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State officer story

FCCLA Vice-President
Samantha Fehrer tells her story

By Camila Calderon

Samantha Fehrer had gone through the process of running for State FCCLA Vice President Officer during her junior year and faced many challenges throughout the process. Fortunately, she had overcome every challenge that had come her way and went above and beyond by receiving the position she had applied for. She learned many essential skills and met many people throughout her journey.

As a vice president, her duty entails communicating amongst her officers and networking through many of her members. With a list that is shared with all of her members in office, she has small projects that she has to fulfill. She also has to dedicate to carrying or filling roles that her other officers can't complete.

"Running for office was a really nerve-wracking experience, especially memorizing a speech that we had to do in front of a thousand people," she shared.

Even though there were many negative thoughts and ideas she was facing that day, she was able to dismiss them by



focusing on herself instead of her competitors and the possibility of making mistakes.

When Samantha had attended the state leadership conference her 8th grade year, she knew that it was the moment she wanted to become a state officer.

"I saw all the state officers on stage, and thought 'They're making such an impact,' and I wanted to take on that leadership role," she stated.

She then made it her mission to become a state

officer sometime during her high school career.

Samantha believes that communication is a strong aspect that a vice president needs in order to fulfill her role successfully.

"I think every state officer who has served is going to say that communication is necessary because if you don't communicate with your team, it's going to go downhill," she adds.

A vice president's key factor is communicating with her president and other

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members of the office in order to maintain a balance between everything they are tasked to work on.

Throughout her years participating in FCCLA, she had really looked up to her state advisor, and worked through many challenges.

“She had been a state advisor for a really long time and knows how everything works, so seeing her in that position really makes me want to keep going because it is hard,” she mentions.

When Samantha was asked the question of advice she would give to someone wanting to run for a position in FCCLA, she stated, “If you're doubting it, just go for it. If I didn't make it, I would still be so grateful because there's so many people I met through that process, and it was really helpful.”

It shows that no matter how scared you are or what the outcome is, you will always have something to learn from, and you'll make memories along the way.

Samantha had faced many obstacles in order to become an officer. She also witnessed many qualities that are needed not only career-wise, but for a better lifestyle. Communication and perseverance are fundamental

elements in a successful life and she has been able to channel that throughout her experience as a vice president state officer.

Continued mat dominance

Junior Manny Figueroa reflects on his high school wrestling career

By. Zaq Leslie

From a distance, Manny Figueroa looks like an ordinary high school junior. However, he has a secret, you might not expect the determination and ambition that fuels him beneath the surface.

Step into a wrestling arena with him, and it will be clear that he is anything but a high school athlete. He is a dedicated wrestler with a fierce commitment to his sport.

Wrestling has had a significant impact on his life since the age of 3 years old. Over the last 2 years has been marked by multiple achievements. He is constantly ranked among the top competitors in his weight class, which earned him a spot in the championship's his freshman and sophomore years.

Manny dreams of attending North Dakota State University. They are a Pac-12 school which is under a D1 school.

When asked if there was a D1 school that he wanted to attend he stated “Nebraska Huskers” so that he could be a “home town hero.”

During his sophomore year of high school, Manny was able to break or tie various school records. This includes “Most Pins in a Season” at 39. The Previous record was 33 held by Riley Berg. Another record was “Wins in a Season” which tied Riley Berg with 50.

One record that Manny wants to break is the “Most Wins in a Career” which is 167, currently held by Riley Berg. Manny needs to have 50 wins



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his junior and senior year of high school.

When it comes to motivation, Manny has a lot of support to help exceed his limits. One being his little brother, Henry.

Another inspiration would be Antrell Taylor. Taylor graduated from Millard South High School In Omaha, Nebraska. He finished his high school career with a record of 177 and 8. Taylor wrestles for Nebraska and is also a 3 time Nebraska State Champion.

Despite the hardship of balancing academics and athletics, Manny faces the challenges of a positive attitude. Juggling late night studies and practices isn't always easy, but he has learned to manage his time effectively.

As he prepares to start his junior year of wrestling. With the dreams of becoming a state champion and having a competitive spirit that drives him on the mat, he believes that his high school wrestling career is just the beginning. One thing is certain; wherever the road leads him, he will carry the lessons learned from wrestling and the support of the ones who inspire him.

Manny is determined to make a mark, not only at West Point-Beemer High school, but also in the lives of those around

him, proving that with hard work, anything is possible.

Student council spotlight

Student council creates leadership opportunities for students

By: Angeline Berganza

Student council has been a recurring club at West Point-Beemer, and it helps students receive the simple act of leadership. Student Council helps students get first hand experience on some leadership skills.

“As my junior high students move on to high school, it's a fun way to stay connected to them outside of the traditional classroom setting. Sponsoring student council allows me to continue to advocate for all students, even when they aren't in my classroom anymore,” mentions Junior High Teacher and Student Council advisor Lauren Pribnow.

Besides being a math teacher, she makes sure students feel welcome into the organization and have the same amount of opportunities as the rest of the members.

“I just want to help students have a positive experience, while also building

skills that will help them beyond the classroom,” mentions Pribnow

Student Council not only helps shape leadership skills, but also gets the members involved in things that are happening in the community.

“Student council does a variety of things with the community and school events, including helping with homecoming spirit week, Valentine gift bags, blood drives and more,” states Senior, Lia Montenegro.



Student Council is not just an organization to add to your resume but it's an opportunity to get yourself the experience of being a leader that will come in handy during your day to day life.

“One of my key goals for Student Council is to create opportunities for the members to organize and lead school events and initiatives,” communicates Pribnow.

With leadership skills students are able to express

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their ideas clearly, pay attention to other students' ideas and work together to find solutions.

"It gives students a group to meet with and discuss things that they would like to see, things that they are passionate about and then work with their sponsors to formulate you know how to advocate for those requests or wishes," mentions High School Principal Neil Riley.

Student council doesn't only allow students to have a voice but it allows them to represent fairly. Everyone is allowed to bring their ideas onto the table and show members how to be responsible.

"My vision for the student council is for the members to inspire Cadet pride, promote unity, and help make West Point-Beemer a place where every student feels valued," states Pribnow.

Student Council also teaches how to communicate with your peers and allows you to get extra confidence when publicly giving an idea during a meeting.

"To be creative as well as to be a voice student council represents the voice of our school in a way so we are able to represent our school to our community," says Montenegro.

Student Council is a great way to involve yourself with the community! It helps you gain the insights of speaking confidently and bringing your ideas to life!

FFA leaders

West Point-Beemer FFA sends students to Leadership Development Events

By Chase Brester

On Wednesday, November 19th, the West Point FFA chapter competed in their Leadership Development Events. The contest was held at the Neilsen Center in West Point, Nebraska.

LDE's are designed to help FFA members develop skills that are valuable in the job market and in life, including public speaking, communication, leadership and demonstration. The events consist of both high school and junior high students.

There are 12 different districts that make up Nebraska FFA. There are a total of 214 different FFA chapters and over 11,500 members in Nebraska. The West Point FFA chapter is in District 3 for the Nebraska FFA Association. District 3 is made up of 17 schools.

FFA members competed at the district level in order to qualify for competitions in the State FFA convention in the



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Spring. Each district can qualify 3 students/teams per event.

West Point finished in 2nd as a team for the Leadership Development Events. West Point did have 4 students and 1 team qualify for the State LDE competition this spring.

In Junior Public Speaking, Emerson Meiergerd got 1st, and Tia Strehle got 2nd. In Employment Skills, Katrina Moyer got 2nd. In Conduct of Chapter Meeting (CCM), the freshman team got 2nd place. Members of that team were: Logan Lewis, Riley Kaup, Tucker Steffen, Mason Strehle, Harper Dinslage, Ali Ritter and Kutter Prinz. And the final person to qualify for state was Jadyn Doggett, she got 3rd place in Cooperative Speaking.

There were 2 students and 1 team that are state alternates in case a team or member is not able to participate. In Ag Literacy, Nora Weborg got 4th. In Discovery Speaking, Carlie Stutzman got 4th. And in Ag Demo, our team (Colby Anderson, McKenzie Marksmeier, Adara Weborg, and Erica Stutzman) finished in 4th place. They demonstrated how to artificially inseminate a pig.

Congratulations to those students/teams who will be

representing WPB and GACC at the Nebraska State FFA convention.

Welcome to West Point!

New businesses come to West Point, NE

By: Samantha Fehrer

New businesses that came into West Point have had great success so far. Based on Simply Business Senior Insights Manager, Hunter Threadgill, Ph.D, "Small businesses are the lifeblood of the American economy." New editions to towns are always exciting to the community. Scooter's Coffee, Eikmeier Chiropractic, and West Point Dental are all additions to West Point. They have been welcomed graciously to the community and will thrive for future years.

Fifty percent of American adults drink coffee daily. Scooter's Coffee is one of the recent editions to West Point. Owners, Rusty Smith and Shea Stokley have been priding themselves on excellence to keep the place running smoothly. Their goal is to bring the community together, starting with a cup of coffee for the day.

Scooter's Corporation stated, "Scooter's Coffee is one of the nation's fastest growing drive-thru coffee franchise companies, nearly 30 spots ahead of any other coffee company."

Bringing this incredible company to the small town of West Point, Nebraska, makes an impact on the local engagement in the community. Their tagline, "Amazing People, Amazing Drinks, Amazingly Fast," represents how they aim to satisfy the customer.



Adding to the health needs in West Point, Eikmeier Chiropractic has joined to assist those in need.

Based on the National Institute of Health, "Around 50% of U.S. adults have visited a chiropractor at some point in their lives."

Eikmeier Chiropractic is located alongside other businesses in the newly built plaza along the highway.

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“Our mission is to help patients achieve healthier, more active lives by addressing the root cause of their pain,” Eikmeiers’ expressed on their website.

Coming into West Point, their goal and mission is to be a trusted choice for chiropractic care. Their tagline states, "Relief. Recovery. Renewal." As they are new to the community, they strive for long-lasting wellness for their patients.

Another edition to the health in West Point, the new dental office, West Point Dental has entered town. Their services range from a simple teeth cleaning to cosmetic dentistry. They pride themselves on making visits to the dentist comfortable, instead of an uncomfortable experience for the client.

“Our dental hygienists are trained to make sure that you receive top-notch dental care,” one staff member stated.

The staff working there have also expressed that they have developed new friendships with not only their co-workers, but also the clients that visit. Their involvement helps bring the community together while providing amazing dental care.

Overall, new businesses have brought many newcomers into West Point. Expanding services have opened

opportunities for people all over the state. Inspiring many to open their own businesses. Their dedication to their mission and townspeople is what makes the West Point community continue to prosper.

And... action!

West Point- Beemer’s One Act team had their first performances

By Ethan Corrales

On Tuesday, November 11th for and Thursday November 13th, West Point Beemer’s one act team had their first performances performing the play,

“Showdown at Palm Tree Pines.”

Tuesday’s public performance was at the Nielsen Center and was also shared with Guardian Angels Central Catholic’s public performance. Tuesday was also parents night where the cast and crew stepped out onto the stage and their name along with their parents names were announced.

Thursday’s performance was the team's first festival at the Nielsen Center competing against; West Point-Beemer, Lutheran High Northeast, Boone Central, Wayne, Stanton, Columbus Lakeview, Howells-Dodge, and Randolph. Jadyn Doggett, and Adelyn Guy received an outstanding actor



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award along with Blake Wegner, Ally Wolken, and Samantha Francis receiving an honorable mention.

"I honestly didn't really expect it. I thought I didn't do as well as I could have, but it was a nice feeling," said Jadyn Doggett when asked how it felt to receive the best actor award.

The WPB One Act team had tryouts for roles at the end of last school year and began practice in mid July. The team has undergone some changes for roles and have practiced hard for their first performance. Since their first performance, the team has undergone changes to make sure their next performance comes out well. Each performance has gotten better and the standings show as recently the team had their conference on Tuesday, November 18th, where they got fourth out of eight schools.

"I feel like each performance has gotten better as a whole for everyone, and for me, it helped me see exactly what areas I need to get more memorized or what I need to do to help myself stand out, but also help everyone else out in the play," said Blake Wegner, Donny, when asked how their past performances went.

The play the team is performing is named,

"Showdown at Palm Tree Pines." The play follows an elderly community and begins with the elderly's dispute about the upcoming HOA election. The HOA election dispute is the main problem until young people enter the community and the elderly try their best to get them out.

The main characters include: Donny; Blake Wegner, Flo; Adde Caughron, Camille; Jadyn Doggett, Burnice; Samantha Francis, Nigel; Jackson Pierce, Albert; Riley Kaup, Hope; Austyn Batenhorst, Mitzi; Ally Wolken, Pauline; Kimberly Peña, Jerry; Grady Tusha, Ruth; Teagen Berg, Rosie; Amy; Hollie Cole, Toni; Olivia Brockmann, Zach; Josh Snodgrass, and Julie; Viviana Morales.

The team had their most recent performance on Saturday November 22 where they got last. However, the team will not let this past performance be the norm for now and they are currently working on improving in the areas where critiques were given before their next performance on Saturday December 6th.

"I feel like we've been able to see some schools that have very strong fine arts programs, very strong drama programs. And it has allowed

us to see things that we can improve upon and be things like, oh, I really like the way that they did that transition, or I really like that lighting effect, or I really like the way they portrayed that character," said head coach Samantha Bowland when asked how she thinks they fared against other schools, "Every school has their strengths, every school has their weaknesses, and being able to see other schools and watch and learn from them has been huge."

The team's performance on December 6th will be their last and they are actively working to make it their best. The crew, cast, and directors have all shown that they all want improvement on their past performances and can surely hit their goal. Good luck on your next performance One Act!

Sports vs extracurriculars

The difference of how sports and extracurricular activities are treated

By Jesus Montoya

At West Point-Beemer high school, sports and extracurriculars have always been categorized and treated as different. One is seen as more important than the other,

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allegedly taking more practice and being more physically demanding like sports, while school activities like FCCLA (Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America), FPS (Future Problem Solvers), and speech are more seen as an after school project that don't need attention.

While sports like cross country and track require hours of dedication in order to get mileage in for the sport, other activities like speech require you to spend those hours and maybe even more. When a sport takes place at the same time as an extracurricular activity, the sport is always prioritized. This is shown by past incidents like last year, when the speech team was competing at the Conference Tournament, the basketball girls were told to leave early to go to practice instead of finishing and collecting their medals. This clearly shows that many schools and activity directors believe that sports always take priority.

Practice for cross country through my experience consisted of running a certain mileage a day, sometimes running a faster pace for a tougher workout. Usually this can end by 6:00 pm at the latest. FCCLA contributes to the community and other

fundraisers, in which the group spends numerous hours outside of school. FPS spends time before and after school figuring out future problems and solutions, and the two hour solution used to take two hours of after school time. These all take time and effort just like sports do and still they are treated differently.

The amount of time spent from extracurricular and sports differ, as for sports you have to come in at a certain time, where most extracurriculars have more scattered times you have to come in. Speech can vary because depending on the amount of events you are in, it affects how much more practice you have to go to.

With FCCLA depending if you do a STAR project might affect the amount of work outside of school you might have to put in, especially including the difficulty of the projects. Last year head coach of the speech team, Carter Ossian, spent nights lasting until as late as 8:00 pm in the school, and he would sometimes even have to practice in the morning with some individuals as they were busy after school. This was caused by the varying schedules of students due to their

involvement in other sports and extracurricular activities.

Even though extracurricular activities like speech, FCCLA, and FPS are seeing the same amount of success if not more than some sports, why are they seen as something less important? This can be due to the popularity of the activity. A sport like football gets more attention than a sport like cross country, and the same applies to activities. I just find it unfair that even though a much more popular sport could not succeed like other sports and activities, and that it could still see more attention and budget than a less popular, but more successful activity. The West Point FPS team are two time state champions, but they are just now getting permission to do their state problem during the school day, instead of spending hours after school.

Overall, despite sports and activities being classified as "equal," they are not treated as such. They have their differences, but there should be more done to try to get them to be closer.

Santa's in town!

By: Samantha Fehrer

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As Christmas is coming around the corner, so is the annual West Point Christmas family festival! On December 2nd, Main Street will be filled with the Christmas Spirit. Volunteers from all around the area help make this festival extra special each year. As this event is approaching its 5th



year, exciting activities are planned for friends and families in Cuming County!

The West Point community comes together each year to make this festival magical for everyone. Through spreading Christmas cheer, this event brings the community together. A night filled with spirit with no cost at all, has attracted people from all over Nebraska. From being able to meet Santa or getting hot chocolate, all ages can have a blast.

Some of the events and activities have been announced so far. In the Philadelphia room, West Point Beemer JAG (Jobs For Americas Graduates) organization will be offering bracelet making, West Point Beemer FCCLA will offer Christmas crafts, holiday drinks, flower arrangement making and reindeer.

The West Point community has expressed their love for the iconic festival for many years. The festive lights fill Main Street create joy in the community.

“Lots of Christmas activities and treats make this event a big hit,” one community member said.

The large christmas tree in the middle of the street illuminates throughout the whole night. Last year, the dance teams of the high schools in town danced around the tree to spread Christmas cheer. Based on the festival’s official Facebook page, the coordinators are ecstatic to get this festival underway. Their favorite part is to see people from not only West Point attend, but people from all over Nebraska attend.

“It is a great way to celebrate Christmas early, especially if you cannot celebrate on a specific day,” the coordinator mentions.

Overall, the upcoming community Christmas celebration is under way. This event will be bigger and better than any of the previous years. From the luminous lights to the Santa rides, it will be a huge hit again this year.

ICE lands in Nebraska

By Jesus Montoya

A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Facility has recently been established in McCook, Nebraska. This was established due to the funds of the “Big Beautiful Bill” which wants to fund ICE facilities across America.

Governor Jim Pillen announced that the state’s intent is to go along with Trump’s demands, and that they want to support federal immigration enforcement. This includes inserting ICE facilities across Nebraska starting with the one facility in McCook. Another facility in Nebraska has gone unnoticed compared to McCook’s facility; a facility in Lincoln county has also been used to hold immigrants.

According to the Nebraska Governor’s Office as of October 17, 2025, the Nebraska Government officially signed a contract with ICE on

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September 30, 2025. This contract was to reform a former abandoned prison into a detention correction facility. This contract is set to last for two years, estimated to have an annual revenue of \$14.25 million. After being established, ICE agents started going out checking for people in nearby areas. The facility has officially been confirmed to be holding people inside of their building as early as the beginning of November of this year.

They will likely not be held in the facility for the long term and will be transferred over to other bigger facilities, where they will be deported or taken care of. Before the building was remodeled into an ICE institution, the building was designed to hold up to 200 people, but since the building has changed, it can now hold up to 300. Although the amount of people that can fit into the building has increased, it is not nearly as large as a typical ICE building that can house up to 2,000 people.

These facilities have been targeting larger areas in Omaha, O'Neil, and Ainsworth, and have even been seen in more rural areas like West Point. People have been taken from these areas and to the facility, where either they stay

there or get sent out to other facilities.

According to Nebraksa Examiner as of July 25, 2025, one of the biggest raids in Nebraska took place in Omaha, where over 70 people were taken from their homes and arrested. Families of these people have reached out for assistance from organizations like the Prairielands Freedom Fund. After the raid several dozens of people were still contained by ICE, despite a federal judge granting them to be released on bond.

The enforcement policies state that they are tasked with removing and taking care of any non-citizens in the state who may pose a threat to citizens, national security, and public safety, but it seems like they may just be targeting any person who may not be a citizen of the country in all.

This is not the first time that Nebraska has worked with ICE as in the past they have housed immigrant detainees in county jails around the state. The contract ensures that Nebraska will continue to

support the policies for the next several years, and that the state will continue to open new facilities around the state.

Suicide bombing in Pakistan kills 12

By Chase Brester

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, a suicide attack occurred outside a court in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. This attack killed 12, and left 27 others injured. The attack was carried out at 12:39 p.m. at the Kachehri (district courts).

The attacker tried on Tuesday to enter the court premises but, failing to do so, targeted a police vehicle. Mohsin Naqvi (Federal Minister for Interior of Pakistan) said authorities would prioritise identifying the bomber, and that those involved would be brought to justice.

"As I entered the court building, a huge blast occurred. I thought the entire judiciary building would collapse on me," Zahid Khan, who works as an assistant to a lawyer at the court, told CBS News' Sami Yousafzai. "When I went upstairs, I saw people lying on the ground around the fire ... Just three minutes earlier, I



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had been at that exact spot while parking my bike." (CBS News).

The attack came a week after the Pakistani Taliban, or TTP, along with some elements of the Afghan Taliban issued threats against Pakistani cities.

Moshin Naqiv alleged that the attack was "carried out by Indian-backed elements and Afghan Taliban proxies" linked to the TTP (CBS News).

In a statement issued later Tuesday, Indian government spokesperson Shri Randhir Jaiswal said, "the country rejects all allegations by Pakistan."

Pakistan's Minister of Defense Khawaja Asif blamed Afghanistan's Taliban rulers for allowing the attack to take place on Tuesday. The neighbors have long had tense relations, with Islamabad accusing Afghan authorities of allowing the TTP to operate within Afghanistan's borders.

According to BBC News, "There have been suicide attacks in other parts of the country in the years since but not in Islamabad."

The last suicide attack in Pakistan's capital was on December 23, 2022, when a police officer was killed and many others were injured.

As Pakistan continues to deal with these problems, we

hope the country can finally find peace.

Bad Bunny to the Super Bowl

By: Angeline Berganza

Bad bunny, a reggaeton and rap artist has reached a new point in his singing career! His birth name is Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio but when he started to create music later his career name was Bad Bunny. He has always had the passion for music which led him to start putting songs on soundcloud in 2013. Later in 2016 he actually signed into the music industry and has been doing well since.

As an artist Bad bunny is very humble even though he has a lot of support and is making bank. Before the music he was a bagger at a grocery store in Puerto Rico! He also went to the University of Puerto Rico to study audiovisual communication.

He has received 3 total grammy's which were one in 2021, 2022 and 2023. On November 13 Bad Bunny got a run for his money and won 5 different latin grammy awards. Bad bunny has had a lot of success regarding that he's not only a singer, he's an actor as

well. He has been in films like "Bullet Train", "Happy Gilmore 2", and lastly "Caught Stealing."

Bad bunny is a very political singer. He makes it known when something goes against his morals and beliefs.



He uses his voice to stand up for Puerto Rico. As of late September Bad Bunny has been chosen for the 2026 halftime show in February. He has received a lot of backlash for this new achievement and point in his career.

Bad Bunny is known for his political views and his ways of speaking when it comes to calling people out. Bad Bunny was seen on SNL and in this segment he talks about the superbowl and how everyone is super excited about it and he mentioned it all in spanish. His last words he said were "If you don't understand what I said

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then you have four months to learn.”

Bad bunny is not only a funny, outgoing artist but he stands out for his people. He is fearless. Bad bunny doesn't let his fame decide whether he is going to talk about a situation that involves his people/politics. He makes sure he is heard one way or another. He is very bold. He took this boldness into a new step and in his album “*Nadie Sabe Lo Que Va Pasar Manana*” He calls out the people who have done them wrong and basically tells them to do better. He carried this onto his newest album “*Debi Tirar Mas Fotos*” where he calls out political issues. Not only on albums does he show that he doesn't care about saying controversial things but he does it on public television as well.

Bad Bunny has had an amazing career in these 9 years! What's next in his career? Let's find out together! He's performing in the superbowl in February. Will Benito bring out any controversial topics?

A trip to hell and back

By Camila Calderon

For three days, nine-year-old Melodee Buzzard from Lompac, California, had gone on a family trip with her

mother, Ashlee Buzzard. They traveled a total length of a thousand miles through Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Kansas, and Nebraska. When Ashlee had returned home on October 10 in the same vehicle she departed from on October 7- a car she got from a local car agency with a “false or switched” license plate, Melodee did not return with her, and was nowhere to be found.

According to CNN 10 reporters Elizabeth Wolfe and Eric Levensen, on October 14, a few days after she was last seen with her mother, Melodee was declared missing; not by her mother or a family member, but by a school administrator concerned about her prolonged absence from school after she had not shown up for an organization her mom had signed her up for. Then, uncovered surveillance footage had been revealed to the public a few days after by the same local rental car agency she purchased her car from when the young girl had been seen traveling with her mother wearing a wig and a hood over her head. In the footage, Melodee's mom was being described as “uncooperative” as she was visiting the agency. Investigators say they believe Melodee had switched wigs in

order to maintain her disguise and alter her appearance. Throughout the trip, there were many sightings of Ashlee with her disguised daughter, but the last time Melodee was seen on video surveillance was in a region between the Colorado and Utah state lines.

After authorities had gone to their home to search for possible clues that would help them with the case, there was no evidence tying to Melodee's whereabouts or another possible lead. According to Wolfe and Levensen, “the sheriffs office stated they had asked her where she thought her missing daughter could be, but ‘Ashlee couldn't provide a reasonable explanation.’” The FBI had joined the case on October 18, and it was then decided they would serve search warrants for Buzzard's home and a storage locker, as well as the rental car they had used during the trip.

Almost a week after the search warrants were served, Ashlee had been arrested, but officials say that it is not related to the missing case of Melodee Buzzard. Although they cannot discuss the details of her case, Wolfe and Levensen were able to share with the public that “she was being accused of ‘false imprisonment by violence,’ saying that the crime proved to

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be planned out by sophistication and professionalism.”

As a result, Melodee’s case captured national attention on multiple media platforms due to its bizarre circumstances, and the mother’s suspicious actions throughout the investigation as well as her unrelated arrest. Because of this, Wolfe and Levensen discussed that “the sheriff’s office made an announcement on October 20 to ask the media “not to attempt to conduct their own searches or investigations. While well-intentioned, these efforts could unintentionally interfere with investigative work already in progress.” Although the case lacks sufficient leads, the media respected the sheriff’s wishes and continues to show its support by helping the search for Melodee as much as they can.

Car explosion rocks New Delhi, India

By Ethan Corrales

Around 7:00 p.m. local time on Monday November 10 a slow moving car entered and exploded near the Red-Fort monument. The Red Fort, Metro stations, government

buildings and New Delhi’s international airport were placed on high alert following the attack as stated by India’s Central Industrial Security Force.

The incident is currently being investigated and came the day of the good news that the Jammu and Kashmir police said it quote, “busted and interstate and transnational terror module” with ties to a Pakistani militant group by the name of Jaish-e-Mohammed, and an al-Qaeda affiliated militant group by the name of Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind. On Tuesday, Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, stated at a public address in Bhutan that, “The conspirators behind this will not be spared...All those responsible will be brought to justice.” Similarly on the same day, India’s home minister, Amit Shah, went to X and said that the government will, “hunt down each and every culprit behind this incident. Everyone involved in this act will face the wrath of our agencies.”

The day before, Shah stated that until the forensic analysis is finished, the government will keep all angles open as he stated that it is difficult to mark what caused the incident. At the moment, no one has taken responsibility for

the explosion and the blast’s potential link to terrorism could spark an increase in the regional tensions between Pakistan and India. Similarly in April, India conducted one of its most serious cross-border attacks in decades in response to the murder of 26 in India-administered Kashmir. New Delhi blamed Pakistan for the attack which Islamabad denied.

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, on Tuesday Shah met with the director of India’s intelligence bureau, the Delhi police commissioner, the director of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), and the director general of Jammu and Kashmir’s police, who attended virtually, to discuss how to accordingly respond to the blast. Currently the investigation has been handed over to the NIA.

Christopher Clary, who is an expert on South Asia and an associate professor at the University of Albany, stated that, “A crisis could happen at any moment in South Asia.” But as it seems at the moment, post tensions between India and Pakistan from the attack seem relatively calm. “Whomever India blames for the attack will provide some signal about the likelihood of

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military clashes with Pakistan,” he added.

U.S. resumes nuclear testing

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Trump announces that the U.S has started Nuclear Testing. This is the first time in 33 years. America stopped testing for various reasons. This ban was put into place after the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban was signed in 1996. First being the collapse of the Soviet Union at the end of the Cold War.

According to Katherine Doyle, a reporter for NBC News; In late October 2025, Trump announced on social media that he instructed the Department of Defense to begin nuclear testing “on an equal basis with other nations. Trump states the reason for this decision is that other countries have also started nuclear testing, although only North Korea has conducted nuclear tests in recent decades.

Trump claimed that the U.S. “has more Nuclear weapons than any other Country.” According to the Washington-Based Arms Control Association, Russia is believed to have 5,580 nuclear

warheads, while the U.S. has 5,225.

Trump has not specified a new or different location for the nuclear weapons testing. However, any future U.S. nuclear explosive tests would most likely take place at the Nevada National Security Site. While this hasn’t been confirmed many experts agree that the actual detonations would occur in the Nevada desert.

Other world powers including North Korea, Russia, and China, have conducted tests in recent years, with North Korea drawing international attention for its continued advances in nuclear technology. While the need for the United States to remain vigilant and potentially reassess its nuclear capabilities have been used for the resuming tests. Trump argued that such actions are necessary to ensure that the U.S. military remains capable of defending its country.

Public opinions are divided on the issue. Some feel that a return to testing might be necessary. While others are worried about the message that it would send and the potential to spark further conflict. Many civilians are concerned about the environmental consequences, particularly if any tests are conducted about

ground, which could lead to radioactive fallout affecting their communities.

Nuclear tests release harmful radiation and can have long-term effects on public health and safety. Critics of nuclear testing have said that if the U.S starts testing again, it gives rights to other countries who also stopped, to start again.

The Costs associated with nuclear testing are substantial. Maintaining an active nuclear arsenal and conducting tests requires significant funding, which some argue could be better spent on domestic issues like education, healthcare, or renewable energy. Some suggest that there are safer ways to ensure national security without resorting to nuclear testing.

While the idea of restarting nuclear tests might seem appealing to some for ensuring national security, it raises lots of concerns about the safety for the environment and civilians. As discussions unfold, it is crucial for leaders to consider the safety of the country. While promoting peace and safety for everyone, everywhere.