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## About those 'freedom birds'

*Don Hosier's book was partially inspired by his 12 years as a Bluffton church pastor*

By MARK MILLER

"Freedom bird" has a double meaning for Don Hosier.

"Anyone who served in Vietnam, they know that's what we called the airplane that would take us home," he said. A commercial airliner is part of the cover of a book he published in late 2022 which is partially about his combat experiences in the Vietnam War in 1970. There is also a white dove on that book cover, representing his acceptance of Christ a few years later.

"That's the real 'freedom bird,'" he explained.

Hosier's nearly 50 years of ministry include 12 years in Bluffton as pastor of what was then the Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church. He now serves in semi-retirement as an assistant pastor of a church in Enid, Okla., where he and his wife of 55 years, Debbie, are now living.

The book, appropriately titled "Freedom Bird," has been a work in progress since the early or mid-1990s.

"I felt like there was a story to tell about what it was like in Vietnam and how this eventually led into my spiritual life and ministry," he explained. "At first I wanted to be able to tell it to my kids and my grandchildren, but then also to tell it for the other veterans."

A Grant County native, he got a "good factory job" at Fisher Body in Marion after graduating from Fairmount High School in 1967. He and his sweetheart since junior high school, Debbie Hipsher, were wed in 1968. They were just getting settled into their new married life when his draft notice arrived in 1969.

"I was at Fisher Body one day and Fort Knox the next," he remembered.

The details of his one-year tour with the 1st Air Cavalry are in the book, reconstructed from the dozens of letters he sent home to his wife. Not only would he survive multiple weeks "in the jungles" and battles that would earn him two Army Commendation Medals, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, but also a very severe case of malaria.

Back home again in Indiana, Hosier pretty much picked up his life where he'd left it — with Debbie and his job at Fisher



Then and now: Above, Don Hosier serving in the infantry in Vietnam in 1970. At right, he and his wife Debbie celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2018. They now reside in Enid, Oklahoma. (Photos provided)



Body.

"I had a good, secure job. Debbie was working. Life was good," he recalled.

He had grown up going to church — his grandfather had been a pastor — but "we kind of wandered away from it" after high school and while in the Army. "But one Sunday, we decided we'd go to church, and that changed everything."

The call was not just to accept Christ into his life, but to go into the ministry. After graduating from what is now Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion while serving a small rural church nearby, he began a career that would take the couple and their growing family to serve churches in Michigan, Maryland, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, back to Oklahoma, then to Bluffton in 1999 followed by a church in northeast Ohio before returning to Oklahoma and semi-retirement. One of their two sons is a Wesleyan pastor about 90 miles away while their other son lives in southern Indiana.

They now boast of eight grandchildren. "We are blessed," he said.

"We had always liked Oklahoma's weather, and the people, too," he said. "It doesn't get nearly as cold here in the winters."

But Bluffton has "a big place in our hearts. We have such good memories," he said. But it's not only because, of all their churches, it was their longest pastoral charge. Bluffton played a significant

role in Hosier's healing from his military service.

Although Hosier did not experience any hostility, anger or negativity that many Vietnam veterans dealt with after returning back home, "neither did I really talk about it," he said. "I don't recall ever just telling anyone I'd been in Vietnam unless I was talking with another vet."

But then something happened one night at a Bluffton Street Fair.

"That year, they decided to include veterans in a parade," he tells the story. "So I bought a 'veteran' hat and we lined up. They put us in groups for when we served."

He recalled that the parade was led by veterans from World War II, and then Korean vets. His group of Vietnam veterans came next.

"When we came up the street and got to the place where the people were standing along the side, there on Main Street close to the hospital, everybody stood up," he said. "They had been applauding, but they'd not been standing for the other vets but when we came by, they stood up. It was overwhelming. It moved me to tears. Somebody welcomed us home."

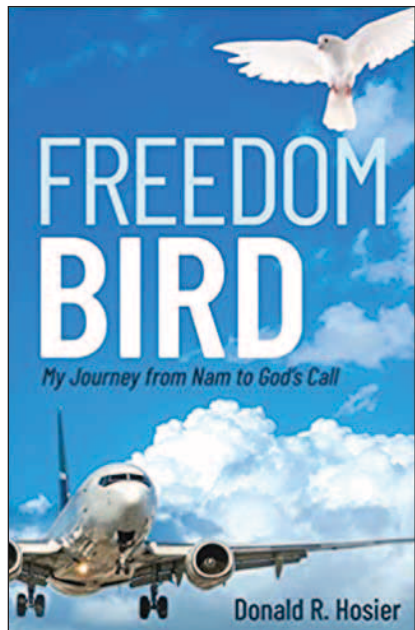
"So I am so glad you called me about this book," he continued, "because it gives me the opportunity to tell the people of Bluffton how much that meant to not just me, but all the other guys that night."

That experience is also told in his book, along with reflections on the contrast between a veteran's experiences and his life as a pastor and follower of Christ.

"I really believe that God's spirit was guiding me as I was writing this book," he said. "And any chance I've had when talking to senior citizen groups, I also add that I did this when I was 73. So if there's something you want to do, get out there and do it."

"Freedom Bird" is available on the Amazon website and currently has a 5-star reader review rating.

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Don Hosier's book, published in December, contrasts his experiences in Vietnam with his career as a pastor.

## Chamber to continue leadership program for women with luncheons

By HOLLY GASKILL

In October, over 100 women convened for the Wells County Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Women in Leadership conference.

This year, the Wells County Chamber of Commerce will follow up on the success of the conference with a series of Women in Leadership luncheons.

The first of these luncheons will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 30. Brenda Jank, who led the morning session of the leadership conference, will lead these "lunch and learn" events.

Jank is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit "Run Hard. Rest Well," which offers development seminars about wellness, growth and rest. At the upcoming luncheon, Jank will speak about creating connections to women in all their spaces of leadership in influence, from stay-at-home moms to business owners and retirees.

Erin Prible, the chamber's executive director, said her organization identified an opportunity to serve women in Wells County by providing a space for rest, community and personal development. After the conference, Prible said many women said they felt refreshed and eager for future opportunities.

Within 24 hours of announcing this upcoming luncheon, over 50 people had registered.

"There's just a need," Prible said. "There's a need in our community for women to gather and connect."

Future Women in Leadership luncheons are scheduled for June 29, Sept. 28 and Nov. 29, and will cover various topics relating to restorative rest. The 2023 Women in Leadership day conference is also scheduled for Oct. 26.

Admission is \$12 per person and can be paid at the door or in advance on the Chamber of Commerce's website.

Additionally, there is a Wells County Women in Leadership private Facebook for women to encourage and share. Prible said the Women in Leadership committee will survey the group regarding future topics and discussions for the conference.

"We're just really excited for what this year is going to bring," Prible said. "We encourage that all women, whatever the space for leadership, can and should take time for themselves — it will be worth it."

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## Markle Historical Society raises \$24K for cabin improvements

The Markle Historical Society will soon complete a historic renovation of a cabin, improve a town park and create a new community space and local heritage site.

This project was made possible through fundraising efforts last October, which exceeded their campaign goal of \$24,000.

Coinciding, the Historical Society has received a matching grant as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's CreatiNg Places program.

The project has taken over five years to complete, and Historical Society members

are excited to be nearing the finish line.

"The Markle Historical Society has done an exceptional job of preserving their old pioneer cabin," said Paul Hayden, director of the northeast field office of Indiana Landmarks. "This project is a community asset and the dollars invested in its restoration honors our past and ensures that this architectural treasure will survive for the benefit of generations to come."

The Markle Historical Society plans to begin the next phase of this project this week and hopes to see this space utilized

by the community soon. Funds will be used to:

- Repair flooring, trim and complete other carpentry projects.
  - Clean and strip the exterior logs
  - Borate the home to deter pests and prevent rot.
  - Apply Perma-Chink exterior stain and clear coat.
  - Remove deteriorating chinking.
  - Apply new chinking between the logs.
- Completing these tasks will ensure the

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Restoration of this cabin in Markle is nearing completion. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

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Another bite of winter, but warmer days are ahead

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 26	High 35	High 47
Low 18	Low 23	Low 29

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# International court issues war crimes warrant for Russian leader Putin

THE HAGUE (AP) — The International Criminal Court said Friday that it has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin for war crimes, accusing him of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine.

It was the first time the global court has issued a warrant against a leader of one of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

The ICC said in a statement that Putin "is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of (children) and that of unlawful transfer of (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation."

The move was immediately dismissed by Moscow — and welcomed by Ukraine as a major breakthrough.

Its practical implications, however, could be limited as the chances of Putin facing trial at the ICC are highly unlikely because Moscow does not recognize the court's jurisdiction or extradite its nationals.

But the moral condemnation will likely stain the Russian leader for

the rest of his life — and in the more immediate future whenever he seeks to attend an international summit in a nation bound to arrest him.

"So Putin might go to China, Syria, Iran, his ... few allies, but he just won't travel to the rest of the world and won't travel to ICC member states who he believes would ... arrest him," said Adil Ahmad Haque, an expert in international law and armed conflict at Rutgers University.

Others agreed. "Vladimir Putin will forever be marked as a pariah globally. He has lost all his political credibility around the world. Any world leader who stands by him will be shamed as well," David Crane, a former international prosecutor, told The Associated Press.

The court also issued a warrant for the arrest of Maria Lvova-Belova, the commissioner for Children's Rights in the Office of the President of the Russian Federation. The AP reported on her involvement in the abduction of Ukrainian orphans in October, in the first investigation to follow the process

all the way to Russia, relying on dozens of interviews and documents.

ICC President Piotr Hofmanski said in a video statement that while the ICC's judges have issued the warrants, it will be up to the international community to enforce them. The court has no police force of its own to do so.

The ICC can impose a maximum sentence of life imprisonment "when justified by the extreme gravity of the crime," according to its founding treaty, the Rome Statute, that established it as a permanent court of last resort to prosecute political leaders and other key perpetrators of the world's worst atrocities — war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Still, the chances of Putin or Lvova-Belova facing trial remain extremely remote, as Moscow does not recognize the court's jurisdiction — a position it vehemently reaffirmed Friday.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia doesn't recognize the ICC and considers its decisions "legally void." He called the court's move "outrageous and unacceptable."

## Weather

Saturday, March 18, 2023  
(24-hour observations at 9:35 p.m. Friday)  
High: 51; Low: 29; Precipitation: 0.6" (rain)  
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.99 feet at 9:45 p.m. Friday

### Wells County forecast

**Saturday:** A chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a chance of snow after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 26. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Saturday Night:** A chance of flurries with a slight chance of snow before 8 p.m., then a chance of flurries between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. West wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 23. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 47.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

**Wednesday:** A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 55.

**Wednesday Night:** Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Thursday:** Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Thursday Night:** Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Breezy.

**Friday:** Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Breezy.

## Markle cabin

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log home is safely sealed, persevered and will allow MHS to look to the future. None of this would be possible without community support.

The Markle Historical Society would like to thank everyone that helped make this possible: Kelly Bender and Scott Stefanides, the Randol family, I-69 Trailer Center, Generations of the Daniel D. McBride Family Since 1904, Markle 66 Tire Center & Families, Matthew and Karissa Ditzler, the Bill and Marsha Thomas family, Gregory Wagoner, Muddy Feet Early Learning, David and Janet Eggiman, Myers Funeral Home, K-K Tool & Design, Inc, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Matthew Doss, David and Carol Yount, Gary Girvin, Wayne

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In addition to these donors, The Markle Historical Society would not have reached this goal without the support of the Town of Markle and the Markle Park Board, as well as various granting organizations within our community — the Huntington County Community Foundation (the James and Nancy Breiner

Community fund), Berne Ready Mix-St.° Henry Tile Company, and Duke Energy (through a Local Impact Grant) all agreed to fund large portions of this project.

For further contributions to the preservation and restoration of this site, please email savingmarklehis-

## Former USAF officer sentenced to prison for Capitol attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A retired Air Force officer who stormed the U.S. Capitol dressed in combat gear and carried zip-tie handcuffs into the Senate gallery was sentenced on Friday to two years in prison.

Larry Brock, 55, of Grapevine, Texas, joined other rioters on the Senate floor only minutes after then-Vice President Mike Pence, senators and their staff evacuated the chamber to escape the mob attacking the building on Jan. 6, 2021.

U.S. District Judge John Bates also sentenced Brock to two years of supervised release after his prison term and ordered him to perform 100 hours of community service. Brock, who declined to speak in court before the judge imposed his sentence, remains free until he must report to prison at a date to be determined.

Prosecutors had recommended a sentence of five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

Bates convicted Brock in November after a trial without a jury. Brock waived his right to a jury trial.

The judge said Brock expressed very troubling and violent rhetoric before the Jan. 6 riot.

## U.S., World News Roundup

### Officials preparing security in case of Trump indictment

NEW YORK (AP) — Law enforcement officials in New York are making security preparations for the possibility that Donald Trump could be indicted in the coming weeks by a Manhattan grand jury and appear in a courtroom in an investigation examining hush money paid to women who alleged sexual encounters with the former president.

That's according to four law enforcement officials who spoke Friday to The Associated Press. There has been no public announcement of any timeframe for the grand jury's secret work.

The officials say authorities are just preparing in case of an indictment, so they are considering security, planning and the practicalities of a potential court appearance. Trump has cast the investigation as a political "witch hunt."

### Wyoming governor signs measure banning abortion pills

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon has signed a bill prohibiting medication abortions in the state and also allowed a separate measure restricting abortion to become law without his signature.

The pills are already banned in 13 states with blanket bans on all forms of abortion, and 15 states already have limited access to abortion pills.

The Republican governor's decision comes after the issue of access to abortion pills took center stage this week in a Texas court. Wyoming's ban on abortion pills would take effect in July, pending any legal action that could potentially delay that.

### Judge: Trump lawyer can be questioned about documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge has ruled in a sealed order that federal

prosecutors investigating the potential mishandling of classified documents at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate will be able to again question a Trump lawyer before a grand jury. The order will require M. Evan Corcoran to answer additional questions as prosecutors pursue their investigation into classified documents found at Mar-a-Lago as well as potential efforts to obstruct that probe. The order was described by a person familiar with it, who was not authorized to discuss a sealed proceeding and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

### Lance Reddick, 'The Wire' and 'John Wick' star, dies at 60

NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Reddick, a character actor who specialized in intense, icy and possibly sinister authority figures on TV and film, including "The Wire," "Fringe" and the "John Wick" franchise, has died. He was 60.

Reddick was often put in a suit or a crisp uniform during his career, playing tall taciturn and elegant men of distinction. He was best known for his role as straight-laced Lt. Cedric Daniels on the hit HBO series "The Wire," where his character was agonizingly trapped in the messy politics of the Baltimore police department.

He earned a SAG Award nomination in 2021 as part of the ensemble for Regina King's film "One Night in Miami."

### New COVID origins data point to raccoon dogs in China market

BEIJING (AP) — The mystery to the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic now has some new clues. International scientists have found raccoon dog DNA comingled with the virus in previously unavailable genetic data.

It came from samples collected in early 2020 at the Huanan seafood market in Wuhan, China, shortly after the first human cases were detected in the

city. It could mean that the pandemic originated from animals, not one of the labs near the market. But their analysis has not been reviewed for publication and other scientists say how the virus began sickening people remains to be determined.

### Election conspiracy movement grinds on as 2024 approaches

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — As the U.S. barrels toward the next presidential election, the election conspiracy movement that mushroomed after the last one shows no signs of slowing down.

Millions of Americans have been convinced that any election in which their preferred candidate loses has been somehow rigged against them, a belief that has fed efforts among conservatives to ditch voting machines and to halt or delay certification of election results.

The deep distrust about elections is fueled by former President Donald Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen and by allies who have been traveling the country holding community forums.

### Mother: Irvo Otieno was 'brilliant and creative and bright'

The mother of a Black man who died in police custody at a Virginia mental hospital says her son was "brilliant, creative and bright."

Caroline Ouko said Thursday that Irvo Otieno had realized his passion: making hip-hop. He could write a song in less than five minutes. And he was streaming his music under the moniker "Young Vo."

He also was working toward starting his own record label. Otieno died March 6 at Central State Hospital south of Richmond.

Seven sheriff's deputies and three hospital employees were charged Thursday with second-degree murder.

## Nuclear leak required no public notice

By MICHAEL PHILLIS and AMANCAI BIRABEN  
Associated Press

Minnesota regulators knew four months that radioactive waste had leaked from a nuclear power plant in Monticello — but they didn't announce anything about the leak until this week.

The delay in notifying the public about the November leak raised questions about public safety and transparency, but industry experts said Friday there was never a public health threat. They said Xcel Energy voluntarily notified state agencies and reported the leak of tritium to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission soon after it was confirmed and that the leak of 400,000 gallons (1.5 million liters) of radioactive water never reached a threshold that would have required public notification.

"This is something that we struggle with because there is such concern with anything that is nuclear," said Victoria Mitlyng, a spokesperson with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. "The concern is very, very understandable.

That is why I want to make extra clear the fact that the public in Minnesota, the people, the community near the plant, was not and is not in danger."

State officials said that while they knew of the leak in November, they waited to get more information before making a public announcement.

"We knew there was a presence of tritium in one monitoring well, however Xcel had not yet identified the source of the leak and its location," Minnesota Pollution Control Agency spokesperson Michael Rafferty said Thursday. "Now that we have all the information about where the leak occurred, how much was released into groundwater and that contaminated groundwater had moved beyond the original location, we are sharing this information."

Tritium is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen that occurs naturally in the environment and is a common by-product of nuclear plant operations. It emits a weak form of beta radiation that does not travel very far and cannot penetrate human

skin, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Edwin Lyman, director of nuclear power safety with the Union of Concerned Scientists, said a health risk would only occur if people consumed fairly high amounts of tritium. That risk is contained if the plume stays on the company's site, which Xcel Energy and Minnesota officials said is the case.

If regulatory officials are sure it didn't move off site, people shouldn't have to worry about their safety, he said, adding that companies usually take action when onsite monitoring wells detect elevated levels of contaminants like tritium.

Mitlyng said there's no official requirement for nuclear plants to report all tritium leaks to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Instead, Xcel Energy had previously agreed to report certain tritium leaks to the state. When Xcel Energy shares information with the state, it also shares it with the commission.

The commission posted a notification about the leak on its website Nov. 23, not-

ing that the plant reported it to the state a day earlier. The report classified the leak as a nonemergency. The notice said the source of the tritium was being investigated at that time.

Beyond that, there was no widespread notification to the public before Thursday.



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# Local Roundup

## Solid Waste District board to meet Monday afternoon

The board of the Wells County Solid Waste District will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, March 20, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Topics on the agenda include:

- A confidential shredding agreement.
- Ossian shredding event.
- Other business.
- Supervisor's report.
- 2023 advertising electronic billboard.

## County Drainage Board will meet Monday afternoon

The Wells County Drainage Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Topics on the agenda include a petition and approval to locate structures within a county drain easement (discussion to modify), plus project updates and discussion of miscellaneous drainage matters.

## County Commissioners will meet Monday afternoon

The Wells County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, March 20, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Discussions with Wells County Sheriff Scott Holliday and Wells County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar.
- Low voltage pricing.
- Detours for the Indiana Department of Transportation.
- Clearing account ordinance.
- Permit fee form.
- Hydro vac trailer.
- Discussion with Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag.
- Bridge 19 local match interlocal agreement with Adams County
- Bridge 71 agreement.
- National Ag Day – Wells County Farm Bureau, Jacob Slusher.
- Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals training agreement, brought to the commissioners by Laura Roberts.
- Medical leave request and clearing account ordinance request, brought to the commissioners by Tricia Ross of the Health Department.
- Staffing meeting discussion.
- First amendment to the interlocal agreement for the Emergency Communications Department.
- Right-of-way or utility agreements.

## Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in the meeting room on the first floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

## Republican legislator Johnson sued for medical malpractice

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A Republican legislator who doubles as an emergency room doctor is being sued for medical malpractice in a patient's death.

The Indianapolis Star reported Thursday that the lawsuit against Sen. Tyler Johnson of Leo was filed in May 2022 after a woman reportedly died less than an hour after he treated her in January 2018.

The lawsuit alleges that his treatment caused 20-year old Esperanza Umana of Fort Wayne to have a fatal

heart attack at the Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

"The Defendants exacerbated Esperanza's respiratory distress by overloading her lungs with 4 liters of fluid and violated the standard of care by prematurely discharging Esperanza from the emergency department in an unstable condition," court documents said.

Johnson's attorneys as well as Professional Emergency Physicians, Inc. declined to comment to the Star and the newspaper

could not reach Parkview Hospital.

A Johnson spokesperson didn't immediately respond to email and voicemail messages from The Associated Press after hours on Friday evening.

The lawsuit seeks damages from Johnson, Parkview Hospital and Professional Emergency Physicians to cover Umana's medical expenses, burial and funeral and child care costs for her son.

A hearing is set for April 24.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Opening of bids for the wastewater biosolids project.
- Opening of bids for the wastewater treatment plant improvements.
- Handicap parking request, brought to the board by Street Commissioner Tim Simpson.
- A request for quotes, brought to the board by Simpson.
- Personnel matters, brought to the board by Derrick Deinger, superintendent of the wastewater collection system; Clerk-Treasurer Tami Runyon; Fire Chief Don Craig; Todd Shady, superintendent of the city's water filtration plant; and Jon Oman, the city's utility supervisor.
- Information on a Willowbrook drainage study, brought to the board by City Engineer Kelly White.
- An agreement for Community Crossings Matching Grant, brought to the board by White.
- An invoice cloud web presentation.

## Bluffton Common Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Bluffton Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Consideration of an ordinance concerning siding on buildings in the downtown historic district.
- Acceptance of bids for the wastewater biosolids project and the wastewater treatment plant improvements.
- Baker Tilly sewage works advisory services.

## Bluffton Parks Board will meet Wednesday afternoon

The board of the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department will hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the bids for Lancaster Park that were recently opened during a meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety.

## Bluffton council, township boards will meet Thursday

The Bluffton Common Council and the boards of Harrison Township and Lancaster townships will meet together at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Bluffton's city Hall, 128 E. Market St.

The purpose of the meeting will be for each unit of government to consider adopting an interlocal agreement creating a new fire protection territory and also to establish a fire territory equipment replacement fund.

The Bluffton council must adopt an ordinance and the township boards will consider adopting a resolutions.

The meeting follows information presented in public meetings on Jan. 30, Feb. 20, and March 13.

## Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

### Destination Recreation

Yay! Spring break has arrived, and tennis nets have been hung up at Washington and Lion's Park. Both courts are lined with Pickleball, so get out there and enjoy some fresh air.

**The Winter 100 Challenge** ends on Monday, and if you haven't already picked up your shirt and medal, you can stop by our office on the second floor of City Hall to get them. Great job to everyone who completed all 100 miles!

While you are out and about during spring break, but sure to get your **Princess Merida Tea Party** tickets. The event will be held at Washington Park Saturday, April 15. Tickets are on sale in the clerk-treasurer's office in City Hall.

It is truly a magical time to listen to the princess tell her story, sing, and meet the children.

Mark your calendar for the award-winning **Power Your Wheels in the Park**. Bring your tiny racers out with their Power Wheels, bicycles, or tricycles to Roush Park on May 13.

Power Wheels will cruise through the obstacle course from 10 to 11 a.m., then the bicycles/tricycles will race from 11 a.m. to noon. This event is open to children ages 3 to 9 (who can drive the Power Wheels independently). Each child must bring their Power Wheels vehicle and a safety helmet to ride through the course. An adult must be present with a child.

We ask that you pre-register for this event by 824-6069 or emailing events@blufftonindiana.gov

Check-in will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Roush Park. This is a free event.

You should bring an extra battery for your Power Wheels vehicle if you have one.

It is still possible to sign up for the free **Senior Snippets** program.

Class topics include the Movie/Book Club covering the 1968 classic "To Kill a Mockingbird," Teck Games, Crochet Lessons, Health and Nutrition topics (Hydration for your health, Superfoods for Seniors, Cooking Under Pressure,

Gardening for your Health, and Food Allergies 101).

The Wells County History class will have an in-depth look at the underground railroad in Wells County, the Civil War/Morgan's Raiders, information on how to research property owners, and a trip to the courthouse.

The very popular Foreign Countries Class will have high school exchange students from Spain, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Georgia, and Romania.

Call 824-6069 to register.

We are thrilled about getting the **improvements at Lancaster Park** started soon. The project went to bid earlier this month, and those packets are currently under review by the DNR. The board of the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department will hold a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, on the second floor of City Hall to look them over. We hope to have them awarded at the March 28 Board of Works meeting.

The Next Level trail group recently reviewed the **Interurban Trail project** and gave it the green light to proceed. Details are being finalized with the Indiana Department of Transportation, and we expect to go to bid very soon.

It's an exciting time in Bluffton right now!

Congratulations to **Grace Fromm, age 14, and Faith Fromm, age 7,** for finding Patrick the Playful Leprechaun at the Veteran's Park. I'm sure he will have more tricks up his sleeve next year when he returns to visit Bluffton.

Special thanks to **Perry and Stephanie Gerber** for their donation to the Kehoe Concert Series. We are happy to announce that each concert has a sponsor, and we are closer to reaching our funding goal.

Kids, don't forget to turn in your **coloring contest** entry at the end of this month, and enjoy spring break!

Have a great week!

## Police Notebook

### INCIDENTS

#### City:

Thursday, 2:51 p.m., residence on West Miller Street. Report of someone calling for help for 20 minutes.

Thursday, 3:51 p.m., residence on East Horton Street. Caller says her phone alerted to an airtag following her location and believes she is being tracked. Advised to call if she finds airtag or sees anything suspicious.

Thursday, 4:18 p.m., Dedrick and Sons Tool and Die. Alarm. Building secured.

Thursday, 4:32 p.m., Budget Inn. Caller said juveniles were trying to break into the storage room and would not leave. Advised to contact the courthouse about evictions.

Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Bluffton Police Department. Father requesting to file a report of alleged abuse by the mother to their child.

Thursday, 7:37 p.m., YMCA. Report of stolen wallet.

Thursday, 9:22 p.m., residence on West Wabash Street. Attempt to locate juvenile. Brought back to the police department.

Friday, 1:03 a.m., North Main Street and East Monroe Street. Citation issued for driving with a suspended license and no insurance provided.

Friday, 2:07 a.m., residence on South Oak Street. Trespassing.

Friday, 3:52 a.m., South Johnson and West Wiley Avenue. Debris in the roadway.

Friday, 5:25 a.m., 1115 South Morgan Street. Tree limb fallen in power line.

Friday, 6:56 a.m., South Johnson Street and West Central Avenue. Debris in the roadway.

Friday, 7:01 a.m., Hard-ees. Recently-fired employee and a sibling yelling at the staff and seem dangerous. Advised to call if they return.

Friday, 9:04 a.m., Monument Center. Sleeping bag

found on the north side of the road with belongings inside. Nothing suspicious noted.

Friday, 9:10 a.m., 928 West Washington Street. Small bike found in the alley.

Friday, 9:56 a.m., 923 Riverview Drive. Subaru keyfob found.

Friday, 10:29 a.m., YMCA. Report of stolen wallet.

Friday, 10:58 a.m., Walmart. Two vehicle accident. Report to follow.

Friday, 11:24 a.m., 721 Cedar Road. Found bike.

Friday, 1:44 p.m., North Main Street and East 300N. Citation issued for 57 in a 30 mph zone.

**County:** Thursday, 2:30 p.m., North Main St. and East Dustman Road, Bluffton. Dubri removed from the roadway.

Thursday, 4:42 p.m., residence on 500W, Markle. Report of trappers on this

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## Some day, perhaps we will find that elusive balance

We all strive for balance in our lives. Or at least, I think we all do.

### Saturday's Sub



Mark Miller

If you do not or did not struggle to balance your work life with your family activities, you are/were one of a fortunate few. Even after we became empty nesters, carving out personal time with my wife was often a challenge — which explains her eager anticipation of my retirement from full time duties back in ... wow, I can't believe it has been a bit more than six years already.

She has wondered aloud, on occasion, whether I ever really did retire but she will readily admit that there's no comparison. A number of my friends have completely retired. Frankly I don't know how they do it. I like to have something to do, but six-plus years later I am beginning to question my balance.

This is not, I feel compelled to insert at this point, any kind of announcement. God willing, I will continue to contribute to the N-B efforts to some degree which gives me something to do that I enjoy and keeps me out of jail (as I often tell my friends). There will obviously come a time, but that's not the point of this Saturday morning entry. So yes, I digress.

For years, my morning routine was, to say the least, rushed. Get up and go. Six days a week. My wife says I have mastered the art of dilly-dallying in the morning. Recently however, particularly since we returned from our now-annual January change of latitude, I've had a number of projects close enough to deadline to have reason to cut the dillies and dallies a little short. Which has led me to question that balance. Maybe she's right. How "retired" are you if you're worried about balance?

But not this past Monday morning. There was a story I'd come across that needed finished up, but it was not on deadline. So it was a good time to mosey in later than normal and clean up a desk that had become overly disorganized more than normal. It is instructive in what was found.

- Regular readers will not be surprised that there were loose papers of data and printouts of emails and spreadsheets — all things property taxes. Some of it was notes from conversations and interviews, some of which includes angles that might develop into another story some day. They all went onto the Property Tax Pile that is (no exaggeration) now more than three inches tall (I measured it). That will need some further culling some day.

- A bunch of local historical stuff that I thought I might do a story about on another "some day." Most of it is from Craig Leonard, some also from Kenny Ellenberger. I miss his occasional calls.

- Some notes about Wells County generals. In the aftermath of our own Mike Stohler being promoted to the rank of general in the Indiana Air National Guard sometime last year, we wondered in print whether there had ever been any other generals from these parts. There have been. I need to put that back up towards the top of my to-do list.

- Some other notes written on a napkin, buried in one of the piles. I cannot even interpret what story it might have been about. An easy trash-or-keep decision.

- Several clippings that I thought might be developed into a Saturday column some day. My favorite is a story that Ernst & Young, a large — well, "mega" would apply — accounting and consulting firm, agreed to pay a \$100 million fine because some of its auditors had cheated on a required exam. What were the exams about? Ethics. You can't make this stuff up. But I am equally amazed that a company can afford to pay a \$100 million fine.

- There were several emails received in the wake of the story about the Craigville railroad depot that's now been restored. Again, the thought had been there might be a column there some day. The jury's still out.

- A folder with Joe Smeken's name on it. Justin Peeper and I have been working on getting Joe inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. Frankly, we were quite amazed that he was not included in the 2019 Class; we were, with encouragement, told his name would remain on the nomination list. And then 2020 happened; there have been no new classes but we were again given encouraging news.

Looking for any kind of update, a quick internet search found that a Class of 2023 has been selected and will be inducted in April. Arggh. Frankly, I am not encouraged after reading their resumes. These six made it and Joe did not? Theirs were distinguished careers, and we are admittedly biased, but some day, maybe justice will prevail.

- There were any number of our older publications like Who We Are and Fact Books. The older ones can be tossed, but it reminded me that this year's Who We Are, still one of the N-B projects that I've held onto, will need some planning some day. Soon.

Balance. Well, at least my workspace looks a little more balanced. That was some day.

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THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE BANK

## With the Silicon Valley Bank rescue, welcome to capitalism without risk

In 1994, President Clinton's certitudes included these: By 2000, America's high school graduation rate would be 90 percent (it is still not) and students would be among the world's best in math and science (they are not). Such blithe thinking frequently caused Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan to lament "the leakage of reality from American life." Today, the leakage is a torrent.

Silicon Valley Bank (\$209 billion in assets) was America's 16th largest bank, only 6.5 percent the size of the largest (JPMorgan Chase, \$3.2 trillion) and 2.3 percent the size of the four largest combined (\$9.1 trillion). Yet SVB's death-by-mismanagement supposedly posed a "systemic risk" to the financial system? Joe Biden's administration evidently thinks this system is as perishable as it believes the planet is. If everything is brittle, politicians have endless crises to justify aggrandizing their powers.

The law limits government guarantees to deposits only up to \$250,000. Legal limits, however, cannot inhibit a president who thinks he can unilaterally scatter \$400-plus billion with student loan forgiveness. So, suddenly there is an implicit guarantee of all deposits. Biden says the bailout of depositors at failed banks will be paid by fees on other banks, and — leakage alert — the cost will not be passed on to anyone.

The Federal Reserve's too-low-for-too-long interest rates incited and enabled incontinent spending, igniting the inflation that now requires the high interest rates that upended SVB. The New York Times says the Fed will "offer banks loans against their Treasuries and many other asset holdings, treating the securities as though they were worth their original value — even though higher interest rates have eroded the market price of such bonds" (emphasis added). And the Fed might now abandon, as too risky, its actual job: fighting inflation with higher interest rates.

Here comes capitalism without risk: profits private, losses socialized. Americans shall forgo the creativity of capitalism's "creative destruction" by avoiding the destruction. Do not worry about moral hazard (incentives for risky behavior): Government will make Capitalism Without Hazard an entitlement for the innumerable entities government will deem too big to fail, for "systemic" reasons. This socialization of risk approaches a semi-nationalization of banking, so: Why should bank CEOs be paid more than civil servants?

The not-so-"transitory" inflation the government unleashed has increased for a third consecutive month; its annualized rate is triple the 2 percent target the Fed's fine-tuners seek. SVB's executives were

inattentive to the predictable inflation that predictably punished their prediction of low interest rates for years to come.

Biden's dreams of government growth require of Americans vast trust in government. This, despite evidence that:

- Leaders of the National Institutes of Health worked surreptitiously to discredit the Great Barrington Declaration, in which epidemiologists correctly argued against blunderbuss lockdowns, and for pandemic responses targeting the most vulnerable, who did not include children. Disregarding their recommendations cost staggering sums and scarred a generation with learning loss.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave teachers unions cover as they avoided teaching and extorted benefits on spurious "public health" grounds. Government colluded with, and pressured, social media to suppress pandemic "misinformation," as government defined this by its shifting criteria regarding the efficacy of masks, the necessity of commercial and school closures, a possible lab-leak origin of the coronavirus, and more.

If the news media wonders why news consumers are disenchanted, note that in a span of the past two months readers/viewers have been pelted with stories about climate change causing California existential perils from drought and from flooding caused by saturating rains. The "existential threat" Biden says fossil fuels pose to Earth terrifies him less than a gallon of gas costing perhaps \$2 more than 1950's \$2.97 (in today's dollars). Then, cars averaged only 15 miles per gallon compared with 25 mpg today, so effectively gas is not much, if at all, more expensive today. Nevertheless, the prospect of voters fuming at gas pumps surely explains Biden's decision to permit more Alaska drilling. Even this sensible policy, emerging from a fog of feckless rhetoric, invites cynicism.

Last week, a Republican evidently seeking Biden's office made a momentous foreign policy pronouncement for (you cannot make this up) Tucker Carlson to provide to Fox News viewers: Ron DeSantis termed Russia's attempted murder of Ukraine "a territorial dispute." In 1938, Neville Chamberlain expressed similar thinking about Adolf Hitler's "dispute" with Czechoslovakia: "A quarrel in a faraway country between people of whom we know nothing."

Enough. Even more catastrophic than Americans' withdrawal of confidence from their leaders and institutions, public and private, are the events that justify it.

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George Will

## SVB not anyone's fault?

One of the benefits of being a Washington insider, from the president of the United States to the lowliest bureaucrat, is never having to admit your policies are wrong.

In the case of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) — the nation's 10th largest — the financial policy chickens of this, and previous administrations, have predictably come home to roost. Record debt, massive new spending, and the failure of regulators to see what was coming contributed to the run on SVB. It didn't help that in 2018 President Donald Trump signed the biggest rollback of Dodd-Frank bank regulations since the global financial crisis of 2008, loosening rules on all but the largest banks and "opening taxpayers to more liability if the financial system collapses," according to CNBC.

At first, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said there would be no bailout, but that quickly changed when the administration, which has been trying to convince us the economy is going swimmingly, likely began to consider the political implications of this and possibly other bank failures and threw a lifeline to the bank.

Naturally, President Biden is taking credit for saving the depositors' money. Even those with deposits over the limit of FDIC insurance will be saved. Biden is now claiming to be Mighty Mouse. He's come to save the day: "Thanks to the quick action of my administration over the past few days, Americans can have confidence that the banking system is safe. Your



Cal Thomas

deposits will be there when you need them."

A Wall Street Journal editorial has it right: "You can't run the most reckless monetary and fiscal experiment in history without the bill eventually coming due. The first invoice arrived as inflation. The second has come as a financial panic with economic damage that may not end with Silicon Valley Bank."

Indeed. At least 20 regional banks were hit with trading halts on Monday.

Even after the Trump bank regulation rollbacks, why didn't bank regulators see this coming? If they did, why didn't they do something to keep it from happening? That's the flip side of not wanting to admit error. Insiders fear that by acting they might get blamed if it doesn't work.

The Federal Reserve Board defines the primary purpose of the agency: "The Federal Reserve is responsible for supervising — monitoring, inspecting, and examining — certain financial institutions to ensure that they comply with rules and regulations, and that they operate in a safe and sound manner. Supervision of financial institutions is tailored based on the size and complexity of the institution."

It appears this did not happen. Congress should invite those responsible to testify why nothing was done.

Financial adviser Ric Edelman emails to say he is glad regulators stepped in. The alternative, he says, would be, "Thousands of companies ... out of business, millions

out of work, and billions lost. Tech innovation would have been lost for a decade and there'd be a global recession a la 2008." Even so, says Edelman, "The bank blew it, and the banking regulators blew it — in other words, same old story."

Why must it be the same old story? Doesn't even recent history instruct us as to what happens when we ignore common financial sense?

The financial crisis of 2007-2008, also known as the subprime mortgage crisis, resulted from bad financial decisions, mostly the lending of money to people who couldn't pay it back. It led to the Great Recession that began in 2007, lasted two years and was the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Government bailouts do not penalize bad management and lack of oversight, or risky investment strategies that caused the problem.

On the heels of SVB's collapse came word that Signature Bank in New York, which recently made a play to win cryptocurrency deposits, abruptly closed and was placed into receivership. Signature held more than \$110 billion in assets and some of the largest stakes among banks in the cryptocurrency industry. In perhaps the ultimate irony, Barney Frank is a board member.

At a time when retirees and others are seeing their stock market investments decline and polls showing there is dismay about the country's financial future, Congress has an obligation to step in and hold accountable the policies and the people responsible for the SVB collapse and prevent new ones from occurring.

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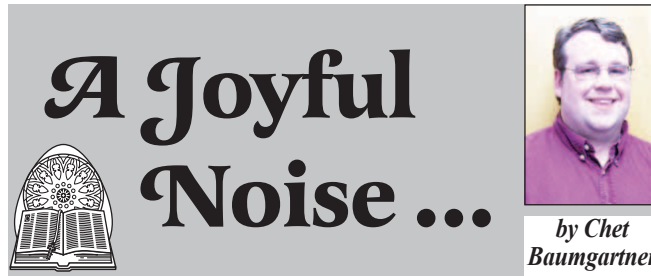
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Perhaps someone needs hope today.  
Perhaps someone needs comfort today.  
Perhaps someone needs someone else to pray today.  
Ask Jesus.  
"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need," the author of Hebrews writes.  
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God," Paul told the Corinthians.  
"He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted," Jesus proclaimed at the beginning of His public ministry, and then He touched lepers; He fed the hungry; He forgave the woman taken in adultery.  
And he wept with Mary and Martha.  
And He'll still weep today.

He Weeps

### Verse 1:

To every crumbling prodigal  
To the child who cries alone  
Jesus knows the taste of tears  
of desperate prayers and moans

### Pre-chorus:

And though He reigns on streets of gold where sorrow never comes  
This man of sorrows will not turn away from anyone

### Chorus:

He weeps  
He falls beside the sobbing soul  
He weeps  
And though He whispers, "I'm in control"  
He weeps  
The suffering Savior still leaves His throne  
To hug the heart lost in shadows  
Where tears of love like sweet rain flows  
He weeps

### Verse 2:

He heard the curses of the crowd  
And still He prayed forgive  
The cross, the nails could still not kill  
His tender compassion

### Verse 3:

Oh love divine, Oh awesome God  
That not only would He die  
But He welcomes all who forsake sin  
And comforts when they cry

### Chorus:

He weeps  
He falls beside the sobbing soul  
He weeps  
And though He whispers, "I'm in control"  
He weeps  
The suffering Savior still leaves His throne  
To hug the heart lost in shadows  
Where tears of love like sweet rain flows  
He weeps

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marklechurch.org  
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**MARKLE UNITED METHODIST**  
145 W. Morse St.  
9 a.m. - Sunday Service. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
9221 W 800S-90, Montpelier  
8:30 a.m. - Coffee fellowship. 9:15 - Worship.

**MURRAY MISSIONARY**  
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# Bust of former Gov. Kernan is unveiled at the Statehouse

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan was honored as a patriot and leader during a Statehouse ceremony Friday unveiling a memorial bust of him more than two years after his death.

More than 200 family members and friends joined in the celebration that opened with bagpipe music on St. Patrick's Day, noting Kernan's Irish heritage in what marked a public memorial for him as no such services were held following his August 2020 death because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Kernan, a Democrat, won three elections as South Bend's mayor before being elected lieutenant governor with Gov. Frank O'Bannon in 1996 and 2000. Kernan became governor in September 2003 after O'Bannon suffered a deadly stroke and served for 16 months before he lost the 2004 election to Republican Mitch Daniels.

Kernan died at age 74 after several years of declining health because of Alzheimer's disease.

Friday's ceremony highlighted Kernan's gregarious personality, humor and dedication to public service punctuated by the 11 months he spent as a North Vietnamese prisoner of war after a reconnaissance plane he was in was shot down in 1972.

Before the bronze bust was unveiled, Terry Kernan teased Indianapolis sculptor Ryan Feeney that his mostly bald older brother might not be pleased.

"If Joe had anything to do with it, he'd want more hair. Just to let you know," Terry Kernan joked. "Hopefully it can be added later."

Kernan grew up in South Bend as the oldest of nine siblings — most of whom attended Friday's ceremony — and enlisted in the Navy following his 1968 graduation and time on the baseball team at the Univer-

sity of Notre Dame. After his return from Vietnam, he married his wife, Maggie, and worked for local businesses before entering politics.

After leaving the governor's office, Kernan returned to South Bend and was involved in numerous civic activities, including leading a group of investors that owned the city's minor league baseball team for about five years before selling it in 2011.

Kathy Davis, whom Kernan appointed as Indiana's first female lieutenant governor, said Kernan had many longtime friends in his "ball clubs" spanning from his childhood at Holy Cross grade school in South Bend to his time as governor.

The bronze bust, paid for from donations raised by the Indianapolis Athletic Club Foundation, will be a permanent reminder in the Statehouse of Kernan's influence, Davis said.

"From now on, we're going to be able to visit Joe Kernan's invincible spirit and introduce it to others," Davis said.

Current Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb has Kernan's official portrait displayed in his personal office, along with that of Gov. Edgar Whitcomb, who escaped from a Japanese prisoner camp by swimming overnight during World War II and died in 2016. Portraits of all other recent governors are hanging in the office lobby.

Holcomb said Kernan never made mention of noticing his portrait's placement while visiting the office and insisted upon being called "Joe." Holcomb said Kernan "could connect with anyone, anywhere, anytime."

"You could drop him into any audience and he will do this, he'd find it," Holcomb said. "He had this uncommon, optimistic ability to connect people and experiences, stories."



Youth as Resources board members are, left to right, Malaina Culbertson, Claudia Stauffer, Ethan Stauffer, Marshall Gerber, Kaitlyn Stafford and Lydia Baumgartner. (Photo provided)

## Youth as Resources has an April 3 deadline for its current grant cycle

Youth as Resources, which funds youth-led projects in Wells County, is seeking requests for its current funding cycle. The deadline to submit requests is Monday, April 3.

The goal of YAR is to "inspire and instill excellence in youth through the provision of grants, written and approved by youth, for the purpose of community improvement."

To be considered, a YAR request must meet the following criteria:

- It must be youth-led.
- It must meet a need in Wells County.
- It must have a sound budget.

The YAR board is responsible for awarding grants to local youth organizations to design and carry out community service projects.

For more information, or to make a funding request, contact Abigail Walker at Family Centered Services by calling 824-8574 or via email at WellsYAR@yahoo.com

# Washington turns to Wall Street for assistance to save dying bank

By KEN SWEET and FATIMA HUSSEIN  
Associated Press

The scene was reminiscent of the last financial crisis, nearly 15 years ago: Faced with a blossoming emergency in the banking sector, worried regulators and policymakers in Washington turned to Wall Street for help.

The anxiety this week centered on First Republic Bank in San Francisco, which was once the envy of the banking sector, with its wealthy and well-traveled clientele. Now the bank was reeling after some of those customers withdrew billions of dollars.

As early as Tuesday, it became clear to policymakers that First Republic needed to be rescued or it could fail, two people briefed on the matter told The Associated Press, speaking anonymously because they were not authorized to discuss details.

The result was a swift agreement among the nation's leading banks to lay aside competitive instincts to come to First Republic's aid. With Washington greasing the wheels, a coalition of lenders put \$30 billion in uninsured deposits into the California-based bank as a show of support.

The money gives First Republic a lifeline while it reportedly seeks a buyer. Regulators hope it also bolsters confidence in the health of the broader banking system.

The recent turmoil in the banking industry isn't on par with the crisis that sparked the Great Recession from 2007 to 2009. But after Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank failed and were seized by the federal government, the industry's overseers worried about more dominoes falling.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen discussed the idea of supporting First Republic with other bank regulators — the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Comptroller of the Currency. Together they concluded that some sort of private rescue package was needed to prevent the crisis from worsening.

Among the first calls made by Yellen and other policymakers was to Jamie Dimon, the chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co. There may have been

## Biden: Execs of failed banks should receive harsher penalties

By ZEKE MILLER and FATIMA HUSSEIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden on Friday called on Congress to allow regulators to impose tougher penalties on the executives of failed banks, including clawing back compensation and making it easier to bar them from working in the industry.

Biden wants the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to be able to force the return of compensation paid to executives at a broader range of banks should they fail, and to lower the threshold for the regulator to impose fines and bar executives from working at another bank.

He called on Congress to grant the FDIC those powers after the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank sent shockwaves through the global banking industry.

"Strengthening accountability is an important deterrent to prevent mismanagement in the future," Biden said in a statement. "Congress must act to impose tougher penalties for senior bank executives whose mismanagement contributed to their institutions failing."

Currently the FDIC can only take back the compensation of executives at the largest banks in the nation, and other penalties on executives require "recklessness" or acting with "willful or continuing disregard" for their bank's health. Biden wants Congress to allow the regulator to impose penalties for "negligent" executives — a lower legal threshold.

a sense of déjà vu: Back in 2008, Dimon was the go-to banker for Washington to find private solutions for that banking crisis.

"We have our marching orders," Dimon reportedly said after the call with Yellen. He then proceeded to build a coalition of banks willing to place deposits with First Republic.

This rescue would be simple compared with the 2008 crisis. First Republic needed money to replace any deposits that were being pulled out. The Wall Street banks have been flush for years, and deposits are one of the cheapest forms of capital a bank can get.

It was clear First Republic was struggling with short-term fears. Between March 10 and Wednesday, the bank borrowed \$109 billion from the Federal Reserve's so-called "discount window," a mechanism that allows banks to get 90-day loans using high-quality bonds as collateral. The window is often used in times of crisis.

First Republic wasn't alone. As of Wednesday, the Fed had loaned \$153 billion through the window, more

than during the 2008 financial crisis.

A spokesman for First Republic did not respond to requests for comment on the package or the bank's financial health.

Such rescues are intended to protect the system against further bank runs. But they do not address banks' "vulnerability to excessive interest rate risk, which was the root cause of these banks' distress," analysts at the credit rating agency Moody's wrote this week as they put half a dozen midsize banks on a list for a potential downgrade.

Over the next 48 hours, the roster of institutions willing to come to the rescue grew to 11 banks, representing a broad swath of the U.S. banking industry. It was an effort to show that the banking industry would stand behind even its competition as a sign of confidence.

"We are deploying our financial strength and liquidity into the larger system, where it is needed the most," the banks said Thursday in a statement.

## Police Notebook

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property without owner's permission. Caller was in Fort Wayne and reporting on behalf of property owner. Advised if the incident was not actively occurring there was no action to be taken.

Thursday, 4:51 p.m., residence on 300N, Craigville. Verbal dispute between parent and child. Parties separated.

Thursday, 5:50 p.m., Southeast Mulberry Street and Southwest Center Street, Bluffton. Women recently left Landmark Recovery and is looking for a ride. Transported to Parkview Hospital for voluntary mental health commitment.

Thursday, 5:51 p.m., residence on 75E, Uniondale. Caller reported someone has opened cell phone accounts with the caller's name and social security number.

Friday, 10:46 p.m., Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Department. Door blown open due to high winds. Building cleared.

### ACCIDENTS

**County:**  
Thursday, 7:13 a.m., County Road 100E near Ind. 218, Poneto. James Bess, 31, Montpelier, was driving a 2022 IC INT school bus northbound on 100E when a

deer ran into the passenger side, damaging the front wheel well area and main bus door. Damage exceeded \$2,500.

Thursday, 8:53 p.m., Ind. 116, Markle. Matthew Favory, 37, Markle, was driving a 2020 Honda Odyssey minivan and struck a deer. Damage exceeded \$5,000.

### FIRES

Thursday, 2:16 p.m., Christian Care Retirement, Bluffton. Accidentally nicked an unmarked line. NIPSCO responded.

Thursday, 3:39 p.m., 5040 SE Ind. 116. Grass fire.

Thursday, 4:12 p.m., Subway, Bluffton. Vehicle seat on fire. Freeman's Towing contacted.

Friday, 5:25 a.m., 1115 S. Morgan St., Bluffton. Wires down. Bluffton Fire Department contacted. Branch removed.

### ARRESTS


Carter Talmidge Arnold, 68, Bluffton; two counts of child molesting, a Level 1 felony and a Level 4 felony. No bond set.

Joseph Michael Donohoe, 49, Grant County; driving with a suspended license with a prior suspension within 10 years, a Class A misdemeanor.


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# Sports

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## 16 seed Fairleigh Dickinson stuns 1 seed Purdue

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer  
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Fairleigh Dickinson became the second No. 16 seed in history to win an NCAA Tournament game, stunning top-seeded Purdue 63-58 behind 19 points from Sean Moore and a relentless, hustling defense on Friday night.

The shortest team in the tourney, the Knights (21-15) showed no fear in swarming 7-foot-4 All-America center Zach Edey from the start. FDU's players were quicker and more composed than the Big Ten champion Boilermakers (29-6).

Five years ago, UMBC showed the way for the little guys by overwhelming Virginia in the first 16-over-1 victory after numerous close calls over the years. Still, No. 16s had a 1-150 record

against No. 1s and were 1-151 overall before FDU's shocker.

After the final horn, FDU's players mobbed each other on the floor of Nationwide Arena, where the fans from Memphis and Florida Atlantic joined forces in cheering on the Knights in the final minutes.

The Knights will now meet the Memphis-FAU winner on Sunday for a Sweet 16 berth and a trip next week to play at Madison Square Garden in New York — just a short drive from the private school's campus in Teaneck, New Jersey.

"We just made history, boys ... college basketball history, for this whole school," coach Tobin Anderson told his team in the celebratory locker room. "We're playing pretty damn well

now. Hydrate, do all stuff you do, the ride is not over yet. We can do something more."

Fairleigh Dickinson didn't even win the Northeast Conference Tournament, falling by one point in the title game to Merrimack, which couldn't participate in the NCAA Tournament because of an NCAA rule that bars it from the postseason because it's still completing its four-year transition from Division II.

FDU held Purdue scoreless for more than 5 1/2 minutes down the stretch and moved ahead by five on a 3-pointer by Moore — who is from suburban Columbus — with 1:03 left. The Knights held on from there, becoming the second straight double-digit seed to send the Boilermakers home. Purdue was a 3 seed when it lost to 15 seed Saint Peter's, another small New Jersey school, in the Sweet 16 last year.

Edey finished with 21 points and 15 rebounds in what may have been his final college game, but the Knights consistently denied

him the ball in the second half. He didn't attempt a shot in the final nine minutes. The junior center is a possible NBA lottery pick, but the bitterness of this defeat could sway him to stick around for another year.

The Knights' two prior NCAA Tournament wins came in the First Four, including this year, when they drubbed Texas Southern 84-61. After that game, Anderson told his players he believed they could handle Edey and Co.

"The more I see Purdue, the more I think we can beat them," Anderson said in the locker room.

Some of Purdue's players said they felt disrespected by the comments, which turned out to be prophetic.

Just being in the tourney was quite an accomplishment for FDU, which went 4-22 a year ago.

This was Anderson's first season at the school, and after he landed the job in May, he held a practice the first night just so he knew what he had to work with

from a team that had the second-worst record in the program's 58-year history. It wasn't a lot, so he brought three players — 5-foot-8 Demetre Roberts, Grant Singleton and Moore — along with him from Division II power St. Thomas Aquinas.

Turns out, they're giant slayers.

And it was the Boilermakers, not the undersized Knights, who were scrambling from the opening tip. Purdue may have had Fairleigh Dickinson outsized on the floor and in the stands as a boisterous group of Boilermakers fans gave their team what felt like a home-court advantage despite

being 240 miles from West Lafayette, Indiana.

However, when the Knights' Joe Munden drained a step-back 3-pointer in the first half, "F-D-U!" chants broke out inside the arena and it became obvious this small team had big dreams.

Without a player on its roster taller than 6-foot-6, Fairleigh Dickinson sometimes needed two players to guard Edey — one in front and one behind — and he missed his first three shots before a dunk.

Edey showed some frustration and at one point told one of the officials, "Sir, he's holding my left arm."

Purdue eventually settled in and reeled off 11 straight points — four on Edey free throws — to take 24-19 lead. The Knights, though, responded with their own spurt and Heru Bligen's layup after a steal helped FDU take a 32-31 into halftime.

Roberts finished with 12 points and 6-4 forward Cameron Tweedy had 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting for FDU.

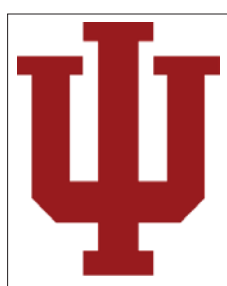
## Hoosiers subdue Golden Flashes to advance

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Trayce Jackson-Davis did it all with 24 points, 11 rebounds, five blocked shots and five assists as Indiana defeated 13th-seed Kent State 71-60 Friday night to reach the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2016.

The fourth-seeded Hoosiers (23-11) advanced to play fifth-seeded Miami Sunday for a trip to Kansas City for the Midwest Region semifinals.

Jackson-Davis became the first player since blocks became an official NCAA statistic in 1985-86 to have at least 20 points, 10 rebounds, five blocks and five assists in an NCAA Tournament game, according to OptaSTATS.

The last of 32 first-round games



to tip off was played in front of mostly Indiana fans and their team delivered a no-drama victory.

The Mid-American Conference champs from Kent State couldn't muster any such magic, shooting 32% from the field. Sincere Carry scored 15 points to lead the Golden Flashes (28-7), who had won six straight heading into tournament.

Well past midnight, Jackson-Davis gave MVP Arena a jolt with six straight spectacular points in the sec-

ond half. The run started with a one-handed dunk, soaring down the lane. A smooth baseline drive was next, followed by a spinning layup to make it 62-50 with 7:39 left.

Race Thompson matched a season high with 20 points for the Hoosiers on 8-of-11 shooting.

The Hoosiers had a 35-27 at halftime as Thompson took advantage of a Kent State defense that was working hard to limit Jackson-Davis. Thompson scored 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

Meanwhile, Jackson-Davis more than made his presence felt with 10 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three blocks, including a chase down swat of Jalen Sullinger's layup in the final seconds of the half.

## Notre Dame women beat Southern Utah in March Madness round one

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Forward Maddy Westbeld scored 20 points and led No. 3 seed Notre Dame to an 82-56 win over No. 14 seed Southern Utah in the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

"I'm just ecstatic about this win," coach Niele Ivey said. "It was such a dominant performance."

Guard Sonia Citron chipped in 14 points and a season-high six assists. The team's leading scorer, she transitioned into the team's primary facilitator with second-team Associated Press All-American guard Olivia Miles out the remainder of the season with an undisclosed knee injury.

"The fact that (Citron) turned into that position — something that she's never done before — it's just remarkable and just shows you who she is as a player," Ivey said. "She can receive information, and she translates it right

away. She did an incredible job of pushing the pace."

Lauren Ebo had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Megan Jensen led Southern Utah (23-10) with 11 points.

"Notre Dame is a great team," coach Tracy Sanders said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game. We knew they were big. I'm proud of our fight."

Notre Dame (26-5) awaits the winner of the first-round matchup on Friday evening between No. 6 Creighton and No. 11 Mississippi State.

### NEVER IN DOUBT

Notre Dame jumped out to a 16-0 lead and kept its foot on the gas.

"I thought it was imperative that we came out that way," Ivey said. "We hadn't played in two weeks."

The Irish held a 27-10 lead at the end of the first quarter, making 13 of 16 field goal attempts with 20 points

in the paint. Westbeld led the way with eight points, while Ebo and Watson each scored six.

### DOMINANT DOWN LOW

After a slow start, the Thunderbirds pivoted to a zone defense but still struggled to keep the Fighting Irish off the glass.

"We had to finish it with boxouts and they got a couple of offensive rebounds," Sanders said. "I thought they adjusted to it. I felt like it was better than us player-to-player trying to match up with them."

Notre Dame outrebounded undersized Southern Utah by a 53-25 margin, which included 21 offensive boards. The Fighting Irish scored 50 points in the paint to the Thunderbird's 18.

### BIG PICTURE

Notre Dame: The ACC regular season champs look to make their second straight Sweet Sixteen appearance.

## Top-seeded Hoosier women's team ends long break as tournament begins

By MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The Indiana Hoosiers got back to work Friday with a sharp and spirited NCAA Tournament practice.

They've been waiting an excruciatingly long time to relish this moment.

Since clinching their first Big Ten regular season title in 40 years on Feb. 19, the top-seeded Hoosiers have played just three games. They were able to rest, rehab and recharge from a brutal conference slate, as well as refocus after losing twice during the final stretch.

"It's given us great motivation to get back in practice and certainly figure out some of those things we didn't do well enough, why we lost the games but also it's been a great time for us to rest,"

Indiana coach Teri Moren said. "I don't know if it's a silver lining, but I think it's been good for us to be able to have some extra time off because of the schedule we played."

The Hoosiers' top two players, All-American center Mackenzie Holmes and all-conference guard Grace Berger, certainly needed the time off after averaging more than 30 minutes per game.

But it's not just fatigue: The league's depth and physical style of play takes its toll on bodies. Plus, Moren acknowledged, some of her players felt ill before Indiana lost 79-75 to Ohio State on March 4.

Everyone looked fine Friday as blaring music and the constant clapping of hands bounced off the Assembly Hall walls during the open portion of practice. They were dancing in the

locker room, too.

The risk, of course, is that long breaks can throw off teams and make them stale.

But after finishing the season ranked an all-time best No. 2, earning the school's first No. 1 seed and being picked by former President Barack Obama to reach the national championship game, the Hoosiers insist they're not going to let anything derail their Final Four aspirations.

They open play Saturday against 16th-seeded Tennessee Tech (23-9).

"Just to know that we have that spotlight on us right now that we have the potential to make a run in this tournament is very exciting," guard Sydney Parrish said.

The Golden Eagles, in contrast, have been busy — and winning.

They've played six

times in 21 days, won eight straight, claimed their first Ohio Valley Conference tourney title in 23 years and have to face Indiana on the Hoosiers' home court just 36 1/2 hours after posting their first NCAA Tournament win in 33 years, 79-69 over Monmouth in the play-in round.

Tennessee Tech has never won twice in the same NCAA tourney and none of its players have competed in front of a crowd larger than 6,400. Indiana officials have sold more than 12,000 tickets for Saturday's double-header.

"We're all giddy and excited because this is something we've all dreamed about," sixth-year guard Jordan Brock said. "But we are prepared for this (quick turnaround) because we do this in our conference. So we're just going to focus on us."

## High School Calendar

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

No events scheduled.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

No events scheduled.

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

No events scheduled.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

No events scheduled.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

No events scheduled.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

No events scheduled.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

No events scheduled.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

No events scheduled.

## Michigan State muscles past USC in March Madness

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Upset with the officials and his team's defense, Michigan State coach Tom Izzo angrily snapped a white board in half during a timeout.

"It felt damn good," Izzo cracked.

The Spartans broke Southern California soon after.

Joey Hauser scored 17 points and No. 7 seed Michigan State clamped down defensively on No. 10 seed USC in the second half on Thursday for a 72-62 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament's East Region.

Izzo's Spartans (20-12) will face No. 2 seed Marquette on Sunday for a spot in the Sweet 16. Michigan State has won both previous meetings in the tournament.

Before his team throttled Vermont 78-61 in the second game at Nationwide Arena, Golden Eagles coach Shaka Smart sat on press row for part of the USC-Michigan State second half

to get a closer look at his next opponent.

Smart watched as Michigan State got more physical after halftime to muzzle the streaky Trojans (22-11), who were knocked out in the tournament's first round for the second straight year.

Tyson Walker and Jaden Akins added 12 points apiece for Michigan State, which held USC to 34% shooting in the second half. It felt like every possession was a challenge for the Trojans, who only stayed within range with some late 3-pointers and atrocious late free-throw shooting by Michigan State.

The Spartans missed six straight from the line during one stretch while trying to close it out and finished 15 of 25 overall.

"It was a bad day," Walker said when Izzo asked him to comment on the misfires.

"Well said," added the coach.

Joshua Morgan scored 14 and Kobe Johnson 13 to lead USC.

## 11 seed Pitt upsets 6 seed Iowa State

By STEVE REED  
AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Nelly Cummings scored 13 points and No. 11 seed Pittsburgh held sixth-seeded Iowa State to 23% shooting in a 59-41 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday.

Jamarius Burton added 11 points and Greg Elliott had 10 for coach Jeff Capel's Panthers, who stormed to a 22-2 lead after Iowa State missed its first 11 shots. Things didn't get much better for the Cyclones, who had three stretches in which they missed at least eight consecutive shots.

Pitt (24-11), which edged Mississippi State in the First Four, moves on to Sunday's second-round Midwest Region game against third-seeded Xavier, which had to rally from 13 points down to beat No. 14 seed Kennesaw State.

"What an unbelievable defensive performance," Capel said. "We were a really good defensive team for the majority of the year except for the last month of the season — and we've really dialed back in these past two games and played at an elite level."

Gabe Kalscheur and Jaren Holmes each had 12 points for Iowa State (19-14), which reached the Sweet 16 last year in coach T.J. Otzelberger's first season.

# News-Banner Scoreboard

## BASKETBALL

### College

#### Men's Scores Friday, Mar. 17

**NCAA Tournament**

Indiana 71, Kent St. 60  
Miami 63, Drake 56  
Saint Mary's (Cal.) 63, VCU 51  
UConn 87, Memphis 63  
FAU 66, Memphis 65  
Kansas St. 77, Montana St. 65  
Kentucky 61, Providence 53  
Pittsburgh 59, Iowa St. 41  
Xavier 72, Kennesaw St. 67  
Creighton 72, NC State 63  
Fairleigh Dickinson 63, Purdue 58  
Marquette 78, Vermont 61  
Michigan St. 72, Southern Cal 62  
Baylor 74, UC Santa Barbara 56  
TCU 72, Arizona St. 70  
Gonzaga 82, Grand Canyon 70

#### NIT

**Saturday, Mar. 18 Schedule**  
Michigan at Vanderbilt, 12 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Hofstra, 2 p.m.

## National Basketball Association

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	48	22	686	—
Philadelphia	47	22	681	½
New York	41	30	577	7½
Brooklyn	39	31	557	9
Toronto	34	36	486	14

#### Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	38	33	535	—
Atlanta	35	35	500	2½
Washington	32	38	457	5½
Orlando	28	42	400	9½
Charlotte	22	50	306	16½

#### Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Milwaukee	50	20	714	—
Cleveland	45	28	616	6½
Indiana	32	38	457	18
Chicago	31	37	456	18
Detroit	16	55	225	34½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	41	27	603	—
Dallas	35	35	500	7
New Orleans	33	37	471	9
San Antonio	18	51	261	23½
Houston	18	52	257	24

#### Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Denver	47	23	671	—
Minnesota	35	35	500	12
Oklahoma City	34	36	486	13
Utah	33	36	478	13½
Portland	31	38	449	15½

#### Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Sacramento	42	27	609	—
Phoenix	38	32	543	4½
L.A. Clippers	37	33	529	5½
Golden State	36	35	507	7
L.A. Lakers	34	36	486	8½

#### Thursday's Games

Denver 119, Detroit 100  
Toronto 128, Oklahoma City 111  
Sacramento 101, Brooklyn 96  
Indiana 139, Milwaukee 123  
Phoenix 116, Orlando 113

#### Friday's Games

Philadelphia 121, Charlotte 82  
Atlanta 127, Golden State 119  
Cleveland 117, Washington 94  
Houston 114, New Orleans 112  
Memphis at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday's Games

Denver at New York, 1 p.m.  
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 3 p.m.  
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Washington, 8 p.m.  
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.

#### Sunday's Games

Denver at Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 3:30 p.m.

#### Monday's Games

Atlanta at San Antonio, 4 p.m.  
Miami at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.  
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

### Transactions

#### Friday's Transactions

##### BASEBALL

##### Major League Baseball

##### American League

**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Optioned RHP Enol Paredes to Sugar Land. Reassigned RHPs Austin Hansen, Jayden Murray, Jimmy Enderby and Mat Ruppenthal. C Luke Berryhill, INF Grae Kessinger and OF Ross Adolph to minor league camp. Released INF Drew Ellis.

##### National League

**NEW YORK METS** — Claimed RHP Dennis Santana off waivers from Minnesota.

##### BASKETBALL

##### National Basketball Association

**NBA** — Fined Memphis G/F Dillon Brooks \$35,000 for the unsportsmanlike act of showing a camera person in a game on March 15 against Miami.

##### BROOKLYN NETS

— Signed C Moses Brown to a 10-day contract.

##### GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

— Converted the contract of F Anthony Lamb to an NBA Contract. Signed G Lester Quinones to a two-way contract.

##### WASHINGTON WIZARDS

— Signed F Xavier Cooks to a rest-of-season contract.

##### FOOTBALL

##### National Football League

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Signed LB Tae Davis.

##### BUFFALO BILLS

— Released WR Isaiah McKenzie. Re-signed CB Dane Jackson to a one-year contract.

##### CINCINNATI BENGALS

— Signed OT Orlando Brown to a four-year contract.

##### CLEVELAND BROWNS

— Signed TE Jordan Akins.

##### DALLAS COWBOYS

— Re-signed QB Cooper Young to a two-year contract.

##### DETROIT LIONS

— Re-signed K Michael Badgley.

##### GREEN BAY PACKERS

— Signed S Tarvarius Moore and LS Matt Orzech.

##### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

— Re-signed G Nick Allegretti. Signed LB Drue Tranquill to a one-year contract.

##### LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

— Signed QB Jimmy Garoppolo to a three-year contract.

##### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

— Re-signed TE Donald Parham.

##### MIAMI DOLPHINS

— Re-signed WR River Cracraft to a one-year contract. Re-signed FB John Lovett, CB Nik Needham, P Jake Bailey, WR Braxton Berrios, LB David Long Jr., S DeShon Elliott, OL Dan Feeney and TE Eric Saubert.

##### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

— Agreed to terms with OL Austin Schlottmann and DL Dean Lowry.

##### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

— Released DB Jalen Mills. Re-signed DT Daniel Ekuale. Signed TE Mike Gesicki to a one-year contract. Signed LB Chris Board to a two-year contract. Signed DB Jabrill Peppers, RB James Robinson and WR Juju Smith-Schuster.

##### NEW YORK JETS

— Signed G Trystan Colon and P Thomas Morstead.

##### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

— Agreed to terms with QB Marcus Mariota.

##### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

— Signed LB Devin Bush. Agreed to terms with S Julian Love.

##### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

— Released RB Leonard Fournette and TE Cameron Brate.

##### WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

— Signed DT Abdullah Anderson.

##### NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

**BUFFALO SABRES** — Signed G Devon Levi to a three-year, entry-level contract.

##### DETROIT RED WINGS

— Recalled F Austin Czarnik and D Simon Edvinsson from Grand Rapids (AHL).

##### NASHVILLE PREDATORS

— Assigned F Joakim Kemell to Milwaukee (AHL).

##### NEW JERSEY DEVILS

— Recalled F Nolan Foote from Utica (AHL).

##### American Hockey League

**GRAND RAPID GRIFTHS** — Loaned G Jan Bednar to Toledo (ECHL).

##### PROVIDENCE BRUINS

— Signed F Mitchell Fossier to a professional tryout contract (PTO).

##### SAN JOSE BARRACUDA

— Signed D Arvid Henriksson to an amateur tryout contract (ATO).

##### East Coast Hockey League

**FORT WAYNE KOMETS** — Placed G Rylan Parenteau on reserve.

# Wolff accepts 'reality' that the Mercedes F1 car is off the pace

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Auto Racing Writer

Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff accepts the "reality" that their Formula One car is not good enough to challenge their main rivals this season.

At least he knows where the W14's faults lie.

"We understand, crystal clear," Wolff said on Friday at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. "There are no miracles in this sport . . . I don't think we can beat the teams in front of us, that's the reality."

Wolff's comments came a day after seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton said Mercedes was so far off the pace that he would need three teams to fall out of a race just for him to have a chance to win.

Red Bull dominated the season-opener in Bahrain two weeks ago with a 1-2 finish from two-time defending world champion Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez.

Fernando Alonso finished a surprising third for Aston Martin and Carlos Sainz Jr. was fourth for Ferrari.

Hamilton was 51 seconds behind Verstappen in fifth, and teammate George Russell was 56 seconds back in seventh. Both placings would have been worse had Ferrari

driver Charles Leclerc's engine not failed near the end of the race.

"We need to do a better job," Wolff said. "We have to set ourselves strong targets internally, because we know where the deficit is. But I wouldn't want to talk publicly about it because it will just put (more) pressure (on)."

Hamilton was critical of Mercedes after Bahrain, telling a BBC podcast that Mercedes didn't listen to him about the development of this year's car.

Wolff understood his frustration.

"We know there are emotions at play. With him, with me, with many others in the team. We wear our hearts on our sleeve," Wolff said. "We know that emotions can run high. We have tough love . . . and nobody's not ever going to not take it on the chin in the team."

Wolff knows Mercedes made a mistake in car development after Russell earned their only race win last year. Mercedes struggled with the ground effect known as "porpoising" and Russell was fourth in the 2022 standings. Hamilton was sixth.

The 2023 W14 car has very narrow bodywork, known in F1 as a "zero-sidepod" concept, but Mercedes essentially produced a flawed car.

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## HOCKEY

### National Hockey League

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	67	51	11	113	510	251
Toronto	68	41	18	9	912	32
Tampa Bay	69	41	22	6	882	241
Florida	68	34	27	7	752	38
Buffalo	68	33	29	6	722	48
Ottawa	68	33	31	4	702	14
Montreal	69	27	36	6	601	95

##### Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	67	44	15	8	962	24
New Jersey	68	44	17	7	952	39
N.Y. Rangers	68	39	19	10	882	26
Pittsburgh	68	34	24	10	782	23
N.Y. Islanders	70	35	27	8	782	24
Washington	70	33	30	7	732	18
Philadelphia	68	25	32	11	611	77
Columbus	67	21	39	7	491	76

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	69	37	19	13	872	37
Minnesota	68	39	21	8	862	13
Colorado	67	39	22	6	842	21
Winnipeg	69	38	28	3	792	13
Nashville	66	34	25	7	751	



Post-divorce dating dilemmas

Dear Annie: I'm a recently divorced man in his mid-60s. I have no children and am secure in my job. I've been on a couple of dates since my divorce that haven't gone well.

One day, I ran into one of the nurses I met while I was in rehab after my stroke in 2016. We became friends and shared intimate details about our private lives with each other. She spent many nights after she got off work crying on my shoulder and generally not wanting to go home to her fiance.

One Saturday, I ran into her in the grocery store. After sharing a longer than normal embrace and quickly bringing each other up to speed on our life changes, we agreed to meet for dinner later that night. I picked her up, and off to dinner we went. Then we went to a movie. On the drive home, I ended up offering her the extra room in my town house as a place to stay until she figured out what she wanted to do about her situation. She accepted and began moving her stuff in the next day with my help.

While she was getting settled in, before going to work one day, she left me a note saying she would be late coming home from work that night. When she got home after 2 a.m., she was in tears and could barely talk. After finally getting her to calm down, she wrapped her arms around me and asked if she could sleep with me, and I said yes and went back to sleep.

She's been living here almost a year, and we get along almost too well. We stayed in last weekend, and after we both had too many beers, we ended up having the most enjoyable sex either of us have had in recent memory. Earlier today, she introduced me to a friend as her boyfriend while we were out running errands.

I'm conflicted about raising our friendship to the next level until I'm 100% sure I'm ready for another serious relationship. She's got a great personality and is funny, caring, a great cook and very compassionate when need be. My major stumbling block

is age. I'm old enough to be her dad. She doesn't look like she's in her mid-30s but like a woman much older than she actually is. I'll also say she turns me on when she lets her hair down on her days off. (She's required to have her hair up at work.)

Your thoughts, please! — Thinking in His 60s

Dear Thinking: Solid friendships are often great seeds from which romantic relationships can blossom. But before things can grow in either capacity, you and this woman need to get on the same page. Considering the dynamic you two have had this past year -- and now having been physically intimate with each other -- it's not unreasonable for her to think you're interested in something more serious, even if you haven't explicitly given things a label.

Start the conversation and see where things go. Explain your reservations and ask about her expectations. Don't pay too much mind to the age difference or what other people may think of your relationship. What's important is that you make each other happy and are aligned in what you're looking for. With open communication, honesty and grace, it's very possible that your bond with this woman can reach new heights.

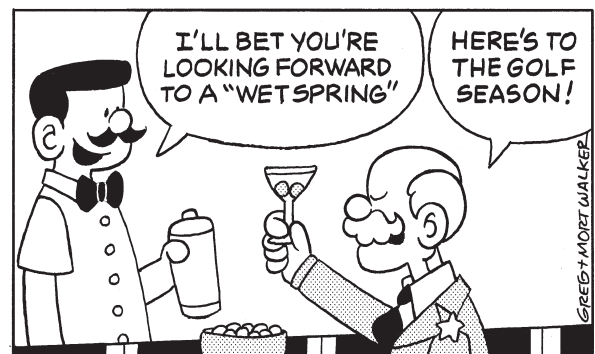
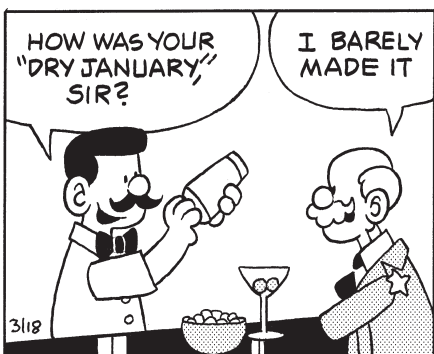
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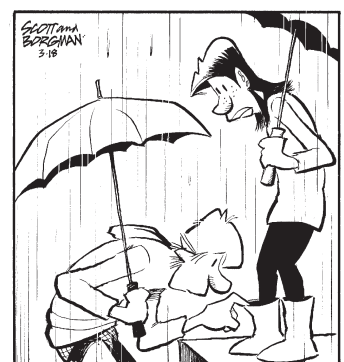
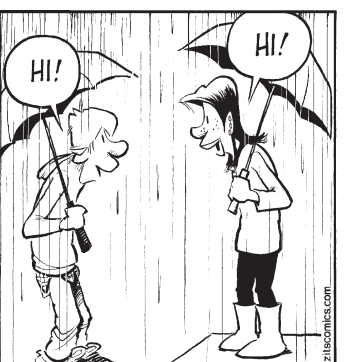
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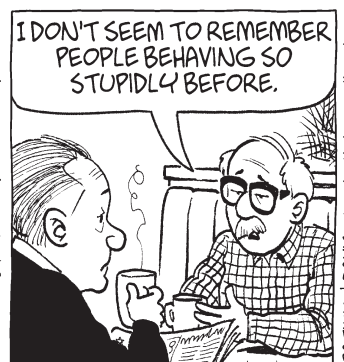
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



God is the author of peace

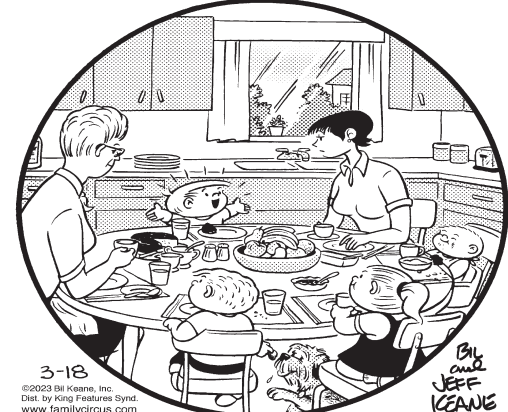
walk a new direction. When a person accepts Christ as Lord and Savior, He gives us the power to do this. The Bible tells us that God is the author of peace. God provided salvation through the cross. He made peace by the shedding of His blood to cover our sin. The war that exists between man and God can be over quickly, with a peace treaty signed in the blood of His Son. Without this, there is no hope for the future.

Jesus said there is going to be war until the end of the age. He knew that human nature is not going to change without a spiritual new birth. He knew that the vast majority of the human race was

never going to be converted to Him. The vast majority of the people of the world are not born again. So we always have the potential that violence will break out in a home, in a community, in the world. But individuals can know the peace that passes all understanding and it is found only in the Prince of Peace as we walk daily with Him in obedience. "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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Q: There is so much on the news about warfare and weapons of war. In my study of world wars and civil wars, it is hard to imagine anything worse and I've decided it will never change -- peace is not possible. -- WF.

A: The greatest warfare going on in the world today is between mankind and God. Until people surrender to Jesus Christ, God considers man at war with Him. But it doesn't have to be this way. Peace is possible. How?

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Daily Three-Midday — 09-05-05, SB: 05  
Daily Three-Evening — 05-01-01, SB: 00  
Daily Four-Midday — 05-09-02-02, SB: 05  
Daily Four-Evening — 01-04-08-05, SB: 00  
Quick Draw Evening — 03-05-07-09-13-16-18-22-32-36-40-41-42-58-64-65-67-74-76-79, BE: 67  
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**FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES** 3females, 3 males. Colors - blue Merle, black brindle, blue brindle and blue. Facebook Perfect French bulldogs 260-273-4317 angela46992@yahoo.com https://m.facebook.com/groups/1281436650673060/?ref=share&mbextid=S66gvf

### REAL ESTATE

**Home For Sale**

102 CHURCH ST., Ossian, spacious home w/much potential. 4 BR, 2 bath, additional 1 bedroom apartment upstairs, \$98,000. Call 260-760-1705.



**LEARNING TREE ACADEMY** Located in Ossian United Methodist Church 201 W Mill Street Ossian, Indiana. Offering both 3 day and 5 day classes with either an a.m.9:00-11:30 or p.m.1:00-3:30 option. We have over 20 years experience. Classes are filling up fast so don't delay. Either stop in and pickup your registration paperwork or give us a call. 260-622-0194 learningtree123@yahoo.com

### HELP WANTED

**SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY** Schools are seeking a full time Technology Support person. Please contact Trent Lehman at 765-728-5537 or tlehman@swraiders.com.

### BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Now Hiring! The Bluffton Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer. Applicant must be 21 years of age by close of application date, but less than 40; have a high school diploma; two-year college degree or equivalent (60 hours), or three years of work experience in police related field or an ILEA Basic graduate or equivalent. Must provide college transcripts. Applicant must possess and maintain a valid Indiana driver's license and responsible work experience. Applicant must pass a background investigation, written test, physical agility test, oral interview, voice stress examination, required statewide baseline physical and psychological examination and drug test. Applications may be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 128 E Market St, Bluffton, IN, between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at blufftonindiana.net. If you have questions about the application process, you may call the Bluffton Police Department at 260-824-3320, Kyle Randall, Chief of Police. Last day to accept applications will be March 31, 2023

**Lengerich MEATS**

LENGERICH MEATS IS looking for a motivated and reliable individual with great attention to detail to join our team. The position is for general labor starting at \$15.00/hr. Send your resume to Lengerich@frontier.com or stop in and fill out an application.

**Swiss Village, Inc. Berne, IN**

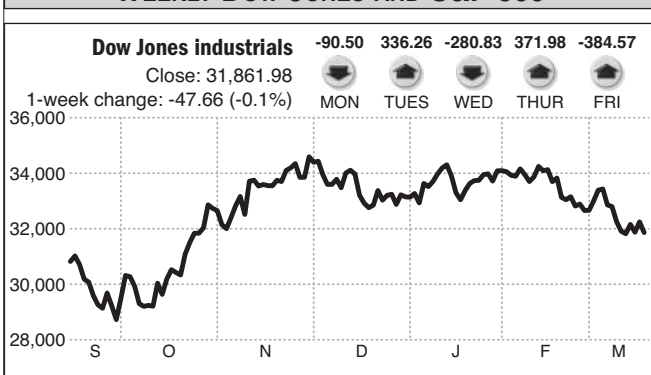
**Now Seeking: Healthcare Activities Assistant**

Swiss Village is now seeking a Full-Time Healthcare Activities Assistant to participate in the coordination, development, and implementation of comprehensive therapeutic recreation services and program for Swiss Village residents. Position will be 40 hours/week, with varying daytime hours. Minimal evening and weekend hours required. Candidates must have an outgoing personality and excellent interpersonal skills. Must be able to push wheelchairs and spend a majority of the workday walking. Seeking candidates willing to be flexible. Computer skills preferred.

Apply online at [www.swissvillage.org](http://www.swissvillage.org), in person, or send Resume to: Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist  
Swiss Village | 1350 W. Main St. | Berne, IN 46711  
or email: [careers@swissvillage.org](mailto:careers@swissvillage.org)

## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### WEEKLY DOW JONES AND S&P 500



### STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
35,492.22	28,660.94	Dow Jones Industrials	31,861.98	-47.66	-0.15	-3.88	-8.32
16,728.57	11,946.21	Dow Jones Transportation	13,773.46	-435.55	-3.07	+2.85	-16.51
1,077.08	823.64	Dow Jones Utilities	923.21	+35.66	+4.02	-4.57	-6.09
17,034.91	13,278.56	NYSE Composite	14,599.05	-295.13	-1.98	-3.85	-12.12
14,646.90	10,088.83	Nasdaq Composite	11,630.51	+491.63	+4.41	+11.12	-16.29
4,637.30	3,491.58	S&P 500	3,916.64	+55.05	+1.43	+2.01	-12.24
2,780.91	2,185.93	S&P MidCap	2,374.47	-78.12	-3.19	-2.30	-12.25
46,793.61	34,917.15	Wilshire 5000	38,762.85	+383.67	+1.00	+0.01	-13.88
2,138.45	1,641.47	Russell 2000	1,725.90	-46.81	-2.64	-2.81	-17.27
16,360.71	11,517.23	Lipper Growth Index	12,794.43	+367.55	+2.96	+6.64	-18.23

### STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

NYSE GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GoldFltd	11.55	+2.34	+25.4	FstRepBk	23.03	-58.73	-71.8	CredSuis	878224	2.01	-65
UIPath	17.05	+3.17	+22.8	FIRepBk	9.36	-6.79	-42.0	BkofAm	747828	27.82	-2.45
ZIM Intg	23.98	+4.41	+22.5	WstrnAlib	31.32	-18.02	-36.5	FstRepBk	6851026	23.03	-58.73
EndvSilv g	3.41	+5.8	+20.5	FIRepBk	9.06	-4.84	-34.8	FordM	6503563	11.30	-8.0
FmJgSilv g	7.32	+1.22	+20.0	AmprusTc	4.55	-1.78	-28.1	Schwab	4792766	56.41	-2.29
PagrDuty	32.07	+5.21	+19.4	BabylonHid	5.89	-2.23	-27.5	LumenTch	4179702	2.48	-2.0
HarmonyG	3.77	+6.1	+19.3	BankLid	21.27	-8.01	-27.4	Keycorp	3913525	11.53	-4.13
AngloglDA	20.64	+3.21	+18.4	SearchMar	7.49	-2.75	-26.9	WellsFargo	2679374	37.76	-3.60
GravEd rs	14.29	+2.19	+18.1	Keycorp	11.53	-4.13	-26.4	Carvial	2520973	8.55	-1.14
Kinross g	4.13	+6.3	+18.0	NY Cmt p1A	15.65	-5.55	-26.2	TruistFn	2377072	30.56	-8.28

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD	Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD	
AFLAC	1.68	61.29	-2.74	-4.3	-14.8	iShBxHYB	5.09	73.37	-0.7	-0.1	-4	
AT&T Inc	1.11	181.3	-30	-1.6	-1.5	iShR2K	1.77	171.23	-4.95	-2.8	-1.8	
AMD	1.60	97.84	+15.17	+18.4	+51.1	Intel	50	29.81	+2.59	+9.5	+12.8	
Alphab A s	...	101.62	+10.99	+12.1	+15.2	IBM	6.60	123.69	-1.76	-1.4	-12.2	
Amazon s	...	98.95	+8.22	+9.1	+17.8	INV	1.16	305.36	+16.81	+5.8	+14.7	
AEP	3.32	90.70	+3.17	+3.6	+4.5	Keycorp	82	11.53	-4.13	-26.4	-33.8	
Apple Inc s	92	155.00	+6.50	+4.4	+19.3	Kroger	1.04	46.78	-3.2	-7.0	+4.9	
ApdMatl	1.04	122.60	+8.21	+7.2	+25.9	LincNat	1.80	20.30	-5.36	-20.9	-33.9	
BP PLC	1.44	35.17	-3.84	-9.8	-7	Lowe's	4.20	197.36	+7.0	+4.0	-9.9	
BkofAm	88	27.82	-2.45	-8.1	-16.0	LoyalVen	...	0.9	-1.5	-64.2	-96.4	
BedBath	68	1.03	-3.1	-23.1	-59.0	LumenTch	1.00	2.48	-2.0	-7.5	-52.5	
BriMySq	2.16	66.53	+8.2	+12.1	-7.5	MarathDg	...	8.17	+2.84	+53.3	+138.9	
CampSp	1.48	53.38	+8.7	+17.1	-5.9	McDnids	6.08	267.20	+5.17	+2.0	+1.4	
Carnival	...	8.55	-1.14	-11.8	+6.1	Microsoft	2.72	279.43	+30.84	+12.4	+16.5	
Caterpillar	4.44	215.01	-12.00	-5.3	-10.2	MullnAuto	...	1.4	-0.4	-20.6	-52.8	
Chevron	6.04	152.34	-7.33	-4.6	-15.1	NI Inds	...	28	6.15	-3.0	-4.7	
Cisco	1.56	50.19	+1.63	+3.4	+5.4	NISource	1.00	27.47	+7.6	+2.8	+2	
Citigroup	2.04	44.25	-4.09	-8.5	-2.2	NorfolkS	5.40	203.90	-6.55	-3.1	-17.3	
CocaCola	1.84	60.02	+1.27	+2.2	-5.6	Nuocr	2.04	144.12	-14.76	-9.3	+9.0	
CredSuis	1.22	2.01	-6.5	-24.4	-33.9	Nvidia	...	16	257.25	+27.60	+12.0	+76.0
DxSOXBrs	...	19.14	-3.38	-15.0	-51.6	PacWstBc	1.00	9.28	+3.07	+24.9	-59.6	
DxBiotBl	...	5.07	+1.2	+2.4	-28.3	PepsiCo	4.60	175.13	+3.10	+1.8	-3.1	
DxSOXBI	...	16.13	+2.08	+14.8	+66.8	Pfizer	1.60	40.10	+7.1	+1.8	-21.7	
Dir30TrBul	...	9.11	+2.7	+3.1	+19.6	PrUHQO	...	24.57	+3.69	+17.7	+42.0	
Disney	...	93.20	-3.7	-4.0	+7.3	PSHQOO	...	34.49	-6.59	-16.0	-36.1	
Eaton	2.92	160.15	-10.15	-6.0	+2.0	SpdDJIA	3.98	318.50	-1.23	-0.4	-3.9	
ElliLilly	4.52	329.18	+14.16	+4.5	+10.0	S&P500ETF	4.13	389.99	+4.08	+1.1	+2.0	
ExelaTc rs	...	0.5	-0.1	-13.2	-43.9	SpdS&P RB	...	7.4	43.44	-7.25	-14.3	-26.0
ExxonMk	3.64	99.84	-7.94	-7.4	-9.9	Schwab	1.00	56.41	-2.29	-3.9	-32.2	
FadyFuln	...	4.5	-0.2	-4.0	+55.5	SPDR Fnc	...	34	30.98	-1.95	-5.9	-9.4
FstRepBk	1.08	23.03	-58.73	-71.8	-81.1	SLiDynam	1.70	103.91	-16.45	-13.7	+6.4	
FordM	60	11.30	-8.0	-6.6	-2.8	Tesla s	...	180.13	+6.69	+3.9	+46.2	
FrankElec	90	88.37	-2.39	-2.6	+10.8	TruistFn	2.08	30.56	-8.28	-21.3	-29.0	
FrtMtl	30	36.23	-1.65	-4.4	-4.7	VerizonCm	2.61	36.79	+1.1	+0.3	-6.6	
GenElec	32	90.29	-7.1	-0.8	+38.7	WalMart	2.28	139.40	+3.00	+2.2	-1.7	
HP Inc	1.05	288.04	+5.9	+2.1	+4.4	WalBoots	1.92	32.91	-3.5	-1.1	-11.9	
HomeDp	8.36	28.39	+2.08	+0.7	+8.7	WstMinc	2.80	153.15	+3.82	+2.6	-2.4	
HuntBnch	62	10.34	-2.87	-21.7	-26.7	WellsFargo	1.20	37.76	-3.60	-8.7	-8.5	

### MONEY RATES

	Last	Pvs Week
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Discount Rate	5.25	5.25
Federal Funds Rate	4.50-4.75	4.50-4.75
Treasuries		
3-month	4.48	5.01
6-month	4.69	5.29
5-year	3.44	4.22
10-year	3.44	3.91
30-year	3.63	3.86

### CURRENCIES

	Last	Pvs Day
Australia	1.4898	1.5039
Britain	1.2197	1.2122
Canada	1.3715	1.3727
Euro	9382	9422
Japan	131.67	133.55
Mexico	18.011	18.8030
Switzerland	9256	9300

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

### MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Total Assets Obj (\$Mln)	NAV	Total Return/Rank	Pct Load
			4-wk 12-mo 5-year	
American Funds AmrcnBalA	m	MA 90,963	28.71 -2.3	-7.5/B +5.5/B 5.75
American Funds CptlncBldrA	m	IH 60,573	61.68 -3.7	-5.5/A +3.8/B 5.75
American Funds EuroPacGrA	m	FG 19,574	50.53 -4.2	-8.4/B +1.1/D 5.75
American Funds FdmtilnvsA	m	LB 56,896	60.69 -4.7	-9.1/B +6.5/D 5.75
American Funds GrfAmrcA	m	LG 101,668	52.31 -4.1	-15.0/D +6.9/D 5.75
American Funds IncAmrcA	m	AL 75,264	21.90 -4.2	-6.4/A +5.0/B 5.75
American Funds InvCmrcA	m	LB 66,522	41.81 -3.5	-7.8/A +6.9/D 5.75
American Funds NwPrspctvA	m	WG 49,818	49.27 -4.0	-11.4/B +7.0/B 5.75
American Funds WAMtlvsA	m	LB 69,873	50.35 -4.7	-8.0/A +8.2/C 5.75
Davis NYVentureA	m	LB 4,196	22.37 -8.9	-12.1/E +3.1/E 4.75
Dodge & Cox Stkl	LV			