Guzman (Eagle River) (Dec 11-8); 112: Max Francisco (East) over Vash Bundy (Eagle River) (MD 16-6); 119: Louie Flint (Eagle River) over Unknown (For.); 125: Vladimir Jean (East) over August Rogers (Eagle River) (Fall 1:08); 130: Deshawn Barbee (East) over Liam Rogers (Eagle River) (MD 17-8); 135: Michael Roschi (Eagle River) over Keagan Frost (East) (Fall 3:33); 140: Kenton Cooke (East) over Justyn Betsayad (Eagle River) (Fall 1:51); 145: Westyn Haslett (Eagle River) over Jayson Thomas Sanook (East) (Fall 1:45); 152: Gideon Schmidt (Eagle River) over Masausi Afoa (East) (Fall 3:49); 160: Erik Henderson (Eagle River) over Emmanael Mast (East) (Fall 5:21); 171: Jedd Kretsinger (Eagle River) over Aiden Hammonds (East) (Fall 4:50); 189: Tytan Godfrey (Eagle River) over Darien Walunga (East) (Fall 0:41); 215: Braden Ott (Eagle River) over Julian Ferreira (East) (Fall 2:21); 285: Alberto Colon (East) over Rylan Echeverria (Eagle River) (Fall 3:12)

South 62, Chugiak 15

103: Abbas Baqli (Chugiak) over Anthony Newman (South) (Dec 8-6); 112: Lorenzo Sampang (South) over Unknown (For.); 119: Benjamin Dunlap (South) over Kasun Downs (Chugiak) (Fall 1:08); 125: Anan Siackhasone (South) over Bryce Zeiler (Chugiak) (MD 11-2); 130: Jacob Morris (South) over Daykotak Baker (Chugiak) (Fall 1:25); 135: Levi Shivers (South) over Rohn Grayson (Chugiak) (Fall 0:22); 140: Riley Poray (Chugiak) over Bohdan Porter (South) (Fall 3:30); 145: Clayton McGuire (South) over Samuel Lazenby (Chugiak) (MD 17-9); 152: Zane Gerlach (South) over Cannon Clifford (Chugiak) (Fall 4:49); 160: Aaron Concepcion (South) over Brad Judy (Chugiak) (Fall 1:15); 171: Roth Powers (South) over Landon Bobo (Chugiak) (Fall 1:32); 189: Gabriel Schumaker (South) over John Armstrong (Chugiak) (Fall 1:16); 215: Spencer Johnson (Chugiak) over Hayden Martin (South) (Fall 2:24); 285: Chris Strawderman (South) over Unknown (For.)

Service 56, Bartlett 21

119:Colin Westervelt (Service) over Fredy Gonzalez (Bartlett) (MD 13-4); 125: Braiden Sanchez (Service) over Unknown (For.); 130: Lucas Gross (Service) over Muamar Khatir (Bartlett) (Fall 0:46); 135: Benjamin Fudge (Bartlett) over Alden Bevis (Service) (Dec 9-7); 140: Nikolas Novak (Service) over Isiah Anaruk (Bartlett) (Fall 1:36); 145: David Kim (Service) over David Rosario (Bartlett) (MD 15-4); 152: Cullen Goodwin (Service) over Unknown (For.); 160: Lucius Edwards (Bartlett) over Ethan Luedde (Service) (Fall 1:41); 171: Kyan Caldarera (Service) over Preston Bean (Bartlett) (Fall 1:14); 189: Carson Gamez (Service) over Ethan Pletnikoff (Bartlett) (Fall 2:16); 215: Hyrum Santiago (Bartlett) over Unknown (For.); 285: Arnold Baffour (Service) over Kedrick May (Bartlett) (Fall 1:40); 145G: Malila Miller (Service) over Leah Nichols (Bartlett) (Fall 1:27); 112: Vincent Robinson (Bartlett) over Unknown (For.); 126G: Elizabeth Gresham (Service) over Carmen Delgado (Bartlett) (Fall 0:50); 145G: Malila Miller (Service) over Leah Nichols (Bartlett) (Fall 0:00)

Friday

South 47, Soldotna 18

103: Dylan Frawner (South) over Sam Strouse (Soldotna) (Dec 9-7); 112: Benson Mishler (South) over Jaden Carlyle (Soldotna) (Fall 1:24); 119: Titus Watts (Soldotna) over Anan Siackhasone (South) (TF 17-2 3:35); 125: Jacob Morris (South) over Tustin Keller (Soldotna) (MD 22-8); 130: Levi Shivers (South) over Mason Bock (Soldotna) (Fall 1:32); 135: Jacob Strausbaugh (Soldotna) over Bohdan Porter (South) (TF 16-0 3:28); 140: Michael Dickinson (Soldotna) over Jase Phonsavang (South) (TF 15-0 5:02); 145: Clayton McGuire (South) over Hunter Bras (Soldotna) (MD 12-3); 152: Zane Gerlach (South) over Trevor Michael (Soldotna) (Dec 5-2); 160: Aaron Concepcion (South) over Jaykob Kemp (Soldotna) (Fall 2:00); 171: Roth Powers (South) over Bowen Korth (Soldotna) (Dec 5-2); 189: Collin Peck (Soldotna) over Gabriel Schumaker (South) (Dec 7-3); 215: Hayden Martin (South) over Rodney McNeal (Soldotna) (Fall 0:27); 285: Chris Strawderman (South) over Kenai Lepule (Soldotna) (Fall 2:00)

Riflery

Friday

Eagle River 3,291; South Anchorage 3163

A Team

Eagle River(1132) - Bierl, A. 289-15x; McDonald, W. 282-10x; Ryan, S. 281-10x; Greidanus, T. 280-8x
South(1121) - Kincaid, A. 284-12x; Gust, B. 279-10x; Anderson, C. 279-11x; Stinson, P. 279-9x

B Team

Eagle River(1100) - Bonis, R. 279-9x; Vorhes, L. 275-9x; Meerstein, M. 272-10x; Floyd, R. 274-4x
South(1082) - Porter, M. 274-9x; Saugier, J. 271-6x; Chlup, C. 268-5x; McEwen, X. 269-7x

C Team

Eagle River(1059) - Foger, L. 272-8x; Bell, K. 269-13x; Davies, S. 258-3x; Greidanus, R. 260-9x
South(960) - Anderson, B. 264-4x; Kersten, P. 263-3x; Eltrapolsi, Z. 248-2x; Hemstreet, C. 185-9x

Boys Hockey

Tuesday

Chugiak 6, Eagle River 0

Thursday

West 3, Wasilla 3

Friday

Wasilla 6, Service 0
South 2, Chugiak 0
North Pole 12, Tri-Valley 0

Saturday

North Pole 10, Tri-Valley 1

Gymnastics

Saturday

Team scores

1. South 242.825
2. Dimond 216.725

Vault

1. Jordan Zaporzan, South, 9.3; 2. Emma Marsh, South, 9.1; 3. Ella Sobroski, South, 8.45

Bars

1. Emma Marsh, South, 8.9; 2. Jordan Zaporzan, South, 8.5; 3. Melia Case, South, 8.35

Beam

1. Melia Case, South, 9.4; 2. Jordan Zaporzan, South, 9.2; 3. Gabi Rivera, South, 9.15

Floor

1. Jordan Zaporzan, South, 9.725; 2. Gabi Rivera, South, 9.475; 3. Emma Marsh, South, 9.35

All-Around

1. Jordan Zaporzan, South, 36.725; 2. Emma Marsh, South, 36.05; 3. Melia Case, South, 35.1

Swimming and Diving

State championship meet

Team totals

Girls

1. Juneau Douglas High School 101; 2. Thunder Mountain High School 90; 3. Eagle River High School 75; 4. South Anchorage High School 70; 5. Colony High School 53; 6. Dimond Swim and Dive 47; 7. Kodiak High School 32; 8. Robert Service High School 23; 9. Soldotna Stars 20; 10. West Valley High School 19.

Boys

1. Robert Service High School 122; 2. Eagle River High School 64; 3. Chugiak High School 62; 4. Dimond Swim and Dive 2023 54; 5. Ketchikan High School 52; 6. Seward High School Swim Team 45; 7. West Valley High School 31; 8. Colony High School 28; 9. Kodiak High School 23; 10. Thunder Mountain High School 18.

Individuals results

Girls 200-Yard Medley Relay

1. Juneau Douglas (Schwarting, Samantha, Fellman, Emma, Chapell, Lucia, Peimann, Valerie SO), 1:48.45; 2. Eagle River (Woodward, Lola, Solomonson, Maya, Woodward, Reese, Trembath, Sophia SO), 1:49.71; 3. South Anchorage (Fencil, Zoe, Baldessari, Stella, McLaughlin, Megan, Griffith, Charlotte SO), 1:50.62; 4. TMHS (Anderson, Gabrielle, Mills, Olivia, Liddle, Amy, Sanders, Caitlin JR), 1:51.93

Boys 200-Yard Medley Relay

1. Service (Price, Ben, Kwon, Preston, Balaban, Tomasz, Fawcett, Conrad SR), 1:33.83*; 2. Eagle River (Mank, Wes, Rumph, Eli, Toole, Dean, Hasenstab, Owen SR), 1:34.89; 3. Ketchikan (Harold, Gavin, Dash, Trevor, Dash, Evan, Hagan, Parker FR), 1:39.54; 4. Dimond (McKinley, Will, Fosberg, Roman, Randall, Samuel, Szymanski, Jonathan), 1:40.40

Girls 200-Yard Freestyle

1. Schwarting, Samantha, JDHS, 1:55.64; 2. Liddle, Amy, TMHS, 1:57.08; 3. Peimann, Valerie, JDHS, 1:57.35; 4. Cooper, Hannah, Colony, 1:59.45

Boys 200-Yard Freestyle

1. Mank, Wes, Eagle River, 1:41.77; 2. Fawcett, Conrad, Service, 1:43.59; 3. McKinley, Will, Dimond, 1:47.02; 4. Michael, Chris, Chugiak, 1:48.05

Girls 200-Yard IM

1. Fellman, Emma, JDHS, 2:05.99; 2. Anderson, Jasmine, Colony, 2:08.35; 3. Waters, Caroline, Dimond, 2:10.39; 4. Watkins, Charisma, Soldotna, 2:12.33

Boys 200-Yard IM

1. Price, Ben, Service, 1:56.33; 2. Dash, Trevor, Ketchikan, 1:58.28; 3. Robinson, Max, Kodiak, 2:01.27; 4. Maio, Ezrah, West Valley, 2:02.03

Girls 50-Yard Freestyle

1. Rocheleau, Amaya, Kodiak, 24.35; 2. Mills, Olivia, TMHS, 24.73; 3. Francis, Lily, TMHS, 24.77; 4. Wentz, Talia, West Valley, 24.94

Boys 50-Yard Freestyle

1. Ambrosiani, Bengimin, Seward, 21.93; 2. Balaban, Tomasz, Service, 22.16; 3. Houser, Aidan, Palmer, 22.38; 4. Morgan, Tyson, Chugiak, 22.39

Girls 1-Mtr Diving

1. Werner, Abriella, Soldotna, 464.80; 2. McManus, Charlize, Colony, 433.35; 3. Wallstrum, Claire, Colony, 399.75; 4. Colman, Faith, Service, 377.90

Boys 1-Mtr Diving

1. Billings, Roman, Dimond, 445.40; 2. Thornton, Travis, Wasilla, 445.20; 3. Christian, Joshua, South Anchorage, 408.95; 4. Williams, Reubin, Service, 404.40

Girls 100-Yard Butterfly

1. Woodward, Reese, Eagle River, 57.14; 2. Waters, Caroline, Dimond, 57.38; 3. Francis, Lily, TMHS, 59.48; 4. Watkins, Charisma, Soldotna, 1:00.17

Boys 100-Yard Butterfly

1. Foy, PJ, TMHS, 48.27*; 2. Kwon, Preston, Service, 52.03; 3. Schaetzle, Zen, West Valley, 53.31; 4. Balaban, Tomasz, Service, 53.36

Girls 100-Yard Freestyle

1. Rocheleau, Amaya, Kodiak, 53.30; 2. Schwarting, Samantha, JDHS, 53.38; 3. Woodward, Lola, Eagle River, 53.41; 4. Griffith, Charlotte, South Anchorage, 54.67

Boys 100-Yard Freestyle

1. Price, Ben, Service, 47.12; 2. Ambrosiani, Nickolas, Seward, 47.71; 3. Roberts, Jack, Wrangell, 47.95; 4. Houser, Aidan, Palmer, 49.18

Girls 500-Yard Freestyle

1. Peimann, Valerie, JDHS, 5:17.07; 2. Liddle, Amy, TMHS, 5:17.46; 3. Cooper, Hannah, Colony, 5:18.52; 4. Ricke, Pacific, JDHS, 5:27.70

Boys 500-Yard Freestyle

1. Fawcett, Conrad, Service, 4:38.40; 2. Beck, Jan, Service, 4:47.08; 3. Hulien, Isaiah, Colony, 4:55.15; 4. Fazio, Blake, Chugiak, 5:00.68

Girls 200-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Eagle River (Woodward, Reese, Baldwin, Bryn, Trembath, Sophia, Woodward, Lola JR), 1:39.47; 2. TMHS (Mills, Olivia, Miller, Kennedy, Mills, Deedee, Francis, Lily FR), 1:41.07; 3. Dimond (Waters, Caroline, Kass, Maizy, Mullinax, Zaylee, Sperbeck, Mia), 1:41.23; 4. South Anchorage (Bingham, Elizabeth, McLaughlin, Megan, Zipsir, Zoe, Griffith, Charlotte SO), 1:41.91

Boys 200-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Eagle River (Mank, Wes, Toole, Dean, Baker, Matthew, Hasenstab, Owen SR), 1:27.79; 2. Chugiak High School " (Morgan, Tyson, Lowell, Packer, Fazio, Blake, Michael, Chris SR), 1:31.00; 3. West Valley (Maio, Ezrah, Marshall, Ryder, McCotter, Nathan, Schaetzle, Zen SO), 1:31.38; 4. Dimond (Kullander, Caeden, Fosberg, Roman, O'Brien, Dax, Szymanski, Jonathan), 1:31.81

Girls 100-Yard Backstroke

1. Woodward, Lola, Eagle River, 57.41; 2. Fencil, Zoe, South Anchorage, 58.09; 3. Mills, Deedee, TMHS, 1:00.64; 4. Sanders, Caitlin, TMHS, 1:00.78

Boys 100-Yard Backstroke

1. Mank, Wes, Eagle River, 49.37*; 2. Ambrosiani, Nickolas, Seward, 53.79; 3. Morgan, Tyson, Chugiak, 53.89; 4. Robinson, Max, Kodiak, 54.04

Girls 100-Yard Breaststroke

1. Fellman, Emma, JDHS, 1:02.82; 2. Anderson, Jasmine, Colony, 1:03.00; 3. McLaughlin, Megan, South Anchorage, 1:08.62; 4. Mills, Olivia, TMHS, 1:09.41

Boys 100-Yard Breaststroke

1. Foy, PJ, TMHS, 54.67*; 2. Kwon, Preston, Service, 55.51; 3. Rumph, Eli, Eagle River, 58.31; 4. Beck, Jan, Service, 59.79

Girls 400-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Juneau Douglas (Schwarting, Samantha, Peimann, Valerie, Ricke, Pacific, Fellman, Emma JR), 3:37.01; 2. Thunder Mountain (Liddle, Amy, Sanders, Caitlin, Mills, Deedee, Francis, Lily FR), 3:43.24; 3. South Anchorage (Reeg, Kaia, Fencil, Zoe, Zipsir, Zoe, Baldessari, Stella JR), 3:46.45; 4. Kenai (Hershberger, Sierra, Price, Abigail, Crouse, Isla, Anderson, Maria SR), 3:51.19

Boys 400-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Service (Price, Ben, Beck, Jan, Balaban, Tomasz, Fawcett, Conrad SR), 3:12.51; 2. Chugiak (Michael, Chris, Lowell, Packer, Fazio, Blake, Morgan, Tyson SO), 3:19.36; 3. Ketchikan (Dash, Trevor, Hagan, Parker, Harold, Gavin, Dash, Evan SO), 3:20.00; 4. Seward (Gates, Iver, Trobaugh, Oliver, Ambrosiani, Bengimin, Ambrosiani, Nickolas SR), 3:20.20

College

Volleyball

Thursday

UAA 3, Western Oregon 1 (25-20, 25-13, 16-25, 25-23)

Saturday

UAA 3, Saint Martin's 1 (28-26, 25-22, 22-25, 28-26)

Hockey

Friday

UAF 6, UAA 1

Saturday

UAF 5, UAA 4

Men's Basketball

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REWIND

2018.

The UAA men's hockey team dropped the first two games in its annual Governor's Cup series with rival Fairbanks on the road this past weekend. The Seawolves fell to the Nanooks 6-1 on Friday night with their lone goal coming from senior forward Ben Almquist and came up just short of a comeback on Saturday before ultimately falling 5-4 in a game where Anchorage's Aiden Westin and Maximilion Helgeson scored their first two goals.

ALASKA STARS SHINING OUTSIDE

Anchorage's Tyree Wilson recorded his half of a sack in the fourth quarter of the Las Vegas Raiders' 30-6 home victory over the New York Giants on Sunday in Week 9 of the NFL season. He also recorded his first career quarterback hit and set a his single-game season high for total tackles with four including three solos and one assisted in 32 total defensive snaps (51 percent).

Anchorage's Jayden Heartwell helped the Dickinson State University football team clinch the program's ninth straight North Star Athletic Association title by recording his first career pick-six in the Blue Hawks' 48-17 rout of the Valley City State University Vikings. The former South Anchorage high standout returned his fourth interception of the season and 12th of his career 40 yards to the house to extend his team's lead to 34-3 in the third quarter.

Wasilla's Mikayla Lantto recorded her second goal of the season for the Long Island University women's hockey team in the Sharks' 3-1 home victory over the Assumption University Greyhounds on Friday.

Ketchikan's Isaac Updike finished 15th in the elite men's field of 26 in the Abbott Dash which doubled as the USA Track & Field Road 5K Championship on Saturday in Manhattan, New York, with a mark of 14 minutes, 6 seconds.

FAST FORWARD

Prep volleyball

3A/4A ASAA State Championship

The top prep volleyball teams from across the state converge on Anchorage this week for the conclusion of the 2023 postseason for the top two high school divisions in the Last Frontier. The tournament takes place at the Alaska Airlines Center starting Thursday and wrapping up Saturday.

College hockey

UAA v. Robert Morris, Friday and Saturday at Avis Alaska Sports Complex, 7:07 p.m. and 4:07 p.m.

The Seawolves will be back in town and playing in front of their home fans for the first and only time in the month of November this week when they host the Colonials for a two-game series. The first matchup will take place Friday night and the second Saturday evening.

NAHL

Anchorage Wolverines v. Fairbanks Icedogs, Friday and Saturday at Ben Boeke, 7 p.m.

The hometown team will be back in action and on its home ice this week as the two rival franchises from the Last Frontier will face off for the first time this season for a two-game series this weekend. This will be the Wolverines second set of games in their quest for the Club 49 Cup as each of their next six games will come against Alaska competition. They currently lead all three teams with four points , followed by the Kenai River Brown Bears with three and Fairbanks with two.

myThai Restaurant LLC, dba myThai Restaurant located at 333 W. 4th Ave. Ste. 228 is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license to My Thai Alaska LLC. dba myThai Downtown Restaurant. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

Enlighten Alaska Old Seward, LLC doing business as Enlighten Alaska, located at 7317 Old Seward Highway, Anchorage, AK 99518 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of controlling interest in a Retail Marijuana Store (3 AAC 306. 300), license #34403. The transfer involves a change in ownership percentage from Jane Stinson 50%, Evan Levinton 25% and Leah Levinton 25% to LiveWell, LLC 100%.

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and a copy of the application will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501 and Attorney Jana Weltzin, Esq at jana@jdwcounsel.com or 901 Photo Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Enlighten Alaska Greenery, LLC doing business as Enlighten Gardens, located at 524 E 48th Avenue, 1B, Anchorage, AK 99503 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of controlling interest in a Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility (3 AAC 306. 400(a)(1)), license #21551. The transfer involves a change in ownership percentage from Jane Stinson 50%, Evan Levinton 25% and Leah Levinton 25% to LiveWell, LLC 100%.

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and a copy of the application will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501 and Attorney Jana Weltzin, Esq at jana@jdwcounsel.com or 901 Photo Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Enlighten Extractions, LLC doing business as Enlighten Extracts, located at 524 E 48th Avenue, 1A, Anchorage, AK 99503 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of controlling interest in a Standard Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility (3 AAC 306. 500(a)(1)), license #21552. The transfer involves a change in ownership percentage from Jane Stinson 50%, Evan Levinton 25% and Leah Levinton 25% to LiveWell, LLC 100%.

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and a copy of the application will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501 and Attorney Jana Weltzin, Esq at jana@jdwcounsel.com or 901 Photo Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99503.

The Bottle Shop, LLC is making application for a new Package store license AS 04.11.150 liquor license doing business as Alaska Blooms & Bubbles located at 8250 Homer Dr, Anchorage. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

Enlighten Alaska, LLC doing business as Enlighten Alaska, LLC, located at 2600 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK 99503-8934 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of controlling interest in a Retail Marijuana Store (3 AAC 306. 300), license #10021. The transfer involves a change in ownership percentage from Jane Stinson 50%, Evan Levinton 25% and Leah Levinton 25% to LiveWell, LLC 100%.

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CRIME & COURTS

Anchorage man who defrauded investors of $26M gets 10-year federal prison sentence

Tess Williams
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An Anchorage man who defrauded more than 175 people of roughly $26 million over the course of a six-year investment scheme was sentenced Monday in federal court to spend 10 years in prison.

Garrett Elder pleaded guilty in May to one count of wire fraud. The case was one of the largest investment fraud schemes in Alaska, said U.S. Attorney Lane Tucker for the District of Alaska.

Elder's sentencing hearing began Wednesday but continued Monday after the proceedings had to be extended because so many of Elder's former clients testified about the far-reaching consequences of the fraud case.

At least nine victims stood before U.S. District Judge Joshua Kindred on Wednesday and detailed how their lives were permanently altered. A number of them were so angry their hands shook. Others wiped away tears.

Several told the judge they lost money saved for a home purchase or retirement savings, forcing them to return to work. Numerous people described being unable to sleep at night or waking up in the middle of the night and replaying every interaction with Elder in their heads. Others said they developed anxiety and deep depression caused by the financial stress.

The sentence handed down by Kindred exceeded the seven-year sentence prosecutors had requested. His federal public defender asked for a five-year sentence.

Con man, or in over his head?

In a sentencing memorandum filed early November in U.S. District Court in Anchorage, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Heyman painted Elder, 30, as a charismatic and calculating con man who leveraged personal relationships in order to steal money from anyone he could, including close family members, childhood best friends and members of his church.

Ben Muse, the assistant federal defender representing Elder, said his client did not act maliciously and instead got swept away in a scheme over his head. Elder was a poor investor who made the situation worse as he tried to to recover from his losses, Muse wrote in his own sentencing memorandum.

"He justified his actions because he foolishly believed they would ultimately be harmless, that it would never be an issue; that he could just invest his way out of any hole he got himself into," Muse wrote.

Elder was influenced by his father, who also defrauded a large number of people in recent years, Muse wrote.

Elder's first big loss came in 2016, when his parents gave him up to $20,000 to invest in stocks and foreign currencies, according to a plea agreement filed in the case. He invested the funds under Tycoon Trading, a business he had started years earlier when he first became interested in trading during high school finance classes, Heyman wrote in the sentencing memorandum.

Elder lost all of that money trading, the agreement said.

Regardless, he told his friends and family about the business and said he was a successful trader, the agreement said. They began investing money with Tycoon Trading, but again Elder lost all the money, according to the agreement.

He sent out false quarterly performance reports that showed strong returns on investments, the agreement said. Elder often included photos of him or his family to give the emails a personal touch and provide a feeling of success, Heyman wrote in the sentencing memorandum. Between 2016 and 2018, Elder had lost roughly $500,000 that 13 investors, largely friends and family, had entrusted him with, the memorandum said. He told them in March 2018 that he'd failed, but did not disclose that he'd consistently provided false performance reports, it said.

Elder continued to recruit new investors and told them he was a successful trader, the plea agreement said. In 2019 he created a new trading entity, The Daily Bread Fund. About 177 people invested a total of roughly $28 million with him since March 2018, the sentencing memorandum said.

By October 2022, Elder had lost about $20 million in trading, the memo said.

Elder lived a lavish lifestyle during the years he was trading, the memorandum said, detailing that he rented private jets or helicopters to take him on expensive vacations, he bought real estate, a camper and a truck, and he donated hundreds of thousands of dollars of investors' money.

Throughout the losses, Elder believed he was qualified and able to be successful, his attorney wrote in a sentencing memorandum. Although he lived lavishly, roughly 80% of the investor funds were lost through trading rather than extravagant spending, the memorandum said.

A certified public accountant working for one of Elder's investors saw irregularities with the trading business and reported it to state regulators in August 2022, Heyman wrote in the sentencing memorandum. Elder was notified the next month that he was under investigation, it said.

At that point, Elder began to disclose the fraud to trusted people and word began to spread among his investors, according to the memorandum. Regardless of the investigation, prosecutors said Elder continued to recruit new investors.

In October 2022, Elder described the fraud to FBI agents, his attorney wrote. In March, he was charged with wire fraud. His attorney filed a notice days later that said Elder intended to plead guilty.

Sentencing concerns

Many of the victims who addressed the judge last week expressed frustration with Heyman because they believed the recommended sentence was too light. They asked Kindred to throw out the plea agreement or sentence Elder to the maximum time allowed by law: 20 years behind bars.

Several said they did not understand why Elder was charged with only a single count of wire fraud when he had bilked so many people out of their life savings and appeared to show little accountability or remorse.

During a press conference after the hearing on Monday, Heyman said all counts of wire fraud are combined for sentencing under federal guidelines, so adding additional charges would have bogged down the proceedings.

Elder had continued to solicit new investors even as complaints were being filed with law enforcement and regulators, Heyman wrote in the sentencing memorandum. During that timeframe, he convinced the widow of a retired military officer who had died from cancer to invest a large portion of his death benefits, Heyman said.

Victims said it was unlikely Elder will ever fully repay them.

Elder continued to make poor financial decisions even while awaiting sentencing on the wire fraud charge, Heyman wrote in the sentencing memorandum. He continued to look for "his next get-rich quick opportunity" and squandered roughly $22,000 over four months by developing and testing a trading software idea that ultimately flopped, the prosecutor wrote.

Elder also spent $5,000 on consulting services focused on helping him prepare a "lengthy and compelling narrative" for his sentencing hearing, Heyman wrote.

He described the impact to victims' lives as "incalculable."

Victims said not only did Elder cause financial devastation, but he left them with extreme mental and physical anguish.

Some victims said the fraud caused them to lose trust in others and second-guess their own decision-making.

In a 10-page letter submitted to Kindred, Elder wrote that he was "deeply ashamed and remorseful for his actions." He also made a statement during Monday's hearing.

"My foolhardy overconfidence and deceptions have basically cost my investors everything. I have reviewed the thoughtful statements they have submitted and feel disgusted that my actions have caused such profound suffering," Elder wrote in the letter. "Regardless of my intent, I decimated the savings of those who trusted me and destroyed their plans, built on years of sacrifice. I robbed them of their dreams."

At the end of Wednesday's sentencing hearing, Kindred said he would need time to think over some of what he heard from victims. He said his initial reaction was that the sentence recommended by Heyman seemed like it was not severe enough.

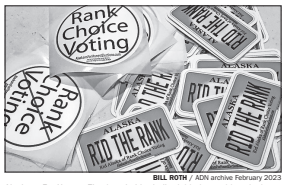
He sentenced Elder on Monday to 10 years in federal prison, double what Muse had requested and three years longer than Heyman had recommended.

Heyman said discretion always lies with the court and he was pleased with the process.

"We have to remember, whether it's three years, 10 years or above the government's recommendation, we're talking about many, many years in prison," he said at a press conference. "It's a substantial sentence no matter what we're talking about and we were recommending many, many years in prison."

Elder has been out of custody while awaiting sentencing for the last year and a half and will self surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on a designated date, Heyman said.

Muse declined to comment on the case.



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Alaskans For Honest Elections held a ballot initiative petition signing to reject ranked choice voting in Alaska elections at a South Anchorage church on Feb. 16, 2023.

POLITICS

Alaska commission set to consider complaints that could deliver blow to anti-ranked voting groups

Iris Samuels
Anchorage Daily News

The Alaska commission responsible for overseeing campaign ethics is scheduled to meet later this week to consider two complaints filed against groups and individuals that have been working for months to overturn Alaska's new voting system.

The complaints allege that those working to repeal Alaska's ranked-choice voting and open primary system — including a church called the Ranked Choice Education Association and a nonprofit organization founded by former Republican U.S. Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka — have repeatedly violated state law by inaccurately reporting the source of their funding and failing to accurately report certain activities and spending in their quest to do away with the state's voting system.

The staff of the Alaska Public Offices Commission has found in an independent investigation that groups advocating against ranked-choice voting and their leaders have violated state law. But it is up to the commissioners to make a final determination on whether the law was broken and the size of the fines for the possible violators.

As the commissioners prepare to meet Thursday for two separate hearings — one on Tshibaka's group and another on the leaders of a ballot initiative — two other complaints have been filed with the commission by both opponents and supporters of the system, as a group called Alaskans for Honest Elections nears its deadline for submitting the required 26,000 signatures needed to put the question of repealing the new voting system on the 2024 ballot.

A complaint filed Monday by Alaskans for Better Elections, a pro-ranked choice voting group, alleges that the leaders of the ballot group have continued to violate state law in their effort to repeal the state's new voting system, even after being warned repeatedly by state officials that they must change their reporting practices to comply with the law.

In a complaint filed last month, the leader of the anti-ranked choice voting group, Phillip Izon, alleged that Alaskans for Better Elections violated state law by failing to report certain activities as required with the commission. Alaskans for Better Elections has denied the allegations and asked for the complaint to be dismissed.

Izon and his group, Alaskans for Honest Elections, are represented by former Attorney General Kevin Clarkson, who resigned in 2020 and moved away from Alaska after facing allegations that he had inappropriately sent text messages to a female colleague. Alaskans for Better Elections, the pro-ranked choice voting group, is represented by Scott Kendall, who authorized the original ballot measure that put in place Alaska's ranked choice voting and open primaries in 2020.

The slew of complaints points to a brewing fight between the supporters and opponents of the new voting system. Supporters of the open primaries and the ranked-choice general election say it favors more moderate, consensus-building candidates. Opponents say it's confusing and works against conservative Republicans who would have won under Alaska's old system of partisan primaries and pick-one general elections.

While some conservative state lawmakers have voiced opposition to the new voting system, enough of them have said that they intend to support it for the time being to halt any legislative effort to repeal the system. That means opponents are left with a citizens' initiative as their only path to possibly get rid of the voting system until after the next election.

A decision by the Alaska Political Offices Commission after Thursday's scheduled hearing could spell disaster for the ballot effort. According to a report prepared by the commission's staff and filings by the supporters of the voting system, the associated fines for the group's reporting violations could exceed the total amount of funding raised by the ballot group thus far.

Alaskans for Honest Elections, the group seeking to repeal ranked-choice voting, reported only $2,000 in income for a three-month period between July and October, all from the Ranked Choice Education Association, a Washington-based church through which the group has funneled its funding. In the same period, it reported spending $1,750 paying fines for past legal infractions, and $800 to the Alaska Support Industry Alliance for marketing and outreach. Those were its only two expenses.

In the same time period, the group purported to continue gathering signatures for its ballot measure across the state, relying solely on volunteers. The group must submit at least 26,000 signatures of registered Alaska voters by February to put the question of repealing the voting system on the 2024 ballot.

Alaskans for Honest Elections reported that it had only $210 in the bank as of Oct. 7, after spending the vast majority of the roughly $100,000 it had raised since the beginning of the year. According to a report prepared by commission staff, the maximum penalties for the group's reporting violations could exceed $100,000.

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BEDS

be homeless have so far died outside in November, including two men in wheelchairs. A record of 49 have died in total in Anchorage this year so far.

Storms this month have so far dumped around 3 feet of snow in Anchorage. On Monday, fresh snowfall triggered more power outages and worsened already abysmal road and sidewalk conditions in some areas.

Assembly member Felix Rivera, chair of the Assembly's Housing and Homelessness Committee, said because the shelters have been consistently full or close to full, the administration has a good case to make for the additional 50 beds.

"It makes sense for us to expand the emergency cold weather shelter system to accommodate more folks, so yes, I do suspect it will be approved," Rivera said.

Johnson also said that a local organization, Graceful Touch Transitional Services, has offered to open a 50-person warming facility in the Fairview neighborhood, though it would need about $225,000 in city funding.

With more snowy weather and colder temperatures forecasted, Rivera said he's worried. Mayor Dave Bronson's administration should look for ways to quickly open one or more warming areas, places where people can temporarily get out of the cold, Rivera said.

Rivera said he advised the administration to look into setting up a warming area in Midtown, as well as the possible location in Fairview.

Many people currently living outside have said they prefer camping over staying in a group shelter like the one on 56th Avenue, but they need places they can go to warm up. People who have been kicked out of shelter also need somewhere to go. Finally, the warming area is needed for people who want shelter when beds are full.

"It's supposed to dip into the negatives next week," Rivera said. "And my biggest concern is that we don't have any warming areas set up or any kind of efforts for folks during those few days of extreme cold, and we're going to be having to keep folks safe and keep folks warm."

If the Assembly on Tuesday approves adding 50 more beds at the 56th Avenue shelter, and if the administration opens two warming areas and finds a way to add 50 more non-congregate shelter beds, like what is currently being done at two local hotels, that should be enough to meet the need, Rivera said.

Shawn Hays, CEO of nonprofit Henning, Inc., said the city needs more shelter beds and at least one warming area. Henning is contracted to run the city's mass shelter and the Alex Hotel shelter, and is also helping with the Aviator Hotel site.

"My biggest concern is that more people are going to freeze to death due to inadequate shelter space," Hays said.

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myThai Restaurant LLC, dba myThai Restaurant located at 333 W. 4th Ave. Ste. 228 is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license to My Thai Alaska LLC. dba myThai Downtown Restaurant. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

The Bottle Shop, LLC is making application for a new Package store license AS 04.11.150 liquor license doing business as Alaska Blooms & Bubbles located at 8250 Homer Dr, Anchorage. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

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A Gazan family, a premature newborn, a painful choice to stay

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JERUSALEM — Even amid a war of searing brutality, the images shared around the world were striking: babies in a Gaza City hospital removed from their incubators, tiny arms straining and beating at tiny chests.

But less than 15 miles away, the parents of little Anas Esbeita had not seen them. Communications were too shaky for the widely circulated news photos to reach them. From their corner of a packed displacement shelter, they thought their newborn, like others at Gaza's largest hospital, was dead.

The news that a United Nations team had evacuated more than two dozen babies from al-Shifa Hospital reached them through a friend. He told Ali Esbeita, the child's 35-year-old father, to head straight to the Emirati Maternity Hospital in Rafah. Ali scanned the list and saw Anas's name.

His joy, he said, was "incredible."

The child now sleeps peacefully, photographs shared by the family show. But the dilemma before his parents encapsulates the impossible choices confronting Gazans every day through this month-and-a-half-long war.

When the World Health Organization carried at least 26 of the newly evacuated babies into Palestine Red Crescent ambulances Monday for passage onward to Egypt and medical care outside a war zone, Anas and his family stayed behind.

"If his mother accompanies him, who will take care of his seven brothers?" Ali asked in a telephone interview. "If I travel with him, who will take care of my wife and children?"

"No one would refuse to let his son be healthy. But if he travels, what if he survives only to find that his family have been killed?"

Hamas fighters entered Israel early on Oct. 7, killed about 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals, and took more than 240 back to Gaza as hostages. Israel has responded with a military campaign to end Hamas rule in Gaza.

That campaign has devastated the enclave's health care system. The World Health Organization has recorded 164 attacks on health care-related facilities there since the conflict began. By the time Israeli troops laid siege last week to the al-Shifa complex, which military officials allege held multiple Hamas command-and-control centers, the hospital had been reduced to the most basic of functions.

Medical staff at al-Shifa have denied that the militant group used their hospital as a command-and-control center. Israeli investigators have been examining the facility but have presented little evidence to support their claims.

LOAY AYYOUB for The Washington Post

More than two dozen premature babies were evacuated from the besieged al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where a lack of fuel meant there was no electricity to power incubators, leaving the children in critical condition.

Without fuel to generate the electricity to power the incubators, medical staff wrapped the babies in blankets and medical scrubs and watched as they grew sicker by the day. When WHO officials arrived Saturday, at least 32 of the babies were in critical condition inside the facility. They described it as a "death zone."

With fighting still raging outside the hospital, the U.N. health agency could stay only one hour, the organization said, as its officials scoped out the facility ahead of the first evacuations the following day. Two of the infants didn't survive the night.

Ali had seen al-Shifa, but only in better times. Before Oct. 7, it was Gaza's most advanced and best-equipped referral facility. Anas was born prematurely there on Aug. 16; the doctors said his organs were undeveloped. He had been lying in the incubator ever since, his mother, Warda, pumping milk for him at home and his father delivering it to the hospital almost every day. Their last visit was Oct. 4.

Three days later, Hamas militants overran Israeli border communities, sending raw shock through Israel and leaving Palestinians across Gaza bracing for the war they knew would follow.

Warplanes pummeled northern Gaza; the Esbeita family fled almost immediately. As the airstrikes increased, Ali and Warda shepherded Anas's seven siblings through two different temporary shelters and eventually to the southern city of Khan Younis.

But they were wracked with guilt. All they had of Anas was the photographs they had kept on their cellphones. "We were blaming each other for leaving him, for abandoning him," Anas said. "The feeling of helplessness was killing me."

Cellphone communications in Gaza often go down for hours. When the news reached the family that Israeli troops last week had stormed al-Shifa, they despaired. They believed Anas was dead.

Thousands of civilians were still sheltering inside the hospital. Most of them left Saturday, many walking the 15 miles to Khan Younis, bringing with them horror stories of the dire conditions they had fled.

When the WHO team arrived, they found that none of the babies had mothers there. Palestinian officials had only limited information about their whereabouts. Some were believed to be dead.

In a photograph shared by Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's director general, a member of the U.N. team in blue helmet and flak jacket scoops a small baby gently from a hospital bed. The protective gear, necessary for the team's "high risk" mission through a war zone, reinforced just how miraculous the babies' survival had been.

The doctors who looked after them, Ghebreyesus said, had shown "extraordinary bravery."

The Gaza Ministry of Health urged parents who believed that their children might be among the surviving babies to gather at another hospital in the southern city of Rafah. The ministry said they could register to travel in an ambulance convoy out of Gaza and toward a hospital far from the bombs and the fear.

At the Emirati hospital, newly arrived babies fought serious infections from the lack of medical supplies and other difficulties during the final days at al-Shifa. Most were suffering from severe hypoglycemia — insufficient blood sugar, a potentially fatal condition — because they hadn't been able to drink enough milk, said Ahmed al-Shaer, the deputy head of the nursing department.

Only six mothers had been reachable, al-Shaer said. He did not know what became of the others.

"We expect that they were killed during the war, or displaced and do not know that their children were taken to the Emirati hospital," he said.

As at least 26 of al-Shifa's surviving infants were taken to Egypt, Anas stayed behind. In photographs taken by his parents, he finally looked at peace. He and others lay close together in their incubators, with fresh diapers and blankets. In one image, Ali and Warda watch over them, their expressions tender but anxious. They said a doctor had suggested that Anas may be ready for discharge soon.

"I know it won't be in ideal circumstances if we are all living in a shelter, but at least he will be in my hands," Ali said.

The infants who were evacuated to Egypt on Monday were received by a fleet of medics. Ali and Warda said they stood by their refusal, but they feared for the future. The Israeli army said during the weekend that it was now pivoting its ground offensive toward Hamas operations in the south.

"With every passing day there are fewer places in which Hamas terrorists can roam about," Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Friday. The people of southern Gaza would soon witness the same "lethal strength," he said, as Israeli forces had demonstrated in the north.

The south is where the Esbeita family is taking shelter. They'll stay together now, Ali said, no matter what.

"Do you know what it means to leave your child alone and weak for 45 days, so he falls prey to war, hunger, cold and occupation?" he asked. "That's why I refuse to let him leave. My family and I believe we must live together or die together. The only solution is for this senseless war to stop."

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GAZA

wounded patients remain stranded at the Shifa compound, which Israeli forces stormed days ago.

Gaza's hospitals play a prominent role in the battle of narratives over the war's brutal toll on Palestinian civilians, thousands of whom have been killed or buried in rubble since the conflict was sparked by Hamas' Oct. 7 rampage into southern Israel. In the wake of the assault, Israeli leaders vowed to eradicate Hamas, destroy its ability to rule Gaza and uproot its militant infrastructure.

Israel says Hamas uses civilians as human shields and that the militants operated a major command hub inside and under Shifa, a claim hospital officials and Hamas deny. Critics say Israel's siege and relentless bombardment amount to collective punishment of the territory's 2.3 million Palestinians.

Israeli troops were battling Hamas fighters in the Jabaliya refugee camp, a densely built-up district on Gaza City's northeastern side that has been heavily hit by bombardment for weeks. The military said that after moving through the center of the city to Shifa, its forces were now working to uproot Hamas fighters from eastern areas.

Dozens of dead and wounded in airstrikes and shelling overnight flowed into Indonesian Hospital, near Jabaliya, said Marwan Abdallah, the medical worker there. He said Israeli tanks were operating less than 200 yards away and Israeli snipers could be seen on the roofs of nearby buildings. As he spoke on the phone, the sound of gunfire could be heard in the background.

Hamas' Health Ministry spokesperson, Ashraf al-Qidra, said roughly 200 wounded patients and their companions were evacuated from the hospital to southern Gaza in a rescue effort coordinated by the U.N. and the International Committee for the Red Cross. Many of the evacuees were being treated at al-Nasser hospital in the southern town of Khan Younis, he said.

Between 400 and 500 wounded remain at Indonesia Hospital, Ashraf told Al-Jazeera. Some 2,000 displaced Palestinians also are sheltering there.

In a separate development that could relieve some of the pressure on Gaza's collapsing health system, dozens of trucks entered from Egypt on Monday with equipment from Jordan to set up a field hospital. Jordan's state-run media said the hospital in Khan Younis would be up and running within 48 hours.

More than 250 patients with severely infected wounds and other urgent conditions remain in Shifa. The complex can no longer provide most of the wounded there treatment after it ran out of water, medical supplies and fuel for emergency generators.

Israeli forces battled Palestinian militants outside its gates for days before entering the facility on Wednesday.

Israel's army said it has evidence that Hamas maintained a sprawling command post inside and under the hospital's 20-acre complex, which includes several buildings.

On Sunday, the military released a video showing what it said was a tunnel discovered at the hospital, 60 yards long and about 33 feet below ground. It said the tunnel ended at a blast-proof door with a hole in it for gunmen to fire out of. Troops have not opened the door yet, it said.

Israeli forces also released security camera video showing what they said were two foreign hostages, one Thai and one Nepalese, who were captured by Hamas in the Oct. 7 attack and taken to the hospital. Hamas said its fighters brought them in for medical care.

The army also said an investigation had determined that Israeli army Cpl. Noa Marciano, another captive whose body was recovered in Gaza, had been wounded in an Israeli strike on Nov. 9 that killed her captor, but was then killed by a Hamas militant in Shifa.

The military has previously released images of several guns it said were found inside an MRI lab and said that the bodies of two hostages were found near the complex.

The Associated Press was not able to independently confirm the military's findings.

Israel has repeatedly ordered Palestinians to leave northern Gaza and seek refuge in the south, which has also been under aerial bombardment. Some 1.7 million people, nearly three quarters of Gaza's population, have been displaced, with 900,000 packing into crowded U.N.-run shelters, according to the U.N.

Strikes in the Nuseirat and Bureij refugee camps Monday killed at least 40 people, according to hospital officials, and residents said dozens more were buried in the rubble. Bundled against a chilly wind from Gaza's approaching winter, a line of men prayed over more than a dozen bodies on the grounds of the nearby morgue in Deir al-Balah before loading them onto a truck.

More than 12,700 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry in the West Bank, which coordinates with officials in the Health Ministry of Hamas-run Gaza. Officials there say another 4,000 are missing. Their counts do not differentiate between civilians and combatants. Israel says it has killed thousands of militants.

Violence also has surged in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where attacks by Jewish settlers are on the rise and where more than 200 Palestinians have been killed since the start of the war, mostly in gunbattles triggered by Israeli military raids.

About 1,200 people have been killed on the Israeli side, mainly civilians during the Oct. 7 attack, in which Hamas dragged some 240 captives back into Gaza. The military says 66 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza ground operations.

Hamas has released four hostages, Israel has rescued one, and the bodies of two were found near Shifa.

Israel, the United States and Qatar, which mediates with Hamas, have been negotiating a hostage release for weeks. Israel's three-member war Cabinet met with representatives of the hostages' families Monday evening, and a relative of a hostage said the officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, told families the government will not prioritize the hostages' release to defeating Hamas.

"What we've heard is that taking down Hamas and bringing the hostages are … equally important," said Udi Goren, whose cousin Tal Chaimi is in captivity in Gaza. "This is incredibly disappointing because … we know that taking down Hamas, we keep hearing from them (it) is going to take months or years and it's going to take a long time."

Goren said the war cabinet did not share details about any possible deal to release the hostages.

HATEM ALI / Associated Press

A Palestinian boy carries water looted from humanitarian aid trucks during the ongoing Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip at the border with Egypt in Rafah on Monday.

OHAD ZWIGENBERG / Associated Press

Israeli soldiers work on armored military vehicles Monday along Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, in southern Israel. The Israeli military has deployed hundreds of thousands of troops in and around Gaza as it conducts a ground offensive against Hamas militants inside the territory.

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