

Why did the Denver Nuggets ban a 72-year-old superfan from games for the rest of the season?



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Closing Arguments

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Donald Trump's criminal hush-money trial is underway in Manhattan, where [ex-media mogul David Pecker testified](#) that [Trump went to great lengths](#) to cover up rumors of his past love affairs while running for president.

Pecker said he helped to shield some of Trump's scandals from the public by buying the rights to the stories, [Erik Uebelacker](#) reports. Trump is charged with falsifying business records to cover up the hush-money scheme and influence the 2016 election.

Speaking of election influence, in Arizona this week, 11 "fake electors" including Rudy Giuliani and former chief of staff Mark Meadows [were indicted on fraud and conspiracy charges](#) for signing a document claiming to be Arizona's certified presidential electors and cast their "votes" for Trump in the 2020 election. [Joe Duhownik](#) has the story.

Trump, who faces his own election interference charges stemming from the 2020 election, is on a mission to dodge all criminal liability. Supreme Court reporter [Kelsey Reichmann](#) covered his [arguments at the high court](#), which lasted two and a half hours but didn't seem to bring the justices any closer to resolving his presidential immunity claim.

Capping off the week for Trump, the ex-president also [lost his bid](#) for a new trial in E. Jean Carroll's defamation suit against him, [Nika Schoonover](#) reports. Federal jurors in January awarded Carroll \$83 million.

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— *Nina Pullano*

Here's what else happened in court this week:



Students across the country [launched campus protests](#) in solidarity with Palestine, part of a movement that began last week at New York City's Columbia University opposing the United States' ongoing material and political support of Israel amid mounting accusations that Israeli forces in Gaza have committed war crimes.

In Washington, a pro-Palestine high school student group [sued Jackson-Reed High School administrators](#), accusing them of censoring the club over its stance on the war in Gaza. [[Dave Byrnes](#), [Ryan Knappenberger](#)]

» In a landmark ruling, the Federal Trade Commission [issued a broad ban](#) on noncompete agreements for U.S. workers. [[Dave Byrnes](#)]

» New York's highest court of appeals [overturned Harvey Weinstein's 2020 rape and assault convictions](#) due to prejudicial trial testimony and granted the disgraced movie producer the possibility of a new trial. [[Josh Russell](#)]

» A prominent Austrian lawyer and privacy activist [won a key round](#) in his EU court fight to restrict Facebook's use of personal data in targeted ads. [[Cain Burdeau](#)]

» The highest administrative court in the Netherlands [ordered the Dutch government](#) to resume evaluating asylum applications from Palestinian refugees. [[Molly Quell](#)]



President Joe Biden signed off on a sweeping foreign aid package that included language aimed at forcing TikTok to divest from its China-based parent company. [TikTok CEO Shou Chew called the move](#) “a ban on TikTok, and a ban on you and your voice.”

Meanwhile, TikTok joined Meta, YouTube and Snap in [trying to convince an LA Superior Court judge](#) that the companies should be shielded from hundreds of lawsuits accusing them of fomenting a mental health crisis amongst teenagers. [[Benjamin S. Weiss](#), [Hillel Aron](#)]

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A septuagenarian superfan, who has attended Denver Nuggets home religiously since 1992 [filed suit after she was banned](#) from games this season. Vicki Ray, aka The Sign Lady, figures her ban

was a way for arena management to resell her season tickets at current market rate. [[Amanda Pampuro](#)]

ICYMI: New cases and rulings on our radar

» **Starbucks union:** SAN FRANCISCO — The Ninth Circuit [granted the National Labor Relations Board's application](#) for enforcement of its order directing Starbucks to cease and desist from its failure and refusal to recognize and bargain with a union. The NLRB held that the refusal constitutes an unfair labor practice. Starbucks says the union conducted a mail-in vote instead of an in-person election, as it should have; the NLRB says this decision was an appropriate exercise of the union's regional director's discretion.

» **Iron Mike airplane assault:** SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Tyson punched out a fellow JetBlue passenger after he declined the former heavyweight boxing champ's offer of magic mushrooms on the flight, [the passenger says in a lawsuit](#) seeking also to hold the airline accountable for Tyson's behavior.

» **Finger guns in court:** HARRISBURG, Penn. — The Pennsylvania Superior Court [upheld the sentencing](#) of a criminal defendant who formed his hand in the shape of a gun and pointed it at a testifying witness during trial. The court had enough evidence to convict him of criminal contempt.

» **Forever-chemical butter:** CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — A federal court in New York [preserved a false-advertising class action](#) against the makers of Kerrygold Irish Butter over the PFAS, or “forever chemicals,” in the product's packaging — and which can seep into the food. The court says a reasonable consumer would perceive the products as not containing harmful chemicals based on the “Pure Irish Butter” labeling.

— *Daniel Conrad*

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3. [Seattle police cannot arrest street preacher for inciting hostility, Ninth Circuit rules](#)
4. [Third Circuit panel skeptical of felon's right-to-carry claim](#)
5. [Trump reaches deal with prosecutors, averting challenge over \\$175M bond surety](#)
6. [Special counsel tells Supreme Court that Donald Trump is not above the rule of law](#)
7. ['Chrisley Knows Best' stars appeal fraud convictions, claim prosecutors conspired with IRS](#)
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