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The high winds caused a large tree in the yard of Carol and Jeff Kohrman, located at 4124E Ind. 124 in Bluffton. (Photos above and at right by Holly Gaskill)



Following the storm, Laurie Baumgartner and Ethan Reynolds removed debris blocking the storm drain at the intersection of Mulberry and Washington streets.

Storm socks Bluffton area

Northeast side of city bears brunt of high winds, ferocious rain

By HOLLY GASKILL and DAVE SCHULTZ

A sudden thunderstorm early Thursday caused damage throughout Wells County.

The most significant damage was centered in the northeast portion of Bluffton where numerous trees and limbs were down, and leaves littered the roadways. Several power lines had fallen across Ind. 124 and a portion of the county lost power.

Jon Oman, Bluffton's operations manager, said power was out at the Bluffton Woods mobile home park and was still out after four hours Thursday night as crews worked to restore it. "We have a hard to access broken pole to secure before we restore power," Oman said after 10 p.m. Thursday. He added that 15 homes on East Dustman Road were also without power.

Laurie Baumgartner, Bluffton Parks Department sports coordinator, was supposed to be leading the annual Chicks Run at 7 p.m. The race was postponed after rain and hail tore through their tents and tree limbs blocked the race's path.

Instead, Baumgartner joined Ethan Reynolds and other volunteers in clearing tree limbs and clogged storm drains.

On Ind. 124, Carol Kohrman assessed damage to her home, where five large trees were completely pulled from her yard. At least two other trees had fallen in her neighbor's yards.

"I've lived all over the country, and this is probably the worst storm I've been in," Kohrman said.

Kohrman said her husband, Jeff, had left for Arizona that morning. When the storm grew stronger, she took shelter with her two dogs in the bathtub. The thunder and wind were so loud Kohrman thought the walls of the home were coming down.

When the storm receded, Kohrman exited her front door to find the largest tree in the yard completely pulled out of the ground. It had just slightly missed hitting her house.

As she assessed the immediately visible damage, she found another heartbreaking sight — a robin's nest settled in her driveway. The only remaining egg was cracked.

Even so, Kohrman is not dismayed. "All things considered, it could've been much worse," Kohrman said. "It's just stuff. And we'll do as anyone does — rebuild, move forward."

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A power line halted traffic on Ind. 124 on Bluffton's east side Thursday night. (Photo by Steve Poulson)



'Summer of Serving'

Fifty kids and parents from the Hope Missionary Church "Summer of Serving" outreach program served up a free lunch Wednesday at Whicker Park for Bi-County Services as well as the Boys and Girls Club. More than 177 hotdogs were served. Also on the menu were grilled burgers, chips, brownies or cookies, and ice cream. Yard games and bingo were part of the fun. At left, Bi-County Services client Darin Riley, left, goes through the food line at Whicker Park on Wednesday during a free picnic in the park. The event was organized by Rochelle Wickey, second from right. At right, Bi-County Services President Tim Ramsey checks in with Keith Fruchte, a former employee of the BCS Decatur Workshop who now works at McDonald's in Berne. The lunch drew BCS clients from both Adams and Wells counties to join in the fun. **More photos on Page 3.** (Photos by Tanya Caylor)

Report: Hoosiers aren't making enough to pay rent

By MARISSA MEADOR
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Full-time workers in Indiana need to earn at least \$19 an hour, or \$39,526 a year, in order to afford rent on a two-bedroom apartment, according to a report released Wednesday by Prosperity Indiana and the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

However, not everyone is meeting that mark, with Indiana's average renter wage at only \$17.86 per hour.

"Indiana has twin crises of a shortage of affordable homes and too few good-paying jobs to afford them. This is a symptom of a lack of economic opportunity which prevents too many Hoosiers from achieving their true potential and leaves Indiana behind the curve of the Midwest," said Andrew Bradley, policy director for Prosperity Indiana and board member of NLIHC.

Wages lag behind rent

In Indiana, almost a third of the state are renters. Being able to afford rent, according to the report, means

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Lawyers: man accused of Delphi murders given poor treatment

DELPHI, Ind. (AP) — Attorneys for an Indiana man accused of killing two teenage girls six years ago argued before a judge Thursday that the man has been mistreated at the prison he is housed in, requesting relocation to a different facility.

A prosecutor in the case also said the man confessed multiple times to the murders while incarcerated, something his defense attorneys attributed to his declining mental state.

Richard Matthew Allen was arrested October 2022 on two

counts of murder in the killings of Abigail Williams, 13, and Liberty German, 14, whose bodies were found Feb. 15, 2017, outside their hometown of Delphi, Indiana, about 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis, in Carroll County. A relative had dropped the girls off at a

hiking trail near the Monon High Bridge, and their bodies were found the next day, Feb. 14, 2017, in a rugged, heavily wooded area near the trail.

Attorney Brad Rozzi said Thursday that since Allen's incarceration in Westville Correctional

Facility in Westville, Indiana, Allen has been treated more stringently than other inmates, including in surveillance and restraint measures. Allen's lawyers filed the emergency motion in April, citing in court filings a "dramatic

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The Wizard of Oz cast (Photo provided)

Creative Arts Theater youth cast to present the 'Wizard of Oz'

Creative Arts Theater will present "The Wizard of Oz, youth edition" at 7 p.m. Friday, June 16, and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Performances will be at the Life Community Church Auditorium in Bluffton. All the actors are between the ages of 12 and 18.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$10.

The Cast

Dorothy, Elizabeth Garner; Auntie Em, Sophie Campbell; Uncle Henry, Jensen Miller; Hunk/Scarecrow, Brenner Newsom; Hickory/Tin Man, Tobiah Lipsey; Zeke/Lion, Paul Morgan; Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West, Maddy Tanner; Toto, Tommy Breunig; Professor Marvel/Wizard, Matthew Elwell; and Glinda the Good Witch, Caroline Buskirk.

Munchkins, Jordyn Gryzch and Jordyn Brickley; Mayor, Otto Fiechter; Barrister, Elias Nussbaum; City Fathers, Cecilia Andrews and Abigail Seder; and Coroner,

Bristol Smith.

Lullaby Tots are Emma Shane, Kaylee Craig, Hailey Singeton and Josephine Andrews; Tough Kids are Cruz Rinkenberger, Emily Maggard, Leah Werling and Addison Cincotta; and the Munchkin Woman is Finley Esterling.

Members of the ensemble will be Callie Fischer, Dessie Fritts, Eleanor Brown, Emry Lockwood, Finley Esterling, Kaylynn Hippensteele, Kynnlei Beste, Landry Grandlienard, Layah Corbat, Lucy Brown, Nellie Palmer, Frank Morgan and Timothy Schwartz.

The "behind the scenes gang" includes director Ted Smith; assistant director/music director Jeanette Lundeen; choreographer Emmy Cupp; costumiers Ainsley Werich, Ted Smith, Victoria Lipsey and Janiece Lipsey; stage manager Ainsley Werich, and rehearsal accompanist Tammy Ray. Billie Kreigh did the cast biographies.

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:
Wednesday, 10:13 p.m., 300 block of West Miller Street. Noise complaint reported of a pounding sound. Subject was playing bass music and turned it off.

Wednesday, 10:21 p.m., near South Adams Street and East 200 South. Report of cows in the roadway. Searched the area, only located deer.

Wednesday, 10:25 p.m., 700 block of South Williams Street. Noise complaint reported, no noise heard.

Wednesday, 11:36 p.m., Capri Meadows Apartments. Report of loud chatter and laughter near gazebo. Advised subjects of complaint, they advised they would keep it down.

Wednesday, 11:49 p.m., near South Adams Street and East 200 South. Report of cows in the area. Located

4 cows north of 200 South, made contact with owners.

Thursday, 8:13 a.m., 1100 block of South Williams Street. Welfare check requested.

Thursday, 9:41 a.m., 600 block of Greenbriar Drive. Caller reported harassment via email, text, mailing, and phone calls from brother.

Thursday, 11:35 a.m., Praxis. Welfare check requested for woman who left praxis in pajama pants without bags.

County:
Wednesday, 3:04 p.m., west 1100S and south 400W. Several bags of trash were located on the side of the road. Pieces of mail were found inside the bags, and the man listed on the address agreed to clean up the trash.

Wednesday, 11:53 p.m., north Main and east Perry streets, Bluffton. Vehicle going wrong way on Perry

Street. Driver warned for passenger headlight out, expired proof of insurance and wrong way on a one-way street.

Wednesday, 11:57 p.m., south Adams Street and east 200S, Bluffton. Report of multiple cows loose in the area. Located cows just north of 200S. Law enforcement assisted owners in guiding the cows home.

Thursday, 4:01 a.m., 909 W Spring St., Bluffton. Man driving a lawn mower on the streets with no lights. Advised he was taking the mower back home.

Ossian:
Thursday, 2:52 p.m., Ossian Deli. Courtesy transport for a woman whose vehicle broke down.

ARRESTS
Lisa Ann Bailey, 57, Bluffton; driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$1,500.

Off-duty Indiana sheriff's deputy fatally shoots man who pointed rifle at officers

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — An off-duty sheriff's deputy fatally shot an armed man in Indiana after he ignored commands to drop a rifle and pointed the weapon at officers, police said.

Vigo County sheriff's deputies were called Wednesday afternoon to a home south of Terre Haute for a welfare check on a suicidal male, Indiana State Police said.

An off-duty Vigo County deputy joined them and tried to communicate with the man, who was in distress, police said. After an on-deputy noticed the man had guns in his possession, he provided his off-duty colleague with a department-issued service rifle because

that deputy had arrived at the scene unarmed.

When the deputies ordered the man to drop a rifle he was holding, the man ignored those commands and pointed it at the officers, prompting the off-duty deputy to fire one shot, striking the man, police said.

The man, who police identified as James Dockery,

45, of Terre Haute, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The off-duty deputy, a 10-year veteran of the sheriff's department, has been placed on administrative leave — a routine step following shootings involving police officers.

Indiana State Police said the agency is investigating the fatal shooting.

WELLS COUNTY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Kids lead bingo: Kids in the Summer of Serving outreach program at Hope Missionary Church led a bingo game and awarded prizes to clients from Bi-County Services at Whicker Park on Wednesday. (Photos by Tanya Caylor)



Enjoying lunch: T.J. Reynolds, James Asher, Bi-County Services house manager Katrina Tenyson and James Harter enjoy a free picnic lunch at Whicker Park on Wednesday.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."
~ John 6:55-56 ~

The Holy Eucharist is recognized as one of the seven Sacraments. It is unique among the other Sacraments, however, due to the understanding of the doctrine of the Real Presence. This is the belief that Jesus Christ is literally, not symbolically, present in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. This belief takes to heart the words of the Savior from the Sacred Scriptures (cf. John 6) and holds to the same Faith held by the early Church Fathers.

Throughout the ages, the Eucharist is that Sacrament by which Catholics receive the Body and Blood of Jesus

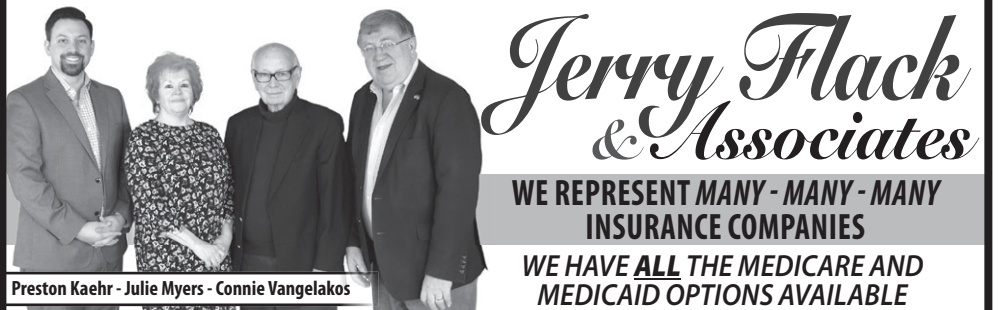
Christ. Bread and wine, the outward signs of this Sacrament, are offered in the Mass and transformed in all but appearance into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This transformation occurs through the words instituted by Jesus Himself at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and passed down through His priests with His command to "do this in remembrance of me" (cf. Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:18-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25).

In receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished by and more closely united to the Lord. This union with Christ strengthens the bond of charity which makes us one with our neighbor. When we grow in our love of God through union with Jesus, we also grow in our love for all men who are united to the Body of Christ, as described by St. Paul in 1 Cor. 10:17.

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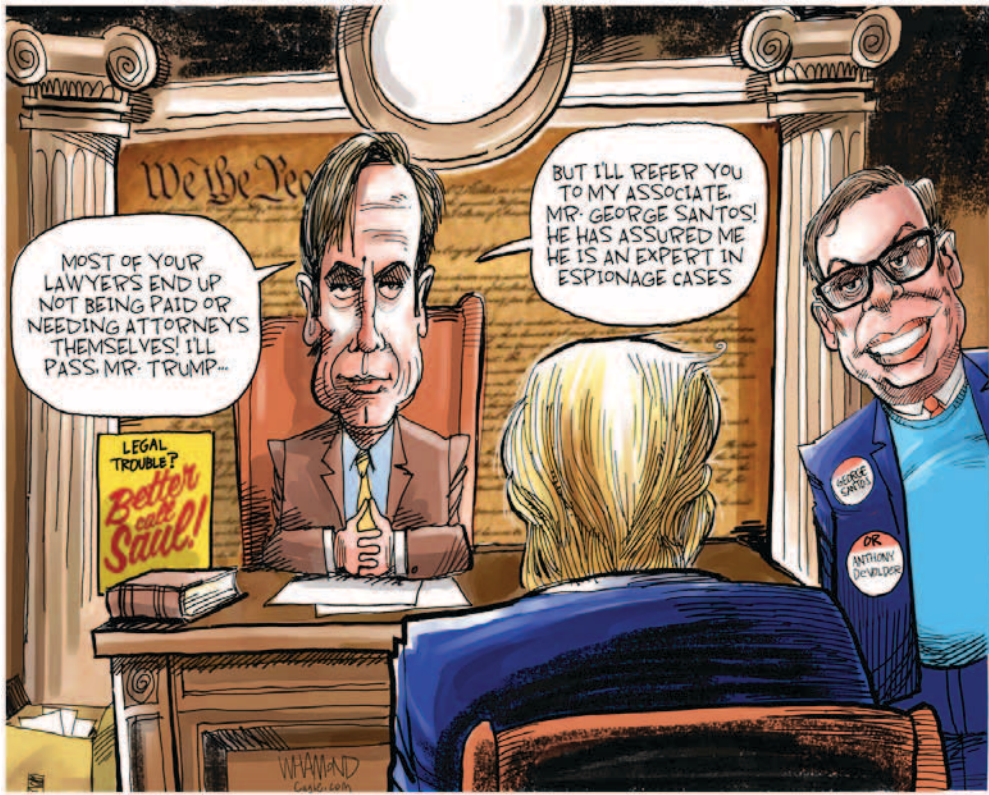
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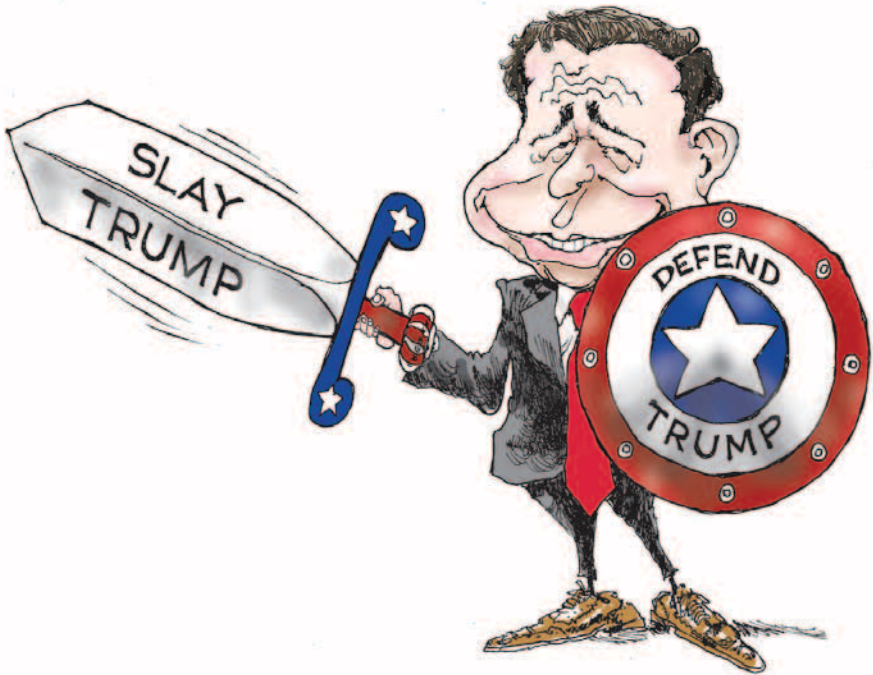
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Does a vote for Trump equal a vote for Biden?

Now that Donald Trump has been federally indicted, will he remain the Republican nominee frontrunner?

Hard to predict at this point.

That question leads me to another. If Trump does indeed become the nominee, does that guarantee a second term for Joe Biden?

Trump's mounting baggage now has us awaiting resolution on two criminal cases. There will likely be additional indictments coming shortly.

Guilty verdicts would not preclude him from holding public office. Appeals would also make it unlikely that either case would be adjudicated in time to matter.

The basis for my Biden question doesn't center around any legal outcomes. What I am pondering is do those indictments matter to swing voters? Here in Indiana, one of the reddest states in the Union, the answer is no. The Republican nominee will likely carry the state in the 2024 general election.

Democrats have only won our state twice since 1940. Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and Barack Obama in 2008.

States like Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are the most likely swing states. Many of those states have rejected handpicked Trump candidates recently. Pennsylvania chose John Federman over Dr. Mehmet Oz in their Senate race last year. Likewise, Georgia chose Raphael Warnock over Herschel Walker. Arizona chose Katie Hobbs over Kari Lake for Governor.

I don't think Trump is going to win over any of those states next year.

His influence has waned significantly with independent voters since 2016. According to multiple polls, that election featured the two most hated presidential candidates of all time, Trump and Hillary Clinton. For Independents, selecting the second-most-hated candidate of all time was the lesser of two evils.

Would Trump have that luxury in 2024? He didn't in 2020.

Has Trump become more likeable in the past few years? Of course not.

Anything can happen in the next 500 days I suppose.

Getting out to the polls to vote is a privilege and we should all do our civic duty. As noted above, Presidential elections aren't decided by Indiana voters. Presidential elections are decided by a few million voters in a small number of swing states. The rest of the 330 million U.S. citizens live with those consequences.

For Hoosiers to make an impact in the 2024 Presidential election, it has to happen in our primary. We need to choose a Republican nominee who has a chance of winning a general election.

Who is that candidate? I have no idea right now. It's still early in the process. I don't believe it should be Donald Trump.

If you want another four years from Joe Biden, the best way to secure that outcome may well be to vote for Trump in the 2024 primary.

My hope is that we choose someone more electable.

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Byron York

Donald Trump's arraignment

A few days have passed since the Justice Department informed former President Donald Trump that he had been indicted. Some of the main issues involved, both legal and political, are becoming clearer than they were in the first frenzied hours after the news broke.

First, the politics. The early indications are that predictions that Trump supporters would rally around him in the event of an indictment appear to be true. A poll by CBS News and YouGov found that 76% of likely Republican primary voters said that the indictment was politically motivated. When asked if the indictment would change their view of Trump, 61% said it would not change their view at all, while 14% said it would change their view of Trump for the better. Just seven percent said it would change their view of Trump for the worse, and 18% said it depends, meaning they weren't really sure.

In a Reuters-Ipsos poll, 81% of Republicans said "politics was driving the case." "The indictment did not appear to dent Trump's standing in the Republican nominating contest for the 2024 presidential election," Reuters reported. So the answer, at least for now, to the question of whether the indictment would hurt Trump among Republicans is no.

There are two other groups who factor into the political calculation — the Republican presidential candidates and GOP lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Reporters being the way they are, almost every prominent Republican within a mile of a microphone is being asked to declare a position on the Trump indictment.

The Republican presidential contenders are in a difficult spot. They know that most Republican voters believe Trump has been unfairly targeted for years. And they know the numbers above, in which large majorities of Republicans said the latest charges against Trump are politically motivated. So, on one hand, they have an interest in telling voters what they want to hear, which is that Trump is being politically targeted.

On the other hand, they are running against Trump, not with him. If the indictment ultimately weakens Trump politically, his Republican opponents will benefit. So now, we are seeing some of those candidates try to walk a fine line — decrying what some call the weaponization of the government against Trump but at the same time acknowledging that the charges against him are serious.

Immediately after the indictment, Gov. Ron DeSantis, the leading challenger to Trump, tweeted that, "The weaponization of federal law enforcement represents a mortal threat to a free society." DeSantis suggested that Trump was a victim of the "uneven application of the law." But at the same time, DeSantis noted that he, DeSantis, had to scrupulously observe classification rules when he was in the U.S. Navy. The implication was clear: the president should observe those rules, too.

Nikki Haley and Sen. Tim Scott have both said the case against Trump is serious, with Haley saying that if the allegations are true, then Trump was "incredibly reckless with our national security." Mike Pence, Trump's former vice president, has chosen to demand more information. "The American people have a right to know why it was necessary for the first time in history to bring an indictment of this nature against a former president of the United States," Pence said.

On Capitol Hill, some of Trump's strongest supporters remain steadfastly on his side. That's not a surprise, given that some of them are from districts in which Republicans are even more supportive of the

former president than the poll suggest.

Next, the legal side. The first thing to say is that a lot of respected legal voices believe the indictment is a very serious document. "I was shocked by the degree of sensitivity of these documents and how many there were," former Attorney General William Barr told Fox News. "If even half of it is true, then he's toast."

That doesn't mean Trump doesn't have defenses. For example, information at the heart of the indictment appears to have come from Trump's attorneys, whom special counsel Jack Smith forced to testify in spite of attorney-client privilege. Smith received court approval, but as Lawfare noted, a trial will examine that approval and "raise questions about the limits of one of the most sacrosanct principles in our legal system, attorney-client privilege."

Trump can also argue that, as president, he was allowed to decide what documents should be sent to the National Archives as "presidential records" and what documents he would keep. What if he kept records that were clearly presidential in nature? He might argue that he still had that authority, and his defense will surely explore the limits, if any, of that authority.

Then there is the question of the seriousness of the documents Trump is charged with mishandling. The indictment says they are among the government's most sensitive secrets. This is how the indictment describes them:

"The classified documents Trump stored in his boxes included information regarding defense and weapons capabilities of both the United States and foreign countries; United States nuclear programs; potential vulnerabilities of the United States and its allies to military attack; and plans for possible retaliation in response to a foreign attack."

What could be more serious than that? On the other hand, the description is still vague. It could, in fact, describe lots of information that is available in the public domain. A Trump trial, if there is one, could reveal how widely the specific information cited by Smith was distributed inside the U.S. government. Was it extremely closely held? Or much more widely available? That could make a difference in the jury's assessment of the seriousness of Trump's actions.

Finally, Trump defenders — perhaps not Trump's lawyers in court, but Trump's defenders — will argue the big picture, that the Biden administration has taken a dangerous step in indicting a former president. "The Biden administration crossed a constitutional Rubicon this week," Berkeley law professor and former Bush administration Justice Department official John Yoo writes. "For the first time in our history, an executive branch held by the incumbent political party indicted the leading presidential candidate of the other main political party."

More from Yoo: "Biden administration officials must explain why prosecuting Trump for misuse of classified documents justifies disregarding two centuries of constitutional practice."

That is perhaps the most important question of the entire Trump prosecution: Should it be done at all? Were there other, less constitutionally consequential, ways of dealing with Trump's behavior? The Biden administration has given its answer. The final resolution of that question will take a long time.

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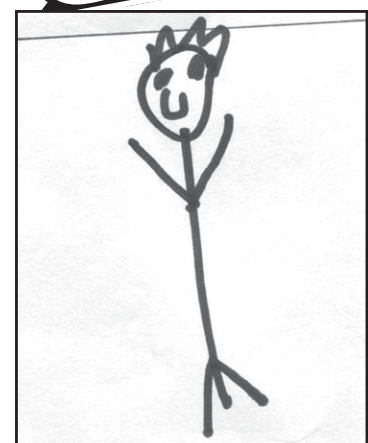
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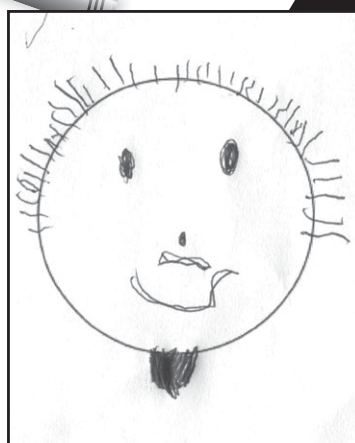
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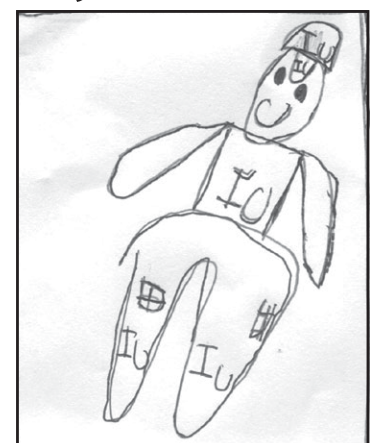
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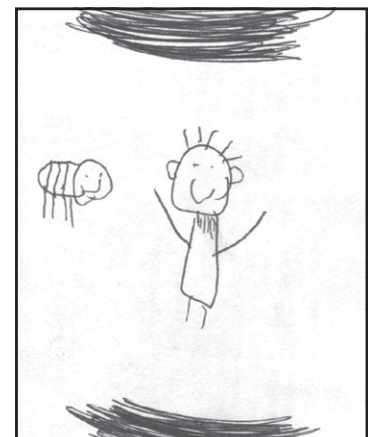
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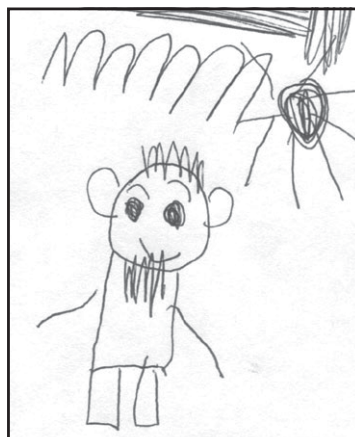
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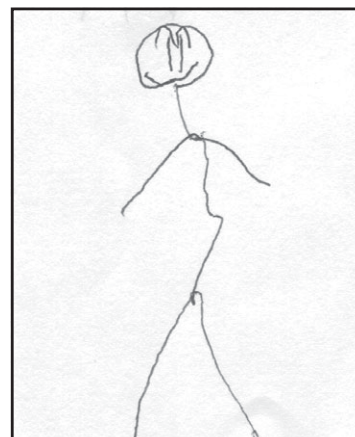
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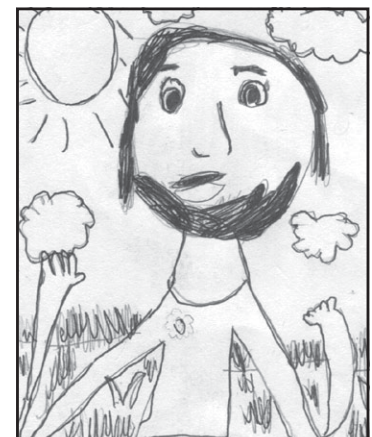
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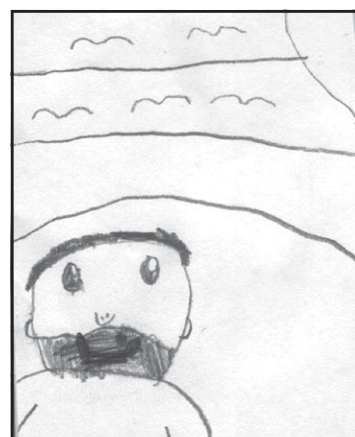
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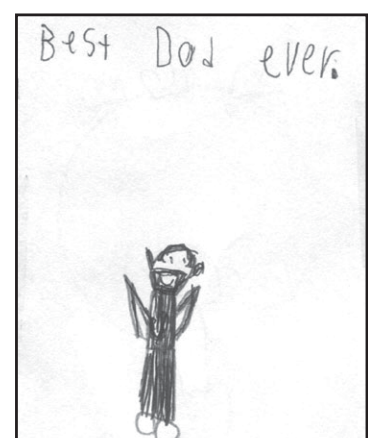
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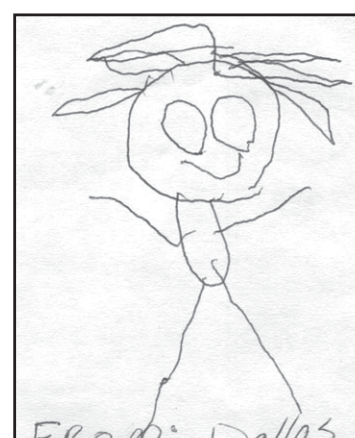
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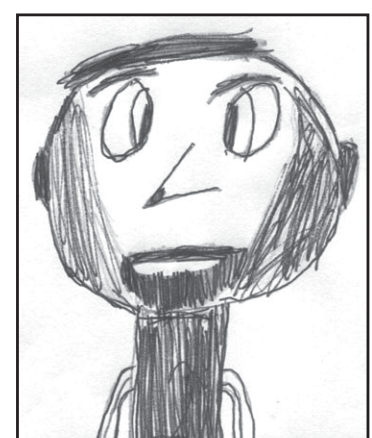
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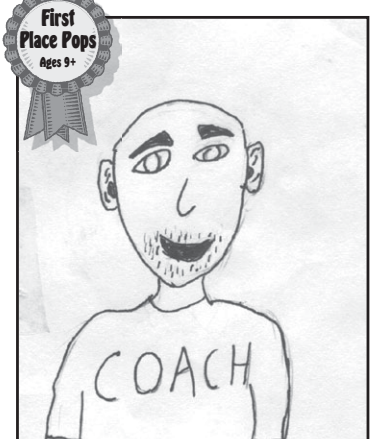
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Father's name: Cory Leas
Drawn by: Liam Leas
Age: 10



Father's name: Matt McCartney
Drawn by: Eli McCartney
Age: 10



Father's name: Nell Watkins
Drawn by: Trace Donahoe
Age: 10



Father's name: Chris Leas
Drawn by: Hazel Leas
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Teagle is choice as the next BHS basketball coach

Board must ratify decision, but former Huntington North and Jay County coach is athletic department's recommendation

By RYAN WALKER
The Bluffton Athletic Department has officially announced it will recommend Craig Teagle as its new head boys' basketball coach. The school board is expected to approve of the recommendation at next month's board meeting.



Craig Teagle

The news was rumored to be announced earlier in the week by Outside The Huddle but was officially announced the morning of Friday, June 16, by BHMSD.

This will be the third head coach for the Tigers this year, with Karl Grau stepping down and his replacement Adam Gray resigning last week for "personal reasons."

With the late resignation of Gray and the summer basketball program up and running, the Athletic Department had to scramble to hire a new candidate to take over. In a press release from BHMSD, it stated Athletic Director Steve Thompson had to review previous coaches applying for the position and "conducted numerous phone conversations with coaches across the state in an effort to find the right candidate to lead our young men."

Teagle, the head coach for Huntington North over the past eight years, was hired by New Albany two

months ago but decided to step down last week and quickly ended up at Bluffton.

Teagle is excited about the opportunity and leading the team to success.

"I am excited to be at Bluffton, and we will do everything to lead the student-athletes in the right way and produce a good product," Teagle said in the release from BHMSD.

The departure was a bit of a stroke of luck for Bluffton, as Teagle has an impressive 443-267 record in his 31 years of head coaching experience, most recently at Huntington North and Jay County. His 443 wins are currently 14th on the active winningest coaches list, according to the johnharell.net website.

Thompson said, "I am excited to welcome Coach Teagle to the Bluffton community. He is known throughout the state for being a great basketball coach, but he is also a man with strong character and high standards who wins the right way. I know that our teams and our young will flourish under Coach Teagle."

The Tigers will look to lean on Teagle's experience to help turn the program around. The team has gone 6-39 in its last two seasons.

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Stroman, Happ, Morel help Cubs beat Pirates for a series sweep

By MATT CARLSON
Associated Press
CHICAGO (AP) — Marcus Stroman threw six effective innings for his sixth straight victory and the Chicago Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-2 on Thursday night for a three-game sweep.

Ian Happ had a triple, double and single and drove in two runs, and Christopher Morel went 3 for 3 with a triple and two RBIs. Chicago had 12 hits to reach double-digits for the third straight game.

Cody Bellinger laced an RBI double in Chicago's five-run fifth inning after missing a month because of a bruised left knee. Nico Hoerner had two hits.

The Cubs outscored the Pirates 28-11 in the series. Pittsburgh, still in first place in the NL Central at 34-33, has dropped four of five.

Stroman (8-4) allowed four hits and struck out five while walking two in his MLB-leading 13th quality start. He hasn't lost or allowed more than two runs in an outing since May 14 at Minnesota.

The 32-year-old right hander scuffled early, with Tucupita Marcano and Carlos Santana driving in runs in the third to give Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead.

Stroman retired 11 of the last 12 hitters he faced before Anthony Kay, the first of three relievers, entered in the seventh. Michael Rucker tossed a 1-2-3 ninth.

The Cubs activated Bellinger from the 10-day injured list before the game and placed him in

the lineup, batting sixth and playing first base. It was 2019 NL MVP's first game since May 15 in Houston when he injured the left knee as he struck the wall making an acrobatic catch.

After the Pirates took a 2-0 lead in the third, Happ singled in a run in the bottom half.

The Cubs sent 11 batters to the plate and chased Johan Oviedo (3-6) and reliever José Hernandez with five runs in the fifth to take a 6-2 lead. Oviedo allowed four runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Happ's double to the corner in left tied it at 2. Bellinger's double put Chicago ahead.

Morel followed with an infield RBI single and Nick Madrigal's bunt plated a run. Marcano flubbed Hoerner's routine grounder at shortstop allowing another run to score. Morel's sac fly in the sixth made it 7-2.

EASING IN

Although he's won a Gold Glove in the outfield, Bellinger is expected to ease back at first base, where he has already played 263 times in the majors. The two-time All-Star called his injury "a pretty big bone bruise."

The 27-year-old will transition back to the outfield as the bruise heals and his ability to change direction improves.

UP NEXT

Pirates: LHP Rich Hill (6-5, 4.23) starts against Brewers RHP Julio Teheran (1-2, 1.48) on Friday night to open a three-game series in Milwaukee.

JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE TOURNAMENT WINNERS



8-10 Age Group: First Gretchen Prible, second Elleigh Reinhard, and third Kambree Stoller (not pictured).



6-7 Age Group: First Hayden Pence, second Lydia Mossburg (not pictured).

Seventy-six kids participated in the junior league tournament on Thursday, winning awards for their efforts.

Each individual played two holes to utilize skills learned over the course of two weeks of practice. Tara Cocanower and Jody Ault volunteered to run the program, inspired to teach kids the same way they learned to play 25 years ago.



10-13 Age Group: First Emma Moon, second Tenley Hendricks, fourth Leah Bertsch, third Emmy Aschliman.



10-13 Age Group: First Kreigh Ault, second Leyton Chamberlain, third Philip Lewis, fourth Liam Yates (winner of 4-way tie-break).



8-10 Age Group: First Boone Sprunger second Kaleb Hartman third, Will Moon, and fourth Will MacNeill.



13-plus Age Group: First Will Ault, second Connor Collins, and third Carter Lehman.



13-plus Age Group: First Sophie Meeks, second Rylee Todd, and third Aleeah Grover.



6-7 Age Group: First Amos Littell, second Kamden Chamberlain third (tie) Bru Sprunger and Bo Sprunger.

DeChambeau: 'Not as much tension' at US Open after PGA Tour-LIV partnership

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bryson DeChambeau can feel the mood lightening in the locker room and on the course just one week after the PGA Tour and LIV Golf ceased hostilities.



Bryson DeChambeau

DeChambeau shot a 67 in his opening round at the U.S. Open on Thursday, leaving the long-hitting 2020 champion tied for third among the morning half of the draw behind record-setters Rickie Fowler and Xander Schauffele, who each shot 62.

This Open at Los Angeles Country Club is the first major since the stunning announcement of the partnership between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf. The Saudi Arabia-backed competition attracted dozens of top players — DeChambeau among the most prominent — to its highly controversial endeavor with lavish payouts over the last two years, but last week's seismic move put golf in flux once again.

Nobody knows exactly what the sport will look like in the near future, with LIV apparently planning to continue its own competitions in some form. But DeChambeau senses that the us-against-them mentality that arose on both sides from the LIV defections is not so prevalent anymore.

"I think it's a little more lighthearted from everyone," DeChambeau said after his round. "It's been good seeing all the players just more like neutral, so it is a little bit more comfortable than before. Not as much tension, I guess you could say, which is a good thing for the game of golf. We want the fans to see us all play together all the time."

The 29-year-old DeChambeau played aggressively and effectively under cloudy skies on the venerable course adjoining Beverly Hills and Century City, posting four birdies on his back nine. He finished his round to cheers from the Southern California gallery — a big change from the PGA Championship just a month ago near Rochester, New York, where DeChambeau and fellow LIV pro Brooks Koepka were booed on the first tee at Oak Hill.

LIV players have put up several impressive performances at majors already this year, although opinions vary on whether their pseudo-outlaw status plays a motivational role. Koepka and Phil Mickelson were the runners-up to Masters champion Jon Rahm, and Koepka won the PGA Championship four weeks ago atop a leaderboard featuring DeChambeau in fourth and LIV's Cameron Smith in ninth.

The partnership between the tours is still largely undefined, but it's becoming increasingly clear that the PGA Tour's status quo won't return immediately.

When asked if everything was still business as usual at LIV, DeChambeau said it was. He intends to keep building his four-man team, known as the

Crushers.

"We're looking to hire someone here shortly for the GM position (for the Crushers), and very excited about that," DeChambeau said.

DeChambeau grew up in Clovis, a suburb of Fresno about 220 miles north of Los Angeles. He had plenty of fans in the California galleries who would love to see more of the polarizing player who has two top-10 finishes in his last three majors.

"I just feel like I prepare a little differently for the major championships, and I feel like my length has a big advantage in these events," DeChambeau said. "Even at the Open last year, I feel like just being able to have a 230-yard 6-iron is super-helpful on any golf course. You put everybody on a really difficult golf course or a testing golf course, I feel like someone that can hit it far has an advantage, if they're able to somewhat keep it in play. You could say (I'm) overlooked, I'm not going to say that, but I'm just trying to win a major championship."

DeChambeau acknowledged he has been spending extra time on the range in recent days, hitting "more golf balls than I would like to, ever." It's the final process of his quest to return to his form of 2018, when he won four tournaments and cracked the top five in the world ranking.

"I feel like I'm very close to getting it," he said. "Because I had it at the PGA for the first two days, and then it kind of faltered a little bit. But I was still able to play really good solid golf, score well. ... If I have what I had at the PGA, I'll be contending for sure."

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Off and swimming!

The Wells County Swim Team, the Barracudas, has officially started the summer swim season. The WCST competes in an eight-team conference and will have eight meets throughout the summer. A total of around 150 kids are on the team this year. (Photo provided)

Rob Manfred suspects that pitchers are using banned substances

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred thinks the use of banned sticky stuff is more widespread than the three pitchers ejected this season for illegal grip aids.

“I am sure that out of an abundance of caution and good judgment, umpires have had questionable situations that they decided: just not quite sure,” Manfred said Thursday following an owners meeting. “And I am 100% certain they err on the side of no violation.”

New York Mets pitcher Drew Smith was suspended for 10 games Wednesday, a day after he was ejected. That followed similar bans for Mets teammate Max Scherzer on April 20 and Yankees pitcher Domingo Germán on May 17.

“We talk to the umpires after each situation like that. I think it is fair to say across the board the violation situations were in the unquestionable zone,” Manfred said. “It was absolutely clear that the level of stickiness in each situation could not be produced by

the allowable use of a rosin bag.”

Five pitchers have been suspended since MLB began its crackdown on foreign substances in June 2021, Seattle’s Hector Santiago and Arizona’s Caleb Smith served suspensions in 2021.

“Nothing arbitrary about the enforcement,” Manfred said. “The umpires all receive uniform training on what the use of rosin on the mound in the way that is allowed under the rules, what that feels like and what it feels like when you’re doing something illegal, either combining it with rubbing alcohol or sunscreen or some other sticky substance.”

“I don’t accept the premise that that it’s arbitrary. And, look, the sticky substance phenomenon was altering the way the game was being played on the field. And we feel that from an integrity and fairness perspective it’s our obligation to do everything we can to make sure those rules are enforced. Where the violations happen to fall, that’s a product of who’s violating, in my view.”

Governor signs public funding bill for new A’s stadium in Vegas, growing global sports destination

By SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press
RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo signed into law Thursday a \$380 million public financing package to help build a Major League Baseball stadium for the Oakland Athletics on the Las Vegas Strip as MLB’s commissioner outlined a months-long approval process for the A’s proposed move there.

The first-term Republican governor and former sheriff in Las Vegas said he was excited to sign the measure the Democrat-controlled Legislature approved Wednesday night after a seven-day long special session.

“This is an incredible opportunity to bring the A’s to Nevada,” Lombardo said in a statement from Carson City.

The \$1.5 billion stadium with a retractable roof is planned near the homes of the NFL’s Vegas Raiders, who fled Oakland in 2020, and the NHL’s Golden Knights, who won the Stanley Cup this week in just their sixth season.

“This legislation reflects months of negotiations between the team, the state, the county, and the league,” Lombardo said. “Las Vegas’ position as a global sports destination is only growing, and Major League Baseball is another tremendous asset for the city.”

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred outlined the review process of the A’s proposed relocation during a news conference hours earlier at a meeting of owners in New York. With a capacity of 30,000, the stadium would be MLB’s smallest.

Manfred said the team must submit a relocation application explaining its efforts in Oakland and why Las Vegas is a better market. A relocation committee will define the new operating territory and television territory. It will then make a recommendation to Manfred and the eight-man executive council. The executive council formulates a recommendation to all clubs, which must approve the move by at least three-quarters vote.

The team said in a statement late Thursday the Nevada governor’s signing of the funding package was “a significant step forward in securing a new home for the Athletics.”

“We will now begin the process with MLB to apply for relocation to Las Vegas,”

the statement said. “We are excited about Southern Nevada’s dynamic and vibrant professional sports scene, and we look forward to becoming a valued community member through jobs, economic development, and the quality of life and civic pride of a Major League Baseball team.”

The \$380 million in public funding would mainly come from \$180 million in transferable tax credits and \$120 million in county bonds. Backers have pledged that the creation of a special tax district around the proposed stadium would generate enough money to pay off those bonds and interest. The plan would not directly raise taxes.

The plan had revived the national debate over public funding for private sports clubs. A’s representatives and some Nevada tourism officials have said the measure could add to Las Vegas’ growing sports scene and act as an economic engine. But a growing chorus of economists and some lawmakers have warned that such a project would bring minimal benefits when compared to the hefty public price tag.

Opposition came from both sides of the aisle, especially in northern and rural Nevada several hundreds of miles away from Las Vegas.

“No amount of amendments are going to change the fact we are giving millions of public dollars to a billionaire,” Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch, a progressive Democrat from Reno, said during Wednesday night’s debate.

“Using taxpayer money on pet projects instead of private capital is socialism,” said Republican Sen. Ira Hansen, from neighboring Sparks.

But backers said in addition to creating 14,000 construction jobs and permanent jobs subject to collective bargaining, Major League Baseball on the Las Vegas Strip will build on the excitement surrounding the Raiders, the Golden Knights and the WNBA’s Aces in a city that had no major professional sports before 2016.

“With the Aces winning a national championship last year and the Golden Knights securing the Stanley Cup just last night, it is clear Las Vegas is clearly becoming the entertainment and sports capital of the world,” said Democratic Assemblywoman Shea Backus, from Las Vegas.

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BASEBALL

American League

East Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	50	22	694		
Baltimore	43	25	632	5	
New York	39	30	565	9½	
Toronto	38	32	543	11	
Boston	34	35	493	14½	
Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	34	507		
Cleveland	31	36	463	3	
Chicago	30	39	435	5	
Detroit	28	39	418	6	
Kansas City	18	50	265	16½	
West Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	26	618		
Houston	39	29	574	3	
Los Angeles	39	32	549	4½	
Seattle	33	34	493	8½	
Oakland	19	52	268	24½	

Wednesday’s Games
 Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 2
 Atlanta 10, Detroit 7, 1st game
 Atlanta 6, Detroit 5, 2nd game
 Toronto 3, Baltimore 1
 Boston 6, Colorado 3
 N.Y. Mets 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 10 innings
 Houston 5, Washington 4
 Texas 6, L.A. Angels 3
 Cincinnati 7, Kansas City 4
 San Diego 5, Cleveland 0
 Miami 4, Seattle 1
 Tampa Bay 6, Oakland 3
 Chicago White Sox 8, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday’s Games
 Baltimore 4, Toronto 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 3
 Detroit 8, Minnesota 4
 L.A. Angels 5, Texas 3
 Washington at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Friday’s Games
 Baltimore (Irvin 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-2), 2:20 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Germán 4-3) at Boston (Houck 3-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Gausman 5-3) at Texas (Pérez 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Abbott 2-0) at Houston (France 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Detroit (TBD) at Minnesota (Ryan 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Sandoval 3-6) at Kansas City (Singer 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (McKenzie 0-1) at Arizona (Gallen 7-2), 9:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Walker 6-3) at Oakland (Sears 1-3), 9:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (McClanahan 10-1) at San Diego (Darvish 5-4), 9:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Kopech 3-5) at Seattle (Woo 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
 Detroit at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 Toronto at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Houston, 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:15 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at San Diego, 7:15 p.m.
 Cleveland at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.

National League

East Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	26	623		
Miami	38	31	551	5	
Philadelphia	35	34	507	8	
New York	32	36	471	10½	
Washington	26	40	394	15½	
Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	34	33	507		
Milwaukee	34	34	500	½	
Cincinnati	34	35	493	1	
Chicago	31	37	456	3½	
St. Louis	27	42	391	8	
West Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	41	28	594		
Los Angeles	38	30	559	2½	
San Francisco	36	32	529	4½	
San Diego	33	34	493	7	
Colorado	29	42	408	13	

Wednesday’s Games
 Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 2
 San Francisco 8, St. Louis 5, 10 innings
 Atlanta 10, Detroit 7, 1st game
 Atlanta 6, Detroit 5, 2nd game
 Boston 6, Colorado 3

TRANSACKIONS

Thursday’s Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
 BALTIMORE OROLES — Sent RHP Dillon Tate to Norfolk (IL) on a rehab assignment.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed 3B Yoan Moncada on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 14. Selected the contract of INF Zach Remillard from Charlotte (IL).
 DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Braden Bristo to Toledo (IL). Sent LHP Tarik Skubal to Toledo (IL) on a rehab assignment.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent LHP Angel Zerpa to Northwest Arkansas (TL) on a rehab assignment.
 MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated OF Byron Buxton from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Trevor Larnach to St. Paul (IL).
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent RHP Freddy Tarnok to Las Vegas (PCL) on a rehab assignment.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS — Reinstated RHP Pete Fairbanks from the 15-day IL. Optioned RHP Ryan Thompson to Durham (IL).
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Released RHP Anthony Bass.
National League
 CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated OF Cody Bellinger from the 10-day IL. Optioned INF Matt Mervis to Iowa (IL).
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Colin Holderman on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Jerry De Los Santos from Indianapolis (IL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 DETROIT LIONS — Signed TE Sam LaPorta to a rookie contract.
 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed S Michael Tuttle.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed C Josh Dunne to a one-year, two-way contract.



NASCAR CUP SERIES
Last race: Martin Truex Jr. passed Chase Elliott after a final stage restart at Sonoma and easily held off Kyle Busch for his fourth career victory at the track. Truex also assumed the points lead by 13 over William Byron.
Next race: June 25, Nashville, Tennessee.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES
Last race: Aric Almirola won the inaugural Xfinity Series race at Sonoma, capitalizing on a late restart and an even later mistake by Kyle Larson for the first-ever victory for RSS Racing, his first career road-course victory, his fourth victory overall and first in the series since 2017.
Next race: June 24, Nashville, Tennessee.

NASCAR TRUCK SERIES
Last race: Grant Enfinger outran Christian Eckes in a two-lap overtime at World Wide Technology Raceway to become the third multiple race winner of the season.
Next race: June 23, Nashville, Tennessee.

FORMULA ONE
Canadian Grand Prix
Site: Montreal, Canada.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturday, practice, 12:30 p.m., and qualifying, 4 p.m.; Sunday, race, 2 p.m. (ESPN).
Last race: Verstappen, the two-time defending series champion, started from the pole position and was never challenged in Spain, his fifth win of the season and the seventh for Red Bull in as many races. Seven-time series champion Lewis Hamilton matched his best finish of the season, running second, and his Mercedes teammate, George Russell, was third.
Next race: July 2, Spielberg, Austria.

INDYCAR
Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America
Schedule: Friday, practice, 4 p.m.; Saturday, practice, 10:55 a.m., and qualifying, 1:55 p.m.-2:55 p.m.; Sunday, race, 1:15 p.m. (USA).
Last race: Alex Palou led 74 of the 100 laps, took the lead for keeps on Lap 77 and won in the series’ return to the streets of Detroit, his second victory in less than a month.
Next race: July 2, Lexington, Ohio.
NHRA DRAG RACING
Last event: Justin Ashley won in Top Fuel and Ron Capps won in Funny Car in Bristol, Tennessee.
Next event: June 25, Norwalk, Ohio.
WORLD OF OUTLAWS
Next events: June 16-17, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

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Flustered by funeral flowers

Dear Annie: I've been friends with "Jessie" for several years, but lately, I've been feeling like the friendship is one-sided. I'm always the one reaching out, making plans and putting in the effort. Jessie has been responding to my texts with one-word answers, if at all.

I value our friendship a lot, but I'm starting to question whether she feels the same way. How can I address this issue without seeming needy? Should I confront her or let it go and just hope it changes back to what it was like before? Any guidance would be appreciated. — Friendship on Uneven Ground

Dear Uneven Ground: Friendships are not transactional. There are natural times when one friend gives more than the other. Perhaps Jessie is going through a difficult season of life and simply doesn't have the capacity to initiate contact.

Reach out to her; tell her that she has felt distant recently and that you miss her; and gently ask how she is doing.

If she brushes you off, and if the blatant imbalance in your relationship continues, then perhaps your friendship has run its course. Not everyone who comes into your life is meant to stay forever; that doesn't mean you can't treasure your friendship for what it was.

Dear Annie: My sister passed away last week at the young age of 63. She was cremated and had served in the military. We had a small military service for her, and at her service, there were a few bunches of flowers sent to the funeral home, only three to be exact. Two were sent to the funeral home from my nephew's company that he works for, and one was sent from an aunt and uncle. After the services, my aunt and uncle asked if they could have their flowers back!

guard. My question is, was it OK for them to ask for their flowers back?! I always thought when you sent flowers to a funeral home, it was supposed to be a gift to the family. I'm just lost for words. How should I address this? Or should I just let it go? I have never asked for flowers back from any funeral I have sent flowers to. — Sincerely Appalled

Dear Appalled: You're not alone; I, too, am surprised by your aunt and uncle's request. Sending flowers to loved ones who are grieving is a standard way to express sympathy and offer comfort after experiencing a loss. To ask for them back following the service seems insincere and, frankly, tacky.

While I can't imagine a particularly good reason for them to ask this of you, I'd advise that the path of least resistance is your best way forward. I hope you took one of the other two flower arrangements home with you, as a token of your sister's service instead. If she were still with us, I think she'd probably agree it's not worth fighting over either.

I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you nothing but peace as you heal during this most difficult time.

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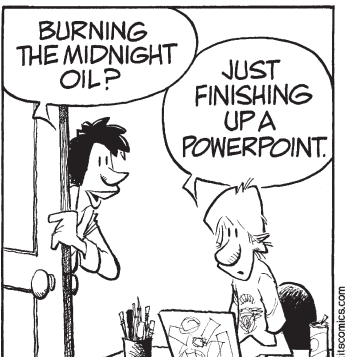
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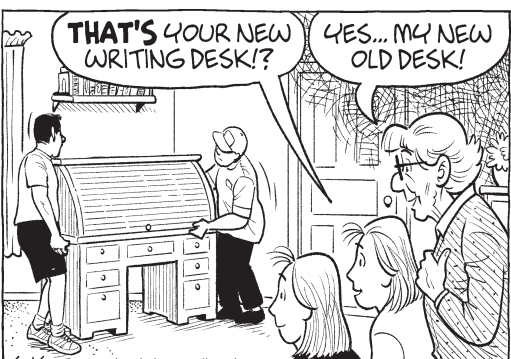
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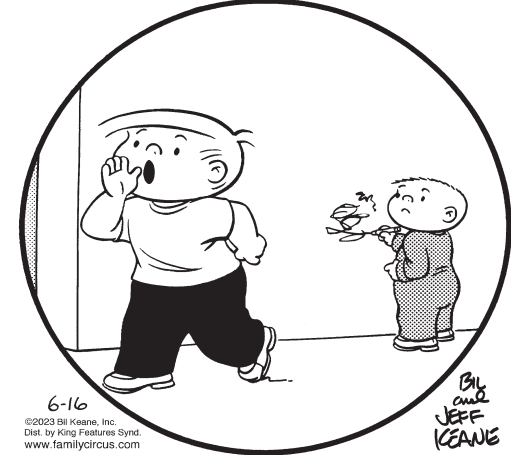


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My Answer



By Dr. Billy Graham

God meant for marriage to be a joyous and supportive relationship

Q: After 25 years, my husband and I are calling it quits. Our children are grown and our home is empty and unfulfilled. We're both ready to invest time in our careers and develop other friendships that aren't so oppressive. We'll always love each other, but it's no longer enough. Why do some say this is wrong? — O.M.

A: God meant for marriage to be a joyous and supportive relationship. It's not easy to heal a marriage (or any relationship) that has almost fallen apart, but God is ready to help and strengthen each heart that desires to honor him. If a man and woman together seek counsel from Scripture, God will

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

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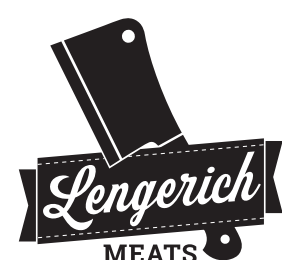
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Supreme Court upholds 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act

By **MARK SHERMAN**
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday preserved the system that gives preference to Native American families in foster care and adoption proceedings of Native children, rejecting a broad attack from some Republican-led states and white families who argued it is based on race.

The court left in place the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which was enacted to address concerns that Native children were being separated from their families and, too frequently, placed in non-Native homes. Tribal leaders have backed the law as a means of preserving their families, traditions and cultures and had warned that a broad ruling against the tribes could have undermined their ability to govern themselves. The “issues are complicated” Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for a seven-justice majority that included the court’s three liberals and four of its six conservatives, but the “bottom line is

that we reject all of petitioners’ challenges to the statute.” Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissented, each writing that Congress lacks the authority to interfere with foster care placements and adoptions, typically the province of the states. The decision, Alito wrote, “disrespects the rights and interests of these children.” But Justice Neil Gorsuch, a Colorado native who has emerged as a champion of Native rights since joining the court in 2017, wrote in a separate opinion that the decision “safeguards the ability of tribal members to raise their children free from interference by state authorities and other outside parties.” The leaders of tribes involved in the case called the outcome a major victory for tribes and Native children. “We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks aimed at diminishing tribal sovereignty and creating instability throughout Indian law that have per-

sisted for too long,” said a joint statement from Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Morongo Band of Mission Indians Chairman Charles Martin, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill and Quinault Indian Nation President Guy Capoeman. President Joe Biden, whose administration defended the law at the high court, noted that he supported the law 45 years ago when was a Democratic senator from Delaware. “Our Nation’s painful history looms large over today’s decision. In the not-so-distant past, Native children were stolen from the arms of the people who loved them,” Biden said in a statement. Congress passed the law in response to the alarming rate at which Native American and Alaska Native children were taken from their homes by public and private agencies. The law requires states to notify tribes and seek placement with the child’s extended family, members

of the child’s tribe or other Native American families. Three white families, the state of Texas and a small number of other states claimed the law is unconstitutional under the equal protection clause because it was based on race. They also contended it puts the interests of tribes ahead of children and improperly allows the federal government too much power over adoptions and foster placements, areas that typically are under state control. The lead plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case — Chad and Jennifer Brackeen of Fort Worth, Texas — adopted a Native American child after a prolonged legal fight with the Navajo Nation, one of the two largest Native American tribes, based in the Southwest. The Brackeens are trying to adopt the boy’s 5-year-old half-sister, known in court papers as Y.R.J., who has lived with them since infancy. The Navajo Nation has opposed that adoption. At last fall’s arguments, several conservative justices

expressed concern about at least one aspect of the law that gives preference to Native parents, even if they are of a different tribe than the child they are seeking to adopt or foster. Among them was Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who was in the majority Thursday in favor of the tribes. But Kavanaugh injected a cautionary note in a separate opinion focused on the preferences for Native foster and adoptive parents. “In my view, the equal protection issue is serious,” Kavanaugh wrote, commenting that the race of prospective parents and children

could be used to reject a foster placement or adoption, “even if the placement is otherwise determined to be in the child’s best interests.” The Supreme Court dealt with that issue by determining that neither Texas nor the parents had legal standing to make that argument in this case. The Brackeens and others can make those arguments in state court proceedings, the justices said. Matthew McGill, who represented the Brackeens at the Supreme Court, said he would press a racial discrimination claim in state court.

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The assailant then appears to have attempted to sexually assault the 21-year-old before pushing her down the slope as well. She fell nearly 50 meters (165 feet), ending up close to her friend. A mountain rescue team reached both women. The 22-year-old was “responsive” and taken to a hospital, police said; a helicopter carried the 21-year-old with serious injuries to a different hospital, and she died there overnight. The suspect left the scene but was quickly arrested nearby. Bystander video posted online showed police leading away a handcuffed man in a T-shirt, jeans and a baseball cap. Eric Abneri, a recent business graduate from the University of Pittsburgh who took the video, said the man appeared to have scratches across his face. “He did not say a single word. He didn’t open his

mouth; he didn’t mumble,” Abneri told The Associated Press. “He just walked with the police and that was it.” Abneri said he and friends reached the scenic overlook as a helicopter arrived and they saw rescuers lower themselves down to the victims. “I’m honestly absolutely stunned someone is still alive from this. It is like falling from the top of an absolute cliff,” he said. Abneri described it as “a very, very difficult rescue because of those cliffs and because the helicopter came mere feet above the tree line at the top of the hill.” “They did an unbelievable job,” he said. Police said the man they arrested was American and described him as also a tourist; prosecutors said the women were fellow U.S. citizens. The 22-year-old remained hospitalized Thursday, according to prosecutors.

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