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Indiana Senate cuts back private school aid expansion

By ARLEIGH RODGERS
Associated Press/
Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Republicans scaled down a proposed expansion Wednesday of a program allowing parents to spend state money directly on their child's education expenses after critics argued it opened up such payments to private schools by even the wealthiest families.

A state Senate committee voted 8-5 to advance a bill broadening the state's "Education Scholarship Account" program, which was first approved two years ago and limited to students in special education programs.

The committee endorsed setting the same income limits as currently exist in the state's private school voucher program for non-special education students, stepping back from the previous version that would have allowed all families, regardless of income, to qualify for the grants of about \$6,000 a year.

The proposed "Education Scholarship Account" expansion is separate from the state's voucher program, which state lawmakers have repeatedly loosened eligibility requirements for since its inception in 2011 amid national debates over whether taxpayer money should fund private schools.

The Republican-dominated Legislature would need to allocate money separately to the expansion. Republican Sen. Brian Buchanan of Lebanon, the bill's sponsor, said he favored steps where "parents are in control."

"I think the parents are the ultimate judge of the, you know, are they getting what they want for their child's education and to eval-

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Above, an Indiana Department of Transportation snowplow casts aside the remnants of 2023's first major snowfall on Ind. 124 east of Main Street Wednesday. Temperatures in the mid 30s kept the snow slushy and heavy. Below, Duante Willis, 15, shovels a sidewalk on East Wiley Avenue in Bluffton. (Photos by Glen Werling, above, and Dave Schultz, below)

Snowstorm pays a visit, and moves on

Area hit with 5 inches of heavy, wet snow

From staff, AP reports

The forecast called for 5 to 9 inches of snow Wednesday, as the area braced for its first significant snowfall of 2023. It turned out the forecasters were right — barely.

Neil Ainslie, the National Weather Service observer for Wells County, had a measurement of 5 inches of snow north of Bluffton. The snow was heavy and wet, which made it good for building a snowman or a snow fort. It also meant that when it was plowed off the roads, it stayed put.

Asked via a text message of his crews had any problems clearing the street, Bluffton Street Commissioner Tim Simpson had a succinct answer: "Nope."

Indeed, most area thoroughfares were passable by late afternoon. Temperatures in the mid-30s during the day kept the snow slushy and heavy, so blowing

snow was not a problem.

All three public school systems in Wells County had eLearning days Wednesday and many service industries and retail outlets were not open during the day.

The south-to-north movement of the storm hit northeast Indiana in mid-morning, producing the expected inch-an-hour snowfall that had been projected.

The original winter storm warning was put in effect until 8 p.m., but the snowfall began to taper off in mid-afternoon.

Just north of Indianapolis, power outages were reported due to heavy snow on the lines.

A mixture of light snow and drizzle was the order of the day late Wednesday evening. The prospect of snow remains in the local forecast each day through the weekend.

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Suspect in Half Moon Bay farm killings faces 7 murder counts

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ and JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — A farmworker accused of killing seven people in back-to-back shootings at two Northern California mushroom farms was charged Wednesday with seven counts of murder and one of attempted murder.

Chunli Zhao, 66, was set to make his first court appearance Wednesday but it was postponed

until Feb. 16, San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said. His two attorneys did not immediately respond to calls and emails seeking comment.

Wagstaffe, speaking outside the courthouse, declined to share any additional details on a motive in the killing of Zhao's current and former coworkers, saying he wanted to keep the details out of the public eye to ensure a fair trial. Sheriff's officials have said it was workplace violence.

It was California's third mass shooting in eight days, and the largest in San Mateo County's history, Wagstaffe said. It followed the killing of 11 people in the Los Angeles area amid Lunar New Year celebrations Saturday.

Authorities believe Zhao acted alone Monday when he entered a mushroom farm where he worked in Half Moon Bay, shot and killed four people and seriously wounded a fifth. He then drove to a nearby farm where he worked previously

and killed three more people, said Eamonn Allen, a sheriff's spokesperson.

The charges include additional allegations that could result in the death penalty or life in prison without parole, though Gov. Gavin Newsom has issued a moratorium on executions. Among those allegations are that Zhao used a gun, caused great bodily injury and killed multiple people.

The coroner's office named six of the victims: Zhishen Liu, 73, of

San Francisco; Marciano Martinez Jimenez, 50, of Moss Beach, California; Aixiang Zhang, 74, of San Francisco; Qizhong Cheng, 66, of Half Moon Bay; Jingzhi Lu, 64, of Half Moon Bay; and Yetao Bing, 43, whose hometown was unknown. The charging documents identify Jose Romero Perez as the eighth person killed and Pedro Romero Perez as the eighth victim, who survived the shooting.

Officials have said some of the

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U.S., Germany to send advanced tanks to aid Ukraine war effort

By FRANK JORDANS, KIRSTEN GRIESHABER and SAMYA KULLAB
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany and the United States announced Wednesday that they will send advanced battle tanks to Ukraine, offering what one expert called an "armored punching force" to help

Kyiv break combat stalemates as the Russian invasion enters its 12th month.

The announcement marked the first stage of a coordinated effort by the West to provide dozens of the heavy weapons, which Ukrainian military commanders said would enable counter-offensives, reduce casualties and help restore

dwindling ammunition supplies.

American President Joe Biden said the U.S. will send 31 M1 Abrams tanks, reversing months of persistent arguments by Washington that they were too difficult for Ukrainian troops to operate and maintain.

The U.S. decision followed Germany's agreement to send 14

Leopard 2 A6 tanks from its own stocks. Germany had refused to send the Leopards unless the U.S. put its Abrams on the table, not wanting to incur Russia's wrath without the U.S. making a similar commitment.

"This is the result of intensive consultations, once again, with our allies and international partners,"

Chancellor Olaf Scholz told German lawmakers. "It was right, and it is important that we didn't let ourselves be driven" into the decision.

Biden said European allies have agreed to send enough tanks to equip two Ukrainian tank battalions, or a total of 62 tanks.

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Private school aid

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uate performance,” Buchanan said.

Indiana’s private school voucher program is already one of the broadest in the United States — and some Republican lawmakers want to see a universal system like in Arizona, where the state’s Republican governor in July signed, against strong opposition, a law that allows every parent to use public funds for private tuition or other education costs.

Those opposed to Indiana’s aid expansion say the system draws money away from traditional public schools, where the vast majority of students in the state learn. In the 2021-22 school year, about 1 million Indiana students attended traditional public schools, according to the state Department of Education.

“I’m concerned about the changing narrative that we began with two years ago, with students who are special education students, and that it changed,” said Democratic Sen. Fady Qaddoura, of Indianapolis. “In some communities, especially rural communities, their only choice is traditional schools. By extending the vouchers, you’re defunding those public schools in rural communities.”

Indiana’s voucher system has grown from \$16 million in payments for about 3,900 students to an estimated \$241 million for some 44,000 students last school year. Republican House Speaker Todd Huston has expressed support for further broadening the program, saying in his opening speech for this year’s legislative session that “we’re going

to build” on what he calls a success.

“Every Hoosier parent should have the opportunity to send their child to the school of their choice,” Huston said.

A voucher program expansion approved by lawmakers in 2021 raised income eligibility for a family of four from \$96,000 a year to about \$154,000 for this school year, leading to a 24 percent jump in total voucher students in the first year. That same income cap — at 300 percent of eligibility for the federal reduced price lunch program — would apply to the proposed “Education Scholarship Account” expansion.

A separate House bill calling for elimination of voucher income limits hasn’t yet been taken up this year. An analysis of that

proposal by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency projects a near doubling to more than 85,000 voucher students in the next two years and nearly \$230 million in additional cost.

Westfield parent Michelle Foley said in testimony last week that the original expansion would benefit families like hers, which earn above the current income cap but often make tradeoffs between treatment for children’s disabilities and paying school tuition.

“Income requirements for the ESA program have kept our children from accessing options others could,” Foley said. “As a parent, how do you choose between \$2,000 a month in insulin and diabetes supplies, or a \$10,000 deductible, and life-changing learning interventions?”

Half Moon Bay killings

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people killed were migrant workers. Some people were shot in trailers on the property, Wagstaffe said.

Servando Martinez Jimenez said his brother Marciano Martinez Jimenez, one of the victims, was a delivery person and manager at one of the farms. He never mentioned Zhao or said anything about problems with other workers.

“He was a good person. He was polite and friendly with everyone. He never had any problems with anyone. I don’t understand why all this happened,” Martinez Jimenez said in Spanish.

Marciano Martinez Jimenez had lived in the United States for 28 years after arriving from the Mexican state of Oaxaca. Servando Martinez Jimenez said he is working with the Mexican consulate to get his brother’s body home.

It would not have been Zhao’s first fit of workplace rage, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. In 2013, Zhao was accused of threatening to split a coworker’s head open with a knife and separately tried to suffocate the man with a pillow, the Chronicle reported, based on court documents.

Advanced tanks

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“To liberate their land, they need to be able to counter Russia’s evolving tactics and strategy on the battlefield in the very near term,” Biden said.

Several European countries have equipped their armies with Leopard 2 tanks, and Germany’s announcement means they can give some of their stocks to Ukraine.

Speaking in a video address late Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy hailed the creation of what he described as a “tank coalition.”

“We must form a tank fist, a fist of freedom whose hits will not let tyranny stand up again,” Zelenskyy said.

He said Ukraine will push for more weapons, including long-range missiles and aircraft.

“The terrorist state must

lose. The right to life must be protected. And it will be so,” Zelenskyy said.

Though it will take months before the tanks arrive, Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines said the decision comes at a critical point.

“Tanks will help reduce casualties among our soldiers ... then gain new results and win this war quicker,” said Oleksander Syrotiuk, commander of a company in the 17th Tank Brigade deployed in Bakhmut.

Ukrainian soldiers and experts said Ukrainian forces are running low on spare parts to repair old Soviet-era tanks and the specific ammunition they require while enduring relentless barrages of Russian artillery. The Western tanks could help open a new pipeline for ammunition to flow to Ukraine.

With an expected spring-time Russian offensive

The two were roommates and worked at a restaurant, and the man, identified as Jingjiu Wang, filed a temporary restraining order against Zhao that was granted but is no longer in effect. Wang could not be immediately reached, the Chronicle reported.

Zhao is from China and has lived in the United States for at least a dozen years, Wagstaffe said. He had legal paperwork to live in the country at one time and investigators were determining whether it was still valid, Wagstaffe said. They were also looking into his prior contact with law enforcement.

The shootings broke out at California Terra Garden, previously known as Mountain Mushroom Farm, and nearby Concord Farms.

The majority of farmworkers in the area are Latinos but the Mountain Mushroom Farm was one of the few that employed Asian workers, said Belinda Hernandez, executive director of ALAS, a farmworker advocacy group based in Half Moon Bay. She said that mushroom farms offer the benefit of year-round work.

David Oates, a California Terra Garden spokesperson, said that he did not know how long Zhao worked there and that he was one of 35 employ-

time operations. looming, the tanks will also enable Ukraine’s forces to launch new offensives and curb casualties, three military commanders, including two in the army’s tank division, told The Associated Press.

“Without the new tanks, we cannot win this war,” said Maksim Butolin, chief sergeant of the 54th Brigade’s Tank Division. He spoke to the AP by phone earlier this week from near the Bakhmut front.

Ukrainian forces have had to preserve ammunition and deal with frequent breakdowns and maintenance issues, Syrotiuk said.

“The main problem we have with our tanks is they are old,” he said.

Expressing a preference for the Leopard 2, which he said was more suitable for Ukraine’s terrain, Syrotiuk said the modern tanks had more precise targeting systems, better armor and equipment to allow night-

ees who had stayed when ownership changed. He declined to comment further Wednesday, saying he would defer to law enforcement. And Aaron Tung, part owner of Concord Farms, did not respond Wednesday to a request for additional comment.

Half Moon Bay is a small, laid-back, coastal and agricultural city about 30 miles south of San Francisco. Its sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean make it a popular spot for hikers and tourists, who flock there to surf and for an annual giant pumpkin festival.

The new year has brought six mass killings in the U.S. in fewer than three weeks, accounting for 39 deaths. Three have struck California since Jan. 16, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University. The database tracks every mass killing — defined as four dead, not including the offender — in the U.S. since 2006.

The shootings in Half Moon Bay and Monterey Park followed the killing of a teenage mother, her baby and four others at a home in California’s Central Valley on Jan. 16. Officials discussing the investigation mentioned a possible gang link to the killings.

Weather

Thursday, January 26, 2023
(24-hour observations at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday)
High: 31; **Low:** 32; **Precipitation:** 5 inches of snow
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.99 feet at 10:45 p.m. Thursday

Wells County forecast

Today: Snow showers likely, mainly between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 32. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow showers before 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 20. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of snow after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: A slight chance of rain and snow after 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 35. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Rain likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: A slight chance of rain, snow, and freezing rain before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 33. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 26.

Tuesday Night: A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 16.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 24.

Asteroid coming exceedingly close to Earth, but will miss

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An asteroid the size of a delivery truck will whip past Earth on Thursday night, one of the closest such encounters ever recorded.

NASA insists it will be a near miss with no chance of the asteroid hitting Earth.

NASA said Wednesday that this newly discovered asteroid will zoom 2,200 miles above the southern tip of South America. That’s 10 times closer than the bevy of communication satellites circling overhead.

The closest approach will occur at 7:27 p.m. EST.

Even if the space rock came a lot closer, scientists said most of it would burn up in the atmosphere, with some of the bigger pieces possibly falling as meteorites.

NASA’s impact hazard assessment system, called Scout, quickly ruled out a strike, said its developer, Davide Farnocchia, an engineer at the agency’s Jet Pro-

pulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

“But despite the very few observations, it was nonetheless able to predict that the asteroid would make an extraordinarily close approach with Earth,” Farnocchia said in a statement. “In fact, this is one of the closest approaches by a known near-Earth object ever recorded.”

Discovered Saturday, the asteroid known as 2023 BU is believed to be between 11 feet and 28 feet across. It was first spotted by the same amateur astronomer in Crimea, Gennady Borisov, who discovered an interstellar comet in 2019. Within a few days, dozens of observations were made by astronomers around the world, allowing them to refine the asteroid’s orbit.

The asteroid’s path drastically will be altered by Earth’s gravity once it zips by. Instead of circling the sun every 359 days, it will move into an oval orbit lasting 425 days, according to NASA.

Lloyd Morrisett, who helped launch ‘Sesame Street,’ dies

By **MARK KENNEDY**
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lloyd Morrisett, the co-creator of the beloved children’s education TV series “Sesame Street,” which uses empathy and fuzzy monsters like Abby Cadabby, Elmo and Cookie Monster to charm and teach generations around the world, has died. He was 93.

Morrisett’s death was announced Monday by Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit it helped establish under the name the Children’s Television Workshop. No cause of death was given.

In a statement, Sesame Workshop hailed Morrisett as a “wise, thoughtful, and above all kind leader” who was “constantly thinking about new ways” to educate.

Morrisett and Joan Ganz Cooney worked with Harvard University developmental psychologist Gerald Lesser to build the show’s unique approach to teaching that now reaches 120 million children. Legendary puppeteer Jim Henson supplied the critters.

“Without Lloyd Morrisett, there would be no ‘Sesame Street.’ It was he who first came up with the notion of using television

to teach preschoolers basic skills, such as letters and numbers,” Cooney said in a statement. “He was a trusted partner and loyal friend to me for over 50 years, and he will be sorely missed.”

“Sesame Street” is shown in more than 150 countries, has won 216 Emmys, 11 Grammys and in 2019 received the Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime artistic achievement, the first time a television program got the award (Big Bird strolled down the aisle and basically sat in Tom Hanks’ lap).

Born in 1929 in Oklahoma City, Morrisett initially trained to be a teacher with a background in psychology. He became an experimental educator, looking for new ways to educate children from less advantaged backgrounds. Morrisett received his bachelor’s at Oberlin College, did graduate work in psychology at UCLA, and earned his doctorate in experimental psychology at Yale University. He was an Oberlin trustee for many years and was chair of the board from 1975 to 1981.

The germ of “Sesame Street” was sown over a dinner party in 1966, where he met Cooney.

U.S., World News Roundup

Donald Trump to be allowed back on Facebook after ban

Facebook parent Meta said Wednesday it will restore former President Donald Trump’s personal account in the coming weeks, ending a two-year suspension it imposed in the wake of the Jan. 6 insurrection.

The company said in a blog post it is adding “new guardrails” to ensure there are no “repeat offenders” who violate its rules, even if they are political candidates or world leaders.

“The public should be able to hear what their politicians are saying — the good, the bad and the ugly — so that they can make informed choices at the ballot box,” wrote Nick Clegg, Meta’s vice president of global affairs.

Clegg added that when there is a “clear risk” to real-world harm, Meta will intervene.

“In the event that Mr. Trump posts further violating content, the content will be removed and he will be suspended for between one month and two years, depending on the severity of the violation,” he wrote. Facebook suspended Trump on Jan. 7, 2021, for praising people engaged in violent acts at the Capitol a day earlier. But the company had resisted earlier calls — including from its own employees — to remove his account.

Lawyer: Warnings boy had gun ignored before he shot teacher

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Concerned staff warned administrators at a Virginia elementary school three times that a 6-year-old boy had a gun and was threatening other students in the hours before he shot and wounded a teacher, but the administration “was paralyzed by apathy” and didn’t call police, remove the boy from class or lock down the school, the wounded teacher’s lawyer said Wednesday.

Later in the day, the school board voted to fire school district superintendent George Parker III as part of a separation agreement that will pay Parker a little over \$502,000 in severance — two years of his current base salary of \$251,000. Parker has been sharply criticized by parents and teachers since the Jan. 6 shooting.

Diane Toscano, an attorney for Abigail Zwerner, said during a news conference that she has notified the school board in Newport News that the 25-year-old teacher at Richeck Elementary School plans to sue the school district over the shooting, which left Zwerner with serious injuries.

“On that day, over the course of a few hours, three different times —

three times — school administration was warned by concerned teachers and employees that the boy had a gun on him at the school and was threatening people. But the administration could not be bothered,” Toscano said.

Dems vote to give states more time on new primary calendar

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic National Committee panel voted Wednesday to give New Hampshire and Georgia more time to make changes that would allow both to be part of a revamped group of five states leading off the party’s presidential primary starting next year.

But even as they voted 25-0 to extend the compliance deadline until June 3, members of the DNC rules committee complained about New Hampshire’s ongoing feud with the national party because the new calendar would cost it the chance to hold the nation’s first primary.

The fight underscores how the effort to shake up the Democratic presidential primary could turn increasingly bitter, even at a time when the party will be counting on staying unified as it tries to hold the White House and Senate in 2024.

OBITUARIES

Eric Scott Tucker, 53

Eric Scott Tucker, 53, of Ossian, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023.

He was born Sept. 28, 1969, in Fort Wayne, to Janice Carroll Tucker and James Tucker.

Eric attended Norwell High School where he was on the National Honor Society and found his passion in wrestling. He later coached wrestling at NHS.

Eric married his high school sweetheart in the LDS temple on Sept. 23, 1989. The two were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Erica (1991) and Kennady (2000).

Eric went to college and earned a degree in supervision, but while working at Ellison Bakery, he decided to return to college to become an RN. He took care of countless patients as a nurse at Lutheran, Parkview, and the DaVita dialysis facilities.

Eric is survived by his wife, Kelly J. Steele Tucker; his daughters, Erica J. Vakalahi and Kennady R. (Joshua) Warth; his grandson, Tucker Warth; his father, Jim Tucker, and stepmother, Sharolyn Tucker; his stepfather, Bob Bell; his brothers, Rodney (Cassie) Tucker, Jeremy Tucker, and David (Aimee) Bell; and his sister, Trisha Tucker.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Timothy Bell; his son-in-law, Timothy Vakalahi; and his mother, Janice Bell.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road in Fort Wayne, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Condolences and memories may be left online at www.klaehnfahmeltonfunerals.com



Florence Adela (Clark) Cottrell, 94

Florence Adela (Clark) Cottrell, 94, of Bluffton, formerly of Geneva, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at River Terrace Retirement Community. She was born on Nov. 15, 1928, in Bryant, to Maude E. (Judy) & William H. Clark.

She is survived by her son, Ralph G. (Lynn) Cottrell, Maumee, Ohio, daughter, Beth A. (Fred) Chiappetta, Craigville; stepdaughter, Linda (Cottrell) McAllister, Decatur; 10 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 7 brothers, Clifford, Virgil, Calvin, Earl, Jess, Ralph, & Donald Clark; and sister Leone Weber.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 100 N. Washington Street, Geneva, on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A service to celebrate Florence's life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, with Pastor Joe Lampton officiating. Interment will follow in the Backesto (Springhill) Cemetery in rural Adams County.

Bluffton General Insurance Agency Inc. to change name

Bluffton-based General Insurance Agency Inc., 2379 N. Main St., is now part of WalkerHughes Insurance.

The move was effective Dec. 1. WalkerHughes is an insurance agency with locations in 14 Indiana cities, including Bluffton.

Addressing the agency's customers, Daniel L. Lipp said the local agency joined WalkerHughes "to support your insurance needs and provide a wide range of additional products and services should you need them."

Lipp said the personnel at General Insurance Agency "are proud of our long-

standing history in Bluffton and the surrounding Wells County community and are happy to have found a partner dedicated to maintaining it."

No policies held by customers of General Insurance Agency will by the change to WalkerHughes. Individual agents and their phone numbers will stay the same as well.

Other Indiana cities with WalkerHughes Insurance offices are Albion, Auburn, Cicero, Columbia City, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Greenfield, Greenwood, Huntington, Indianapolis, Lebanon, Mishawaka, and Tipton.

A Talk with Tego



Gunner is a six-month-old, tiger striped female.



Sisco is a five-month-old, orange/white male.



Mittens is a seven-month-old, orange/white male.



Tego

These are just a few pets available for adoption at the Wells County Animal Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton. For more information call 824-6063.

Tego's Tips: An indoor cat may mark its territory with spray if too many cats are in the home or a new cat is brought in.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Tuesday, 4:24 p.m., Airplane Express convenience store, 407 N. Main St. Sheriff's deputy served a warrant for arrest on Pamela Sue Ramseyer, 64, Bluffton, on a charge of violating probation.

Tuesday, 4:43 p.m., residence in the 800 block of Sharon Drive, Bluffton Woods mobile home park. Caller reported there were three people she did not recognize in her vehicle outside of her residence. Officers responded. Call was unfounded.

Wednesday, 12:47 a.m., residence in the 900 block of Eastmoor Drive. Caller reported hearing something hit the door of his mobile home then heard two car doors shut. Officer checked the area but did not see any suspicious activity in the park.

Wednesday, 1:44 a.m., Main Street at Charles Deam Court. Bluffton police officer pulled over a vehicle and arrested the driver, Juan Ramon Medina-Reyes, 33, Indianapolis; operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalency of .15

percent or more and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond set at \$1,500.

Wednesday, 10:41 a.m., Bluffton Regional Medical Center, 303 S. Main St. Disturbance on the second floor med-surge room. Officers responded. Situation calmed

County:

Tuesday, 11:11 p.m., Ind. 1 near 1100N. Sheriff's deputy decided to conduct a records check of the license plate on a 2006 Dodge Ram pickup truck that was in front of his patrol vehicle and discovered that the plate actually belonged on a 2002 Ford F-150. Furthermore, the license plate had expired more than two years ago. The driver, identified as Todd Nathaniel Titus, 26, address not listed, explained he had just bought the truck and had not taken the time to change the license plate. Titus was cited for operating a vehicle with a false and/or fictitious license plate.

Tuesday, 11:35 p.m., 400S near 200W. Sheriff's deputy pulled over a 2007 Buick for having its passenger side headlight out and spoke with the driver,

identified as Jared Robert Moore, 20, Bluffton. While speaking with Moore, the deputy noted an odor of both raw and burned marijuana emanating from the vehicle. He asked Moore about the odor and Moore allegedly admitted there was marijuana in the car. Both Moore and his passenger allegedly admitted to having smoked marijuana the day before. Reportedly both handed over a grinder, a glass smoking pipe, a metal tray with marijuana symbols, and a green leafy substance with the odor and appearance of marijuana. Moore allegedly claimed ownership of the material and the paraphernalia. He was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor; and no or improper headlights, a Class C infraction. Bond set at \$2,000. Moore allegedly admitted to the deputy he had just finished smoking marijuana before the traffic stop and his saliva allegedly tested positive for the

presence of cannabis from a SoToxa test.

Wednesday, 8:02 a.m., 300N near Ind. 116. Vehicle slid off the road.

Wednesday, 9:55 a.m., Ind. 1 at 500N. Vehicle slid off the road.

Wednesday, 10:39 a.m., Ind. 1 at 450S. Vehicle slid off the road.

Wednesday, 11:51 a.m., Ind. 1 at 350S. Full-size sport utility vehicle slid off the road.

Ossian:
Tuesday, 9:01 p.m., West Mill Street resident came to the Ossian Police Department to report a case of fraud.

FIRE RUNS
Tuesday, 7:29 p.m., Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School, 1100 E. Spring St. Fire alarm. Bluffton Fire Department dispatched. No fire. Child pulled the alarm.

ARRESTS
Nicole Arlene Bass, 37, Muncie; probation violation. No bond set.

Christopher Michael Winget, 25, Ossian; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500.



Yes, they wanted to build a snowman

The father and son team of Justin and Tucker King took advantage of Wednesday's heavy, wet snow — perfect for packing — to build a snowman. And since Justin King is a captain on the Bluffton Fire Department, they gave the snowman a rather distinct occupation. (Photo courtesy of Ashleigh King)

Indiana House advances the RHIAP fund

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A bill establishing a revolving fund known as the Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program advanced in committee Tuesday but still doesn't have a price tag attached to it.

The Elkhart Republican led a series of interim study committee meetings on housing and crafted this bill to specifically pay for the vital infrastructure needs not otherwise considered in alternate grants or programs.

Miller, a homebuilder, emphasized the need to invest in rural communities, with 70 percent of the revolving fund dedicated to areas with less than 50,000 residents. The fund will be overseen by the Indiana Finance Authority, and the money could be used for sidewalks, curbs, sewer, water and other infrastructure.

These costs are usually built into the cost of residential development projects. By providing a funding stream to cover the basics, the hope is to reduce the cost of housing overall.

Applying localities will be evaluated on various criteria, including whether they've recently investigated their housing in a study

or revised their ordinances to include higher density housing, accessory units and manufactured or modular housing.

Additional considerations include whether the community has requirements for garage sizes or placement, off-street parking or minimum lot sizes - which disincentivizes the large housing projects encouraged under this bill.

Approval from homebuilders, business organizations

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce praised the bill in committee after highlighting the state's need for more affordable housing in a press call earlier that day.

"The Indiana Workforce Excellence Institute, which is a subsidiary of the chamber, annually does a survey of employers and last year's survey shows that the top external factor that is negatively impacting talent attraction or retention... is housing," said David Ober, the organization's vice president of taxation and public finance.

Mark Shublak, on behalf of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Association for Affordable Housing, said every part of the state needs

housing, specifically affordable and multi-family housing, to lure potential businesses.

Gina Leckron, the state director of Habitat for Humanity, helms a non-profit that builds affordable housing at reduced cost for lower income families, usually those making between \$35,000-\$55,000.

Leckron attested to the need for specific funding related to infrastructure, which neither grants nor private donors typically cover, for housing developments - especially in rural areas.

Realtors' report affirms housing shortage

The Indiana Association of Realtors released a report Tuesday analyzing government solutions to Indiana's housing shortage, studying the use of federal dollars and comparing Indiana to other states.

It identified a shortage of 30,000 homes when accounting for employment and population growth

and asserted that the housing shortage decreased the state's economic competitiveness.

The association pointed to the demand for REDI dollars to use for housing projects, saying that 30 percent of requests went to housing projects while another 13 percent went to infrastructure support for housing.

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Want to be happy? Then don't be a lawyer.

It may surprise few that lawyers are the unhappiest people on the planet, at least when it comes to their jobs. This is according to lawyers themselves and is the conclusion of a recent analysis by The Post of data on America's happiest and unhappiest workers.

Chalk up lawyers' malaise to high levels of stress and a lack of "meaningfulness" in their work. This doesn't mean all lawyers dislike their jobs, but data don't lie (even if some lawyers sometimes do). I should mention that a significant number of my family members have been and are attorneys.

This analysis was done by Andrew Van Dam, who, speaking of meaningful employment, delves into vast data-banks to answer questions posed by readers. In this case, he examined thousands of journals from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' American Time Use Survey to find out who's happy and who isn't.

Beneath all this data is perhaps a more important question: What is happiness?

As a teenager, I once asked my lawyer-father if he was happy. Pursing his lips, he thought for a moment, then said, "For some people, happiness is the absence of stress." I assumed he was referring to himself. He also said in another conversation that he thrived on stress, from which I concluded that life is often contradictory. His answer, nonetheless, was consistent with the survey findings - the less the stress, the greater the happiness.

So, who are the happy devils who love their jobs? Envelope, please. And the winners are: lumberjacks, foresters and farmers.

The common denominator among the three is obvious. They all work primarily outdoors, soloists communing with nature far removed from the white-collar stresses of desk life and paperwork. Farmers live intimately with the earth, tilling and smelling the soil, planting, tending and harvesting crops, and ending each day with the satisfaction of having accomplished something meaningful. They feed the world.

Likewise, foresters oversee wooded land with an eye toward conservation. They work to simultaneously sustain ecosystems and mitigate climate change. A single 30-foot tree can store hundreds of pounds of carbon dioxide during its lifetime and even thereafter when used for housing or furniture, according to the Agriculture Department.

Lumberjacks, the ultimate tree-huggers, harvest trees for housing, furniture and other consumer products. They're also partly responsible for deforestation, it must be said, but they, too, enjoy their work and apparently suffer little stress.

What doesn't show up in the analysis are any metaphysical reasons such workers are happy. I would submit that it's because they spend their time close to nature. In my experience, living attuned to Earth's cycles and seasons - and I don't mean shopping for outerwear online - has a salubrious effect on body, mind and soul. Thus, Tibetan monks build monasteries on remote mountaintops. Henry David Thoreau lived alone for two years in a tiny shack he built overlooking Walden Pond. And many people find a renewed sense of self and purpose through wilderness programs such as Outward Bound and the National Outdoor Leadership School. Nature works wonders.

City dwellers might say that they experience nature in urban ways - by spending a day in a park, perhaps. Or, on vacation, they get to observe the ebbs and flows of oceans, rivers and lakes. To see wildlife, they can go to a zoo. But such bystander adaptations sidestep the essential point: It's one thing to observe the natural world; it's quite another to be a part of it.

Most people, apparently, are fine with observing. Today, 83 percent of Americans live in urban areas. Globally, 56 percent of the world's population, or 4.4 billion people, live in cities, according to the World Bank. By 2050, 7 in 10 humans will trade nature's hum for the city's arias.

The reasons for this migratory trend are obvious and sensible: jobs, entertainment, restaurants, theater, shopping and all the other wondrous things only cities can provide. But the downsides aren't inconsequential - crowds, traffic, noise, pollution and loss of physical space are assaults on the senses. Human beings are animals, too, we sometimes forget, and this is when we get into trouble. No wonder so many children and adults are being medicated for anxiety.

On a more mundane level, the draw of the city exacerbates the urban-rural divide and surely promises even greater political polarization. The issues that concern city dwellers and country folk are as different from each other as lawyers and lumberjacks.

Given that one of those groups is happier than the other, I can't help wondering what the exodus from rural habitats to urban mazes portends for our humanity.

I do know that when I'm alone in the woods where I currently live, keeping an eye on the hawks and an ear to the breeze, I am calm and untroubled. Oh, sure, I enjoy city life like anyone and make frequent forays - from which, stressed by traffic and too many people, I happily retreat to the woods. As soon as this column is done, I'm going to chop some firewood, plant some trees and potatoes, and probably evolve into a higher life form. See you on the mountaintop.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2022. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 26, 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

On this date:

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

In 1962, the United States

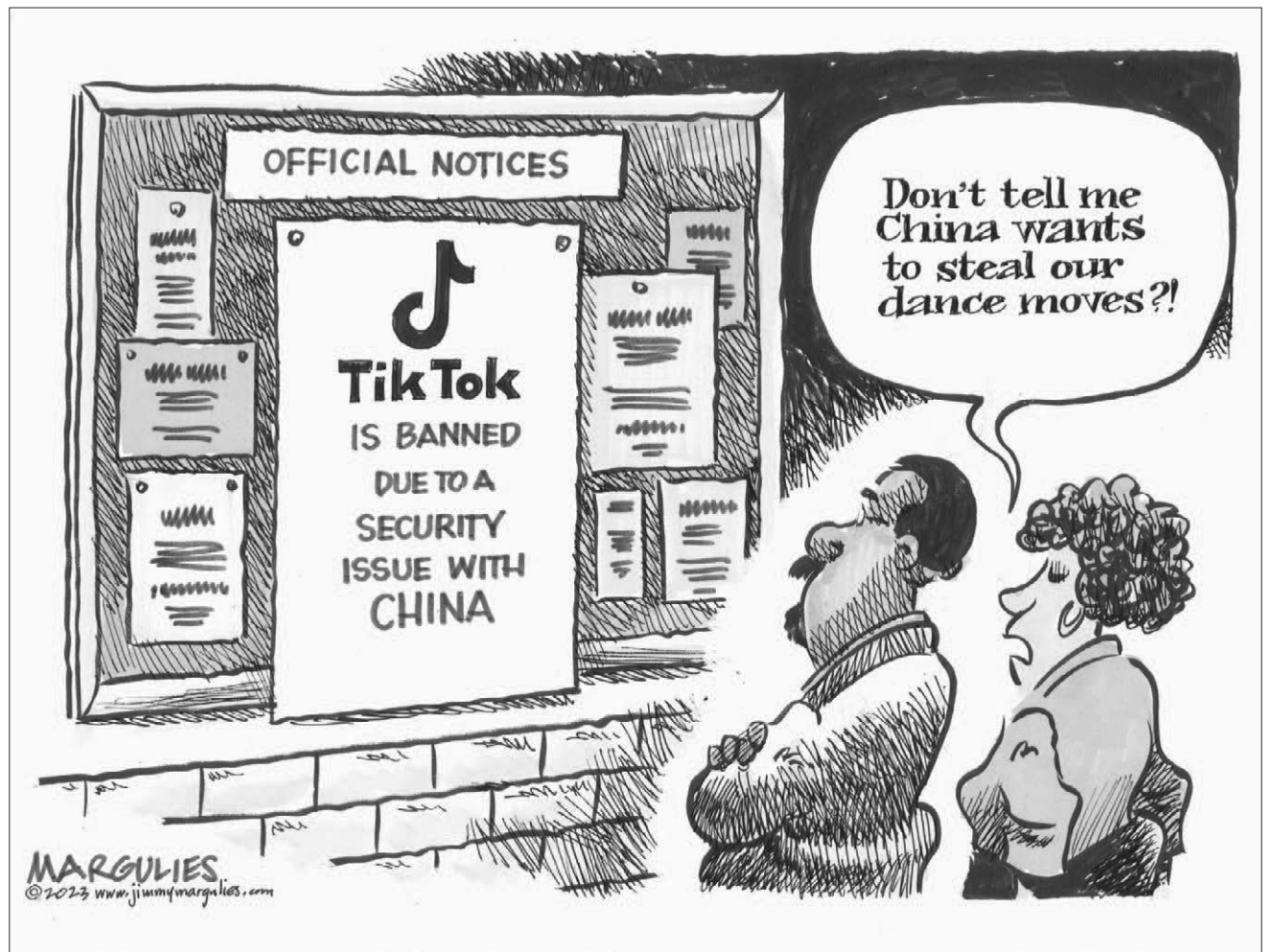
launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon. (The probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.)

In 1992, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, on CBS' "60 Minutes," acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign.

In 2020, NBA legend Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter and seven others were killed when their helicopter plunged into a steep hillside in dense morning fog in Southern California; the former Lakers star was 41.



Kathleen Parker



Mike Gallagher chairs a vital House committee. Its only focus: China.

Voracious reading - "I am reminded of Andrew Gordon's masterful book 'The Rules of the Game' about the decline of the Royal Navy before the Battle of Jutland" - fuels the fluent writings of Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.). Their distilled essence is: People who are serious about national security should immediately speak loudly so that the nation can carry a big military stick. To qualify for the "marathon" competition with China, the United States must "win the sprint" right now.

After Princeton and before earning a Georgetown PhD, Gallagher served seven years as a Marine, learning Arabic, and, during two Iraq deployments, learning the cost of good intentions combined with muddy thinking. Now 38 and in his fourth congressional term, he chairs the House's newly created and instantly most important committee. Its single subject is China - meaning, practically, the Chinese Communist Party.

Deterrence failed regarding Ukraine, with a huge cost in blood and treasure; a comparable failure regarding Taiwan would be immeasurably more catastrophic. About this, Gallagher's thinking is congruent with that of scholars Hal Brands (Johns Hopkins) and Michael Beckley (Tufts) in "Danger Zone: The Coming Conflict with China."

Demography, the authors say, dictates China's destiny, which is decline. The danger zone is not this century - the marathon - but this decade, when China, "a falling power" facing an "ugly" future, might lunge through a closing window of opportunity for aggression.

The long run favors the United States, which is why "getting to the long run won't be easy."

China, Brands and Beckley write, is at "the intersection of ambition and desperation," the latter because China's 37-fold real gross domestic product growth 1978-2018 is certain to be followed by a prolonged contraction. By 2050, almost one-third of the nation will be over 60. Because of the long echo of the ruinous "one-child policy" (1980-2016), China's population, they write, "will be just half its current size by the end of the century and perhaps as soon as the 2060s." And:

"From 2020 to 2035, China will lose roughly 70 million working-age adults and gain 130 million senior citizens. That's a France-sized population of young workers, consumers, and taxpayers gone - and a Japan-sized population of elderly pensioners gained - in just fifteen years."

Gallagher believes that China's recklessness might increase as its dynamism wanes. Hence his questions, recommendations and complaints that the committee can explore.

Why the seeming retreat from the long-standing goal of a 355-ship Navy? Why is China purchasing U.S. agricultural land? Why has Congress not funded improved

air and missile defense systems on Guam, just 1,700 miles from Taiwan? Why is Saudi Arabia ahead of Taiwan in the line to receive Harpoon missiles?

There should be more surge capacity in munitions manufacturing. "On any given missile system," Gallagher writes, "roughly 30 percent of the material requires lead times on restocking that may run beyond a year." U.S. policy should protect Indo-Pacific nations from "Finlandization," a Cold War term for large authoritarian powers reducing nominally independent countries to functional subservience.

Defeating an amphibious invasion of Taiwan would require U.S. strikes against China's coastal facilities, according to Gallagher. So, crucial military munitions plants on the U.S. mainland should be hardened against potential retaliatory strikes by China's precision weapons with conventional explosives.

Gallagher tartly says, "Silicon Valley, a leader in the corporate social responsibility movement, should modernize its conception of social responsibility to exclude technology partnerships" that facilitate China's human rights abuses and weapons development. And in his summoning of the nation to seriousness, he is scolding about the Defense Department's "woke commissariat."

The growing "diversity, equity, and inclusion" bureaucracy, wielding "fringe history and shoddy social science," has bombarded the Navy with scores of recommendations - although this service is more diverse than the U.S. population. "The military," Gallagher writes, "is an elite and meritocratic organization where only the most fit, disciplined, and lethal individuals should thrive, regardless of gender, race, or socioeconomic status. To that end, the military obsessively measures pull-ups, marksmanship, and a general ability to endure pain." All other measurements are of secondary importance.

The House Select Committee on China was created by a bipartisan vote of 365-65. All of the opponents were Democrats, probably wary lest China's threat complicates the progressive agenda of devoting ever more national resources to multiplying dependent domestic constituencies. Some congressional Republicans, speaking loudly (if vaguely) for frugality, would provide the nation with a smaller military stick rather than touch the two-thirds of the budget devoted to entitlements. To both factions, Gallagher cites another Marine who does not mince words, former defense secretary Jim Mattis: "America can afford survival."

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George Will

Winter stinks, or does it?

It's official. Angelkeep He loathes winter. Angelkeep She loves it.

Sure, Angelkeep She is correct to say there is much beauty in the bright red cardinals perched on a branch flocked in white snow. A sky of softly falling large flakes has a magical aura rain can't give. But is Angelkeep She right to say drifting snow makes the Lipton tea go down hotter?

Winter stinks. Let Angelkeep He make a case for that.

Ice. Slippery. Falling. And that's all He needs to say about that.

Winter cold brings sniffles and the wind chill freezes snot-cicles on facial hair.

Winter stinks?

No, that's the main problem with winter. Winter does not stink. Angelkeep He can't smell a thing in winter. Sure, on Valentine's Day the wind has hints of rose blooms and chocolate, but that's just because of all of the last-minute deliveries being made to impress a beloved.

Step outside for the few minutes before frostbite begins to freeze-dry finger digits. Take a deep breath. What do you get? A cold nose, inside and out. No aroma. No fragrance. No bouquet. No essence. Not a single cent's worth of scent.

Angelkeep He officially hates winter because it has no smell. Might as well cut off my nose to spite my face. Angelkeep He's nose is worthless in winter, *big*, but worthless in a big way too. Winter lingers so de-scented-ticized that there is not even a stink bug to arouse base aromas. Who knew that anyone could actually miss smelling a stink bug?

Angelkeep Journals

Angelkeep He longs for the first sign of spring when snow falls as rain and earthworms emerge to slither in mud creating that aura of earthy tang.

Angelkeep He can only mentally recall autumn's smells of burning leaves, and recall the deliciousness of the sniffs over an aluminum foil-wrapped potato roasted in the burning leaf pile, and the square chunk of butter slowly melting and seeping into the mashed center portion of supper's potato. Add the essence of freshly ground black pepper and the autumn mix smells of Heaven.

Winter remains so void of anything aromatic that even a skunk would be a welcome visitor.

Angelkeep He cannot, due to Angelpond's ice surface, cast a worm upon the water and capture a bass, unhook and release, and leave that satisfying lingering fish smell on the hands that only a bass can provide. Did you know the hand scent of unhooking a bluegill differs from that of the residual smell of a bass? It's true. But Angelkeep He can't prove it to you, not in winter, 'cause — cuss and double cuss — winter has no odors. Winter does *not* stink, and that's the gist of the problem with winter.

Angelkeep He strongly misses the smell transferred to skin while



Alan Daugherty

picking tomatoes from Angelkeep's garden vines. One must cut a tomato in half to fully experience the fragrance of the delicious juices that can miraculously be enhanced when converted into ketchup, spaghetti sauce, or pizza. Some people deplore the fragrance of a tomato vine and argue its transference of perfume a nugatory factor. Not Angelkeep He. He loves tomato-vine smell. Angelkeep He even loves the historic Dan Quayle "tomato" *spell*. "Tomato With An E," like "Anne With An E," the latter adapted from "Anne of Green Gables," the former a political faux pas.

Angelkeep He would love to be able to go outside in winter and lay down in a garden plot of Burpee Big Boy vines. Laying down in snow for a snow angel has no smell, just penetrating, bitter cold. Making an angel in a garden tomato patch would smell for days. Angelkeep He would do that, if winter offered such an option.

Angelkeep He misses summer's opportunity to crush a leaf of basil growing in a patio pot on the upper lip to have the spicy fragrance waft up into the nostrils for hours during patio reading time.

Oh when, oh when, will winter ever end?

When will the wildflowers begin to emerge and give opportunity to the old schnoz?

When will the proboscis regain purpose in life?

Winter, yea or nay?

The nose loosens.

Mr. Daugherty is a Wells County resident who, along with his wife Gwen, enjoy their backyard and have named it "Angelkeep."

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Keeping safe from harm, and singing the 'Daddy' song

My favorite spot in our cabin is in front of the heater on my fuzzy carpet; I find it relaxing to watch wildlife in the woods right outside those double windows. There's a squirrel nest that especially holds my attention. It's way up in a hickory tree. I watch as the wind howls and blows over that nest. It's situated on branches, not all that thick, looking less than safe or stable.

I look at it, then again and again. Somehow that nest gives me a sense of being understood. Isn't that how life is right now - set out on a limb, a 35 feet from the ground, enduring clouds, sun, and rain? And you know, every day when I go back to the cabin for my time alone with God, that nest is still there! The branches hold that nest as sure as if it were concreted in. I ask myself, "Am I that concreted into trusting Jesus through storm and sun?"

Imagine the predators animals face each day and night, still they keep eating nuts, enjoying life, and chasing each other up and down trees. When they fall, even from high in a tree, they just curl in a ball, with their tail wrapped around themselves for protection. As they



The Amish Cook
by Gloria Yoder

hit the ground, they jump up and keep right on going.

Then I watch the birds and marvel anew. They sing through it all. Do I sing on? I was touched by a song the school children sung in their Thanksgiving program. Their triumphant lines rung out, "I'm never gonna lose the song I sing..." I was awed. I have more questions, "What really will keep the song in my heart going no matter what?"

Crashed expectations rank at the top of what tries to snuff the song from my heart. That may include a death or death of a dream... we all have it in one form or another. And you know, before Daniel passed, he was the type who enjoyed singing. He was a strong believer that singing will lift any negative situation, no matter how your voice sounds. Many of his songs were sung by memory, others he just sang to the Lord with his own tunes, singing what happened to be on his heart

just then. Daniel's love for singing filtered through to his children. Is there anything as sweet as a childish voice singing away, as if there were no problems left in the world?

When we are ready for our song after mealtime, two-year-old Joshua's request never fails to be, "Daddy"! He prefers to be the one starting it and is thrilled whenever I give my consent for him stand to sing. Beaming he'll stand up on his bar stool and point up toward heaven, singing with all he's worth, "Praise Him for Daddy dear, Daddy dear, Daddy dear, praise Him for Daddy dear, praise ye the Lord."

As I think of singing, sometimes I wish I could take a peek in those many years ago when King David was a shepherd boy in the pastures with his sheep, and harp in hand, singing his heart out. Wouldn't that be worth taking in?

A while ago I was beyond blessed by a tidbit shared by Mrs. Kim from Wilmington, Ohio. Upon my request for ideas of helping children settle down at night,

she shared how her mother would sit on the top of the stairs in the evening, singing as they drifted off to sleep. It clicked with me, it went in deep.

Needless to say, since that very day we have adopted a new routine for bedtime. Not only does it provide a security for the children, it also gives me the opportunity to worship our Maker as well as go through songbooks I don't use on regular bases.

The night I flipped through a songbook gifted to me by my fourth grade teacher, Mr. Beachy, it was like taking a stroll in years gone by. Why, warm memories flooded right back with the songs!

Sometimes before starting a song I'll say something like, "At a school program, we children sang this when our theme was about heaven," or "Daddy used to sing this when Julia was a baby."

Well it's bedtime and I feel like I've had a good old fashioned chat with you, my friends; if only I could press a button to un-mute your end!

I'll close with a recipe for Russian Creme served yesterday at my sister's baby shower. Not only

was it pretty, but also delicious and refreshing. My sister Mary who made it, switched out sugar for a natural sweet mix, so use what you like.

Russian Creme

1 cup
3/4 cup cane sugar
1/2 tablespoon unflavored gelatin

1/4 cup cold water
8 oz. softened cream cheese
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sour cream
2 cups fresh fruit, such as blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, kiwis, or whatever you choose

Mix heavy cream and cane sugar in a saucepan. Heat til sugar is melted, but do not boil.

Mix tablespoon unflavored gelatin with cold water. Add to above mixture of cream and sugar, and heat until gelatin is dissolved, but do not boil. Remove from heat and add sour cream. Mix well. Cool a bit.

In the meanwhile, beat 8 oz. softened cream cheese and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Mix til smooth. Then slowly add above mixture.

Spread in a 9x9" pan. Chill then top with your choice of fresh fruit.

Why do so many older adults choose Medicare Advantage?

By KATE ASHFORD
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In 2022, 48 percent of Medicare beneficiaries were enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans instead of original Medicare, and experts predict the number will be higher in 2023. Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private insurers and bundle Medicare benefits in a way many people find appealing — but they also limit care to network providers, often require preapproval to see specialists and can saddle beneficiaries with high out-of-pocket costs for serious conditions. From low premiums to flashy ads to extra benefits, here are five reasons older adults choose Medicare Advantage despite its disadvantages.



Kate Ashford

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The number of older adults in Medicare Advantage is also notable because financial experts tend to recommend original Medicare with medigap.

"I help my clients with Medi-

care choices, and what I tell them all is that if you can afford it, you should sign up for traditional Medicare with a Medicare supplement plan," says David Haas, a certified financial planner in Franklin Lakes, N.J.

So why do so many people turn to Medicare Advantage for their health care in retirement? Here are the main factors.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE IS OFTEN FREE

In 2023, 66 percent of Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage have no premium — versus medigap, which has a monthly premium. If you have no health issues, the choice can seem like a no-brainer. "Medicare Advantage is extremely attractive when you're healthy," says Leslie T. Beck, a certified financial planner in Rutherford, N.J. "But when something happens — and something always happens — and you're in a Medicare Advantage plan, you can't switch back. You can switch into regular Medicare, but you'll never get a medigap policy."

PLANS ARE BUNDLED

With original Medicare, people must juggle individual pieces of coverage — Part A, Part B, Part D, medigap — but Medicare Advantage offers one-and-done simplicity: There's one premium for everything.

Although choosing a Medicare Advantage plan feels simpler, it means you must shop again for coverage every open enrollment. "You have to include the prescription drug coverage and the doctor coverage, and you have to make



this choice every year," Haas says.

With original Medicare, Haas says, "(Y)ou do need to choose a new Part D plan, but you don't need to reopen your entire medical equation every year the way you do with Medicare Advantage."

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OFFERS EXTRAS

Many Medicare Advantage plans offer additional benefits, such as money toward dental or vision care, which isn't covered by original Medicare. About 1 in 4 people say extra benefits pushed them to choose Medicare Advantage, according to a survey by the Commonwealth Fund, a health care think tank.

"Medicare Advantage plans are heavily marketed and tout how they include all of the other services not available with medigap — prescription drug plans, subsidized health club dues, dental and vision," says George Gagliardi, a certified financial planner in Lexington, Mass. "So it seems to many people like too good of a deal to turn down."

But the extra benefits offered by Medicare Advantage are generally pretty limited, and experts say choosing a health plan for the dental coverage and gym membership is missing the point of insurance.

"It's not about paying for the little piddly expenses that you have," Beck says. "It's paying for the catastrophic expenses."

THEIR FRIENDS CHOSE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Many older adults choose a Medicare Advantage plan because someone they know chose one.

"We tend to get a snowball



effect," says Andrew T. Cook, a certified financial planner in Timonium, Md. "One retiree made the decision, they talk to another retiree, who talks to another one, and that groupthink often leads them to conclude that if they all made the decision independently, it must have been the right decision."

But Medicare is an area in which retirees should go beyond friends for advice. If a financial planner isn't an option, each state has a State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP, where people can get free, unbiased guidance. Visit shiphelp.org to find a program.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ADS ARE EVERYWHERE

"When you talk about advice on what's better for individuals, it's really whose voice is the loudest and the most persistent," Beck says. "If you've ever watched any late-night TV, it's just ad after ad for Medicare Advantage."

In addition to being prolific, the ads are increasingly misleading. Growing complaints about Medicare Advantage advertising have led the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to now require

that insurers get approval from federal regulators before airing television ads.

"I watch those ads very carefully, and they basically conflate Medicare with Medicare Advantage," Beck says. "It's rare that they mention 'Medicare Advantage.'"

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Jill Biden donates inaugural items to Smithsonian

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jill Biden says her Inauguration Day outfits, now featured in a Smithsonian museum exhibit about first ladies, were a "voice for me on one of the most important days of my life."

The dresses — one blue, one white — with matching coats and face masks "spoke to the American people then, and now they will continue speaking to generations to come," she said Wednesday, before mannequins dressed in her clothes were formally added to the exhibit.

"They will help tell not only my story, but the story of what Americans experienced together," the first lady said at the museum. It was her first public appearance in two weeks, follow-

ing the removal of a cancerous lesion from her face and another one from her chest.

"This day is so much more emotional than I ever imagined it to be," she said.

First ladies typically donate their inaugural ball gown to the Smithsonian Institution, but President Joe Biden had no such celebrations. He took office at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when such large indoor gatherings were discouraged.

So Jill Biden parted with the ocean blue tweed dress and coat that she wore to her husband's swearing-in at the Capitol on Jan. 20, 2021, and the ivory silk wool dress and cashmere coat she wore at the White House that evening. They were designed by Alexandra O'Neill, founder and designer of Markarian, and Gabriela Hearst, founder and creative

director of Gabriela Hearst, respectively.

In recognition of the historic nature of the inauguration, the face masks the first lady wore were also added to The First Ladies Collection at the National Museum of American History.

She praised both designers, who spoke at the ceremony. Jill Biden said she met O'Neill when the designer was just starting out.

"Her designs seemed both timeless and new, and that was exactly what I was hoping to find, because young people showed up and voted for Joe in historic numbers, and I wanted to reflect the passion, creativity and hope that day," the first lady said.

She credited Hearst with always pushing her to "step out of my comfort zone" and try new things.

"But I didn't need any

convincing about the design of this dress," Jill Biden said. "My focus on Inauguration Day was being a first lady for all Americans," and Hearst understood.

"She adorned this dress with the flowers of every American state and territory. And she placed Delaware, my home, just above my heart," Jill Biden said.

Hearst said it's hard to believe her work will be in the exhibit.

Legion to host breakfast buffet Saturday morning

American Legion Post 111 will offer a breakfast buffet from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

The cost is \$11 for adults. There is no charge for children 5 years of age and under.

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Banchero, Harris lead Magic to win over Pacers

By DICK SCANLON
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Paolo Banchero scored 23 points and Garry Harris made all six of his 3-point shots and added 22 points as the Orlando Magic held off a late rally to beat the Indiana Pacers 126-120 on Wednesday night.

Benedict Mathurin came off the Pacers' bench to score 26 points for the second straight game, and Myles Turner added 22 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana, which was coming off a 116-110 win over Chicago a night earlier. Buddy Hield hit his first five 3-point shots and finished

with 21 points.

Wendell Carter Jr. had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic. Orlando made 15 of 28 attempts from 3-point range and shot 56% overall.

Harris, who made 8 of 9 shots, was the only one of 11 Magic players not to have an assist.

"My teammates did a good job of finding me," he said. "When the ball moves like it did — I mean, we had a season high in assists (34) today. When the ball is popping, you've got to step it up and shoot the ball with confidence.

"(My shots) definitely came in the rhythm of the



game. We did a great job of moving the ball."

The Pacers fell behind 11-0 and never caught up, losing for the eighth time in nine games since NBA assist leader Tyrese Haliburton went out with a sprained left knee and sprained left elbow.

Banchero scored 13 points in the Magic's 46-point first quarter in

which they shot 64% and built a 17-point lead.

"Lousy first quarter. We've got to get off to better starts," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "They hit us with a lot of shots, drives to the basket, and we were on our heels. The second night of a back to back is not an excuse because we've been good all year in those situa-

tions."

Hield hit three 3-pointers in the second quarter as the Pacers got back within two points before trailing 73-68 at halftime.

Orlando regained a double-digit lead just before the third-quarter buzzer on Franz Wagner's layup after a length-of-court pass from Jalen Suggs.

The Magic went back up by 17 points early in the fourth quarter, before Indiana closed within four in the final minute.

It was the ninth win for the Magic in their last 12 home games.

"Defense is going to have to be our identity for us to

get into the playoffs. That's kind of our push right now, that's what everybody's mind set is," Carter said. "Defending home court is going to be huge for us."

TIP-INS

Pacers: Hield finished with six 3s and raised his NBA-leading total to 191. ... Haliburton missed his eighth straight game, but might play Friday night. ... G Andrew Nembhard missed a second game due to illness.

UP NEXT

Pacers: Host Milwaukee on Friday night.

Magic: At Miami on Friday night.

High School Calendar

THURSDAY, Jan. 26

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Whitko at Bluffton, 6:30 p.m.

SWIM & DIVE (CO-ED): Bluffton at Belmont, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, Jan. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bluffton at Jay County, 7:30 p.m.; South Adams at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Norwell at East Noble, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL: East Noble at Norwell, 1:30 p.m.; Madison-Grant at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Lakeland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING: Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Sectionals (at Jay County), 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 30

SWIM & DIVE (CO-ED): Blackford at Norwell, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 31

GIRLS BASKETBALL: (sectional) Manchester at Bluffton, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1

BOYS BASKETBALL: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL: Jay County at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.

SWIM & DIVE (CO-ED): Bluffton at Sectionals (at Jay County), 5:30 p.m.

Chiefs' Mahomes to practice as usual on sprained ankle

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes walked through Arrowhead Stadium as if nothing was amiss Wednesday, his sprained right ankle hardly hampering the All-Pro quarterback as he began preparing for the AFC title game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Mahomes went through a normal morning walk-through and then headed out for an afternoon practice with the rest of the Chiefs, four days after a Jacksonville pass rusher landed on his ankle and forced him to hobble off the field in pain.

"AFC championship week," Mahomes said with a smile. "I'm ready to go."

Mahomes was hurt late in the first quarter of the Chiefs' 27-20 win over the Jaguars on Saturday. X-rays during the game came back negative, and Mahomes returned in the second half to lead the Chiefs to a spot in their fifth straight conference title game — and a Sunday night rematch with the Bengals, who beat them for a spot in last year's Super Bowl.

Mahomes began getting treatment after the game, and an MRI on Sunday showed no structural damage.

"The last few days has been an all-day thing," Mahomes said, "where you're doing treatment and rehab and watching film. You're trying to make sure you're prepared for the Bengals, a great football team, mentally and physically."

Mahomes jogged around without any apparent limp Wednesday in the brief portion of practice open to local reporters.

He said the injury is similar to one he played through early in the 2019 season, when Mahomes came back the following week to throw four touchdown passes in a win over the Raiders. The only difference is it's the opposite ankle.

It's also not as bad as a toe injury that Mahomes had earlier in his career.

"He had a couple injuries in college he fought through," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "In the NFL, with all the games you play, very seldom do you get to this point without having something. That's just how it goes."

Reid said he doesn't anticipate holding Mahomes back in practice this week, though it's possible that Chad Henne gets some additional reps in practice. The 37-year-old backup led the Chiefs on a 12-play, 98-yard touchdown drive against the Jaguars while Mahomes was getting checked out late in

the first half.

"Most likely he won't just do a little. I don't think I'm going to have to go there with that," Reid said of Mahomes. "I may have to pull him back a little bit. But knowing him, I think he's going to try to do everything."

Mahomes also expects to practice like normal, though he admitted the plan could change if there is any soreness after a workout. The Chiefs also practice Thursday and Friday, though the final one of the week is more like a walkthrough.

"We'll see throughout the week," Mahomes said. "I've done limited stuff in a small box of what I can do, but I'll push today and the next day and the next day again, to not aggravate the injury but see what I can do."

Asked what it meant to see his ailing leader take the field, Chiefs wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster replied: "It pretty much showed how much heart he has for his team and how much love for everyone."

"Even this past game when he was going through his whole process," Smith-Schuster said, "we could see he was fighting."

Earlier on Wednesday, Mahomes was announced as one of the finalists for The Associated Press 2022 NFL MVP and Offensive Player of the Year awards. The 2018 MVP had perhaps the best season of his career, throwing for a career-best 5,250 yards with a league-leading 41 touchdown passes and just 12 interceptions.

Mahomes is winless in three tries against Bengals counterpart Joe Burrow, though, which includes last year's AFC title game, when the Chiefs quarterback played poorly down the stretch and they blew a 21-3 lead in a 27-24 overtime defeat.

"It's about being a competitor. You want to be out there, especially in these games," Mahomes said. "You get to gameday, you just have to focus on the game. That's what I'll try to do. Try to prepare my body the best I can."

NOTES: WR Mecole Hardman (abdominal injury) practiced Wednesday after missing all last week. He has not played since Nov. 6, and a series of setbacks since returning from injured reserve have kept him off the field. ... TE Jody Fortson (elbow) and RB Clyde Edwards-Helaire also practiced. Both returned from IR last week but neither has been added to the active roster. "There's a chance, either one," Reid said of their potential to play Sunday. "Maybe more Fortson than Clyde."



Patrick Mahomes

Scott Rolen elected to Baseball Hall of Fame

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scott Rolen sat with his son in the parking lot outside

Indiana's Bloomington South High School in 2018, waiting to coach grade schoolers in



Scott Rolen

basketball and listening on the radio for results of his first appearance on baseball's Hall of Fame ballot.

"Dad, I think you're getting in," Rolen recalled 10-year-old Finn predicting.

Rolen received 10.2% of the vote, double the 5% minimum to remain on the ballot the following year but far short of the 75% needed for election.

"Did we win?" dad remembered his son asking. "I said, 'Oh, we won. Yes, we won.'"

Rolen came a long way in a few short years and was

elected to the Hall on his sixth try Tuesday, the slick-fielding third baseman achieving baseball's highest honor with five votes to spare.

A seven-time All-Star and eight-time Gold Glove winner, Rolen was picked on 297 of 389 ballots cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America for 76.3%. That made his modest 10.2% debut the lowest first-ballot percentage of a player later elected; the previous mark had been 17% in 1970 by Duke Snider, who was voted in with 86.5% in 1980.

"There was actually never a point in my life that I thought I was going to be a Hall of Fame baseball player," Rolen said. "Never did I think I was going to get drafted. Never did I think I was going to play in the major leagues. Never going to be whatever."

Rolen will join Fred McGriff, elected last month by the contemporary baseball era committee, as the Class of 2023 inducted July 23 in Cooperstown.

First baseman Todd Helton was second with 281

votes (72.2%) and reliever Billy Wagner third with 265 (68.1%). Helton moved up from 52% and can have five more appearances on the ballot, while Wagner rose from 51% and has two additional chances.

Rolen batted .281 with 316 homers and 1,287 RBIs for Philadelphia (1996-2002), St. Louis (2002-07), Toronto (2008-09) and Cincinnati (2009-12). He was a unanimous pick as the 1997 NL Rookie of the Year and hit .421 as the Cardinals won the 2006 World Series.

His Hall vote rose steadily to 17.2% in 2019, 35.3% in 2020, 52.9% in 2021 and 63.2% last year. He didn't need to follow Ryan Thibodaux's Hall of Fame Ballot Tracker this year.

"My phone would blow up about every day from my son and my buddies and everybody telling me where it was," Rolen said.

He waited Tuesday at home in Bloomington — he was runner-up for Indiana's Mr. Basketball in 1993 — with his parents, wife, son, daughter, brother and his brother's family.

Jackson-Davis has 20-20 game, rescues Indiana in last minute

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Trayce Jackson-Davis had 25 points and 21 rebounds, and scored the go-ahead basket in the final minute to lead Indiana to a 61-57 victory over short-handed Minnesota on Wednesday night.

Indiana's Race Thompson made the first of two free-throw attempts to tie the score at 57 with 43 seconds remaining. After the missed second free throw, Jackson-Davis grabbed the offensive rebound and scored on the putback for a 59-57 lead.

After Minnesota's Talon Cooper missed a 3-pointer, Trey Galloway hit two free throws with eight seconds left for the Hoosiers.

Jackson-Davis blocked Cooper's layup with four seconds left and, after an offensive rebound, Joshua Ola-Joseph missed a jumper for the Golden Gophers.

Minnesota was without leading scorer Dawson Garcia (14.9 ppg), out with an ankle injury. Also, backup forward Pharrel Payne was out with a concussion. Without Garcia and Payne, the Golden Gophers were down to seven available scholarship players. Only three of them — Cooper, Ola-Joseph and Jamison Battle — average more than four points.

Indiana coach Mike Woodson, who is recovering from COVID-19, missed the game. Associate head coach Yasir Rosemond took over in Woodson's absence.

A driving layup by Jackson-Davis gave the Hoosiers a 47-40 lead with 12:40 remaining in the second half before Minnesota tied it with a 7-0 run. After a dunk by Jackson-Davis put Indiana up by two, the Golden Gophers took their first lead of the half on a 3-pointer by Battle.

Jackson-Davis was the only player to make a shot in the final 6:22.

Taurus Samuels hit two free throws for a 57-54 Minnesota lead with 3:20 remaining and the Gophers did not score again.

Miller Kopp scored 11 points and Malik Reneau added 10 for Indiana. Jackson-Davis had six blocks.

Battle led Minnesota with 20 points. Minnesota shot 34.4%, made 5 of 25 3-pointers (4 of 9 for Battle), but kept it close by committing only five turnovers.

The Gophers went six minutes without a field goal in one stretch of the first half and saw a 21-16 lead turn into a 26-24 deficit with 3:01 to go. Kopp hit a 3-pointer with five seconds left to give Indiana a 33-30 halftime lead.



Former Browns tackle Joe Thomas confident of HOF selection

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Joe Thomas didn't have much to celebrate during 11 seasons playing left tackle for the Cleveland Browns. It was mostly misery.

Numerous coaching changes. An ownership switch. One winning season. An 0-16 final one.

In two weeks, Thomas can make up for everything he didn't get.

One of 15 finalists for enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Thomas has a strong chance to be selected in his first year of eligibility.

With a resume that includes 10 consecutive Pro Bowls, a streak of 10,363 consecutive snaps and uni-

versal praise as one of the best to ever play his position, Thomas appears close to a lock as possible.

"I feel like I did what I could during my time in the NFL and you never know how the voters are going to lean one way or the other or what they're going to weigh more than something else," he said Wednesday night before hosting the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards.

"But I feel pretty confident."

Thomas will find out on Feb. 9 when this year's class is announced at the NFL Honors show in Arizona as part of Super Bowl week festivities. Before then, Thomas, who retired following Cleveland's winless 2017 season, insists he's

not feeling any nerves as the day approaches.

"I don't really have a whole lot of anxiety because the old farmer saying is the hay's in the barn already," said Thomas, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2007 draft. "I'm sure when the day comes that we find out, I'll have some more butterflies."

"But right now I feel like I'm just annoying my son because he tells me every day his friends ask him if he learned yet if his dad was in the Hall of Fame and he gets mad because he doesn't know yet, and then he yells at me about it. So it'll be nice to get my son off my back."

If elected, Thomas will be the 18th player in Cleve-

land history to be immortalized in nearby Canton, Ohio, and first from the team's inglorious expansion era.

Since 1999, the Browns have been mostly an embarrassment. The chance for Browns fans to puff out their chests because of him isn't lost on Thomas.

"It wasn't the greatest 20-some years since the team came back, but me possibly being in the Hall of Fame will be one of the highlights," the Wisconsin native said. "I'm certainly planning on celebrating with the city if we make it happen this year."

Thomas hasn't allowed himself to think too far ahead. But there have been some preliminary discus-

sions with family about what could happen this summer. If he's elected, one thing is certain.

"Celebrating as big and as long as possible," the 38-year-old father of four said. "We're going to have a party here."

If there's anything that could hold Thomas back from induction this year, it's the Browns' lack of success. In the past, some Hall of Fame candidates have been penalized by playing for losing teams.

Former Browns teammate Joe Haden believes did Thomas more than enough.

"It's not Joe's fault that the Browns didn't win and go to the playoffs," said Haden, who played in Cleveland from 2010-

16. "If he was on any other team, he would've been a Super Bowl champion. So for everybody to notice his greatness and know that he's a first-ballot Hall of Famer, no matter what fan base you talk to, it just shows that greatness like that is going to get noticed by everybody."

Thomas quickly endeared himself to Cleveland's fans in 2007, when he skipped the draft in New York so he could go fishing in Wisconsin with his dad. It was an early sign of loyalty from a player who would later turn down chances to go elsewhere.

Thomas joked he might make a similar decision for the Hall's ceremony in August.

News-Banner Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

High School

Wednesday Girls' Scores
Bowman Academy 55, S. Bend Career Academy 28
E. Chicago Central 52, LaPorte 45
Mishawaka Marian 70, Glenn 35
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS(equals)
Bellmont vs. Angola, ppd.
Frankfort vs. Logansport, ppd.
Hammond Central vs. Calumet, ppd.
Wednesday Boys' Scores
Illiana Christian 57, Bowman Academy 50
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Lou, Trinity, Ky. vs. Jeffersonville, ccd.
S. Ripley vs. Madison Shawe, ppd.

College

Wednesday, Jan. 25
EAST
American 63, Army 61
Boston College 75, Louisville 65
Duchesne 72, Loyola Chicago 58
Fordham 79, St. Bonaventure 68
George Washington 92, Saint Joseph's 91, OT
Hartford 73, Stonehill 56
Lafayette 62, Loyola (Md.) 46
Lehigh 74, Holy Cross 68
Maine 75, Mass.-Lowell 70
Maryland 73, Wisconsin 55
NJIT 69, UMB 65
Navy 63, Bucknell 46
New Hampshire 84, Albany (NY) 65
Pittsburgh 81, Wake Forest 79
Providence 79, Butler 58
Rhode Island 75, Dayton 70
Temple 79, South Florida 76, OT
UMass 85, Richmond 76
Vermont 80, Binghamton 55
Xavier 82, UConn 79
SOUTH
Alabama 66, Mississippi St. 63
Campbell 72, High Point 64
Florida 81, South Carolina 60
Furman 91, Samford 84, OT
Gardner-Webb 78, SC-Upstate 66
Houston 82, UCF 71
Mercer 71, ETSU 67, OT
Tennessee 70, Georgia 41
Texas A&M 79, Auburn 63
The Citadel 81, W. Carolina 70
UNC-Asheville 88, Presbyterian 80, OT
UNC-Greensboro 62, VMI 50
VCU 72, George Mason 52
Winthrop 76, Charleston Southern 64
Wofford 85, Chattanooga 80
MIDWEST
Albion 87, Alma 69
Augustana (Ill.) 75, North Central College 74
Belmont 73, Evansville 64
Bradley 79, Illinois St. 75, OT
Calvin 69, Olivet 56
Capital 64, Muskingum 63
Carleton 71, Augsburg 59
Carthage 87, Carroll (Wis.) 72
Cornell (Iowa) 64, Illinois College 56
Creighton 104, St. John's 76
DePauw 80, Wittenberg 73
Denison 91, Oberlin 79
Elmhurst 75, Millikin 73
Emporia St. 69, Northeastern St. 60
Fontbonne 89, Westminster (Mo.) 79
Fort Wayne 81, IUPUI 75
Gustavus Adolphus 96, Bethel (Minn.) 92, OT
Hanover 84, Rose-Hulman 78
Hiram 78, Kenyon 73
Hope 82, Kalamazoo 72
Huntington 60, Indiana Wesleyan 59
Indiana 61, Minnesota 57
John Carroll 74, Mount Union 72
Knox 101, Grinnell 95
Lawrence 59, Beloit 50
LeMoynre-Owen 90, Central St. (Ohio) 76
Loras 79, Simpson 59
Luther 65, Coe 64
Macalester 73, Hamline 66
Marietta 74, Otterbein 54
Monmouth (Ill.) 68, Lake Forest 62

N. Iowa 77, Valparaiso 66
Nebraska Wesleyan 75, Buena Vista 56
North Park 66, Wheaton College (IL) 63
Northwestern 78, Nebraska 63
St. John's (Minn.) 68, St. Scholastica 37
St. Olaf 73, Concordia (Moor.) 67
Trine 76, Adrian 64
Wartburg 71, Dubuque 63
Webster 70, Blackburn 59
Wis.-Eau Claire 76, Wis.-River Falls 69
Wis.-Oshkosh 75, Wis.-Platteville 56
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 69, Wis.-Stout 55
Wis.-Whitewater 74, Wis.-La Crosse 71
Wooster 72, Ohio Wesleyan 64 North-western 78, Nebraska 63
SOUTHWEST
Cal Baptist 74, Texas-Arlington 66
Stephen F. Austin 83, Texas Rio Grande Valley 66
West Virginia 76, Texas Tech 61

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	35	14	.714	—
Philadelphia	31	16	.660	3
Brooklyn	29	18	.617	5
New York	26	23	.531	9
Toronto	21	27	.438	13 1/2

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	27	22	.551	—
Atlanta	25	24	.510	2
Washington	22	26	.458	4 1/2
Orlando	19	29	.396	7 1/2
Charlotte	13	36	.265	14

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	31	17	.646	—
Cleveland	29	20	.592	2 1/2
Indiana	24	26	.480	8
Chicago	22	25	.468	8 1/2
Detroit	12	37	.245	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	31	16	.660	—
New Orleans	26	23	.531	6
Dallas	25	24	.510	7
San Antonio	14	33	.298	17
Houston	11	37	.229	20 1/2

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	34	15	.694	—
Utah	25	25	.500	9 1/2
Minnesota	25	25	.500	9 1/2
Oklahoma City	23	25	.479	10 1/2
Portland	22	25	.468	11

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Sacramento	27	19	.587	—
L.A. Clippers	26	24	.520	3
Phoenix	25	24	.510	3 1/2
Golden State	23	24	.489	4 1/2
L.A. Lakers	22	26	.458	6

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 116, Chicago 110
New York 105, Cleveland 103
Miami 98, Boston 95
Denver 99, New Orleans 98
Washington 127, Dallas 126
Phoenix 128, Charlotte 97
L.A. Clippers 133, L.A. Lakers 115
Wednesday's Games
Orlando 126, Indiana 120
Philadelphia 137, Brooklyn 133
Atlanta 137, Oklahoma City 132
Milwaukee 107, Denver 99
Minnesota 111, New Orleans 102
Washington 108, Houston 103
Memphis at Golden State, late
Toronto at Sacramento, late
Utah at Portland, late
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late
Thursday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Denver at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	47	38	5	4	80	181
Toronto	49	30	11	8	68	166
Tampa Bay	46	30	15	1	61	167
Buffalo	47	25	19	3	53	180
Florida	50	23	21	6	52	171
Detroit	46	20	18	8	48	145
Ottawa	47	21	23	3	45	153
Montreal	48	20	25	3	43	175

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	47	30	9	8	68	154
New Jersey	47	31	12	4	66	164
N.Y. Rangers	48	26	14	8	60	153
Pittsburgh	47	24	15	8	56	155
Washington	50	25	19	6	56	158
N.Y. Islanders	50	23	22	5	51	144
Philadelphia	49	20	21	8	48	136
Columbus	47	14	30	3	31	122

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	50	28	13	9	65	171
Winnipeg	49	31	17	1	63	128
Colorado	46	26	17	3	55	144
Minnesota	46	25	17	4	54	145
Nashville	47	23	18	6	51	143
St. Louis	48	23	22	3	49	152
Arizona	48	15	28	5	35	125
Chicago	46	14	28	4	32	168

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	49	29	17	3	61	158
Los Angeles	50	27	17	6	60	163
Seattle	46	27	14	5	59	166
Edmonton	48	27	18	3	57	178
Calgary	48	23	16	9	55	146
Vancouver	47	19	25	3	41	168
San Jose	49	14	25	10	38	147
Anaheim	48	14	29	5	33	118

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.

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 3, San Jose 2, OT
Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
Pittsburgh 7, Florida 6, OT
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2
New Jersey 3, Vegas 2, OT
Buffalo 5, St. Louis 3
Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1
Colorado 3, Washington 2
Anaheim 5, Arizona 2
Vancouver 5, Chicago 2
Wednesday's Games
Toronto 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Carolina 3, Dallas 2, OT
Columbus at Edmonton, late
Vancouver at Seattle, late
Thursday's Games
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
San Francisco 41, Seattle 23
Jacksonville 31, L.A. Chargers 30
Sunday, Jan. 15
Buffalo 34, Miami 31
N.Y. Giants 31, Minnesota 24
Cincinnati 24, Baltimore 17
Monday, Jan. 16
Dallas 31, Tampa Bay 14
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 21
Kansas City 27, Jacksonville 20
Philadelphia 38, N.Y. Giants 7
Sunday, Jan. 22
Cincinnati 27, Buffalo 10
San Francisco 19, Dallas 12
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 29
AFC
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 6:30 p.m.
NFC
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
(FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 12
At Glendale, Ariz.
Conference Championship winners, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Sergio Plascencia infield/first base coach, Cameron Ming pitching coach and Drew Weidner strength and conditioning coach for Everett (NL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with LHP Jeffrey Springs on a four-year contract. Agreed to terms with 3B Gavin Collins and RHP Jaime Schultz on minor league contracts.
Minor League Baseball
Frontier League
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed WRs Antonio Callaway and Dennis Houston, TE Seth Green and OT Alex Taylor to reserve/futures contracts.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed WR Tyler Johnson to a reserve/futures contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed K Jake Verity to a reserve/futures contract.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Re-signed LB Shayne Gauthier to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Returned D Ty Smith to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL). Recalled G Dustin Tokarski from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-signed G Clay Stevenson from South Carolina (ECHL) to Hershey (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Recalled LW Phil Di Giuseppe from Abbotsford (AHL).

J.R. Smith aims to make golf much more accessible

By AARON BEARD
AP Sports Writer

J.R. Smith followed his own path to golf, from high school basketball star to 16-year NBA veteran and now older-than-usual college athlete at North Carolina A&T.

He wants his story to help others feel comfortable taking up the sport.

“There’s definitely a place in the game for everybody,” Smith said. “No matter what color, age you are, gender — there’s a place in this game for any and everybody.”

That’s Smith’s message with Wednesday’s launch of a video podcast aiming to make the sport more accessible to young and diverse audiences. The weekly Par 3 Podcast features Smith, famed high-end jeweler Ben Baller, and Malbon Golf lifestyle and apparel company co-founder Stephen Malbon.

Smith started playing while in the NBA. Malbon played as a teenager, then returned as an adult. Baller is the late bloomer who has gone all-in on golf over the past year.

Shows will cover topics from gear, fashion, brands and trends to the hosts’ personal ups and downs on the scorecard. It’s designed to be three golfers chatting candidly about the game they love, and doing so in a manner to make the sport feel broadly welcoming rather than limited to a select group based on race, wealth or social status.

That’s important in a sport with a problematic past on racial issues, such as the PGA of America banning Black professional players until rescinding its Caucasian-only clause in 1961.

“When you think about the older version of the game compared to this newer, modern version where so many different kids from different backgrounds and communities are actually playing the game, it’s not just that stuffy

old white sport anymore,” Smith told The Associated Press. “We’re breaking down those barriers and we want to continuously break down those barriers, because that’s an old way to live, think. And it wasn’t right.”

“For us to be able to have platforms like this with Stephen, Ben and myself, I feel like it continuously breaks down those barriers. And shows people that you can be — whether it be a skateboarder or jeweler or designer or basketball player — you can be any type of walk of life ... and you can still have the same love and joy and passion for a sport like golf.”

Malbon talked about playing golf with his 10-year-old son in referencing his interest in appealing to young players and keeping them involved long-term.

As he put it: “You can like Wu Tang (Clan) and be really good at golf, and that’s totally OK.”

It helped when Smith, a two-time NBA world champion, chose to attend and play golf at a Historically Black College or University, which followed a 2021 push by the league and its players to support HBCU traditions and culture.

“He made it cool,” said Baller, who is pivoting from his jewelry businesses to play full-time. “Because J.R.’s a cool dude. You see J.R. and he had this (NBA) bad-boy persona. But then you meet J.R. in person ... and I’m like, ‘OK, he really respects the game in its pure form.’”

Smith’s transition to 37-year-old college golfer raised attention on the sport much like work by current NBA star Stephen Curry, who helped Howard launch its golf program and has worked to improve youth access through his UNDER-RATED Golf project.

F1 ruling still pending, so then Andretti focuses on sports cars

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — So long as he can’t get Andretti Global onto the Formula One grid — seemingly a long shot at this stage — Michael Andretti has turned his attention to other areas for his expanding motor sports program.

First up is the Andretti Autosport debut in this weekend’s Rolex 24 at Daytona. A partnership with IMSA stalwart team Wayne Taylor Racing puts Andretti on the grid in the top GTP class for the most prestigious sports car race in North America and an eventual shot to enter the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

“It’s no secret that the one thing missing from our racing portfolio was IMSA sports car racing,” Andretti said ahead of the twice-around-the-clock endurance race that begins Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.

The partnership with Wayne Taylor was announced in December, and although both teams said negotiations were quick and the deal seamlessly completed, it was a bit of a surprise considering how focused Andretti has been on landing an F1 team. His 2021 failed attempt to purchase an existing F1 team led Andretti to petition governing body FIA to expand the grid to allow him to enter two cars.

Existing teams have pushed back hard on the Andretti request, and F1 simply states repeatedly that Andretti is not the only person interested in starting an F1 team. Andretti’s latest positioning was an agreement announced with General Motors that would pair him with the top automaker in the United States.

The GM partnership,

along with the Andretti name, theoretically makes Andretti’s bid even more appealing as F1 expands to three races in 2023 across the U.S.

But as he waits, Andretti continues to build his empire. He broke ground late last year on what will be a state-of-the-art facility in Indiana that Wayne Taylor will move into when complete.

And Andretti will open a busy year on the Daytona grid, where his father, Mario Andretti, became one of only four drivers in history to win both the Daytona 500 and Rolex 24. Michael Andretti ran the Rolex three times in his career; Taylor won the Rolex twice in his career as a driver and four times as a team owner, most recently in 2021.

When the Rolex ends, Michael Andretti will shift to California for IndyCar testing next week as the IMSA program expands the Andretti brand into seven different racing series in 2023. That tally doesn’t include the driver development program Andretti runs for the late Dan Wheldon’s two young sons.

This weekend alone, Andretti will be represented by 12 different drivers in Daytona at the Rolex and two drivers in the Formula E race in Saudi Arabia.

Is there such a thing as being spread too thin? Andretti emphatically shook his head when asked by The Associated Press if he’s entering too many racing series.

“I don’t believe in that,” Andretti said. “I believe if you have the right people in the right positions, that should only help the overall effort. I think there’s a lot of things they do here that are going to help our IndyCar program and our Formula E program, and vice versa.

“I just feel we are

strengthening ourselves, not spreading ourselves too thin. You are if you try to use the same people in every program, but we’re getting the right people.”

An Andretti representative estimated the motor sports program currently has 157 employees, with Wayne Taylor adding 30 more with the merger. It was the Andretti resources that Taylor eyed as IMSA transitioned to hybrid for this year.

Taylor had some initial conversations with Andretti but fast-tracked the talks when he saw the other teams during testing of the new cars.

“I was walking up and down the pit and thinking: ‘What the heck am I going to do here? We need to step up to the next level.’ And I called Michael and said, ‘I think I’m ready to do this partnership,’” Taylor said. “We just felt that we needed to have a partnership with someone who could bring a lot to the table. Although we’ve been in sports car racing longer than them, they have major assets that are going to be helping us and are helping us with people and technology and so on.

“And, and so far, it’s been just really fantastic working with Michael and the guys and the drivers and very excited about the long-term future.”

Part of the goal in merging the two organizations is to help Taylor expand into a two-car factory team — Wayne Taylor Racing and Michael Shank Racing open this new IMSA era of hybrid engines as factory Acura teams with one car each — and to get to Le Mans. The GTP class has been overhauled for this year to make the teams eligible for the 24 Hours of Le Mans, but Acura already has said it won’t be ready until 2024.



Austin Cindric seeks Rolex watch to add to Daytona 500 ring

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Based on experience alone, Austin Cindric figured he’d win a Rolex watch long before he’d earn a diamond-encrusted Daytona 500 ring.

He was wrong. Cindric as a NASCAR rookie last year won the Daytona 500 to open his season with the biggest win of his career. It was a bit surreal since the bulk of his time at Daytona International Speedway had been either hanging around Roger Penske’s sports car team or driving in the Rolex 24 and its support races.

Cindric’s start to this year is his fifth appearance in the Rolex 24 this weekend with a lineup full of winners in the LMP2 class. He’s hoping the Saturday into Sunday race will earn him his first Rolex.

“I’ve been coming to Daytona a lot longer for this race (Rolex 24) than I have for the (Daytona) 500 or NASCAR Speedweeks,” Cindric said. “However long it takes, I want to win this race. It’s why I put so much work in, it’s why I don’t care about sacrificing the last two weeks of my off-season, because it’s something I’m really passionate about and I am not passionate about just doing the event — I want to go win it.”

The No. 51 Rick Ware Racing in the LMP2 class is comprised of IndyCar driver Devlin DeFrancesco and sports car driver Eric Lux, who were both part of the class-winning car a year ago. The fourth driver is Pietro Fittipaldi, the grandson of Emerson Fittipaldi who on Tuesday was confirmed as the reserve driver for Haas F1 for a fifth consecutive season.

Cindric, the only full-time NASCAR Cup Series driver in the field, is trying to join Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Jamie McMurray and Jeff Gordon as winners

Confronting a loved one with an eating disorder

Dear Annie
by Annie Lane



Dear Annie: My husband confided to me that his mother had an eating disorder in the past, and there are possible signs she may have relapsed. When she visits us, she will exercise for hours daily, regularly disparage her physical appearance and skip meals claiming that she is "too bloated" to eat. I'm never sure what is the best way to respond to her self-criticism or behaviors. My husband states that she saw a therapist years ago for this problem but has not received any treatment since. He thinks she would be resistant to any further treatment, but I can't figure out why.

make her eating disorder worse. According to the National Eating Disorders Association: "Family and friends can play an important role in identifying worrying symptoms ... Many individuals now in recovery from an eating disorder say the support of family and friends was crucial to them getting well."

NEDA suggests confronting your loved one in private and using only "I statements" — for example, "I noticed that you haven't been eating a lot recently, and I am concerned that you aren't getting enough food." Let her know you are coming from a place of love, and prepare yourself for denial, resistance or anger. Finally, offer to help find a physician or therapist who can help. Contacting the NEDA hotline at (800)-931-2237 is a good place to start.

Before you take this step, however, I recommend having a conversation with your husband. Voice your concerns, and come prepared with research on eating disorders and their consequences. Once he realizes what is at stake, he will likely be more inclined to intervene. And seeing as it's his mother, you will want him on your side.

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Recent visits with my in-laws have grown more tense, with my husband getting angry at me for buying too much food and "tempting" his mother to binge eat. I've noticed that my husband and his side of the family will also significantly restrict their food intake whenever they're dining with my mother-in-law, possibly to accommodate her worries about overeating or out of habit. I'm not sure what is the best way to handle this situation, both to reduce conflict between my husband and me when his family visits and to support my mother-in-law. Would it be best to let them do all the grocery shopping, meal planning and cooking for themselves? I'm not accustomed to having my house guests take care of themselves, but I don't want to inadvertently make the problem worse either. I would appreciate your thoughts. — Concerned Daughter-in-law

Dear Concerned DIL: You are doing a good thing by looking out for your mother-in-law. I'm sure your husband and his side of the family are well-intentioned, but it sounds like they are inadvertently enabling their mother's behavior, which will only

My Answer



By Dr. Billy Graham

Great blessings can come from caring for the sick

reading, devotionals, and even books on tape.

Edith Schaeffer, the widow of the late Francis Schaeffer, was called into the hospital room of her husband who was dying of cancer. Edith surrounded his bed with the things he loved and had music playing in his room many hours a day. As Handel's Messiah was playing one day, he quietly slipped into the presence of the Lord.

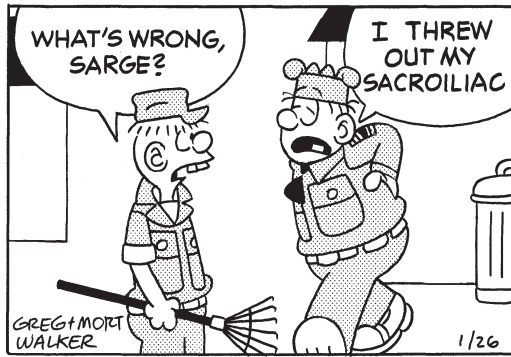
Great blessings can come from caring for the sick, and often the sick can also bless others. It is comforting to hear of family members who not only pray for their loved ones but to hear them pray for, and with, the caregivers. What a witness and testimony this is.

Years ago, a famous senator remarked in his last days, "The greatest therapy is friendship and love." The greatest thing anyone can do for the dying is to help them know God's peace and promise of eternity with Him. There is great joy when the sick and the caregivers are able to join together in prayer for God's strength "being fruitful in every good work... according to [God's] glorious power, for all patience... with joy" (Colossians 1:10-11).

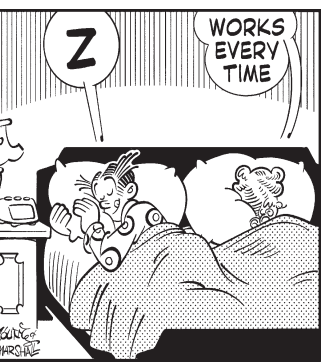
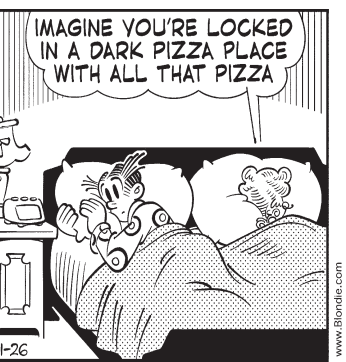
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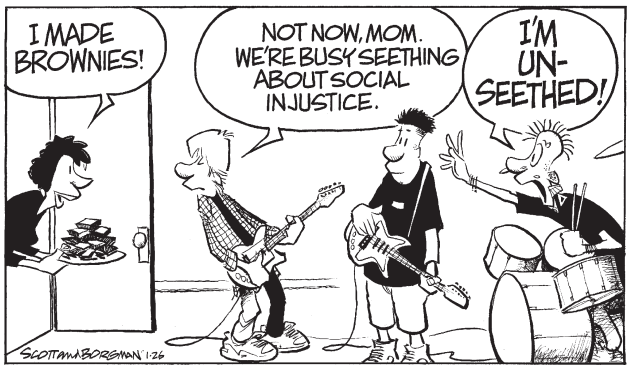
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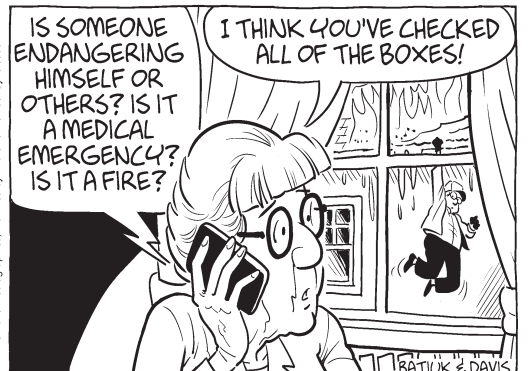
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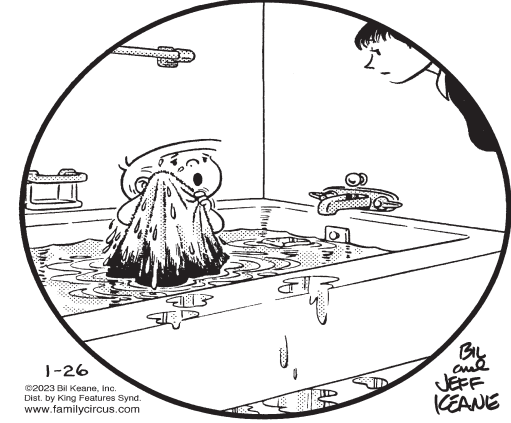


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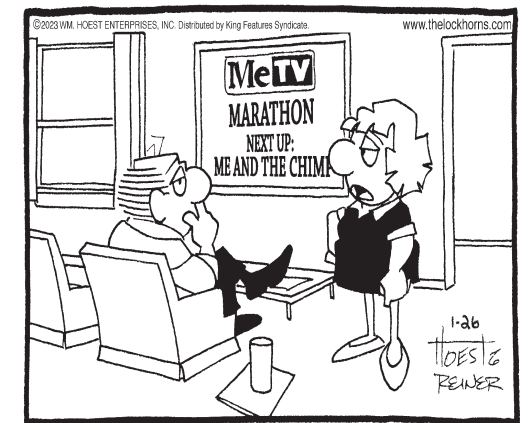


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



The LOCKHORNS



"Can you help me lift this towel, Mommy? I couldn't find a washcloth."

"YOU'VE GOT TO STOP LIVING IN THE PAST LANE, LEROY."

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TBS	43	130	139	247	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	Blades of Glory (07, Com)	
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AMC	45		131	254	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama)	Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio	
COM	47		107	249	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
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BRAVO	60	140	129	237	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	
NICK	68		170	299	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	
DISN	69	30	172	290	Big City	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	Hamster & Big City	
FREEFORM	70	32	180	311	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	*** The Intern (2015, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway	
HBO	301		300	501	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	*** Jennifer's Body	Megan Fox	
MAX	325		310	515	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	*** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	Angelina Jolie	
SHOW	351	851	318	545	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	*** Ida	Ida	
TMC	375	859	327	553	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	*** John and Marnie	John and Marnie	

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- RR9019684 Beer Wine & Liquor - Restaurant (210-1) RENEWAL
- EL CAMINO REAL III, MEXICAN RESTAURANT, INC. 2185 COMMERCIAL DRIVE Bluffton IN
- D/B/A EL CAMINO REAL III, MEXICAN RESTAURANT
- ROSA BRAVO 3601 NORTH GRAND AVENUE Connersville, President
- ROSA BRAVO 3601 NORTH GRAND AVENUE Connersville, Secretary

- DL9026800 Beer Wine & Liquor - Drug Store RENEWAL
- WALGREEN CO 1975 NORTH MAIN STREET Bluffton IN
- D/B/A WALGREEN #07472
- ALEXANDER GOURLAY 607 LONGWOOD AVE Glencoe, President

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Wednesday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

- Cash 5 — 15-22-26-27-39
- Lotto Plus — 04-10-11-29-31-35
- Cash4Life — 09-23-27-45-58, Cash Ball: 1
- Quick Draw Midday — 13-14-15-22-27-28-29-32-34-40-45-52-54-56-59-64-72-73-77-80, BE: 64
- Daily Three-Midday — 6-8-4, SB: 5
- Daily Three-Evening — 5-9-5, SB: 9
- Daily Four-Midday — 6-9-9-2, SB: 5
- Daily Four-Evening — 0-8-1-7, SB: 9
- Quick Draw Evening — 05-10-12-21-27-29-31-38-39-43-44-50-52-56-58-68-69-70-75-76, BE: 68
- Hoosier Lotto — 03-08-14-34-42-43

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JANUARY 26 - 6 p.m. - Cora James estate (Mona L. Sink, executor), sellers. Wells County 4H Building, 1240 4H Park Road, Bluffton. 50.9 acres, 800 S/1100 W, Wells County, Jackson Township, NW 1/4 Sec 17, Township 25. Farm has 2 year lease left on it with current farmer. Call office for details. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, 260-724-3499, heartlandauctionrealty.com.

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JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4 - (Online Only Auction) - Multiple consignors, sellers. 2008 Ford F150 with towing package, Red Line Hot Wheels, Lesney Matchboxes, antiques, vehicle memorabilia, baseball, basketball and football cards, coin and currency, Walt Disney Classic Collection, early crocks, mid century modern dresser, outstanding collection of oil lamps. Preview: Jan. 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 2 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian (Steffen Group Auction Gallery). *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com.

BIDDING ENDS JANUARY 29 - (Online Only Auction) - Schwartz Family, seller. Outstanding artifact and antique auction. Native American Indian arrowheads, tools, pottery, antiques, taxidermy, much more. Open house Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 303 West Market, Bluffton. Isaac Stoller, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-

3006. **BIDDING STARTS CLOSING FEBRUARY 1 STARTING AT 10 A.M. EST - Owners name on file.** Online only Gander Outdoor retail display auction! Large selection of various retail display shelving and racks, pallet racking, lighted glass display cases, clothing retail display, new full-size mannequins, office supply and furniture, 100+ new wood pallets, pallet jacks, floor scrubbers, ladders, much more! Preview Jan. 30, 1-3 p.m. EST, 6043 Lima Rd., Fort Wayne. Pick up Feb. 3 and 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, kjauction.com, 260-724-7402.

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FEBRUARY 13 - 10 a.m. - Jim & Rosie Hill, sellers. 3282 N 300 W, Decatur. Machine & farm equipment. JD tractors, loader, 3010 gas NF restored, combine, 6 row corn head complete rebuild, hydroflex 20 ft. grain table, planters, rotary mower, field cultivator, Unverferth rolling basket w/harrow, grain wagons, 6 row IH cultivator, 15 ft. M&W rotary hoe, 3 pt Emco 8 ft. blade, 8" PTO grain auger, 21 ft. diameter 6 ring grain bin w/dryer, misc. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, heartlandauctionrealty.com, 260-724-3499.

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5 - (Online Only Auction) - Richard Martarano, seller. 2008 Gulf Stream SuperNova 6400 RV, 2019 Ford diesel F-250SD Lariat Black Widow Edition, 1994 John Deere 750 diesel compact tractor, 3-PT equipment, Artic Cat 500 ATV, "Harley Davidson" tool chest, name brand power & hand tools, riding lawn mowers, electric go kart, new heavy duty pool pumps and supplies. Preview: Feb. 23 and March 2 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian. Pat Carter, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Purdue Extension Wells County is now accepting applications for a full-time administrative assistant. Application and job description available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells or contact the Extension Office at 824-6412 or hoover21@purdue.edu. Application deadline January 31st.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Wells County, Indiana, that the County Council of said County, will meet at the Courthouse Annex in Bluffton, Indiana at 7:00 O'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 7th day of February 2023, to consider the following additional appropriations more than the budget for the current year.

LIT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

E911 Services (112-39501-000-0000) \$26,500.00

Roads & Bridges (112-40306-000-0000) \$175,656.00

HIGHWAY- MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Highway Equipment (1176-44101-000-0531) \$398,000.00

SUPP ADULT PROBATION SERVICES

Training & Seminars (2101-30900-000-0000) \$118.24

COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND

Building Equipment (4905-40207-000-0000) \$500,000.00

WELLS COUNTY CASA GRANT

Guardian Ad Litem (9115-30122-000-0000) \$13,786.00

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Jackson Township, Wells County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022
1	Governmental Activities				
1	Fire Fighting	\$94,499.45	\$8,611.75	\$8,000.00	\$95,111.20
3	Rainy Day	\$10,510.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,510.32
4	Township	\$64,858.82	\$11,909.48	\$5,976.68	\$70,791.62
5	Township Assistance	\$54,127.31	\$1,692.48	\$415.38	\$55,404.41
	Total All Funds	\$223,995.90	\$22,213.71	\$14,392.06	\$231,817.55

CERTIFICATION

State of Indiana

SS:

Wells County

I, Bruce Herr, Trustee of JACKSON TOWNSHIP, Wells County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; and that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Bruce A. Herr

JACKSON TOWNSHIP Trustee

Telephone: 765-348-9160

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 24th day of January, 2023.

Jackson Township Board

Benjamin M. Morton

Bruce Leas

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Norwell High School announces semester honor roll

Norwell High School has announced the following semester one honor roll students:

Distinction

Grade 12 — Ethan Alanzo Amans, Claire Marie Bailey, Emma Claire Bailey, Emma Suzanne Batdorff, Rachel Leigh Bauermeister, Kiley Dakota Bishop, Brody John Bolyn, Kahlan Rebecca Brooks, Abigail Renee Cains, Brason Allen Chaney, Delaney O'shay Connett, Lauren Nicole Cook, Catherine Patricia Crawfis, Karlea Joyce Dominiack, Winston William Frauhiger, Tessa Joleigh Garrett, Kennedy Nicole Gerber, Luke Ryan Graft, Ryan Jason House, Makenzee Leigh Kahn, Robert William Kwandrans, Saige Kaylynn Lambert, Phoebe Jane Lantz, Cale Jake Mallery, Luke Michael McBride, Elle Andre Misch, Ethan James Ottinger, Emma Marijean Page, Jacob Michael Parker, Michael Darel Reidenbach, Logan Thomas Renninger, Aydan Christian Rusu, Eliza Drew Shaw, Allison Grace Shepherd, Benjamin Dale Stephens, Logan Michael Taylor, Jared Jason White, Ethan Bryce Wilson, Kylee Lynn Wilson, True Madison Zuercher.

Grade 11 — Joshua Martin Adam, Rodrigo Agudo Segovia, Timothy Taylaran Bonjour, Anna Louise Dodane, Emma Grace Dodane, Emily Ann Edmiston, Ashton Lee Federspiel, Renee Christine Frazee, Makenzie Joye Fuess, Haley Marie Green, Addyson Kenna Heyerly, Ciera Lynn Hiester, Jake Ethan Hoover, Olivia Paige Hull, Elijah Adam Ingle, Annabelle E Johnson, Addison Johanna Keller, Ella Grace Krug, Alyssa Nichole Lenwell, Nevada Raine Lenwell, Connor Michael Lewis, Lane Autie Lewis, Madeline Leigh McCabe, Jillian Sophia Melcher, Idoia Ochoa de Alda Urizar, Jaden Andrew Payne, Milanna Sophia Pepper, Kabyn Patrick Allen Peterson, Emma Adele Roembke, Cade Daniel Shelton, Marlee Alais Wenger, Taylor Elizabeth Werling, Isabella Lyn Winget, Jordyn Litsamai Xayyachack, Cayden James Young.

Grade 10 — Shae Madelyn Brooks, Jessica J'neane

Bynum, Cody Michael Cox, Abigail Nicole Dale, Landon Austin Diver, Angel Kay Rutian Downey, Grace Ann Fausz, William Neil Gerber, Julia Brianne Kelley, Rahul Kothapalli, Jasper Stone Kreigh, Teagan Jean Maurie Lesley, Hattie Lynn Lewis, Dominick Zander Lyon, Jacquelyn Marie Mayer, Parker Jay McCartney, Hadley Joanne McSorley, Emerson Leigh Meredith, Kale Michael Meredith, Tyler Alan Morris, McKenna Rose Rigby, Hannah Patricia Jeanne Rusu, Rebecca Elaine Settle, Ridley Lin Sixi Sheets, Madyson Marie Sonningsen, Gavin Walter Threewits, Noah Anthony Turk, Ethan Thomas Williamson, Braysen James Wilson.

Grade 9 — Isabella Sofia Anderson, Kedric Zane Borne, Kara Lee Brown, William Albert Case, Cayden Matthew Cassel, Emily Anne Davis, Madeline Ruth Dean, Kaylee Jean Eicher, Rilynn Alivia Ervin, Kale Robert Fuess, Cohen Tyler Garrett, Tristen Cheyenne Gase, Mark Jon Golden, Jaycie Marie Grzych, Delaney Ann Hoover, Elijah Jeffery Jacob, Emmaline Grace Johnson, Kaydence Louisa Krumma, Grace Cadence Mann, Aubrey Kaye Meyer, Emma Noel Miller, Hope Elizabeth Mitchell, Addilynn Iris Page, Sawyer Wren Peterson, Caiden James Petrie, Kaitlee Grace Reinhard, Addison Renee Roembke, Vanessa Narae Rosswurm, Macie Pearl Saalfrank, Alison Diana Simerman, Campbell Grace Sloan, Brady Lee Smith, Larkin Leigh Smith, Lora Lynne Smith, Cristin Elizabeth Springer, Colten Wayne Strunk, Greyson Michael Taylor, Lucile Jean Thompson, Emma Lucile Vachon, Christian Jonathon Werling, Mason Kai Wills, Bridget Layne Wilson.

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Hawaii man imprisoned for 1991 murder, rape released

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER

Associated Press HONOLULU (AP) — A judge on Tuesday ordered a man released from prison immediately after his attorneys presented new evidence and argued that he didn't commit the crimes he was convicted of and spent more than 20 years locked up for: the 1991 murder, kidnapping and sexual assault of a woman visiting Hawaii.

Albert "Ian" Schweitzer, who was convicted in 2000 and sentenced to 130 years in prison, should be "released from his shackles immediately," Judge Peter Kubota ruled.

That prompted applause in the Hilo courtroom and hugs for Schweitzer, who was flown to the Big Island for the hearing from the Arizona prison where he was serving his sentence.

"My feelings were all over the place," Schweitzer told the AP during a phone interview in recalling the moment of his release. "Nerves, anxiety, scared."

The justice system is "flawed," he said, calling himself one of many imprisoned for crimes they didn't commit. He earlier told reporters that he was "grateful" for the judge doing the "honorable thing."

A petition filed late Monday outlined additional evidence in one of Hawaii's biggest murders, which unfolded on Christmas Eve in 1991 on the Big Island.

Dana Ireland, 23, was found barely alive in the bushes along a fishing trail in Puna, a remote section of the island. She had been sexually assaulted and beaten, and later died at Hilo Medi-

cal Center. The mangled bicycle she had been riding was found several miles away and appeared to have been run into by a vehicle.

The slaying of the blond-haired, blue-eyed visitor from Virginia gained national attention and remained unsolved for years, putting intense pressure on police to find the killer.

"Whenever you have a white, female victim ... it gets a lot more attention than people of color and Native Hawaiians," said Kenneth Lawson, co-director of the Hawaii Innocence Project. "The parents, understandably, were becoming more and more infuriated. ... There was insurmountable pressure to solve this case. And when that happens, mistakes are made. Some intentional and some unintentional."

Ireland's relatives couldn't immediately be reached for comment on the petition and Schweitzer's release. Prosecutors didn't immediately comment on Schweitzer's release.

With help from the Innocence Project in New York, the co-counsel in the case, Lawson's group represented Schweitzer, the last of three Native Hawaiian men convicted in Ireland's death who had remained imprisoned.

DNA evidence previously submitted in the case belonged to an unknown man and all three of the convicted men were excluded as sources.

New DNA evidence, according to the petition, shows a "Jimmy Z" brand T-shirt found near Ireland and soaked with her blood belonged to the same unknown man, and not to

one of the three men, as prosecutors claimed.

Additionally, a new tire tread analysis concluded Schweitzer's Volkswagen Beetle car didn't leave the tire marks at either location where Ireland and her bicycle were found. A forensic odontologist also concluded an injury on her left breast wasn't a bitemark, as previously believed, the petition said.

"At a new trial today, a jury would not convict Mr. Schweitzer of Ms. Ireland's sexual assault and murder," the petition said. "In fact, a prosecutor would likely not even arrest Mr. Schweitzer for this crime."

The likelihood that all three men participated in a sexual attack and left no trace of biological evidence — including a lack of evidence uncovered with advanced forensic testing — is "extraordinarily improbable," the petition said.

In 2019, Schweitzer's attorneys and Hawaii County prosecutors entered into a "conviction integrity agreement" to reinvestigate the case. It was the first time in Hawaii there has been this type of agreement, Lawson said, which is increasingly being used to reexamine questionable convictions and guard against future errors.

"Over the last three years, we have shared information and re-examined forensic evidence. No matter the outcome in these post-conviction proceedings, we remain committed to identifying unknown male #1 and seeking justice for Dana Ireland and her 'ohana," Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney Kelden Waltjen said in a statement before the ruling, using the Hawaiian word for "family."

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