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Explaining the path to road conversion

With the deadline for road conversion petitions looming, County Engineer Nate Rumschlag details the process

By HOLLY GASKILL

Wells County has been converting its gravel roads since its beginning, said County Engineer Nate Rumschlag.

Although the process has changed over the years, Rumschlag's current procedure puts property owners at the fore-

That said, not every property owner wants this for their road. Rumschlag stated the department often encounters one property owner holding out on a specific section. Their reasons are often varied — some are wary of potentially higher traffic, while others dislike construction or are simply unin-

"Chip and seal is actually more expensive to maintain than gravel roads," Rumschlag said. "But it's a public service, so we do it — we just need people to show they actually want it.'

To begin the process, property owners submit petitions to show their interest in chip and seal conversion of their road, which involves using a loose aggregate and permanent sealant for smoother travel.

Once all petitions are received for a section, the county asks the petitioners to donate the necessary right-of-way. The ROW is the area acquired for the construction of the highway, including a portion of the property alongside the road. The Indiana Department of Transportation recommends a

30-foot ROW for a 10-foot lane, measured from the center of the road on either side. The remaining space allows for a safe slope on the road edge, a 2-foot shoulder and a clear ditch line.

Rumschlag stated many gravel roads were put in place before the modern combustion engine, often leaving a ROW of just 16-18 ft. Regardless of conversion status, this issue has been outlined in the Wells County Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

While some have asked about conversion without acquiring the ROW, Rumschlag emphasized how this creates a liability for the county. Rumschlag noted specific areas where a tree is just a few feet away from the roadway, posing a significant risk to someone traveling at higher speeds.

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NYC converts hotels to shelters to house asylum seekers

By DEEPTI HAJELA and BOBBY CAINA CALVAN **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — The historic Roosevelt Hotel in midtown Manhattan shuttered three years ago, but it will soon be bustling again — reopening to accommodate an anticipated influx of asylum seekers just as other New York City hotels are being converted to emergency shelters.

Mayor Eric Adams announced Saturday that the city will use the Roosevelt to eventually provide as many as 1,000 rooms for migrants who are expected to arrive in coming weeks because of the expiration of pandemic-era rules, known collectively as Title 42, that had allowed federal officials to turn away asylum seekers from the U.S. border with

Across the city, hotels like the Roosevelt that served tourists just a few years ago are being transformed into emergency shelters, many of them in prime locations within walking distance from Times Square, the World Trade Center memo-

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Sorting them out

Volunteers unloaded and sorted out food items Saturday afternoon at the Wells County Food Bank after they were dropped off by a U.S. Postal Service van. Saturday was the pickup day for the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" day, and Connie Kaehr, coordinator for the food bank, said 3,715 pounds of food were brought in to the facility at 1254 S. Main St. Pictured unloading the items are, from left to right, Nola Kaehr, Layne Meyer, Mike Meade, Abby Kaehr, Alyssa Kaehr, and Katelyn Meyer. The girls are Connie Kaehr's granddaughters. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

Al presents political peril for 2024

By DAVID KLEPPER and ALI SWENSON **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer engineers and tech-inclined political scientists have warned for years that cheap, powerful artificial intelligence tools would soon allow anyone to create fake images, video and audio that was realistic enough to fool voters and perhaps sway an election.

The synthetic images that emerged were often crude, unconvincing and costly to produce, especially when other kinds of misinformation were so inexpensive and easy to spread on social media. The threat posed by

AI and so-called deepfakes always seemed a year or two away.

No more.

Sophisticated generative AI tools can now create cloned human voices and hyper-realistic images, videos and audio in seconds, at minimal cost. When strapped to powerful social media algorithms, this fake and digitally created content can spread far and fast and target highly specific audiences, potentially taking campaign dirty

tricks to a new low. The implications for the 2024 campaigns and elections are as large as they are troubling: Generative AI can not only rapidly produce targeted campaign emails, texts or videos, it also could be used to mislead voters, impersonate candidates and undermine elections on a scale and at a speed not yet

"We're not prepared for this," warned A.J. Nash, vice president of intelligence at the cybersecurity firm ZeroFox. "To me, the big leap forward is the audio and video capabilities that have emerged. When you can do that on a large scale, and distribute it on social platforms, well, it's going to have a major impact."

AI experts can quickly rattle off a number of alarming scenarios in which (Continued on Page 2)

Israeli cease-fire with militants holds

By FARES AKRAM and TIA GOLDENBERG **Associated Press**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) -A fragile cease-fire between Israeli forces and militants in the Gaza Strip appeared to be holding on Sunday after a five-day clash that killed 33 Palestinians and two people in Israel.

In an early test for the truce, Palestinian militants fired a rocket that landed in an open area of southern Israel Sunday evening. Palestinian media said the launch was caused by a technical error as militants were trying to deactivate the rocket.

Israel responded with tank fire on what it said were two military posts belonging to Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group. Hamas stayed out of the recent round of fighting, but Israel says it holds the group responsible for fire coming out of the territory.

The latest round of Gaza fighting was sparked Tuesday when Israeli jets killed three top commanders from the Islamic Jihad militant group in response to earlier rocket launches from Gaza. Those killings set off a barrage of militant fire and the conflagration threatened to drag the region into another all-out war until Egypt mediated a cease-fire that took hold late

Saturday. While the calm appeared to bring a sense of relief to Gaza's 2 million people and hundreds of thousands of Israelis who had been largely confined to bomb shelters in recent days, the agreement did nothing to address the underlying issues that have fueled numerous rounds of fighting between Israel and Palestinian militant groups

in the Gaza Strip over the years. In Gaza, residents surveyed the latest damage caused to their surroundings, with gaping holes left in the

Ukraine: counteroffensive won't aim to attack Russian territory

By FRANK JORDANS **Associated Press**

BERLIN (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that his country is preparing a counteroffensive designed to liberate areas occupied by Russia, not to attack Russian territory.

Speaking during a news conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin, Zelenskyy

said Ukraine's goal is to free the territories within its internationally recognized borders.

The Washington Post cited previously undisclosed documents from a trove of U.S. intelligence leaks suggesting that Zelenskyy has considered trying to capture areas in Russia proper for possible use as bargaining chips in peace negotiations to end the war

launched by Moscow in February 2022. This would put him at odds with Western governments that have insisted that weapons they provide must not be used to attack targets in Russia.

Asked about the report, Zelenskyy said: "We don't attack Russian territory, we liberate our own legitimate territory.'

"We have neither the time nor

the strength (to attack Russia)," he said, according to an official interpreter. "And we also don't have weapons to spare, with which we could do this.'

'We are preparing a counterattack for the illegally occupied areas based on our constitutionally defined legitimate borders, which are recognized internationally," Zelenskyy said.

Among the areas still occupied by Russia are the Crimean peninsula and parts of eastern Ukraine with mainly Russian-speaking populations.

The Ukrainian president is visiting allies in search of further arms to help his country fend off the Russian invasion, and funds to rebuild what's been destroyed by (Continued on Page 2)

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Road conversion

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"It is a life risk and a liability," Rumschlag said.

Although the road conversion petition includes information about the ROW, some property owners have rescinded their support of conversion because of this. Rumschlag noted these reasons vary but often involve objections to removing landscaping, moving a fence or losing farmland. However, Rumschlag said there are no circumstances where an increased ROW would interfere with a structure.

Despite a majority approval, one property owner can completely stall a road conversion.

In this circumstance, Rumschlag said the county may negotiate with a property owner to purchase or amend the scope of the ROW. However, the county budget does not currently include ROW purchases and would be unattainable on a broad scale.

If that offered no results, Rumschlag

advised the county could pursue legal action to condemn the ROW. To do this, the county would need to make a case that a specific property owner was uncooperative, and that the ROW presents a significant life risk to the public. This process involves many steps and reviews, often bearing a financial burden to the pursuant.

'Condemnation is a slow, arduous and frustrating process for everybody involved," Rumschlag said.

If and when all ROWs have been received, the Highway Department ranks the road section among others given its condition and crash history. In the meantime, property owners can electively pay for dust control, an annual treatment that attempts to mitigate the dust from summer travel on gravel roads.

The chip and seal process itself is generally straightforward - crews go out to the area and clear the right of way, prepare the road, and begin the physical conversion process. The

Highway Department completes the process with another seal treatment the following summer.

And, while the road conversion process may face delays, it has garnered momentum, finishing several miles every summer. Previously, the county engineer identified roads and pursued paperwork from each property owner, which led to slow development and frequent stalls.

Because of the overall efficiency of this new method, several neighboring counties have implemented similar processes for their road conversions.

Petitions for road conversion are due June 1 to be considered in the upcoming season. Road conversion documents including upcoming road conversions, petitions received, and donated ROWs can be viewed at wellscounty.org/ highway-department. Further questions about the road conversion process can be directed to the Highway Department.

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Weather

Monday, May 15, 2023 (24-hour observations at 10:19 p.m. Sunday) **High:** 69; **Low:** 55; **Precipitation:** 0.02 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 2.21 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. East wind 5 to

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. West wind

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming north after mid-

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. **Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 2 a.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Friday: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Al peril

generative AI is used to create synthetic media for the purposes of confusing voters, slandering a candidate or even inciting violence.

Here are a few: Automated robocall messages, in a candidate's voice, instructing voters to cast ballots on the wrong date; audio recordings of a candidate supposedly confessing to a crime or expressing racist views; video footage showing someone giving a speech or interview they never gave. Fake images designed to look like local news reports, falsely claiming a candidate dropped out

"What if Elon Musk personally calls you and tells you to vote for a certain candidate?" said Oren Etzioni, the founding CEO of the Allen Institute for AI, who stepped down last year to a strange, slightly warped start the nonprofit AI2. "A image of Biden and the text lot of people would listen. But it's not him."

Former President Donald Trump, who is running in 2024, has shared AI-generated content with his followers on social media. A manipulated video of CNN host Anderson Cooper that Trump shared on his Truth Social platform on Friday, which distorted Cooper's reaction to the CNN town hall this past week with Trump, was created using an AI voice-cloning tool.

A dystopian campaign ad released last month by the Republican National Committee offers another glimpse of this digitally manipulated future. The online ad, which came after President Joe Biden announced his reelection campaign, and starts with

"What if the weakest president we've ever had was reelected?"

A series of AI-generated images follows: Taiwan under attack; boarded up storefronts in the United States as the economy crumbles; soldiers and armored military vehicles patrolling local streets as tattooed criminals and waves of immigrants create panic.

"An AI-generated look into the country's possible future if Joe Biden is reelected in 2024," reads the ad's description from the RNC.

The RNC acknowledged its use of AI, but others, including nefarious political campaigns and foreign adversaries, will not, said Petko Stoyanov, global chief technology officer at Forcepoint, a cybersecurity company based in Austin, Texas. Stoyanov predicted that groups looking to meddle with U.S. democracy will employ AI and synthetic media as a way to erode

"What happens if an international entity - a cybercriminal or a nation state - impersonates someone. What is the impact? Do we have any recourse?" Stoyanov said. "We're going to see a lot more misinformation from international sources."

AI-generated political disinformation already has gone viral online ahead of the 2024 election, from a doctored video of Biden appearing to give a speech attacking transgender people to AI-generated images of children supposedly learning satanism in libraries.

Ukraine

(Continued from Page 1) more than a year of devastating conflict.

A Luftwaffe jet flew Zelenskyy to the German capital from Rome, where he had met Saturday with Pope Francis and Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni.

It was his first visit to Berlin since the start of the war and came a day after the German government announced a new package of military aid for Ukraine worth more than \$3 billion, including tanks, anti-aircraft systems and ammunition.

Zelenskyy thanked Scholz for Germany's political, financial and military support, saying the country is now second only behind

the United States in providing aid to Ukraine - and joked that he is working to make it the biggest donor.

"German air defense systems, artillery, tanks and infantry fighting vehicles are saving Ukrainian lives and bringing us closer to victory. Germany is a reliable ally! Together we are bringing peace closer!" he wrote on Twitter after the meeting.

Scholz said Berlin has so far given Kyiv some 17 billion euros in bilateral aid and that it can expect more in future.

"We will support you for as long as necessary," he said, adding that it is up to Russia to end the war by withdrawing its troops.

NYC converts hotels

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rial site and the Empire State Building. A legal mandate requires the city to provide shelter to anyone who needs it.

Even so, Adams says the city is running out of room for migrants and has sought financial help from the state and federal governments.

"New York City has now cared for more than 65,000 asylum seekers already opening up over 140 emergency shelters and eight large-scale humanitarian relief centers in addition to this one to manage this national crisis," the mayor said in a statement announcing the Roosevelt decision

The storied hotel near Grand Central Terminal served as election headquarters for New York Gov. Thomas Dewey, who in 1948 was said to have wrongly announced from the Roosevelt that he had defeated Harry Truman for president.

Cease-fire

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apartments serving as what

Israel said were hideouts

for the six senior Islamic

Jihad members killed dur-

ing this round. Gaza's main

cargo crossing with Israel

reopened Sunday after warnings that keeping it

Israel was gradually lift-

ing restrictions on residents

As the city faces growing pressure to expand its shelter system, it is turning to vacant hotels for those who need a roof and a place to bunk down as they sort out their lives. One of them is the Holiday Inn, located in Manhattan's Financial District. A few months ago, signs in the lobby windows of the 50-story, 500room hotel said it was closed.

Scott Markowitz of Tarter Krinsky & Drogin, attorneys for the hotel's owner, said reopening as a city-sponsored shelter made financial sense.

"They rent out every room at the hotel at a certain price every night," Markowitz said, adding that it is bringing "substantially more revenue" than normal operations would have brought

It's not new for the city to turn to hotels for New Yorkers without homes when shelters and other options weren't available.

During the pandemic, group shelters made it difficult to comply with social distancing rules, prompting the city to rent out hundreds of hotel rooms as quasi COVID wards. As the pandemic eased, the city became less reliant on

That changed as thousands of migrants began arriving by bus last

The Watson Hotel on West 57th Street, which used to receive rave reviews for its rooftop pool and proximity to Central Park, is now being used to house migrant families.

'It is our moral and legal obligation to provide shelter to anyone who needs it," the city's Department of Social Services said in a statement. "As such, we have utilized, and will continue to utilize, every tool at our disposal to meet the needs of every family and individual who comes to us seeking shelter."

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closed would force Gaza's sole power plant to shut down, deepening a power

had borne the brunt of the rocket fire. Israeli officials expressed

satisfaction with the latest battle, having killed at least six members of Islamic Jihad's top brass in what it says were pinpointed strikes based on solid intelligence. But at least 13 of those killed in Gaza were civilians, among them children as young as 4 years old, as well as women.

Prime Minister Benjamin

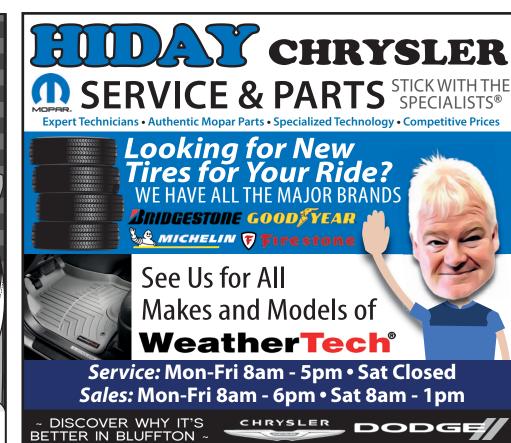
attacks on the militants' hideouts would reverberate

around the region. Israel has faced criticism in the past from rights groups over the civilian casualties in its bombardments in Gaza. Israel says it does its utmost to avoid harming civilians in its strikes and says militants operate from within the territory's densely populated areas to fire rockets indiscriminately at Israeli com-

Even if some of the strikes were precise, others destroyed the homes of uninvolved Palestinians.

Throughout the fighting, Israel's repeated airstrikes targeting Islamic Jihad and its command centers and rocket-launching sites showed no signs of stopping the rocket fire, prompting Islamic Jihad to declare victory and sending cheering Palestinians out into the streets late Satur-





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OBITUARIES

Rosemary Hegerfeld, 81

Rosemary Hegerfeld, 81, of Roanoke, died Friday evening, May 12, 2023, at the Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born May 8, 1942, in Bluffton, to Henry Gerber

and Ada Heverly Gerber. She married Edwin E. Hegerfeld Jan. 28, 1968, in Bluffton; her husband preceded her in death Nov. 16, 2008. Survivors include a son, Clark Hegerfeld of Roanoke; a

daughter, Crystal Lake (fiancé Eugene Roberts) of Bluffton; four sisters, Gladys Gerber, Virginia Gerber, Martha (Rex) Gentis, and Marcella Dillman, all of Bluffton; and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rosemary was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Gerber, and a sister, Susan "Sue" Kipfer.

Private family graveside services will be held at Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams County with Doyle Frauhiger officiating. The Goodwin-Cale 8 Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jean Ann Lawhorn, 66

Jean Ann "Shorty" Lawhorn, 66, of Bluffton, died Thursday afternoon, May 11, 2023, at the IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born April 8, 1957, in Huntington, to Richard Douglas and Treva Morris Douglas. Her mother survives in

She is also survived by a daughter, Heather Scott (Rob Schocke) of Kendallville; a son, David (Brandi) Lawhorn of Bluffton; a sister, Sharon Baker of Bluffton; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren..

She was preceded in death by her father; her lifelong companion, Richard Lanning; a a sister, Bonnie Haler; and a great-granddaughter.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, followed by a time of sharing at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel. Online condolences: www.goodwincaleharnish.com

Michael R. Young, 68

Michael R. "Mike" Young, 68, of rural Zanesville, died Friday afternoon, May 12, 2023, at his residence. He was born Dec. 23, 1954, to Ralph and Beula

Young. He married Jackie Perry June 10, 1994, in Angola; his wife survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin (Jamie) Perry, Jonah Perry, and Shawn Perry, all of Zanesville, and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son,

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, followed immediately by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Online condolences: www.goodwincaleharnish.com

Sharon D. Binegar, 71

Sharon D. Binegar, 71, of Montpelier, died Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Stephan D. Holmes, 81

Stephan D. Holmes, 81, of Warren, died Saturday morning, May 13, 2023, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Arrangements are pending at the Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren

Viola M. McCoin, 86

Viola M. McCoin, 86, of Montpelier, died Friday, May 12, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

2 Bluffton nurses nominated for DAISY Awards

Teresa Ley and Rachel Quillen, two registered nurses at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. were recently nominated by patients for the

DAISY Award.

families and colleagues may





Rachel Quillen, R.N.

nominate nurses for this award from any Lutheran Health Network hospital, RediMed or MedStat urgent care clinic or Lutheran Health Physicians practice.

DAISY Awards are made possible by the DAISY Foundation. The acronym stands for "diseases attacking the immune system," referring to the memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Barnes died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, an autoimmune disease. His family established the DAISY Founda-

Ley also received the DAISY Award in 2021. A patient nominated her, writing: "Teresa was my pre-op nurse for two different procedures. Before the second procedure, we were going over my medical history and she recalled being my nurse the first time. I talked about all I'd been through and how it has been such a tough road. She held my hand and prayed for me. I will always remember the love and care she showed for me that day. It was such a comfort. I left feeling like I was more than just a patient."

Another patient nominated Quillen, writing: "I was scheduled for a procedure but wasn't feeling well prior to it. Rachel was compassionate and caring, notifying the doctor of possible complications because of how I was feeling. Medications were provided so they could safely continue with the procedure, doing all they could to make the experience less stressful for me. Rachel was wonderful.'

Obituary Policy

The News-Banner and Ossian Journal publishes "basic" obituaries free of charge for "local" deaths. "Basic" obituaries will include the deceased's name, age, community of record, date and place of death, basic genealogical information, the date, time and location of calling hours and services and the name of the funeral home handling arrangements.

If additional information and/or a photo is desired to be included, or if the deceased does not meet the definitions of a "local" person, there is a charge.

Area funeral homes will provide details on the policy and will coordinate obituary publication.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

Ossian:

Thursday, 11:53 p.m., 5406W 300S, Liberty Center. Tree on fire. Property owner advised he had set it on fire to get rid of three squirrels.

Friday, 12:30 a.m., Silo Farms. Multiple complaints of a driver yelling obscenities from his vehicle and claiming his children were being murdered. Driver Tyler K. Miller, 34, Zanesville, was located by law enforcement and continued to act erratically and yell about members of his family being murdered. Law

The Wells County Cham-

ber of Commerce staff and

Ambassadors surprised

owner April Wimmer of

More Than Mail as the

May Member of the Month.

More Than Mail is located

at 619 North Main Street in

opportunity in 2020 when

her current position as a

contractor was going to be

eliminated due to COVID.

"I was dropping off my

very last package at More

Than Mail and the previ-

ous owner asked if I knew

of anyone that needed a

job," explained Wimmer. "I

jumped on the opportunity

because I needed a job to

figure out what I was going

diately how much she

enjoyed working at More

Than Mail and delivering

a service that comes very

naturally to her. "I am a

people person, I love talk-

ing to everyone, and found

this job to be a lot of fun

for me. I learned a new

skill and figured out I am

pretty good at it. Puzzle

solving skills come into

play packing and ship-

ping items and that is very

March of 2021, the business

was for sale and Wimmer

decided to take advantage

of the opportunity. During

that time, More Than Mail

was located at the Interur-

ban Park complex north of

Bluffton. At the end of 2022

Wimmer moved the busi-

ness to the current location.

is to have a drive-thru drop

"My goal in the future

A short year later, in

enjoyable for me.'

Wimmer realized imme-

to do next."

Wimmer walked into an

Bluffton.

enforcement threatened use of a Taser and K9 to get Miller to comply. A warrant was received for a blood draw, and Miller was transported to Bluffton Regional Medical Center. On the drive, Miller began yelling that the cocaine in his vehicle wasn't his. At the hospital, it was noted there were small bleeding holes in Miller's arm believed to be from a needle. Family members later advised Miller had been abusing meth, which often causes him to hallucinate. Miller was arrested for resisting law enforcement, a Class

WELLS COUNTYIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pictured in the photo from left. Heather Morgan of National Oil & Gas. Rachel Reinhard of

Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing, Kevin Pritchard of Ruoff Mortgage, Jennifer Earhart and April Wimmer of More Than Mail, Keith Muhlenkamp of First Merchants Bank, Jane Haworth of

More Than Mail, Alyssa Brown of Archbold & Lewis Insurance, Pam Gregory of Pages & Stuff

of Special Events, Wells County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Prible. (Photo

Mail is delivering service

off and the other building

was not logistically set up

to accommodate that need,"

stated Wimmer. "We have a

lot of Senior Citizens with

walkers or parents with

babies trying to carry in

packages and it is very cum-

bersome for them. A drive-

thru would make it more

convenient for many people.

In addition, it was more cost

effective to come here and

it is working out very well

er goal for the business to

grow is seeking a location

in the Portland or Red Key

area due to the lack of mail-

ing services. "They have lim-

ited ability to mail packages

and with Amazon exploding,

people need mailing services

More Than Mail offers

to take back products."

retrieve mail.

an option."

Wimmer explained anoth-

with space.'

Featured Member of the Month

Bluffton's More Than

A misdemeanor, disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond set at \$3,000. Freeman's towed the vehicle. **ACCIDENTS County:**

Wednesday, 2:40 p.m., CR 1100E at U.S. 224, Bluffton. Anna Thomas, 17, Markle, was driving a 2012 Jeep Wrangler stopped in traffic. Thomas began to pull forward as traffic let up, but failed to stop properly when traffic stopped again, colliding with a 2007 Lexus ES driven by Grant Mishler,

store is customer service,'

said Wimmer. "My parents

owned their own business,

and I was raised in under-

standing what service means.

I really feel like customer ser-

vice has gone by the wayside

in our society. We welcome

customers to come in and

even if they spend a quarter,

we will give the same level

of service as someone who

spends more. I believe it is

worth it in the long run and

that you are doing good for

the right reasons. I want to be

known in the end that I was

friendly and willing to help

Monday from 8 a.m. to 6

p.m., Tuesday through Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Satur-

day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

More Than Mail is open

anyone I meet."

17, Ossian. Damage exceeded \$1,000.

FIRES

Thursday, 11:54 p.m., 300 south between 500 west and 600 west, tree on fire, fire extinguished. Owner did not want tree removed.

ARRESTS

Alonzo Paul Howard, 43, Bluffton; breaking and entering, a Level 6 felony, unauthorized entry of a vehicle, a Class B misdemeanor, disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor, public intoxication, a Class b misdemeanor. Bond set at

Corrections and clarifications

In Friday's News-Banner, a typo indicated membership to the Indiana Tourism Association would cost \$7,000. This membership costs \$700.

Financial Focus Four ways to use cash wisely We haven't yet reached the "cashless'

society. In fact, cash can still be a valu-able element of your overall financial picture – if you employ it wisely. But how?

Actually, you can find at least four good uses for cash. First, of course, you need it for every-

day expenses – your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. You can also use cash to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses. You

pected costs, such as a major home repair.

Cash can also be used to meet short-

Finally, you can benefit from having cash in your investment portfolio. For one thing, the presence of cash, which has a stable value, may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your investment mix, which likely includes stocks and stock-based funds, whose value will fluctuate. Also, by having cash available in your portfolio, you can quickly take advantage of new investment opportunities.

vestment opportunities.

By putting your cash to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits – and help yourself keep moving toward all your financial goals. JEREMY M. TODD

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6 shot, wounded after fight at gathering ANDERSON, Ind. (AP)

 Police in central Indiana are investigating a shooting that left six people wounded. Police said in a statement that the shooting happened around 2:30 a.m. Sunday in Anderson, a city of about 29,000 people. According to the statement, a large crowd had gathered when a fight broke out. Several gunshots were heard. Police officers pushed their way through the crowd and discovered someone had been shot in the leg. That person was transported to an Indianapolis hospital and was in stable condition. Five more people checked themselves into local Anderson hospitals with gunshot wounds later Sunday. No arrests have been made.

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There are also about 200 streaming

For the uninitiated, the group of a podcast analog natives which kinda sorta includes me, a podcast is an online broadcast that you can sign up for online and listen at your leisure. Please be aware that there are approxi-



Schultz

mately six minutes of commercial per one minute of content on the podcast, so it can be a slow slog through the material. Is it worth it? It depends on how much you like what you're able to listen to. (We'll get back to this in a few minutes.)

Streaming services are often the offshoots of more established broadcast channels. Do you like shows on CBS? You can subscribe to Paramount+, which is pronounced "Paramount Plus," not "Paramount Plus Sign." If you like what's on NBC, you can subscribe to Peacock. You get the idea.

We do have access to Paramount+, but since my wife and I are analog natives, we're used to the three major broadcast networks we grew up with. The other day, however, there was nothing we were — actually, I was — interested on the standard networks so I turned on to Paramount+ and watched what is called the 16th season of "Criminal Minds," which carries the subhead of "Evolution." The show was one of our favorites when it was on and I had read that "Evolution" was pretty good. So after a lengthy search for the show — these things don't come with instructions, after all — I finally started it and we watched several episodes.

Again, for the uninitiated, it's called "binge watching." We could watch as many episodes as we wanted.

We started and sometime after Saturday evening became Sunday morning, I realized that we had watched seven 52-minute episodes — that's 364 minutes, or just over six hours — and there were still three episodes to go.

So we called it off and went to bed. We had company on Sunday afternoon — it was Mother's Day, after all and left Paramount+ alone for the day.

So I'm thinking — that was one show on one streaming service for one day. Saturday evening just disappeared. If we hadn't decided that we needed to go to bed, Sunday morning could have disappeared as well.

("Dave, we missed you at church Sunday." "Well, we had to stay up late last night and find out if a group of FBI agents were going to catch a Georgia-based serial

Back to podcasts. There are a few of them that interest me, such as "Nobody listens to Paula Poundstone" and "Language of God" from BioLogos, but I haven't got time to listen to them. I'm still geeked up to listen to NPR on what's known as "terrestrial radio" and "Road Trip Radio" on Sirius XM, a satellite-delivered service that really isn't worth the money we paid to renew it. (It was included in the price of the Jeep when we bought the thing.) I will say, however, that Road Trip Radio is really cool. Still, SiriusXM says on its website that it has 425+ (pronounced "425 plus") channels to listen to.

Forget it. I have between 3 million and 5 million

podcasts awaiting my attention.

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loday in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 15, the 135th day of 2023. There are 230 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 15, 1948, hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was

On this date: In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act estab-

attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

lishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1928, the Walt Disney cartoon character Mickey Mouse made his debut in the silent animated short "Plane Crazy.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its unanimous In re Gault decision, ruled that juveniles accused of crimes were entitled to the same due process afforded adults.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two Black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed while campaigning for president in Laurel, Maryland, by Arthur H. Bremer, who served 35 years for attempted murder.

In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and captured the American merchant ship Mayaguez, which had been seized by the Khmer Rouge. (All 39 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in connection with the operation.)

In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces entered the country.

In 2007, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who built the Christian right into a political force, died in Lynchburg, Virginia, at age 73.

In 2009, General Motors told about 1,100 dealers their franchises would be terminated.

In 2015, a jury sentenced Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) to death for the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing that killed three and left more than 250

In 2020, President Donald Trump formally unveiled a coronavirus vaccine program he called "Operation Warp Speed," to speed development of COVID-19 vaccines and quickly distribute them around the country. Comedic actor Fred Willard, whose films included "Best In Show" and "Anchorman," died at age 86.

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Republican turned Democrat McCormick seeks to defy history

Politicking

With Democrat Jennifer McCormick's official entry statehouse. I've already proved I will stand into the 2024 Indiana gubernatorial race, Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. has ruled out seeking the Democratic nomination.

'As for me, I don't see the stars aligning for a McDermott candidacy in 2024 at this time," McDermott texted told me last Wednesday. Allies of former senator and current Vatican Ambassador Joe Donnelly had told me last year that he was leaving his political options open for 2024.

But for now, that leaves McCormick as the lone Democrat seeking the nomination at this time. What

she aims to do is exceedingly rare. There has been only one female Indiana gubernatorial nominee in history, when Jill Long Thompson won the Democratic nomination in

2008, only to lose to Gov. Mitch Daniels.

And, there have been only two party-switchers to ascend to the governor's office since the current twoparty system took shape in 1856: Legendary Civil War Gov. Oliver Perry Morton in 1860 as a Republican and Isaac Gray in 1884 as a Democrat.

Beyond Jill Long Thompson, female gubernatorial candidates are relatively rare. Indiana is one of 18 states that has yet to elect a female governor. Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch is currently seeking the GOP nomination in 2024. District Attorney Virginia Dill McCarty was the first to run as a Democrat, losing to State Sen. Wayne Townsend in the 1984 primary. There were brief candidacies by Democrat State Sens. Vi Simpson in 2003, Karen Tallian and Superintendent Glenda Ritz in 2016 and Republican Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman in the 2012 cycle. Simpson, Tallian, Ritz and Skillman all failed to generate much fundraising traction and their candidacies were brief.

Ritz, who upset Republican Superintendent Tony Bennett in 2012, declared for governor in June 2015, before opting to seek reelection two months later. McCormick as a Republican would defeat Ritz in 2016 by a 53 to 47 percent margin.

In October 2018, McCormick stunned the Hoosier political establishment, announcing she would not run for reelection in 2020, in part because of the General Assembly's move in 2017 to make the superintendent position a gubernatorial appointment.

"As a parent, I would not be happy if my state superintendent were spending time on noise, and that's simply what this has become," McCormick said.

She toured the state with Democrat State Sen.

Eddie Melton in 2019 exploring a potential run a year later. Democrats ended up nominating Woody Myers.

In her campaign video kickoff May 4, McCormick said, "In 2016, I successfully ran for state superintendent of public instruction to be a champion for Hoosier kids," McCormick continued. "As state superintendent, I took on politics that were negatively impacting our schools and fought for what was right for kids, teachers, and parents. Now, I'm running for governor of Indiana because it's time to put Hoosiers first. I will bring common sense and bipartisanship back to the

up to out-of-touch policies that are destroying public education, stripping Hoosiers of their rights and freedoms, and leaving rural communities behind."

The other historical anomaly beyond gender and education politics is the current GOP supermajorities in the General Assembly, which has extended to an unprecedented five cycles since the two-party system began in 1856.

That has brought many smoldering

divisive social issues to the fore, like banning books, critical race theory, limiting LGBTQ+ rights, and a recent spate of transgender legislation.

Speaking to the NWI Times' Doug Ross, McCormick framed her candidacy in the "distractions" that prompted her not to seek reelection in 2020. "The answer is nothing other than as a distraction from the real problems because they're complex and they're difficult to solve.

Speaking in front of the St. Joseph County courthouse in South Bend last week, McCormick focused on "beyond ridiculous" issues. "So we will start with book banning, really?" McCormick told WNDU-TV. "We'll start with the bans on LGBTQ health care rights. I mean the list goes on; we'll talk about you now, public education, which services 90% of our kids, was the most underfunded system of all the schools. The one that services the smallest percentage of students got by far the majority of the money."

McCormick 's campaign had \$42,341 as of Jan. 17, with funds migrating from her past superintendent campaign. By comparison, the three GOP candidates have big money leads. Friends of Suzanne Crouch reported a year-end cash balance of \$3.19 million. The campaign of Republican Eric Doden had \$2.8 million and U.S. Sen. Mike Braun reported a cash balance of \$2.9 million.

If McCormick is the only credible Democrat to seek the nomination, she can potentially make this a competitive race by capturing the divisive issue outflows on abortion, gun reforms, and LGBTQ+ rights.

For instance, last November's Ball State Hoosier Survey revealed that 56.7 percent believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while 76 percent find abortion to be an important issue. McCormick tweeted this past week, "Women want to live, work, and thrive where access to medical care is not banned or limited. States who respect this and operate accord-

The Republican primary will likely find the three candidates shifting to the right on abortion and gun reforms. Crouch made it a point to note her tiebreaking Indiana Senate vote on an abortion exception amendment last July. That will be an asset in the primary, but a potential liability in the general.

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The absurd 14th Amendment option on the debt

The position of the White House on the debt limit may be shirting from, "President Joe Biden doesn't want to compromise," to "President Joe Biden doesn't have to compromise under the U.S. Constitution."



Rich Lowry

The heretofore fringe idea that Section 4 of the 14th Amendment empowers the president to keep borrowing and spending as usual even if the debt limit isn't extended is getting a respectful hearing.

Back in January, the U.S. reached the current debt limit of \$31.4 trillion, which — surprise, surprise — wasn't nearly enough. The Treasury Department has been using "extraordinary measures" to this point to avoid hitting the wall but will exhaust its running room around the beginning of

The looming deadline has concentrated the minds of the White House and its allies — not on how to cut a deal, but how to find a fig leaf of legitimacy for Biden engaging in his most flagrant abuse of his authority to date. He'd simply ignore the debt limit as a supposedly unconstitutional infringement on his obligation to honor our debts.

"Is the Debt Limit Constitutional?" read a New York Times headline last week. "Biden Aides Are Debating It."

A sign of the shifting ground is that left-wing legal scholar Laurence Tribe wrote an op-ed in The Times during the last big debt-limit showdown in 2011 saying that the 14th Amendment couldn't be used to ignore the debt limit ("A Ceiling We Can't Wish Away") and now has written another op-ed in The Times saying he's changed his mind.

Desperate times call for desperately motivated reasoning.

In an interview on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen repeatedly refused to say the 14th Amendment



is off the table; at the same time, she said invoking it would cause a "constitutional crisis."

She's right about that, at least. It's a dead giveaway that the 14th Amendment option is a ridiculous contrivance that pretty much everyone in authority dismissed the idea until now.

Although the 14th Amendment as escape hatch was bandied about during the debt limit confrontation in 2011, the Obama administration ultimately dismissed it. "Like every previous secretary of the Treasury who has confronted the question," the Treasury Department general counsel wrote of his boss, Timothy Geithner, at the time. "Secretary Geithner has always viewed the debt limit as a binding legal constraint that can only be raised by Congress.'

Indeed, the debt limit is not some innovation dreamed up by the House Freedom Caucus. It was first passed in 1917 as part of the Second Liberty Bond Act. This was hardly a congressional power grab. Before the advent of the debt limit, as Georgetown law professor Anita S. Krishnakumar points out, Congress authorized each bond issue, generally to fight wars and bolster the economy during recessions. The debt limit is the logical extension of Congress' power to

tax and spend.

The 14th Amendment does say that "the validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned.

It's absurd to pretend that this provision somehow authorizes the president to arrogate to himself the fiscal powers of Congress if the debt limit isn't raised or — more to the point — isn't raised in a manner to his liking.

The House isn't saying that the debt ceiling shouldn't be extended, only that it should happen with accompanying spending reductions that make it more likely that our debts will be honored in the future.

Even if the debt limit is breached, it doesn't mean our debts will be written off. Under a 2011 Treasury contingency plan, other payments would have been delayed. This makes the 14th Amendment argument even more attenuated.

The Biden administration could save itself the trouble of trying to twist the Constitution to suit its narrow political purposes if it simply sat down with Congress and negotiated in good faith.

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• Summer Arts Academy, for ages 8-11, June 7-9, 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., tuition \$75.

For more information on the CAC Summer camps, visit https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/creative-arts-summercamps-2023

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"It can be a shock to your child's system to jump back into fall activities after summer break," says Kelly McCormick Bangs, kinesiologist and professional dancer who is the Creative Arts modern instructor. "A proven best practice is to keep a 'low burn' of training and structure over the summer."

Here are Saturday classes — tuition is \$50 each — scheduled for June 3, 10, 17, and 24:

- Creative Movement, ages 3-8
- Conditioning Dance Sampler, ages

• Barre Fitness, for ages 15 and over To register, visi: https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/summer-saturdays-with-kellyregistration

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Anyone interested in private instruction this summer on either the acoustic or the electric guitar should contact the CAC office at 824-5222. Lesson spots are available on Tuesday afternoon and evenings at the CAC. Call for information and times available.



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The venue is the auditorium of Life Community Church, 428 S. Oak St. in Bluffton.

'Disney's Winnie the Pooh Kids'

Performances at 7 p.m. Friday, June 23, and at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/ upcoming-shows-1

The venue is the auditorium of Life Community Church, 428 S. Oak St. in Bluffton.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Creative Crew: Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Life Community Church. All forms of creativity are welcome — painting, drawing, needlework, and more. Spend the morning working on your craft and socialize with other artists. Enter Door 1 or Door 10. The Creative Crew meets in the café.

Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon: Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church; enter Door 10. All readers are welcome. Call the CAC office for more information.

Important Scheduling Note: Changes can occur after Creative Happenings have been published. Confirm dates and times before planning to participate in programs and activities.

Creative Arts Council activities are supported by memberships, sponsors and grants from funders including Arts United, a regional agency; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency.



Photo info at the historical museum

Visitors to the Wells County Historical Museum at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, will have the opportunity to see old-time black and white photos of Bluffton as well as learn how to share photos from their phones to their computers. The program presenters will be Ben Jones, at left, and Paul Griner. (Photo provided)

Embassy will host organ concerts

On Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., the Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre will present organist Dave Whickersham in the Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert at the theater's Grande Page organ.

Tickets available through Ticketmaster are \$10 and are free to those ages 12 and younger and over 65.

Other Sunday scheduled organ concerts to accompany silent films starting a 3 p.m. are:

June 11: Clark Wilson, organist for "Hunchback of Notre Dame"

June 24: Cletus Goens organist for "Our Hospitality" and One Week'

July 16: Clark Wilson organist for "Ten Commandments

Aug. 6: Clark Wilson organist for "Why Worry: and "Bumping Into Broad-

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Top sellers

The pre-kindergarten students on the front row Kaden Koiner, 11 boxes; Drayse Eley, 12 boxes; and Sophia Hoover, 13 boxes were the top sellers in New Life Christian School's recent World's Finest Chocolate candy sale. They are shown with staff members, from left to right, Pre-K teacher Kris Uptgraft, director Linda Glenn, and Pre-K teacher Carole Neuenschwander. (Photo provided)

by Melba Edwards

Salamonie festival fundraiser set Friday WARREN — A fish and

chicken dinner, a fundraiser for the Salamonie Summer Festival, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 19.

The meal will be provided by Dan's Fish Fry Service. Service will be on a drive-through basis only at the Knight-Bergman Center.

The cost for adults is \$12. The price \$6 for children 6 through 12 years of age and there is no charge for children 5 and under.

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Zanesville News

As I write this column, the day is beautiful as the sun is shining and the wind is mild. It is a good day to be outside doing something. So why am I in here typing?

Looking ahead there is still a lot of work to do to get ready for our July 29 celebration of the Town of Zanesville. If you would like to help in any way please call me and I will assign you to a spot.

Men get your beard ready for a contest. You have plenty of time to grow one that will be judged.

Everyone work on a costume to wear for the day that is dated 1848, 175 years ago.

If you are church members, club members, or family members please start thinking of a parade entry. We may have prizes as we have not started on the parade yet. Tara is the contact person for this and I will also take calls. If you want to help Tara please call her at 1-260-760-6070.

Remember that the Zanesville Town Council meeting is Tuesday, May 16, at the town municipal building on Wayne Street. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Don't forget to bring family, friends and neighbors to the "Elvis" fundraiser May 21 at Lighted Gardens on State Road 1 just north of Ossian. The-doors open at around 2:30 p.m. (maybe a little before) and Elvis will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. You will not want to miss this. We will save some room

for dancing if you like.

The Zanesville Lions annual 5K Fun Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, May 27, Memorial Day weekend at 8 a.m. Registration is taken in advance by calling 638-4327 until Friday before the run or at the run from 6:45 a.m. The, location to begin is at the northeast corner of the Tower Life Center gymnasium on the parking lot.

Welcome to a new business in town. Matthew and Cameo Kinsey, who reside just north of Zanesville, have opened their business "Just Add Chips" just across the street from the County Line Pizza and Pub. This is in the large brick building that is right on the 4-way stop corner and was the Zanesville Antiques. They have their own entry door and inside there are two booths that seat four people if you like to dine inside. They make their own salsa and their own chips. I bought some of both so I could tell you how good they are and they are good!

They have two types of chips and many, many flavors of salsa. Among the flavors are plain, peach, cilantro, strawberry mango, fruit, pickle salsa, and pineapple to name a few. They also have soft drinks, bottled water and candy.

All forms of payment are accepted. Their phone number is 1-260-705-4910 and you can find them on their Facebook page. They invite you to stop in for the "Best Tasting Salsa in Town." As of now their open times are Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. Stop in and say hello!

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Tatum sets Game 7 record, Celtics beat 76ers

By JIMMY GOLEN **AP Sports Writer**

BOSTON (AP) — Jayson Tatum gave Boston a long-overdue fast start and followed it up

with a finish the NBA had never seen before.

After struggling in back-toback games, Tatum erupted for 51 points – the most in a Game 7 in history - and the Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 112-88 on Sunday to advance to the

Eastern Conference finals for the second straight year.

One game after missing 14 of his first 15 shots only to awaken in the fourth quarter in time to save

their season, Tatum scored 25 in the back-and-forth first half and 17 more in Boston's 33-10 third quarter that turned a three-point lead into a runaway.

The Celtics, who lost to the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals last year, will face the Miami Heat in the East finals for the second straight season. Game 1 is on Wednesday in Bos-

"I was relieved just to get another chance. Our season

could have been over after Game 6," said Tatum, who broke the Game 7 record of 50 points Stephen Curry set two weeks ago. "It definitely was on my mind that I

had played as bad as it could get, for 43 minutes.

"We had a saying: 'It's only up from here.""

Tatum added 13 rebounds and Jaylen Brown scored 25 points for Boston, which rallied from a 3-2 deficit in the series to keep alive their hopes for an unprecedented 18th NBA championship.

"You always come into a series with the expectation of how it's supposed to go," said Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla, who is in his first year as an NBA head coach after being promoted on the eve of training camp after Ime Udoka was suspended. "That's not how the playoffs are."

Tatum was subbed out of the game with three minutes left to a standing ovation from the crowd, which soon broke out in a "Beat the Heat!" chant. Miami beat Boston in six games in the 2020 East finals and the Celtics took a sevengame matchup last season.

"It's the best time of the year." Tatum said. "As a competitor, I love the opportunity.

Newly crowned NBA MVP Joel Embiid scored 15 points on 5-for-18 shooting, and Tobias Harris scored 19 for Philadelphia. The Sixers lost in the conference semifinals for the third straight year, and the fifth time in six seasons; they have not gotten any farther since reaching the NBA Finals in 2001 despite "The Process" — tanking their way to four top-three draft picks in a row, including Embiid.

"I thought we had the right group. I really did," said Sixers coach Doc Rivers, who was on the Boston bench when the Celtics won it all in 2008. "We played great all year and this loss absolutely diminishes what we did this year in some way. ... I think this team is headed right. I thought we took another step this season. And then tonight I think we took a step backward. But that's OK. That happens, too."

Tatum started 0 for 6 in a Game 5 loss and missed 14 of his first 15 shots overall from the floor in Game 6 before making four 3-pointers in the final 4:14 to force the decisive seventh game.

He picked up where he left off, scoring Boston's first basket and 11 points in the first quarter, 14 more in the second and outscoring the Sixers on his own, 17-10, in the third. The 33-10 edge in the third was the most lopsided quarter in a Game 7 since at least 1997.

"JT just got it going and get out of that man's way," Brown said. "He got it rolling, and there's nothing they could do to stop him."

Cardinals complete 3-game sweep with rout of Red Sox

By KEN POWTAK **Associated Press**

BOSTON (AP) — Nolan Arenado and Andrew Knizner each hit a tworun homer, and the St. Louis Cardinals

beat the Boston Red Sox 9-1 on Sunday night to complete a three-game sweep.

Paul DeJong added a solo shot and Arenado drove in four runs for the Cardinals, who won for the sixth time in seven games since an eight-game losing streak. Their previous two wins came on

ninth-inning rallies against closer Kenley Jansen at Fenway Park.

Lars Nootbaar had three hits and scored three times for St. Louis, and Paul Goldschmidt added two hits and an RBI. Miles Mikolas (2-1) pitched six innings of one-run ball, allowing four hits with two walks.

Rafael Devers had an RBI single for Boston, which lost for the fifth time in six games.

It was the first series sweep this season for St. Louis (16-25), which owns the NL's worst record. Arenado homered over the Green Monster once in each game of the series.

Red Sox starter Corey Kluber (2-5) gave up five runs on seven hits — two homers — with three walks and five

DeJong's shot into the center-field

By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

ras' demotion from catching didn't last

said before Saturday's game against

Boston that the 31-year-old Contreras

will be back behind the plate on Mon-

day night when the Cardinals open

a homestand against the Milwaukee

ress that we've made and it lines up

really well for him to catch Monday,

catcher, St. Louis signed the three-time

All-Star to an \$87.5 million, five-year

contract in December, its biggest move

told him that I'm ready to catch," Con-

treras said after Saturday's 4-3 come-

because it's really hard just to be a DH

when I can be behind the plate," he

back victory over the Red Sox.

said. "I was just ready to catch."

and asked if he was ready.

"We felt really good about the prog-

Looking to replace Yadier Molina at

"We talked about it last night and I

"I'm not going to be just a DH

Contreras said Marmol came to him

"I don't know if I was acting differ-

Brewers.

Marmol said.

of the offseason.

BOSTON (AP) — Willson Contre-

St. Louis manager Oliver Marmol

Cardinals' Contreras to return

to catching duties on Monday

Contreras said.

seats broke a 1-all tie in the second. Knizner's drive came in the fourth. also going out to center.

Boston's Enmanuel Valdez had a two-run homer overturned by review

in the seventh on a drive that replays showed hooked foul just short of Pesky's Pole.

Génesis Cabrera escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh, getting Masataka Yoshida to fly out to end the inning.

DAD KNOWS

Standing on the field about two hours before

the game, Red Sox pitcher Chris Sale asked how the Boston Celtics were doing in Game 7 of their NBA playoff series against Philadelphia. When informed All-Star forward Jayson Tatum had 25 points at halftime, the lefty said: "He's my oldest son's favorite athlete. He says it's me, but I think that's just to make me feel good. He has two of his jerseys and only one of mine."

Cardinals: RHP Jack Flaherty (2-4, 6.18 ERA) is scheduled to start the opener of a three-game series against the Milwaukee Brewers at home, facing RHP Freddy Peralta (4-2, 3.32).

Red Sox: RHP Tanner Houck (3-2, 5.26) starts the opener of a three-game series Monday at Fenway Park against Seattle RHP George Kirby (4-2, 2.62).

went right to the point and said: 'Are

you ready to catch?' and I said yes,'

But Marmol announced last week-

end that Contreras would be taking a

break from catching for a while — a

move that raised questions about the fit

of the free agent acquisition in the first

time Gold Glove winner who retired

after his 19th season with the Car-

dinals, looms over the team's losing

hander Jack Flaherty on Monday. The

last time he started behind the plate

was on May 4 for Flaherty, who was

tagged for 10 runs in 2 1/3 innings.

Contreras came in as a defensive

"This is what they wanted," Mar-

Now, they'll be together again —

Contreras has been the designat-

ed hitter during his time away from

behind the plate. He is batting .263

with three homers and 18 RBIs enter-

ing the middle game of the three-game

and Contreras will have a chance to

fulfill what St. Louis envisioned dur-

replacement the next day.

ing the offseason.

Contreras will be catching right-

The departure of Molina, a nine-

High School Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 15

BASEBALL: Bluffton at Blackhawk, 5:30 p.m.; Norwell at Carroll, 6 p.m.; Southern Wells at Adams Central, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF: South Adams at Bluffton,

SOFTBALL: Norwell at Columbia City, 5:30 p.m.; Wes-Del at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.; Lakewood Park at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: Norwell at Columbia City, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

BASEBALL: Columbia City at Norwell, 6:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF: Norwell at Bellmont, 4 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) Bluffton, Norwell at Norwell, 4:30 p.m. (pairings will be released Monday, May 15.

SOFTBALL: Bluffton at New Haven, 5:30 p.m.; Norwell at DeKalb, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD (GIRLS): (sectional) Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Marion High School, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

BASEBALL: Northrop at Norwell, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) Bluffton, Norwell at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Norwell at Woodlan, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Fremont, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: Norwell at

DeKalb, 5:30 p.m. THURSDAY, MAY 18

BASEBALL: Norwell at Bluffton, 5 p.m. BOYS GOLF: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Madison-Grant, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS: (sectional) TBD at Norwell,

SOFTBALL: Norwell at North Side, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Winchester, 5:30 p.m.; South-

ern Wells at Wapahani, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD (BOYS): Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at Marion High School, 5:30

FRIDAY, MAY 19

BASEBALL: Southern Wells at Anderson Prep, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Southwood at Bluffton. 5 p.m.: Wayne at Southern Wells, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

BASEBALL: Southwood at Bluffton, 10 a.m. BOYS GOLF: Norwell NE8 Meet at East Noble Cobblestone Golf Course, 9 a.m.; Bluffton. Southern Wells ACAC Meet at Celina Linx Golf Course, 9 a.m. SOFTBALL: Whitko at Norwell, 10 a.m.

UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD: (sectional) Norwell at North Side, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 22

SOFTBALL: (sectional) Norwell vs. TBD at Bellmont, 5 p.m.

James, Davis lead Lakers back to conference finals

By GREG BEACHAM **AP Sports Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After every twist and turn in the soap opera saga of LeBron James' four seasons alongside Anthony Davis with the Los Angeles Lakers, one truth remains perfectly clear.

This is a championshipcaliber partnership when James and Davis are both

One or both superstars have been injured for long stretches of the three seasons since their 2020 bubble championship, and the Lakers' road back to contention has been incredibly rocky because of it. The entire roster around them has been completely changed since that ring, but James and Davis are still here, still

Now they're both healthy at the same time again, and the rest of the NBA has been reminded what happens when this dynamic duo can fly at full strength.

James and Davis were at their best while the Lakers eliminated the defending champion Golden State Warriors in six games, capping a masterful effort with a 122-101 victory Friday night.

When asked why the seventh-seeded Lakers find themselves four games from the NBA Finals just three months after they were six games below .500 and in 13th place in the Western Conference, James praised the front office for overhauling the roster around the trade deadline with the

arrivals of D'Angelo Russell. Rui Hachimura and Jarred Vanderbilt.

But James quickly added a second reason: "Also, staying healthy. We weren't as healthy as we would like to be, but we still played good basketball after the break to put us in the position.'

LeBron and AD have won six of their seven playoff series together, losing only when Davis was hurt in the first round against Phoenix in 2021. The Lakers are 95-49 when James and Davis are playing together, and this postseason has been an archetypal example of what they can do.

They're coming off a tremendously disappointing 2021-22 season in which they missed the playoffs while going 33-49, leading to Frank Vogel's firing and Darvin Ham's arrival. Davis' injury problems limited him to 40 games, while James played in only 56.

But these Lakers are almost nothing like those Lakers: Other than James and Davis, only Austin Reaves and backup big man Wenyen Gabriel remain from last year's roster.

"When you have guys like Bron and AD who have won championships, you always feel like you have a chance, especially with the roster that we have, the talent that we have," said Reaves, the undrafted free agent who seized a starting role down the stretch.

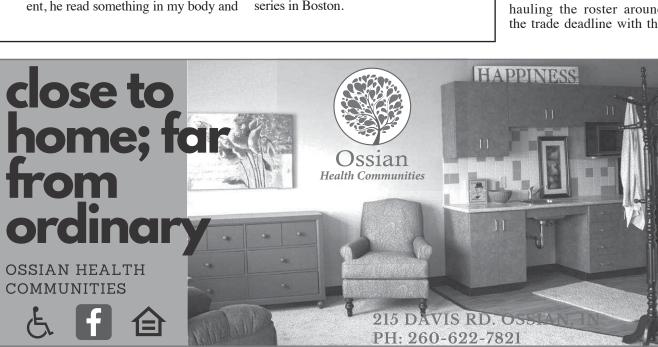
James had 30 points, nine rebounds and nine assists in Game 6, repeatedly making stunning plays that answered anybody who thinks the top scorer in NBA history has lost anything at

Davis was no less impressive with 17 points, 20 rebounds and the looming, athletic defensive presence that changes every opponent's game plan.

Both stars are in remarkably good health as they head into the conference finals against the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night. Davis came back solidly at home Friday night after missing the end of Game 5 at Golden State following a blow to the head, and he'll be ready to take on Nikola Jokic.

The Lakers had to fight just to get into the postseason, only getting into a play-in spot for good with 2 1/2 weeks left in the regular season. But Los Angeles is 27-12 since the trade deadline, with no back-toback losses since March

Ham never hesitates to credit his superstars for the Lakers' success, even while he does impressive work in molding the team around





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BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Eastern Conference Miami 4, New York 2 Sunday, April 30: Miami 108, New

Tuesday, May 2: New York 111, Miami 105 Saturday, May 6: Miami 105, New

Monday, May 8: Miami 109, New Wednesday, May 10: New York 112,

Miami 103 Friday, May 12: Miami 96, New York 92

Boston 4, Philadelphia 3 Monday, May 1: Philadelphia 119, Boston 115

Wednesday, May 3: Boston 121, Philadelphia 87 Friday, May 5: Boston 114, Philadelphia 102

Sunday, May 7: Philadelphia 116, Boston 115, OT Tuesday, May 9: Philadelphia 115, Boston 103

Thursday, May 11: Boston 95, Philadelphia 86 Sunday, May 14: Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

Western Conference
L.A. Lakers 4, Golden State 2
Tuesday, May 2: L.A. Lakers 117,
Golden State 112

Thursday, May 4: Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100 Saturday, May 6: L.A. Lakers 127,

Golden State 97 Monday, May 8: L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101 Wednesday, May 10: Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106 Friday, May 12: L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

Denver 4, Phoenix 2 Saturday, April 29: Denver 125,

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(Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Eastern Conference Boston vs. Miami

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Western Conference
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Tuesday, May 16: L.A. Lakers at
Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18: L.A. Lakers at

Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20: Denver at L.A.
Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22: Denver at L.A.

Lakers, 8:30 p.m. x-Wednesday, May 24: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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Sunday's Games
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Pittsburgh 4, Baltimore 0
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Detroit 5, Seattle 3
Toronto 6, Atlanta 5 Houston 4, Chicago White Sox 3 Milwaukee 9, Kansas City 6 Minnesota 16, Chicago Cubs 3 Texas 11, Oakland 3 St. Louis 9. Boston 1

St. Louis 9, Boston 1
Monday's Games
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 4-1) at Baltimore
(Rodriguez 2-0), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Brito 2-3) at Toronto
(Manoah 1-3), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Kirby 4-2) at Boston (Houck
3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Morton 4-3) at Texas (Dunning 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Taillon 0-2) at Houston
(Valdez 3-4), 8:10 p.m. (Valdez 3-4), 8:10 p.m.

Arizona (Kelly 3-3) at Oakland (Rucinski 0-3), 9:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 3-3) at San Diego (Wacha 3-1), 9:40 p.m.
Minnesota (López 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Syndergaard 1-3), 10:10 p.m.
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Chicago Cubs at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10

p.m. Arizona at Oakland, 9:40 p.m Kansas City at San Diego, 9:40 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

National League

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Washington at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.

Atlanta at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Arizona at Oakland, 9:40 p.m. Kansas City at San Diego, 9:40 p.m

Philadelphia at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Sunday's Transactions BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled

INF Joey Ortiz from Norfolk (IL).
Optioned LHP Nick Vespi to Norfolk. Optioned LHP Nick Vespi to Norfolk.
C Luis Torrens cleared waivers and elected free agency.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated INF Jake Burger from the 10-day IL. Optioned C Carlos Perez to Charlotte (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled PHP Zeth Waise From Salt Lake.

RHP Zack Weiss from Salt Lake (PCL). Designated RHP Ryan Tepera for assignment. NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned SS Oswald Peraza to Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre (IL) on a rehab assign-

ment. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated INF Aldemys Diaz from the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Garrett Acton from Las Vegas (PCL) Optioned RHP James Kaprielian and INF Kevin Smith to Las Vegas.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Activated RHP Cack Littell. Designated RHP Javy
Guerra for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent RHP lan
Kennedy outright to Round Rock

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled RHP

Kevin Herget from Louisville (IL). Selected the contracts of RHPs Alan Busenitz and Silvino Bracho from Louisville, Optioned Levi Stoudt to Louisville. Placed LHP Nick Lodolo and RHP Casey Legumina on the 15-day IL. Transferred LHP Reiver Sanmartin and RHP Connor Overton to the 60-day IL

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled RHP Rilev Pint from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed RHP Ryan Fetner on the 15-day IL. MIAMI MARLINS — Reinstated INF Garrett Cooper from the 10-day IL.

Placed OF Jesus Sanchez on the 10-day IL. NEW YORK METS — Selected the NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of RHP Dennis Santana from Syracuse (IL). Optioned LHP Joey Lucchesi to Syracuse. Designated RHP Seth Elledge for assignment. Recalled LHP Zach Muckenhirn from Syracuse and appointed him as 27th man. Reinstated LHP Brooks Raley from the 15-day IL. Designated RHP Dennis Santana for assignment

Dennis Santana for assignment. SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled LHP Ryan Weathers from El Paso (PCL). Optioned RHP Domingo Tapia to El Paso. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS —

Optioned INF David Villar to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated INF Brandon Crawford from the 10-day IL Assigned RHP Luke Jackson to San Jose (CL) on a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS —
Recalled RHP Cory Abbott from Rochester (IL). BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball

Association
MINNESOTA LYNX — Waived Fs
Maya Dodson and Myah Selland. FOOTBALL National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Isaiah Bowser, LB Travin Howard and DE

Shane Ray.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ELKS — Acquired OL
Theren Churchill from the Toronto

Argonauts in exchange for a conditional pick in the 2024 CFL Draft. WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released RB TaZhawn Henry, QB Released RB 1aZnawn Henry, QB Cooper Callis, OL Tyler Grisolia, P Chris MacLean, K Marc Orozco, DB Cedrick Lavigne, WRs Michael O'Shea and Jaivon Heiligh, DBs Jordan Brown, Tyrique McGhee, Noah Hallett and Karon Delince. Transferred to the suspended list DB Will Allen Jr. and DT O'Bryan Goodson. Transferred DE Thiadric Hansen and LB Kyrie Wilson to the

Jason Day gets 1st win in 5 years at Byron Nelson

By SCHUYLER DIXON **AP Sports Writer**

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) - Jason Day didn't make the Mother's Day connection until he saw his late mom's name on the back of his caddie's bib on the first green during the final round of the Byron Nelson.

That was just one more reason for the emotions to flow over the Australian's first victory in five years.

Day shot 9-under 62 for a one-shot victory over Austin Eckroat and Si Woo Kim on Sunday, ending a drought plagued by health issues that overlapped with Dening Day's long battle with lung cancer before her death a little more than a year ago.

"It was very emotional to go through and to experience what she was going through, then I had injuries on top of all of that going on in my life," Day said. "It feels strange to be sitting

Day, winless in 105 starts since the 2018 Wells Fargo, took his first outright lead from a large group of contenders when he broke a tie at 20 under with hometown favorite Scottie Scheffler with a chip-in for birdie at the par-4 12th.

It was the secondtoughest hole of the week after being converted from a par-5 from the first two years the Nelson was held at TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

Day finished 23 under while ending his victory drought the week before the PGA Championship. The only major among the 35-year-old's 13 wins was the 2015 PGA.

Day's first career PGA Tour victory came at the 2010 Nelson, and the victories kept coming until issues his back and vertigo had him on the verge of leaving the game in recent years.

To be on the other side of it, be healthy, feeling good about my game, finally winning again," Day said. "No better feeling, really."

C.T. Pan finished at 21-under 263 with two eagles on the back nine in a career-low 62, driving the green on the par-4 14th and making a 24-foot putt. His eagle at the par-5 18th got him within a shot of Day. Scheffler finished at 20

under with a final-round 65 after a par on 18, where a day earlier his second shot hit the lip of a fairway bunker and stayed in it on the way to a bogey.

The 2022 Masters winner was playing for the first time in a month coming off this year's Masters and the RBC Heritage. He had the hometown spotlight to himself after three-time major winner Jordan Spieth withdrew because of a wrist

N.Y. Mets (Peterson 1-5) at Washington (Corbin 1-5), 4:05 p.m.

"I feel like I played solid," Scheffler said. "The things that I wanted to improve on over the last three weeks, I feel like I did a good job. I didn't swing it my best this weekend, but I'm sure that'll be an easy fix going into next week."

Ryan Palmer, the 46-year-old Texan who lives not far from Craig Ranch, shot 68 and finished four strokes back while trying to become the oldest PGA Tour winner since Phil Mickelson won the 2021 PGA at 50.

With the heaviest rain coming down near the end of an off-and-on rainy final round, Day put his approach at 18 inside 3 feet. Kim's short birdie putt forced Day to make his easy tap-in before he greeted his kids and wife, who is expecting their fifth child.

Kim, who shot 63 and was 22 under with Eckroat, was trying to make it four consecutive South Korean winners at the Nelson. Twotime defending champion K.H. Lee finished 11 under after a 67, his best round of the week.

Sung Kang was the 2019 winner. The Nelson was canceled because of the pandemic in 2020.

Eckroat, a 24-year-old rookie from Oklahoma seeking his first tour victory, was two shots back in the 18th fairway, but his approach landed 68 feet from the pin. The eagle bid was 6 feet short as Eckroat settled for a 65.

Day began the final round two shots back and was part of a six-way tie for the lead with the final group about to make the turn. Nine players were within a shot of the lead around the same

"I looked on hole nine and saw I don't know how many guys, but 10, 15 guys had a chance to win realistically, and it was crazy,' Eckroat said. "You're just trying to get up there, and it was fun to get some separation at the end and see if you could get a chance to win."

China's Marty Dou, playing on his home course and also seeking his first tour win while playing in the final group with Eckroat and Palmer, shot 67 to finish 20 under. Dou was the first to reach that mark before a double-bogey on No. 8 when his second shot went out of bounds over the green.

Scheffler, the secondranked player who could have overtaken Jon Rahm for No. 1 with a victory, was joined at 20 under by Tyrrell Hatton, who was next on the world ranking list in the Nelson field at No. 17.

Byron wins Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway after wreck

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — William Byron saw Ross Chastain and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson ahead of him late at Darlington Raceway.

Byron made sure he was prepared for the fireworks he thought could happen. Boom!

Byron moved in front when Chastain and Larson wrecked while racing for the lead on a restart with six laps left and held off Kevin Harvick in overtime to win the Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday.

'We talked about it under the caution," Byron said of a potential dustup. "I didn't think that they would wreck, but, obviously, it happened

and we rolled on by. Chastain and Larson have raced each other toothand-nail this season with incidents impacting potential wins at Talladega and Dover heading into the track

"Too Tough To Tame." It didn't take a rocket scientist — Byron is taking

Huntington

college courses at Liberty University — to know the two might tangle again.

It was a measure of retribution for Byron, who was two laps from victory in this race year a year ago until he was shoved out of the way by eventual winner Joey Logano.

"It's pretty amazing," Byron said. "Things have a

way of working out.' He got away cleanly from Harvick on the greenwhite-checkered finish for his third win this season and seventh of his career.

Harvick was second and Chase Elliott third, his best finish since returning to NASCAR from a broken leg while snowboarding.

Brad Keselowski was fourth, followed by Bubba Wallace, Harrison Burton, Kyle Busch, Justin Haley, Ryan Blaney and Chris Buescher.

It was the 100th win for Hendrick Motorsports' No. 24 car and the organization's first victory at Darlington since Jimmie Johnson won the 2012 race.

"Large Enough to Serve, Small Enough to Care

It looked like 2021 champ Larson or points leader Chastain had the strongest cars and figured to be there at the end. Instead, Chastain was alongside Larson during a restart and admitted trying to squeeze his competitor against the wall in turn two. Both wound up wrecking.

Larson finished 20th and Chastain, who punched Noah Gragson in a pit-road confrontation a week ago at Kansas, was 29th.

"I wanted to squeeze him, I wanted to push him up, we've been trading back and forth all day. I wanted to push him up for sure,"

Chastain said. Larson's crew chief Cliff Daniels angrily said on the radio, "three races he's

taken us out of."
"Children," TV analyst and racing great Bill Elliott said. "You put 'em in a sandbox together and they can't play.'

Larson moved into the

lead when Denny Hamlin

went to the pits with 30 laps

position for victory until tangling with Chastain. "He doesn't have to be

that aggressive," winning owner Rick Hendrick said of Chastain. "He's going to make a lot of enemies."

Martin Truex Jr. started from the pole and led 145 of the first 151 laps before he was clipped by Chastain at the end of stage.

Chastain led 93 laps and has not won since Talladega in April 2022, a stretch of 39

THE BIG ONES

Truex turned into Joey Logano while the two were running third and fourth with less than 15 laps left that touched off an eightcar accident, scrambling the field. That wreck followed an earlier dustup when Erik Jones, who won the Southern 500 here last Labor Day weekend, had his right, rear tire spin off the car on lap 193 and immediately got sideways with those behind him having almost no chance to escape the wreck.

Those caught up behind

son, Daniel Suarez, Austin Dillon, Ty Gibbs and Ryan Newman, who was competing in his first race since the the 2021 season finale as he returned to NASCAR with

Rick Ware Racing **ALL-TIMERS**

Darlington Raceway continued its celebration of NASCAR's 75th anniversary with a gathering of 33 of those named as its 75 greatest drivers. The honorees included 95-year-old Herschel McGriff. The Hall of Famer McGriff competed in the first Southern 500 in 1950, driving from his home in Oregon to rural South Carolina, running the race and finishing ninth -

before taking the car back home across the country. "I can't get away from racing." McGriff said Sunday. "I'm 95, so I've got a few years

UP NEXT Next week is the NAS-CAR All-Star Open at revamped North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Carolina. The 0.625-mile short track was a regular on the NASCAR schedule from 1949 through 1996 before the series left. But after a spirited effort to revive the old, country track, owner Speedway Motorsports would host the all-star race as part of NASCAR's 75th anniversary celebration.

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Loss of daughter makes me uncomfortable around babies

Dear Annie: Eleven years ago, I lost to hold a baby. my 19-year-old daughter suddenly. Up until that point, I loved cuddling with babies. I loved everything about them, ter, and I pray including their smell, their soft skin, their innocent eyes, etc. If a friend or family member had a baby, I wanted support system in to hold the sweet thing and cuddle.

Since my daughter passed away, however, I no longer am comfortable with babies. I feel very nervous and anxious around them.

Recently, a woman I knew just briefly had a sweet little baby girl. When she introduced her new baby to me, she asked me if I wanted to hold her and she pushed the baby in my direction. I politely said, "No, thank you," but she was persistent. Then the people in the group we were with were acting like I was being rude by not wanting to hold the baby.

I want people to know, first, that their baby is not a toy for others to play with. Second, not everyone wants or feels comfortable with a baby, for personal reasons. This is nothing against them or the baby necessarily.

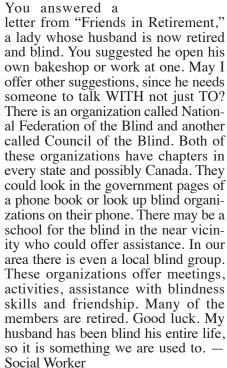
A baby is a trigger to many people who have lost one. — Loves Babies from a Distance

Dear Loves Babies from a Distance: Thank you very much for your letter. It really highlights the theme of not judging someone's actions when you don't know their full story. When your suggestions. the woman thrust her baby on you, she didn't respect your wishes and was not being very compassionate. At the same time, she might have been exhausted and just needed someone to hold her baby (but still not your job).

I am so very sorry for the loss of your daughter. There is life before and life after you endure a tragedy of such magnitude. If a baby is a trigger for you, you have every right to not want

Thank you for sharing your letthat you have a wonderful grief

place. Dear Annie:



Dear Social Worker: Thank you for

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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: *Is it true that Jesus* Christ is intolerant (or narrow), as some Christians claim? – I.J.

A: In loving, compassionate intolerance Jesus says, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction... [and] narrow is the gate... which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14)

Intolerance seems to many a divisive word. But consider the intolerance of a pilot who maneuvers his plane through the storm, realizing that a single error, just one flash of broadmindedness, might bring

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Christ is tolerant

On a flight from Korea to Japan, a plane ran through a rough snowstorm. Upon arrival over the

airport in Tokyo, visibility was almost zero. The pilot had to make an instrument landing. The pilot was in a sweat as he was brought in by ground control. A watchful man in the tower at the airport talked him in. No passenger would have wanted the pilot and crew to be broad-minded. Lives depended on the narrowness of the mission.

Christians understand this narrowness when it comes to the landing at the great heavenly airport. We can only enter the narrow way.

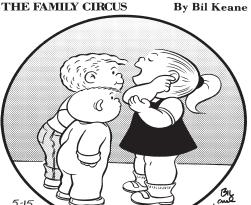
Christ was so intolerant of man's lost estate that He left His lofty of man, suffered at the hands of evil men, and died a shameful death on a cruel cross to purchase our redemption. So serious was man's plight that the Lord could not look upon it lightly. He could not be broad-minded about a world held captive by its lusts, its appetites, and its sins. Having paid such a price, He could not be intolerant about man's indifference toward Him and the salvation He offered.

Only the way of the cross leads home. "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life" (John

3:36). (This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Gra-

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"Know why I smell so good? I put a dab of peanut butter behind each ear.'

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Notice is hereby given that ANDREW W. ZODA was on the

29th day of April, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY ALICE CASS,

deceased, who died on the 7th day

of April, 2023, and was authorized to administer her estate without

Court supervision.

All persons who have claims

against this estate, whether or not now due, must file those claims in the office of the Clerk of the

Wells Circuit Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within

nine (9) months after the dece-

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Clerk, Wells Circuit Court ^{JN} Daniel R. Gordon

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Daily Four-Evening — 02-04-06-03, SB: 05

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POWERBALL 03-15-20-23-46; Powerball: 11; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY Cash 5 - 18-22-29-39-

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Victims of racist Buffalo supermarket mass shooting remembered

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) Standing in the same parking lot where he was shot in the neck a year ago in a racist attack at a Buffalo supermarket, Zaire Goodman said he was grateful to see the community come together in remembrance Sunday.

His family and others affected by the mass shooting gathered with top state and local officials, first responders and religious leaders to remember the 10 people who were killed and three, including Goodman, who were wounded at Tops Friendly Market, which closed Sunday for the one-year anniversary of the shootings.

Goodman, 21, who

was shot while collecting carts outside, has been back to the market many times since, even visiting while it was being remodeled in the weeks after the massacre as some questioned whether it should ever reopen.

"I just wanted to show people that it's alright. We don't need to close the store indefinitely," he said. "We know the store is still important to people in this area."

Mayor Byron Brown read the 13 victims' names before a moment of silence. A first responder then chimed a bell 13 times. Brown, Gov. Kathy Hochul and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer were among those who gave

"It's a beautiful day. It's Mother's Day," Hochul said.

"And the cruel irony behind the fact is a day we celebrate a life that comes into this world, making someone a mother, is also a day we're here to think about those who are no longer with us. It's hard. It's been a really hard year."

Earlier in the week, panelists discussed ways to combat racism and social media radicalization and residents were invited to reflect at an outdoor community gathering.

After Sunday's ceremony, Goodman recalled how after being wounded he ran across the street in search of safety, calling his mother along the way.

"Hey, you need to get here," he told her.

Since then, Goodman's mother, Zeneta Everhart, and other relatives of the

victims have spoken before Congress about white supremacy and gun reform and organized events to address food insecurity that worsened when the market, the neighborhood's only grocery store, was inaccessible for two months.

President Joe Biden honored the lives of those killed in Buffalo in an op-ed published Sunday in USA Today. He called on Congress and state legislative leaders to act by banning assault weapons and highcapacity magazines, requiring background checks for all gun sales, and repealing gun manufacturers' immunity from liability. His administration passed a landmark gun measure in June following a series of mass shoot-

New York state law

azines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

Gun control organizations and advocates including Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action held nearly 200 events across the country over the weekend, calling on Congress to reinstate a bipartisan assault weapons

In Buffalo, Wayne Jones, whose mother Celestine Chaney, 65, died in the attack, urged the city and its institutions to keep on investing in the area and its residents even after the anniversary events are over.

That's why he is willing, he said, "to keep opening up this wound that I have" and talk about it.

After the remembrance ceremony, adults visited about mental health and other forms of community support.

Rosemary Glover of Buffalo remembered the pain she felt when she recognized two of the shooting victims' names: Katherine Massey, a community advocate; and Pearl Young, who belonged to the same church ministry as Glover. She came Sunday to honor them and the community.

We have to continue to support one another," she said. "That's the only way we're going to heal."

The son of 63-year-old shooting victim Geraldine Talley on Sunday released a book that he said describes what he went through after losing his mother. He titled it: "5/14: The Day the Devil Came to Buffalo.'

Kenya cult death toll hits 200, more than 600 reported missing

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) The death toll linked to a doomsday cult in Kenya hit 201 Saturday after police exhumed 22 more bodies, most of them bearing signs of starvation, according to the coast regional commis-

The bodies are believed to be those of followers of a pastor based in coastal Kenya, Paul Mackenzie. He's alleged to have ordered congregants to starve to death in order to meet Jesus. More than 600 people are

still missing.

Mackenzie, who was arrested last month, remains in custody. Police plan to charge him with terrorismrelated offenses.

Hundreds of bodies have been dug up from dozens of mass graves spread across his 800-acre property, located in the coastal county of Kilifi.

Mackenzie insists that he closed his church in 2019 and moved to his property in

a forested area to farm. Autopsies conducted on more than 100 bodies last week showed the victims died of starvation, strangulation, suffocation and injuries sustained from blunt objects.

Local media outlets have been reporting cases of missing internal body organs, quoting investigators in the case.

Mackenzie, his wife and 16 other suspects will appear in court at the end of the month.

Coast regional commissioner Rhoda Onyancha on Saturday said the total number of those arrested stood at 26, with 610 people reported as missing by their families.

It is unclear how many survivors have been rescued so far from the search and rescue operations on Mackenzie's vast property. Some of them were too weak to walk when they were found.

Cults are common in Kenya, which has a religious society.

Police across the country have been questioning other religious leaders whose teachings are believed to be misleading and contrary to basic human rights.





MAY 16 - 6 p.m. EST - John M Widman, owner. 6027 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne. Real estate auction held live onsite! Tract 1: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,085 sq. feet home, partial basement, 18'x20' detached garage, 24'x34' bank barn, sitting on 3+/- acres. Tract 2: 20'x24' detached garage sitting on 2+/- acres. Tract 3: Combination of Tracts 1 & 2. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, kjauction.

BIDDING ENDS MAY 17 - Soft close begins at 6 p.m. Online lure & more auction. Pick up May 18, 4-6 p.m., 130 W. Market St., Bluffton. Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc., heartlandauctionrealty.com, 260-724-3499.

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BIDDING STARTS CLOSING MAY 21 AT 6 P.M. EST - Joy A. Bauman estate owner. Online only! Real estate 6 p.m. 1,112 SF, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, 2-car attached garage, .38 acre cul-de-sac lot, North Adams Community Schools. Personal property 6:30 p.m. Lifetime collection of Joy Bauman! Large collection 100's of pieces of Carnival, Fenton, Opalescent glass-ware, appliances, household & more! Preview May 15, 5-6 p.m., 139 Riverside Ct., Decatur. Pick up May 22, 3-6 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction* & Realty LLC, 260-724-7402, kjauction.com.

BIDDING ENDS MAY 21 - (Online Only Auction) - Multiple consignors, seller. Outstanding antiques and collectables including rare neon Coke Cola clock, Coca Cola advertis-

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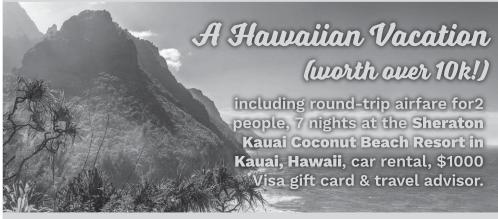
MAY 21-MAY 28 - (Online Only Auction) -Life estate of Dorotha Teagle, seller. Clean modern furniture, electric fireplace, Samsung flat screen TV, 1973 Gibson guitar, glassware, Craftsman riding lawn mower, tools, modern appliances, household, Trek tandem bicycle, much more. Preview: May 18 and 25 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 401 N. Meadow Lane, Hartford City, IN. Pat Carter, sale manager, 260-273-8294, The Steffen Group Inc., http://www. steffengrp.com.

MAY 27-JUNE 3 - (Online Only Auction) -Schwartz, seller. Great collection of vintage car parts, Ford tractor, dump trailer, Bobcat backhoe & tracts, tools, mower parts, collectibles, construction equipment, much more. Preview: May 31 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., 1055 US Hwy. 27, Berne. Sale manager, Isaac Stoller, The Steffen Group Inc., 260-824-3006

JUNE 6 - 7 p.m. EST - Estate of Ida Hilty, Phillip Hilty, owner. 2499 S US Hwy. 27, Berne. Real estate auction! Modern Amish home with electricity, 3,056 sq. feet building, 1,200 sq. retail shop space w/bath, 1,800 sq. feet living area, 2 bedroom, 1 bath living space, 2+/acres, 6" walls, beautiful hickory kitchen, built in 2019. Items selling following real estate: 10'x16' shed, propane heater, road sign, stove, refrigerator. Open house May 22, 5-6 p.m. Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC, kjauction.com, 260-724-









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