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## 'He's good at keeping the world a better place'

Wells County students share their thoughts for Father's Day

By HOLLY GASKILL

Whether camping, singing songs or offering encouragement, fathers hold a special spot in every child's heart.

In celebration of Father's Day, The News-Banner partnered with three Wells County classrooms before the end of the school year to hear directly from students about their father figures, dads, grandpas, brothers and role models.

The students were asked three questions:

1. What's your favorite things to do with your dad?
2. What is your dad really good at?
3. What do you love most about your dad?

The following are their heartfelt responses, misspellings, jokes and all.

**Mrs. Shelly Frisch, Lancaster Central Elementary — 4th Grade**  
Connor Archbold

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is cooking because I like making food with my dad
2. he's Good at keeping the world a better place by saving people from bad people.

3. I love that he tries to show that he loves me, my brothers, and my mom by spending family time

Kayden Ayers  
1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is going swimming because he always flips me behind his back into the water

2. My dad is really good at landscaping because I see him do it and its really beautiful and everyone in my family loves it

3. I love the most with my dad is bikeing in the Owbathe State Park because bikeing is my favorite in trail and my dad too.

Khloe Bertsch  
1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play can't stop.

2. My dad is really good at math and helping me with my cow.

3. the thing I love the most about my dad is that he helps me with things that need help with.

Ruthie Bushee  
1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to go outside and build some thing with him

2. My dad is really good at planing crops and take care of us

3. I mostly love about my dad is, he is funny sometime and he loves us.

Eli Cassel  
1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is going hunting with him and, spending time with him at the baseball dymond.

2. he is really good at hunting and coaching people.

3. What I love most about my dad is that he takes his time off to spend time with us

Hannah Chubb  
1. going fishing at the state park.

2. he is good at building.

3. that he is brave and kind and loving

Emersen Clark  
1. We like to clean the pool together and we like to go on the ranger.

2. My dad is really good at doing stuFF around the house. And helping me do my backhandspring

3. He is silly, fun, anrgetic, and he annoys my mom

Connor Karst  
1. Playing sports or going places with him. And talking with my dad.

2. Golfing. And video games. He's also at other sports.



Drawings for Dad

Multiple students included drawings with their responses in the questionnaire. Above, Jaxson Nusbaumer shows his favorite thing to do with his dad —farm. Right, Knox Stevens demonstrates how he and his dad trade Pokemon cards.

3. That he is funny and always plays with me.

Korbin Fritts  
1. work on cars and help with other things.

2. working on cars an finding solotions to problems!

3. that he is hard working and that he takes care of me

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## Two injured in semi accident

A Bluffton teen was injured in an accident with a semi-tractor trailer on Wednesday.

According to a press release from the Adams County Sheriff's Department, Clayton J. Zootman, 18, Bluffton, and his passenger, Janae M. McConnehey, also of Bluffton, were transported via ambulance to a local hospital and are in stable condition following the accident.

Zootman was reportedly driving a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox eastbound on Ind. 124 near Adams County Road 400 West when his vehicle veered into an oncoming 2021 Mack Semi driven by Kevin D. Lehman of Geneva.

The SUV sideswiped the semi's tanker trailer, causing extensive damage to the driver's side of the car and the driver's side of the trailer. The semi was not carrying anything at the time of the accident.

Lehman was not injured in the accident. Zootman suffered an apparent leg fracture, and McConnehey's injuries were unspecified.



Photo courtesy of Allen County Sheriff's Department.

The accident remains under investigation by the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

Assisting with the crash were Adams County EMS, Preble Fire Department and the Berne Police Department.

## Bluffton man is sentenced in road rage incident

By SYDNEY KENT

A Bluffton man has been sentenced in Wells Circuit Court to four years at the Indiana Department of Corrections — with all four years suspended, however — following his guilty plea in connection with a road-rage incident last September.

Robert Edward Clark, 40, pleaded guilty to one count of intimidation by use of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony. In addition to the four-year suspended prison sentence, Clark was sentenced to three years of probation and two years of home detention.

According to police reports, a woman attempted to pass Clark, who was driving 15 mph under the speed limit, but was unable to do so due to oncoming traffic. Clark then "brake-checked" the woman before angling his vehicle to block her from proceeding. Clark exited his vehicle with a knife, stabbed her rear left tire, and threatened to kill her. The woman attempted to drive away but could not because of her tire. She instructed her daughter to call 911, and Clark quickly drove away.

He was later located by police.

## Storm destruction in Texas Panhandle; 3 killed

By DAVID ERICKSON, SARAH BRUMFIELD and KEN MILLER  
Associated Press

PERRYTON, Texas (AP) — As Sabrina Devers watched what would turn out to be a deadly storm approach her ranch just north of the Texas Panhandle town Perryton, she first spotted golf ball-sized and then softball-sized hail.

Then, Devers said, across the high plains toward Perryton, the system spawned a tornado.

Once the twister had moved through, Devers drove into the town to find a path of wreckage local officials estimated was a quarter of a mile (400 meters) wide, and 1 mile

(1.6 kilometers) long. The Thursday afternoon storm would be blamed for three deaths and more than 100 injuries as it destroyed hundreds of homes, tossed vehicles into buildings and knocked out power and cellphone service in Perryton, a town of 8,000 about 115 miles (185 kilometers) northeast of Amarillo, just south of the Oklahoma line.

"The devastation was unbelievable," Devers told Fox Weather. "It took a tanker truck and threw it into a pasture."

Cleanup efforts were underway Friday in Texas as the same system that slapped Perryton continued to wreak havoc as it marched across the Deep South, dumping rain in the Florida Panhandle and sending howling winds into

Mississippi. In total, the storms were blamed for five deaths: three in Texas, and one each in Florida and Mississippi.

Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton treated 115 patients suffering minor to major injuries, including head trauma, collapsed lungs, lacerations and broken bones, the medical center said on Facebook.

"We kind of expected to see more last night and we didn't," the hospital's interim CEO, Kelly Judice, said. "We just want people in our community to know that we're here. We're open. We have clinics open. We're ready for business to take care of the people that need to be treated."

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A beautiful weekend lies ahead

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 80	High 85	High 84
Low 54	Low 60	Low 60

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# Bluffton man sentenced

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placed under arrest, and charged with criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor; driving while suspended with a prior conviction for the same offense, a Class A misdemeanor; and intimidation by use of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony.

Before he pleaded guilty, Wells County Prosecutor Colin Andrews asked Clark if he agreed that he did in fact intend to place the victim in fear that the threat to harm her would be carried out. Clark confirmed. He was immediately sentenced following the plea hearing.

During the sentencing hearing, Andrews spoke on behalf of the victim in the case. The victim conveyed the impact of the incident via a statement submitted to the court. She noted that her daughter should be enjoying her life, learning to drive, and getting her license at this age — but has not been able to due to the psychological trauma she has endured.

“The car was damaged, a knife was drawn,” Andrews added. “This is unacceptable behavior and I think we can all agree with that in this community.”

Andrews noted the victim requested Clark be sentenced to two years in prison, as well as additional restitution to cover the cost of new tires. The defense

did not oppose either request.

Clark’s lawyer, Cory Spreen, explained that Clark was remorseful over the incident. He also told the court that he had been previously unaware of Clark’s resistance to a sentence that would include home detention due to having a child with autism at home. Spreen said that Clark would serve any sentence the court deemed fit, however, he believed his client would request jail time to protect his child.

Judge Kenton Kiracofe questioned the logic behind Clark’s resistance to house arrest.

“I got an autistic son at home,” Clark responded. “He goes through a lot of therapy. I don’t want anything to happen to make him regress.”

Clark detailed a story about a friend on house arrest who allegedly experienced officers “beating on the door” at all hours of the day and night. Kiracofe explained that while this is possible should there be an emergency, it is not the typical experience.

“I am very sorry about what happened,” Clark also said to the court. “I had a really bad day, and I’m trying to be here to do what I got to do to make it right. I’m very sorry for what I’ve done. If I could take it back — I would.”

Kiracofe explained the severity of the incident, noting that in some ways,

the situation could have had a fatal outcome for Clark with the victims being within their legal right to defend themselves.

“This person could have shot you,” Kiracofe emphasized. “You’re a large man, you’re coming towards someone with a knife. It’s odd to think you could have been injured or killed, and the person would have been justified in that, and you not do any jail time. At the same time, it is an isolated incident — a very bad day.”

Kiracofe added that the victim conveyed concern for Clark and wanted some of the anger and mental health issues Clark dealt with to be addressed. The court deemed this appropriate and ordered a mental health evaluation.

“I recognize you don’t want home detention, but I think home detention would also be a viable alternative,” Kiracofe said. “I think it certainly would be a setback to your child if you’re not in the home.”

In Indiana, Level 5 felonies carry the potential of one to six years’ imprisonment with an advisory sentence of three years. As part of the ruling, Clark was ordered to pay court costs and fees, as well as the additional requested restitution to the victim in the amount of \$620.73.

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# No mail delivery Monday, so N-B delivery will be delayed for a day

Due to Monday being a federal holiday, Juneteenth, the mail will not be delivered and therefore home delivery of The News-Banner will be delayed one day.

This means Monday’s paper will be delivered with Tuesday’s paper. If you are a subscriber who would like Monday’s paper on Monday, stop by The News-Banner office at 125 N. Johnson St. where you can get a copy of the paper at no additional cost in the foyer.

Our website will be updated with Monday’s content and e-edition as usual that day as well.

Papers will be available for sale on newsstands and at The News-Banner office, which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Weather

Saturday, June 17, 2023

(24-hour observations at 10:17 p.m. Friday)

High: 72; Low: 51; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 3.19 feet at 8:45 p.m. Friday

# Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 80. Light west wind becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 54. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 85. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 5 mph.

**Juneteenth:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. **Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 86.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 61.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 86.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

**Friday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

# Texas Panhandle

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People with routine medical checkups planned were asked to reschedule.

The hospital was operating on a generator and some patients were being treated in a sunlit conference room since exam rooms in one clinic don’t have windows, Judice said.

Among those helping out at the hospital on Thursday was Dr. Mark Garnett, the medical director of Majestic Laser on Main Street who hitched a ride to there after the tornado hit.

“People were coming out the woodwork to help and volunteer,” he said. “The response from the area was tremendous.”

Earlier Thursday, he and the staff at the clinic on Main Street had been listening to the rain come down and watching the lights flicker. They thought the tor-

nado might be passing north of Perryton instead of right above them.

“We could hear the rain intensity getting a little louder and then we started hearing some hail and that’s when everyone’s phones went off with a tornado warning,” Garnett said.

He went to the door and realized that he was in the middle of a tornado. He could see trees and debris flying in the air. Garnett and the staff sheltered in the back of the clinic as the glass in the front door shattered.

As he heard the tornado pass, Garnett stepped out onto Main Street and was stunned by the level of debris and destruction.

“We were all just wondering what had happened and how we were still alive,” he said.

Perryton Fire Chief Paul Dutcher estimated that 150 to 200 homes in the community had been destroyed and said that in the downtown area, many storefronts were totally wiped off and buildings had collapsed or partially collapsed.

“It is such a tragedy,” Dutcher said on NBC’s “Today” show. “All the stuff behind me, it can all be rebuilt, but those lives that we’ve lost is really the tragedy of everything.”

Tornadic activity is not typical for this time of year, according to meteorologist Matt Mosier at the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, but it’s not out of the realm of possibility.

“You expect thunderstorms this time of year,” Mosier said. “It’s definitely not rare, but tornadoes are not on a lot of people’s

minds because they’ve just kind of moved away from the season that they’re typically focused on (tornadoes).”

This week has been very warm with moist, unstable conditions that combined with strong wind shear, which is abnormal for this time of year, Mosier said.

In the Florida Panhandle, a person died Thursday night when at least one confirmed tornado cut through Escambia County, toppling a tree onto a home, county spokesperson Andie Gibson told the Pensacola News Journal.

Flash flooding also was reported in Pensacola where between 12 and 16 inches of rain has fallen since Thursday evening, said Caitlin Baldwin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service’s Mobile in Pensacola.



First plaza concert of 2023

The rains and storms of Thursday night and the cooler weather of the past week dissipated for a while Friday night as the Music on the Plaza summer concert series kicked off with a performance by the HWY 30 band. Additional concerts are scheduled for July 21, Aug. 18, and Sept. 15. (Photo by Dave Schultz)

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**Curtis Smith will Deliver a Message**  
*Former 21 Alive Weather Reporter*  
 June 18 • 10:30 a.m.



Curtis Smith is the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer for Lasting Change Inc. which provides business services for Christian non-profit counseling companies. Curtis was the Chief Meteorologist for 21 Alive from 1995 to 2016.

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OBITUARIES

Ola Eugene Vitatoe, 93

Ola Eugene Vitatoe, 93, resident of Bluffton, since 2003 passed away June 14, 2023. Eugene was born April 5, 1930, Albany, Ky.

Eugene grew up working on the farm in Albany, Ky. Eugene plowed many fields walking behind an Old Mule and Plow all day long. Different times before the break of day light Eugene would use an Old Coal Lantern to see, and he would shovel a wagon full of corn, and take it to the Mill to have it ground up.

In 1946, Eugene started singing gospel songs in Churches with his two sisters Wandalene Vitatoe and Geraldine Vitatoe, and his niece Margie Nell Thurston. During this time, Eugene purchased his first car, a 1937 Chrysler.

In 1947, Eugene got his first Guitar (German Guitar) from his brother Ed Vitatoe, who had purchased it during the time he was in WW2-Germany. Later that year, Eugene started singing with Elmer Butler, Skyler Honeycutt, and John "Slick" Lowhorn, at churches in Albany, Ky., and the surrounding counties. This gospel singing group were better known as the Lee's Chapel Quartet. While singing with the Lee's Chapel Quarter, Ola Eugene Vitatoe meet this beautiful young girl named Ila Dean Beaty in 1949 at the Chanute Church in Pickett County, Tenn.

Ola Eugene Vitatoe and Ila Dean Beaty were married March 19, 1950, at the Highway Church located in Albany, Ky. by Preacher Stephen Polly. The witnesses at Eugene and Ila Dean wedding were Herbert Polson and James Prince, and both were preachers. After 70 1/2 Years of marriage, Ila Dean Vitatoe passed away Oct. 29, 2020.

Eugene and Ila Dean had three sons, Gerald Vitatoe, and special friend Sue Dickey, from Decatur, Harold Vitatoe and wife Janice Vitatoe from Bluffton, and Rick Vitatoe and wife Libby Vitatoe from Bluffton. Five grandchildren, David Vitatoe, Scott Vitatoe, Eric Vitatoe, Matthew Vitatoe, and Abigail Vitatoe. 10 great-grandchildren, Madeline Vitatoe, Zachary Vitatoe, Allen Vitatoe, Asher Vitatoe, Addison Vitatoe, Aiden Vitatoe, Eleanor Vitatoe, Jovi Schultz, Avery Robbins, and Cooper Lewis.

Eugene Vitatoe was preceded in death by his parents, Marion (M.C.) Vitatoe and Ada Brown Vitatoe. Five brothers, Wayland Vitatoe, William (Bill) Vitatoe, Leland Vitatoe, Clarence Edward (Ed) Vitatoe, and James Vitatoe. Seven sisters, Nellie Greenway, Georgia Polston, Zelma Thurston, Minnie Vitatoe, Wandalene Vitatoe, Geraldine Vitatoe; and



one infant sister Eliza Vitatoe that died at birth.

After Eugene and Ila Dean were married, they purchased a home in Pickett County, Tennessee. Then they moved their family to Detroit, Mich., where Eugene started to work for Chrysler Corporation until 1970 when they decided to move back to Pickett County.

Eugene had transferred his employment from Detroit to the new Chrysler Facility being built in Bowling Green, Ky., and a was member of the United Auto Workers Union until he retired in 1974.

Eugene and Ila Dean loved those fresh vegetables that they planted in their garden each year along with lots of canning. Eugene enjoyed Pheasant and Rabbit hunting, but his favorite was Squirrel hunting in the fall of the year, and probably one of the best skilled small game hunters ever from Albany, Ky.

Eugene's favorite sport to watch on TV was baseball and the Detroit Tigers, Chicago Cubs, and Cincinnati Reds.

When you came to Eugene and Ila Dean home you were always welcome with open arms, and you could see and feel the love that they shared with each other. Within minutes, you had the offerings of cake and pies that Ila Dean had baked and the opportunity of playing and singing songs with Eugene or just sitting around and talking.

Eugene always had a strong religious belief and along with his wife Ila Dean, they went to church as often as they could and raised their three sons to go to church and encourage them to raise their families to go to church. Eugene and Ila Dean were members of Vera Cruz Family Worship Center in Bluffton.

Eugene was a Bluegrass and Gospel singer for almost 80 years, and he loved playing his Guitar and singing his favorite songs his entire life! But, most of all Eugene loved his family, and especially the grandkids.

Eugene and Ila Dean is reunited now in Heaven with their dedicated loved that they shared with each other. What a wonderful life that Eugene Vitatoe had lived!

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m., at Talbott Funeral Home in Albany, Ky. Services will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Talbott Funeral Home, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will follow at Wayne Davison Cemetery in Fentress County, Tenn.

Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes



By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

It has been an unusually cool week this week. We even turned the heat back on in our office. As a rule of thumb, the Wells Community Pool won't open for regular business hours when we don't get to 70° by opening time. We will still keep previously scheduled swim lessons and evening pool rental commitments.

Next week brings lots of exciting events. The quick list is **Craft Club** will be making Fiesta & Fish Mobiles, Matchbox Car Play Day, Crafting for a Cause, Animal Explorers, the 1st 5K in 5 weeks run, Fuse Bead Magnets, Loom Hot Pads, Summer Strawberry Program, Tot Puzzle Day, Shaving Cream Fight, Cheer Class, and Art in the Park where kids can make DIY sunglasses. We also have tennis lessons for kids and Pickleball for adults, not to mention that Pee Wee Swim starts Monday. The grand finale for the week will be the next set of FREE Kehoe Concerts. For details about the days and times for each program, visit the Bluffton Parks Facebook page or the City website at [www.blufftonindiana.net](http://www.blufftonindiana.net).

Friday, June 23rd, will feature Eliminator, a **ZZ Top Tribute Band**. Hailing from Chicago, Eliminator has played from coast to coast for over 30 years, recreating the complete ZZ Top concert experience at festivals, fairs, convention centers, and casinos. Eliminator is regarded by major talent agencies and peers across the world to be THE most authentic tribute to ZZ Top. Bring your lawn chairs and join us at Kehoe Park (300 N Main) from 8 to 10 p.m. for a night you are sure to remember.

Uncle Matt BBQ food truck will be on hand serving a delicious menu, and 2 Pour Guys will be serving adult beverages (ID required). This concert is sponsored by the generosity of Diane Humphrey and this season's Title Sponsors, Wells County Foundation, and ProFed Credit Union.

Then on Sunday, June 25, come back for the **Community Worship Celebration** from 7-8:30 p.m., sponsored by Family Ford of Bluffton. This annual performance invites you to sing along to some of your favorite songs. The Grand Sweet Shop will sell treats if you want to bring a few dollars to satisfy your sweet tooth.

We have had a lot of requests to hold the **Fastest Kid in Town**, so we have decided to add it back into the summer schedule on Saturday, July 8. Be sure to get your kids signed up so they can Race for the Grand Title of Fastest Kid. Follow us on Facebook for the link to sign up next week.

The Iron Kid Triathlon has been moved from June 24 to July 22 to allow more time to get your kids signed up. Children age 5-12 will compete in heats against peers their age to swim, bike, and run the race course. <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/74283/iron-kids-triathlon>

The **Superhero 5K** and 1-mile fun run is scheduled for Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m. All ages and speeds are welcome. Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/bdb7anar>.

Plan to stay afterward for the **Light Up the Night Bike Ride** starting at 9:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29. Adorn your bike and yourself with glow sticks for an evening ride on the Greenway.

Don't forget to stop by the **Parlor City Market** today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see the latest of what they have to offer. The Wells County Girls Softball has games and a fundraiser at Roush Park if you want to support the local league.

Today is also the last day of the Creative Arts play "**The Wizard of Oz**," showing at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the auditorium at 428 S Oak Street.

**Happy Father's Day to all the dad's in our community! Have a great week!**

Chicago boy, 7, drowns after being swept away in Lake Michigan along Indiana shoreline

PORTAGE, Ind. (AP) — A 7-year-old Chicago boy drowned after he was swept away while playing in Lake Michigan along northwestern Indiana's shoreline during hazardous beach conditions, authorities said Friday.

The boy was pulled from the lake Thursday evening in Porter County and taken to a hospital, where he was later pronounced dead, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources said.

An autopsy was completed Friday morning and the boy's cause of death was ruled an accidental drowning, the DNR said in a news release. His name was not released, pending notification of relatives.

The DNR said the boy was reported missing about 4:50 p.m. CDT Thursday in waters near the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Beach. Responders from multiple agencies found him about 20 minutes later near Ogden Dunes.

The DNR said the child was playing in waist-deep water before he entered deeper water. A witness reported that it appeared the child was caught in a current that pulled him away from shore.

A relative who entered the water to try to rescue

the boy also got caught in a current and lost sight of the child. The DNR said a beach hazard statement from the National Weather Service was in effect at the time of the incident, which Indiana conservation officers continue to investigate.

**Karen J. Kaehr**  
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INCIDENTS

**City:**  
 Thursday, 5:00 p.m., 1100 block of West Wiley Avenue. Report of a child bitten by dog. Unable to make contact with dog owner, will try again later.

Thursday, 5:43 p.m., 1100 block of South Wayne Street. Following juveniles home after rain calmed down.

Thursday, 5:35 p.m., East Rover Road and South 400 East. Welfare check requested on woman outside walking. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 5:36 p.m., East Arnold and South Liberty streets. Report of a tree down in the roadway, too big to move, no power lines lifted. Street department contacted.

Thursday, 5:38 p.m., North Marion and West Drummond streets. Report of trees and lines down.

Thursday, 5:38 p.m., Kensington Drive and East Monroe Street. Report of a tree and line down.

Thursday, 5:49 p.m., near 70 Sunset Drive. Report of

line on tree, tree smoking, and transformer arcing occasionally.

Thursday, 5:53 p.m., near the 20 block of Lakeside Drive. Report of tree on line and smoking near home. No power, did not notice lines being down.

Thursday, 6:10 p.m., Nesco LLC. Report of power line and trees down.

Thursday, 6:11 p.m., Bell Brook Blvd and East Dustman Road. Report of flooding due to sewers being backed up, able to pass through.

Thursday, 6:24 p.m., 900 block of Eastmoor Drive. Report of tree on transformer; fire department was already out.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., near 4400 East Ind. 124. Report of roof with branch on top of line. Fire department on scene.

Thursday, 7:05 p.m., near South Scoot Street and East Central Avenue. Tree and cable wires in intersection.

Thursday, 7:07 p.m., 1100 block of Wildwood Lane. Report of wire stripped and

down in back yard. Fire department and electric department on scene.

Thursday, 7:26 p.m., 500 block of Kathryn Circle. Report of tree fallen on top of a truck. Photos and report filed.

Thursday, 7:57 p.m., North Main and East Market streets. Report of glass on sidewalk.

Thursday, 8:57 p.m., South Williams and West Washington streets. Caller reported juveniles not stopping at stop signs on a golf cart. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 9:14 p.m., 800 block of Cari Drive. Report of power line glowing in backyard.

Thursday, 9:35 p.m., 500 block of West Market Street. Caller reported giving \$12,000 from savings to scam.

Friday, 11:29 a.m., 1500 block of West Serenity Trail. Report of 2 hispanic men in a white truck with writing on it. The men were roof inspectors and advised to obtain a permit.

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## Navigating the cultural wars, part 2

Last week's lengthy entry will be followed up with a much briefer, visual version this week. Being out of town for a couple days may have something to do with it.

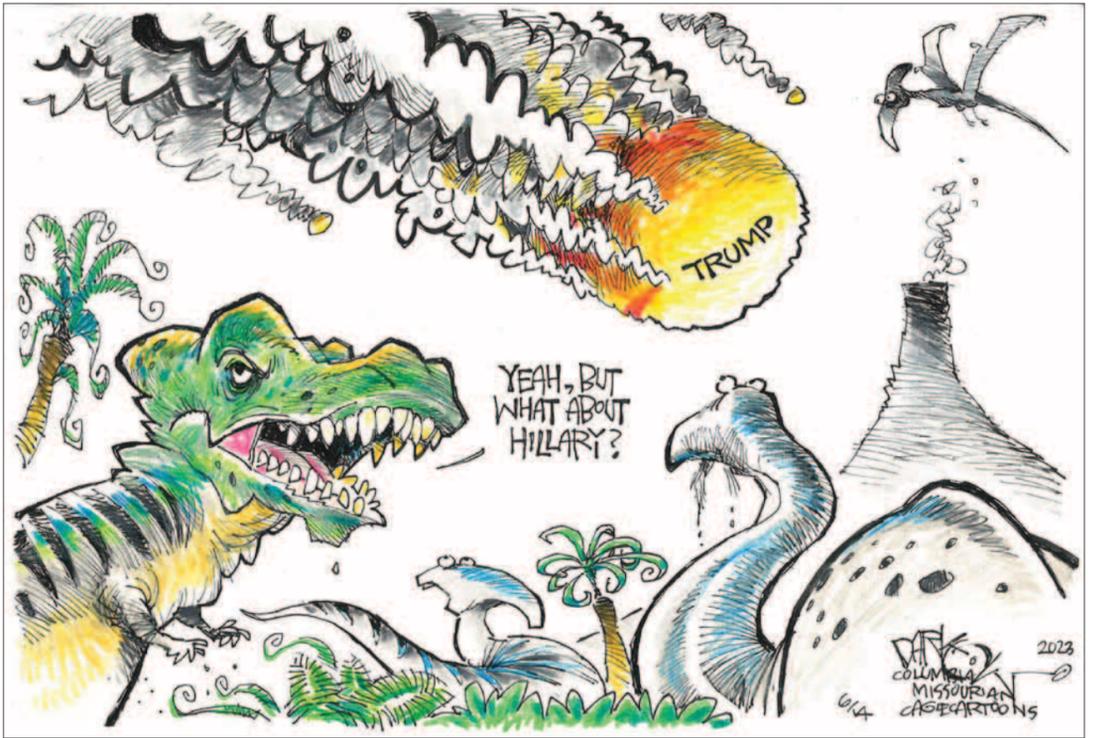
The bad news of that is, I was not in town for the library board meeting. The good news is, I was not in town for the library board meeting. Just kidding. I think.

One undeniable fact of our cultural struggles is that the left does not understand the right and vice versa. They speak different languages. Those of us generally in the middle struggle with this as well. That is often demonstrated in the editorial cartoons I go through every day I happen to stop in the office, perhaps none more so than these two embellishments that popped in Friday morning.

We can only repeat last week's closing thought:

Where is the middle ground between these two warring factions? It's a struggle. There is no play-book.

— Mark Miller



## Biden should pardon Trump. Really.

In his 2020 victory speech, Joe Biden declared that “to everything there is a season — a time to build, a time to reap, a time to sow. And a time to heal. This is the time to heal in America.” If he wants to deliver on his promise to heal the country, he could do so with one action:

Pardon Donald Trump.

On the merits, the case against Trump is damning. And it doesn't take a close reading of the federal indictment to understand that the former president's problems are of his own making. He allegedly showed a writer classified material about Iran, saying, “This is secret information. Look, look at this.” And he obstructed the FBI's efforts to recover classified material in his possession, even allegedly telling his lawyer, “Wouldn't it be better if we just told them we don't have anything here?” Had he simply returned the documents, as Mike Pence did when it became clear he had classified papers, Trump almost certainly would not have been charged, as Pence has not been. His misconduct was egregious, irresponsible and probably criminal. Anyone else would be seeking a plea bargain.

But his indictment has also put our nation into uncharted territory. The threshold for the sitting president's administration to indict the leading candidate of the opposing party should be extraordinarily high. High enough to mitigate the suspicion held by 80 percent of Republicans and almost half the nation, per ABC News-Ipsos polling, that these charges are politically motivated. Indeed, millions of Americans believe that our legal system is being weaponized against Trump — and, by extension, against them.

Most Americans don't look at this indictment in a vacuum. They see it in the context of the decisions not to prosecute Hillary Clinton for her mishandling of classified information; the Trump-Russia collusion investigation, which paralyzed our country for two years over a conspiracy theory; two impeachments and Trump's politicized indictment by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg; and the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story that could have damaged Joe Biden and aided Trump's 2020 campaign. They see a troubling pattern, and they are not wrong.

The dangers this poses to our democracy are obvious.

Selective prosecution is not a defense in a court of law, but the court of public opinion is another matter. Millions will see Trump's prosecution as illegitimate, and any conviction as unjust. That will further erode public confidence in our judicial system and the principle of equal justice under law.

A Trump trial would be one of the most divisive events in the history of our republic. It would set a new precedent — and create enormous pressure on the next Republican president to go after President Biden, his family and other Democrats.

And to remedy what harm? Despite Trump's best efforts to obstruct them, federal agents recovered the documents he unlawfully possessed. And there is nothing in the indictment to indicate evidence that the intelligence in Trump's possession was obtained by foreign governments or intelligence services.

There's another risk, too. Trump might be acquitted. All it takes is one juror and Trump walks. If that happens, University of California at Berkeley law professor John Yoo told us, then “the Justice Department will have single-handedly handed the presidency to Donald Trump.” Consider the implications of that outcome for the U.S. government and political system.

Whether righteous or not, the decision to prosecute Trump has opened a Pandora's box. It is in Biden's power to close it — by pardoning his predecessor.

Trump wouldn't have to admit he did anything wrong. But pardoning him also does not mean absolving Trump of responsibility for his actions. Biden should instruct special counsel Jack Smith to produce a report — much like those issued by special counsels Robert S. Mueller III and John Durham — laying out his findings in meticulous detail. He should put the evidence of Trump's misconduct before the American people, not just a Miami jury, and let them render judgment on the former president at the polls — as they did in 2020.

In pardoning Trump, Biden would be a true statesman. Sparring the country the ordeal of a trial would go a long way toward repairing the nation's frayed political fabric. He would display the kind of leadership that has been missing in Washington. And he would drive Trump crazy. With one action, Biden would eliminate the narrative of a “deep-state” conspiracy that is helping to fuel Trump's political comeback.

Some will argue that Trump's problems are not Biden's. The White House has insisted that the buck stops with Smith, the special counsel appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. That's wrong. Smith works for the attorney general, who in turn works for the president. The buck stops with Biden. He is the boss, and on his order, the “weaponization” of the executive branch against a former president and political rival — and the consequent loss of faith in American government — could be stopped.

To be sure, Biden would face blowback. Democratic strategists recognize that far from damaging Trump, the legal assaults against the former president will likely benefit him in the 2024 primaries; and many believe Trump to be the Republican easiest for Biden to beat in next year's general election. Others think that Biden has already been too moderate; progressive hard-liners will no doubt say the president could lose his party's left flank if he hands a get-out-of-jail free card to his predecessor. And there are plenty of Democrats (and a few Republicans) who believe that pardoning a man who appears so guilty would only further erode American respect for the rule of law.

But none of these political factors should be part of the president's consideration of Trump's legal future. This isn't about Trump. It is about the nation. It is within Biden's power to restore norms that have been torn apart by both Trump and his opponents. If ever there were a time to heal, this is it.

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## Father's Day: Lucky to be my father's son

Modern dads are portrayed as fools in television sitcoms and commercials.

Lucky for me, they are the polar opposite of the loving, strong and decisive father who raised me.

Over the years, as I clogged a toilet with an apple core, shattered a picture window with a baseball and hit a golf ball through a neighbor's window, he had only one thing to say: “Son of a !!!”

He always fixed the things I broke — once he found his tools, which I was forever losing. He often found them lying in the yard after running over them with a klank of a lawnmower blade, to which he would reply: “Son of a !!!”

When I was a teen, I destroyed more expensive items, such as automobiles. My father made the mistake of purchasing a 1979 Ford Pinto with a powerful six-cylinder motor — I could burn rubber at will.

When he discovered that a right-rear tire only six weeks old was worn to the threads, he had but one response: “Son of a !!!”

I had to mow a lot of lawns to pay him back the money I continually owed him, but he taught me early there are consequences for my actions, and that I must always make things right.

As a young man, I saw it as my duty to butt heads with him — unaware that he saw it as his duty to pound the “stupid” out of me.

He grew up without a father and he remembered the dumb things he did in his youth.

He knew that most any boy is only one or two knuckle-headed decisions away from heading off in a dangerous direction. His job was to keep me in line, a task that was often unpleasant for him.

In high school, I began making a lot of money running a stone-masonry business, and I announced I was going to buy my own car. The unenlightened fellow made me do something unpleasant with the money: save it for college.

I was furious and fought him hard — but grateful years later when I graduated from Penn State with a manageable amount of college-loan debt.

The friction my father caused me, I now know, was also the basis for my respect for him. He gave my sisters and me a fine example of a man to emulate.

He worked hard, yet never allotted himself more than \$5 a week to buy a couple cups of hot coffee.

He never complained when he was called to work in the middle of the night.

He taught us the meaning of love, dignity, honesty and kindness — never through words, only through his actions.

My sisters all married good men like him. And nothing filled me with more joy than making him proud of me for working hard and doing my small piece of good for the world.

We lost my dad last year and will be mourning his sizable loss this Father's Day — as we celebrate our pride in him for sacrificing so much for our mom, who he adored, and his children, who all turned out well because of the way he lived his life.

We'll especially miss his sense of humor.

A few years after I graduated from college and bought my first nice car, I let him take a drive. He revved the motor, dropped the transmission into gear, then burned rubber all the way up the road.

I had only one thing to say to that: “Son of a !!!”

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## There should be no “woke” in baseball

It's not unusual for prayer to play a role in sports.

“Spahn, Sain, and pray for rain!” was the famous refrain of Boston Braves fans in 1948, when they wanted their exceptional pitchers Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain to start as many games as possible.

A couple of years ago, the team chaplain of the Loyola Chicago men's basketball team, Sister Jean, prayed before a game against Illinois in the NCAA Tournament, “As we play the Fighting Illini, we ask for special help to overcome this team and get a great win.” (Final score: Loyola Chicago 71, Illinois 58).

In the long history of sports, though, it seems unlikely that anyone has ever felt compelled to pray over the spiritual hurt caused by a team — until now. Los Angeles Archbishop Jos© H. Gomez dedicated a service to praying for “healing due to the harm caused by” the Los Angeles Dodgers.

And he's not referring to the team's disappointing exit from the playoffs last year at the hands of the San Diego Padres or its relatively soft 38-30 start this year. No, rather it's “decision to honor a group that intentionally denigrates and profanes the Christian faith.”

He's speaking of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group of drag queens who dress up as Roman Catholic nuns and mock their faith. In the most embarrassing to-and-



Rich Lowry

fro since Yankee owner George Steinbrenner fired and rehired manager Billy Martin multiple times, the Dodgers announced that they'd honor the “Sisters” on the team's “LGBTQ+ Pride Night,” then backed off when people of faith were offended, then decided to honor them after all in response to LGBTQ backlash to the backlash.

This shameful cowardice comes courtesy of one of baseball's most storied franchises, one that used to hold “Nun's Day” at the stadium.

It's a symptom of the sheer unavoidability of “woke” cultural politics that they've come to baseball, once the most mainstream and arguably still the most traditional of major sports league.

The Toronto Blue Jays just cut one of their relief pitchers, Anthony Bass, for not getting with the LGBTQ program. He thus became the first player in major league history to be DFA'ed for associating himself with traditional Biblical morality.

On May 29, a day that will live in Blue Jays infamy, right up there with the collapse in the 1985 ALCS, Bass shared a video from Bible-themed Instagram page supporting the boycotts of Bud Light and Target. In response to the resulting furor, he apologized and promised to do better, but that wasn't close to being enough. The last straw came when he tried

to explain himself again about two weeks into the controversy. He said, “I stand by my personal beliefs,” adding — very naively, as it turns out — “and everyone is entitled to their personal beliefs, right?”

The demand of Bass wasn't that he say bland and nice things but that he repudiate part of his belief system as a Christian.

Fans were booing him, and sports journalists were out for blood. The Athletic huffed, “It was clear that Bass still did not grasp how harmful his actions and words were.”

Preposterously, as part of his forced rehabilitation, Bass was scheduled to catch the ceremonial first pitch to open up the team's Pride Weekend, which included a drag queen performing the national anthem.

Instead, he got fired. No one can accuse the Blue Jays of not fully embracing the spirit of pride ideology, including the illiberalism.

Back in the early 1950s, before the Dodgers had moved from Brooklyn, the team's churchgoing first baseman Gil Hodges entered into a terrible slump. Instead of turning on him, the fans encouraged him. Father Redmond of St. Francis Church famously said one day: “It's too hot for a sermon today. Go home, keep the commandments, and say a prayer for Gil Hodges.”

Hodges eventually found his groove, making for a nice piece of Dodgers lore. These days, he'd presumably have to watch what he said.

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10 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Children's Sunday School.

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500 W. Logan, Markle  
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9:30 a.m. - Fellowship. 10 a.m. - Adult & Children's Worship.

**UNIONDALE UNITED METHODIST**  
5867 N. Main St.  
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9 a.m. - Worship.

**UNIONTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
11419 N-200W, Ossian  
9 a.m. - Sunday School. 10 a.m. - Worship.

**VERA CRUZ FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CCCU**  
2771 SE Mulberry St., Vera Cruz  
9-10 a.m. - Sunday School. 10-10:30 - Fellowship. 10:30 - Worship.

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
205 S. Adams St., Monroe  
9 a.m. - Worship. 10:15 - Discipleship for adults & children.

**ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD**  
11984 N. Marzane Rd.  
9 a.m. - Bible Class. 10 a.m. - Worship.

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3092 W. Broadway  
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# Father's Day thoughts

(Continued from Page 1)

and my family!

Kadence Koontz

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is listen to our favorite songs in the car

2. my dad is really good at building things because when something is broken he can rebuild things

3. what i love most about my dad is he is really friendly, kind, awesome, cool, funny, and thankful dad.

Jenson Oakleaf

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is playing baseball He helps me get better.

2. My dad is good at teaching me

3. I love my dad because he helps me

Ruby Oakleaf

1. Something I love to do with my dad is go riding on the four-wheelers in the wood and in my back yard

2. My dad is really good at fixing things, chain on a bike fell off, no problem, he will fix it. Too much oil in the fourwheeler, right on it.

3. The thing I love most about my dad is he is my friend, my 4 brothers never play with me but he will always makes time.

Mya McDougall

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is draw with him.

2. My dad is really good at fishing. Also fixing stuff.

3. What I love most about him is he is kind and Helpful.

Liam Mechling

1. I love to go fishing also help him with projects. And going camping

2. Building is one and fishing and doing mechanical things.

3. How he is a do-it-all person and how he tries to make me and my mom happy

Luke Miller

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is playing video games and watching tv.

2. My dad is good at basket ball, technology, and an being friendly

3. I love every thing about my dad.

Mathieu Smith

1. My favorite thing is playing baseball.

2. My dad's good at making me laugh.

3. He has a positive attitude.

Silas Steigerwald

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play games with him.

2. My dad is really good at cooking.

3. What I love most about my dad is he loves me so he hugs me

Kiegan Stine-Shuster

1. My favorite thing to do with my mom is to cook with her

2. My mom is really good at making me have a warm home and a family who loves me, and all the stuff I need to live

3. The most thing I love about my mom is that she puts me first

Lucas Streeter

1. One of my favorite things to do with my dad is sometimes he will take me to the parkview ice rink in downtown fortwayn.

2. My dad is a marter engineering he works at BAE and he

desings all of the engines for the fort wyan airport planes.

3. The thing that I love most to do with my dad is to watch movies and eat popcorn with him in the basement on friday nights.

Quinn Wilson

1. I like watching cooking shows and playing softball with my dad.

2. My dad's really good at making steak and chicken wings.

3. I love how he always makes me laugh.

Talon Wireman

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to throw the baseball with him

2. My dad is really good at cleaning the house

3. The thing I love most about my dad is his humor

**Mrs. Lindsay Schroeder, Bluffton-Harrison Elementary — 2nd Grade**

Karson Black

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is waghmove

2. My dad is really good at working

3. I love most about my dad is waisr at niet.

Kingsley Burrola

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play games.

2. My dad is really good at a game.

3. I love most about your dad is to play with my dad.

Remington Dick

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is go camping.

2. My dad is really good at being sweet.

3. I love most about my dad is being nice, sweet, fun, incredibal, amazing, cool, funny.

Elliana Frees

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is we play basketball

2. My dad is really good at making cars

3. I love most about my dad is he is sweet and playful

Zayden Grayson

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play with him

2. My dad is very good at helping me and my mom

3. He's very nice to me and loves me very much

Naomi Kilgore

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is when he resles with me!!!!

2. My dad is really good at singing!!!!

3. I love most about my dad is when he tickles me!!!!

Taylyn McAfee

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is jrolen wif my dad.

2. My dad is really good at jrolen.

3. I love most about my is jrolen pishrs for me.

Braeley Mertz

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play sofball.

2. My dad good at be kind.

3. I love most about my dad is he plays with me.

Ramsey Mittlestedt

1. Play games together

2. Playing games

3. He play games and fish with me only zozz or zozl.

Mikeal Pitman

1. My favorite thing to do with

my dad is play Fortnite on the psu.

2. My dad is really good at is prils offser!

3. I love most about my dad is play games.

DeLani Prible

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is farm.

2. My dad is really good at farming.

3. I love most about my dad is he is kind and nice.

Sofia Repass

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is sleep with him and watch movies and tell him I Love You

2. My dad is really good at prectecting people cause a police.

3. I love most about my dad is that he's the nicest dad and I love him so much!

Oliver Schantz

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is thro the football.

2. My dad is really good at being my dad.

3. I love most about my dad is how nis he is.

Carter Schisler

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to play hot wells and magments.

2. My dad is really good at being people with hot wells.

3. I love most about my dad is we play sometimes.

Emberly Stinson

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is vigams.

2. My dad is really good at wooded camping.

3. I love most about my dad is he fun.

Elijah Studebaker

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to play with my dad!

2. My dad is really good at math!

3. I love most about dad is he loves my!

Anik Veselji

1. Play poker

2. Working and playing poker

3. I love him :)

Mason White

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is riding in the car with him.

2. My dad is really good at mowing

3. I love most about my dad is he helps me with sports.

**Mrs. Peggy Haigh & Mrs. Kim Huffman, Southern Wells Elementary — 2nd Grade**

Abel Armstrong

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is watching how to cook videos.

2. My dad is really good at working on the cars outsid in our garage.

3. I love laying on my dad's lap and watch cook videos.

Jackson Armstrong

1. My favrte thing to do with my dad is build derby cars.

2. Helping me with my math homework

3. that he fixed my forweler

Jalynn Biberstine

1. My favorite thing is to go fishing with him and my brother.

2. My dad is really good at being the best dad in the world.

3. What I Love most about him is his presnaldy.

Joseph Bricker

1. Playing baseball and football and just talking to him.

2. being the amazing dad he is.

3. I love that he loves God and Jesus and he does everything with the courage in them.

Danelia Brown

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is going to the park

2. My dad is really good at fixing houses

3. The best thing about my dad is he is nice to me and he loves me SOOOOOOOOOO much!

Matthew Butcher

1. I like to golf with my dad even get to put the ball in the hole.

2. My dad is good at cooking on the smoker and grill my dad calls the grill a black stone.

3. That he cooks on the smoker.

Addison Cassidy

1. I like to wrestle with my dad.

2. My dad is really good at golf.

3. he is really funny.

Chandler Coleman

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is riding dirt bikes

2. My dad is good at playing football

3. My dad aint lazy

Andy Compton

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to work on stuff.

2. working on stuff and rideing 4-wheelers.

3. He takes us camping boting and on vacation.

Greyson Dessler

1. What I like to do with my dad is practice baseball in the pasture.

2. My dad is really good at pitching a baseball to me.

3. What I love most about my dad is that he plays with me.

Calli Dunnuck

1. To go in a simie with my dad

2. Driving a simie working on a car.

3. He brings me to the stor in a simie he is the best.

Jet Gilbert

1. I like to ride the four wheeler. It is really really fun.

2. My dad is really really good at working on cars and trucks he is working on a truck this weekend.

3. The most thing I like about my dad is he always play on the park with us.

Aaylah Guhl

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to play games like uno, monopoly and life.

2. my dad is very good at coloring and sometimes I help.

3. I love when we go for walks and hes nice and a lot more.

Drayah Hicks

1. My grandpa snuggles with me.

2. My papa is rille good at snuggling with my.

3. Wir I sit on him he ses nononono so I sit on him and he will tickl my and I san stop on cutl and wash moovee on the tv.

Kynslie Huffman

1. Go to the feld and play softball. and basketball.

2. my dad is relly good at football.

3. What i love most about my dad is that he plays a lot.

Colton Michael

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is to go the park

2. My dad is good at riding his

bike

3. The thing I love about my dad is he lets me play his Xbox1.

Rissa Morris

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Avery Neuenschwander

1. My favorite thing to do with my daddy is eat ice-cream

2. My daddy is very good at getting strong.

3. I Love most about my daddy is he has a big hart.

Jaxson Nusbaumer

1. My favrite thing to do with my dad is farm.

2. My dad is good at auctioneer.

3. He loves my family.

Waylon Paul

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is go jeeping.

2. My dad is good at fixing cars.

3. He is fun.

Austin Pence

1. My favorite thing to do with dad is to help him work on stuff.

2. My dad is really good at cooking on the grill

3. My one thing I love the most about my dad is that he buys me stuff.

Beau Schwartz

1. Eat donuts with him.

2. Playing FootBalls and hok-eyes.

3. I Love him so much we play games, color, and play.

E.J. Shaw

1. To play games with dad PS4's and PS5's

2. Dad is really good at making Ramen noodles

3. Dad cuddles with me during thunderstorms and he makes me feel safe

Emmett Simpson

1. ride a bike for an hour with my dad and my mom i have fun

2. my dad and mom are good at skate Bording

3. that there part of my family

Knox Stevens

1. Trade Pokemone cards I have a lot of Legendary cards my dad only has one Good card then we did some battles

2. Making night Lightholders for me and my brother.

3. He lets me play minecraft dangens on the PS4.

Blaine Teaque

1. My favorite thing to do with my dad is play with hem.

2. Hes really really funy

3. I love most about my dad is that I loc just like him

Jade Zigler

1. My favorite thing to do with dad is play baseball.

2. My dad is really good at is fixing the cars and forwealer.

3. I love most is he helps me whith my homework and he fixed my forwealer.

Assisting with this project were Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School Assistant Principal Alyssa Moser, Southern Wells Elementary School Principal Cari Whicker, and teachers Alyson Schwartz, Shelly Frisch, Lindsay Schroeder, Peggy Haigh and Kim Huffman.

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# DOJ: Floyd's killing capped years of violence by Minneapolis police

By JIM SALTER and MARK VANCELEAVE

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

— The Justice Department on Friday issued a withering critique of Minneapolis police, alleging that they systematically discriminated against racial minorities, violated constitutional rights and disregarded the safety of people in custody for years before George Floyd was killed.

The report was the result of a sweeping two-year probe, and it confirmed many of the citizen complaints about police conduct that emerged after Floyd's death. The investigation found that Minneapolis officers used excessive force, including "unjustified deadly force," and violated the rights of people engaged in constitutionally protected speech.

The inquiry also concluded that both police and the city discriminated against Black and Native American people and those with "behavioral health disabilities."

"We observed many MPD officers who did their difficult work with professionalism, courage and respect," Attorney General Merrick Garland told a news conference in Minneapolis. "But the patterns and practices we observed made what happened to George

Floyd possible."

Garland said officers routinely neglected the safety of people in custody, noting numerous examples in which someone complained that they could not breathe, only to have officers reply with a version of "You can breathe. You're talking right now."

The officers involved in Floyd's May 25, 2020, arrest made similar comments.

Police "used dangerous techniques and weapons against people who committed at most a petty offense and sometimes no offense at all," the report said. Officers "used force to punish people who made officers angry or criticized the police."

Police also "patrolled neighborhoods differently based on their racial composition and discriminated based on race when searching, handcuffing or using force against people during stops," according to the report.



### Curtain call for the 'Oz' cast

After their Friday night performance of "The Wizard of Oz youth edition", the cast returned to the stage for a curtain call. Left to right are Jensen Miller (Uncle Henry), Matthew Elwell (Oz), Caroline Buskirk (Glinda the good witch), Paul Morgan (Lion), Brenner Newsom (Scarecrow), Tobiah Lipsey (Tin Man) Elizabeth Garner (Dorothy) and Tommy Breunig (Toto). There will be 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. performances today at the Life Community Church Auditorium. Tickets are \$10. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)



Holly Johnson was the winner of the top prize at the United Way's 4th Annual "Power of the Purse" fund-raiser held at Timber Ridge on Thursday, June 15th. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

### Grand prize winner of 'power of the purse'

By BARBARA BARBIERI

On Thursday, June 15, the 4th annual "Power of the Purse," a fund-raiser for the support of "early learning in Wells county," was held at Timber Ridge Catering.

Event sponsor was Indiana Physical Therapy and Power Purse Sponsor was ProFed. Dale, Huffman & Babcock were the Platinum Pocketbook sponsor while Gold Clutch sponsors were AdamsWells Internet, First Bank of Berne and Honegger, Ringger & Co.

Members of the committee for the event were Tamra

Boucher, chair, Patty Randall and Ginny Vogel.

United Way Director Ben Renkenberger welcomed those attending and board member Doug Brown assisted with the raffle.

Other purse winners were: Mary Craig, Sharlene Honegger, Dense Renkenberger, Julie Ward, Shannon Whitehead, Jayna Goodrich, Nikki Verity, Jinny Broderick, Ann Frank, Karen Potter, Kristi Lockwood, Arrow Insurance, Angie Vachon, Tori Hagg, Barb Kintz, Elle Bulick, Cheyenne Schearer and Jan Harder.

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## Local Roundup

### Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Topics on the agenda include:

- A water adjustment on Elm Drive.
- Consideration of a nuisance animal appeal.
- Update on city engineering projects.
- Replacement of security cameras and server.

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### Solid Waste District board to meet Tuesday afternoon

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

Topics on the agenda include:

- Review of financial information.
- Supervisor's report.
- Hazardous Waste Day update.
- 2023 salary matrix and 2024 wages.

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### County Commissioners will meet Tuesday afternoon

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

Topics on the agenda include:

- Appointments with Sheriff Scott Holliday, Highway Superintendent Shawn Bonar, and Engineer Nate Rumschlag.
- Notice of intent to award Bridge 85 construction contract.
- Notice of intent to award Bridge 170 construction contract.
- Financial Commitment Letter for Community Crossings Matching Grant 2023-02 application.
- Design Wells County welcome signs, design Wells County flag, and return of the Civil War cannon to the courthouse plaza, brought to the commissioners by Brandon Harnish.
- Consideration of an ordinance establishing fees pertaining to the Wells County Drainage Board and office of the Wells County surveyor, brought to the commis-

sioners by Surveyor Jarrod Hahn.

- Covered bridge certification.
- Approval of a retirement planning presentation.

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### Southern Wells school board will meet Tuesday

The board of the Southern Wells Community Schools will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the high school media center of the SWCS campus.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Public comments.
- Financial considerations.
- Fundraiser request.
- Acceptance of donations.
- Don Wood Foundation grant.
- Surplus items.
- Personnel matters.
- Extracurricular positions.
- Return to Learn COVID-19 plan.
- Curriculum fees.
- Field trip requests.
- Public comment on non-agenda items.

At 4:30 p.m., prior to the start of the regular meeting, the board will meet in executive session in the board's meeting room. During the executive session, which will be closed to the public, the board will receive information about and interview prospective employees.

### Bluffton Common Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Bluffton Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Before the council formally meets, it will be as the Bluffton Redevelopment Commission. The topics for the RDC meeting are two resolutions — one to sell two city lots and the other to establish a general fund.

Topics on the agenda for the regular

meeting will be:

- A funding request from the Wells County Council on Aging.
- Consideration of an ordinance for an additional appropriation to the County Economic Development Income Tax fund.
- Consideration of an ordinance to vacate a public way.
- A variance request.
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### Markle Town Council will meet Wednesday evening

The Markle Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, in the Markle Town Hall, 197 E. Morse St. in Markle.

Topics on the agenda are:

- Consideration of a resolution to adopt the town's 2023 comprehensive plan.
- Consideration of an ordinance amending the town code.
- Consideration of town correspondence concerning Ride 2 Provide, Markle Redevelopment Commission — TIF District pass-through letters; and a notice from the Indiana Department of Environmental concerning Wayne Metals air permit.
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### PSAP Advisory Board will meet Thursday morning

The Public Safety Advisory Board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, June 22, in the Bluffton City Courtroom inside the Bluffton Police/Fire Building, 204 E. Market St.

The only new topic on the agenda will be a review of the 2024 Public Safety budget.

## The story behind Juneteenth and how it became a federal holiday

### Associated Press

Americans will soon celebrate Juneteenth, marking the day when the last enslaved people in the United States learned they were free.

For generations, Black Americans have recognized the end of one of the darkest chapters in U.S. history with joy, in the form of parades, street festivals, musical performances or cookouts.

The U.S. government was slow to embrace the occasion — it was only in 2021 that President Joe Biden signed a bill passed by Congress to set aside Juneteenth, or June 19th, as a federal holiday.

And just as many people learn what Juneteenth is all about, the holiday's traditions are facing new pressures — political rhetoric condemning efforts to teach Americans about the nation's racial history, companies using the holiday as a marketing event, people partying without understanding why.

Here is a look at the origins of Juneteenth, how it became a federal holiday and more about its history.

### How did Juneteenth start?

The celebrations began with enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. Although President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places in the South until the Civil War ended in 1865. Even then, some white people who had profited from their unpaid labor were reluctant to share the news.

Laura Smalley, freed from a plantation near Bellville, Texas, remembered in a 1941 interview that the man she referred to as "old master" came home from fighting in the Civil War and didn't tell the people he enslaved what had happened.

"Old master didn't tell, you know, they was free," Smalley said. "I think now they say they worked them, six months after that. Six months. And turn them loose on the 19th of June. That's why, you know, we celebrate that day."

News that the war had ended and they were free finally reached Galveston when Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and his troops arrived in the Gulf Coast city on

June 19, 1865, more than two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia.

Granger delivered General Order No. 3, which said: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

Slavery was permanently abolished six months later, when Georgia ratified the 13th Amendment. And the next year, the now-free people of Galveston started celebrating Juneteenth, an observance that has continued and spread around the world. Events include concerts, parades and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

### What does 'Juneteenth' mean?

It's a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The holiday has also been called Juneteenth Inde-

pendence Day, Freedom Day, second Independence Day and Emancipation Day.

It began with church picnics and speeches, and spread as Black Texans moved elsewhere.

Most U.S. states now hold celebrations honoring Juneteenth as a holiday or a day of recognition, like Flag Day. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia, Washington, and now Nevada as well. Hundreds of companies give workers the day off.

Opal Lee, a former teacher and activist, is largely credited for rallying others behind a campaign to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. The 96-year-old had vivid memories of celebrating Juneteenth in East Texas as a child with music, food and games. In 2016, the "little old lady in tennis shoes" walked through her home city of Fort Worth, Texas and then in other cities before arriving in Washington, D.C. Soon, celebrities and politicians were lending their support.

Lee was one of the people standing next to Biden when he

signed Juneteenth into law.

### How have celebrations evolved?

The national reckoning over race ignited by the 2020 murder of George Floyd by police helped set the stage for Juneteenth to become the first new federal holiday since 1983, when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and had 60 co-sponsors, a show of bipartisan support as lawmakers struggled to overcome divisions that are still simmering three years later.

Now there is a movement to use the holiday as an opportunity for activism and education, with community service projects aimed at addressing racial disparities and educational panels on topics such as health care inequities and the need for parks and green spaces.

Like most holidays, Juneteenth has also seen its fair share of commercialism. Retailers, museums and other venues have capitalized on it by selling Juneteenth-themed T-shirts, party ware and ice cream. Some of the marketing has misfired, provoking a social media backlash.

# Judge blocks much of Indiana's ban on gender-affirming care for minors

**By TOM DAVIES**  
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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A federal judge issued an order Friday stopping an Indiana ban on puberty blockers and hormones for transgender minors from taking effect as scheduled July 1.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana sought the temporary injunction in its legal challenge of the Republican-backed law, which was enacted this spring amid a national push by GOP-led legislatures to curb LGBTQ+ rights.

The order from U.S. District Court Judge James Patrick Hanlon will allow the law's prohibition on gender-affirming surgeries to take effect. Hanlon's order also blocks provisions that would prohibit Indiana doctors from communicating with out-of-state doctors about gender-affirming care for their patients younger than 18.

The ACLU filed the lawsuit within hours after Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill April 5. The challenge, on behalf of four youths undergoing transgender treatments and an Indiana doctor who provides such care, argued the ban would violate the

U.S. Constitution's equal protection guarantees and trampled upon the rights of parents to decide medical treatment for their children.

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Hanlon, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump, wrote that he was blocking the law from taking effect because its opponents had demonstrated potential irreparable harm to those undergoing treatment and shown "some likelihood of success" in arguments that it was

unconstitutional.

The ACLU had provided "evidence of risks to minors' health and wellbeing from gender dysphoria if those treatments can no longer be provided to minors — prolonging of their dysphoria, and causing additional distress and health risks, such as depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and suicidality," Hanlon said. "While the State has identified legitimate reasons for regulation in this area, the designated evidence does not demonstrate, at least at this stage, that the extent of its regulation was closely tailored to uphold those interests."

ACLU leaders hailed the ruling as a victory in the fight "to defend the right of all trans people to be their authentic selves, free from discrimination."

"We won't rest until this unconstitutional law is struck down for good," Ken Falk, the ACLU of Indiana's legal director, said in a statement.

At least 20 GOP-led states have now enacted laws restricting or banning such medical treatments for transgender minors after Missouri's governor signed that state's bill into law last week. Lawsuits have been filed in several states against

transgender treatment bans. Federal judges have also blocked enforcement of laws in Alabama and Arkansas, and Oklahoma has agreed to not enforce its ban while opponents seek a temporary court order blocking it.

Indiana bill sponsor Republican Rep. Joanna King of Middlebury said as the ban was debated that it would "protect our children from irreversible, harmful, life-altering procedures."

Republican state Attorney General Todd Rokita's office said in a statement it was disappointed in the decision but that "we will continue to fight for the children." The statement said the ruling "recognizes that the State has shown there are good reasons for regulating gender transition procedures for minors."

The office didn't say whether it would attempt to appeal the injunction before July 1. Provisions of the law that were blocked gave trans youth taking medication to transition until Dec. 31 to stop.

A top attorney for the state told Hanlon during a court hearing on Wednesday that risks from gender-affirming treatments during puberty such as future fertility, bone strength, brain

development and possible reversibility had not been adequately studied by scientists.

Such factors make it within the Legislature's authority to decide "we don't want our children to be part of this grand experiment," Indiana Solicitor General Thomas Fisher said.

Though guidelines from leading authorities on gender-affirming medical care already say surgery generally should be reserved for adults, with exceptions for older teens who meet certain criteria, the Indiana law calls for an immediate ban gender-affirming surgeries.

The provisions of the law banning gender-affirming surgeries for minors in Indiana will have no immediate impact. Hanlon wrote in his ruling that no medical providers in the state perform those procedures on people younger than 18.

Representatives from Indiana University Health Riley Children's Hospital, the state's sole hospital-based gender health program, told legislators earlier this year that for patients who are minors, doctors do not perform genital surgeries or provide those surgery referrals. IU Health was not involved in the ACLU's lawsuit.

## Public Sale Calendar

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# Unionized UPS workers could strike this summer

**By HALELUYA HADERO and MATT OTT**  
AP Business Writers  
NEW YORK (AP) —

Unionized UPS workers voted overwhelmingly on Friday to authorize a strike, setting the stage for a potential work stoppage if the package delivery company and Teamsters can't come to an agreement before their contract expires next month.

The Teamsters said 97 percent of unionized workers voted for the authorization, which the union urged for in order to have more leverage during negotiations with the company. But a yes vote does not mean a strike is imminent.

"If this multibillion-dollar corporation fails to deliver on the contract that our hardworking members deserve, UPS will be striking itself," Teamsters General President Sean O'Brien said in a prepared statement. "The strongest leverage our members have is their labor and they are prepared to withhold it to ensure UPS acts accordingly."

The Teamsters represent about 340,000 UPS employees, more than half of the company's workforce in the largest private-sector contract in North America. If a strike occurs, it would be the first since a 15-day walkout by 185,000 workers crippled the company a quarter century ago.

UPS has grown vastly since then and become even more engrained in the U.S. economy. The company says it delivers the equivalent of about 6 percent of nation's gross domestic product. That means a strike would carry with it potentially far-reaching implica-

tions for the economy.

UPS said in a prepared statement the strike vote does not impact the company's current business operations.

"Authorization votes and approvals are normal steps in labor union negotiations," the company said. "We continue to make progress on key issues and remain confident that we will reach an agreement that provides wins for our employees, the Teamsters, our company and our customers."

UPS workers are still seething about the current contract, which they feel was forced on them by prior union leadership in 2018 based on a technicality. The contract created two hierarchies of workers with different pay scales, hours and benefits. The union wants it eliminated.

In addition to addressing part-time pay and what workers say is excessive overtime, the union wants improvements to driver safety, particularly the lack of air conditioning in delivery trucks, which has been blamed for the death of a driver and hospitalizations of others.

On Tuesday, the union and the company announced they reached a tentative agreement to equip more trucks with air conditioning equipment. Under the agreement, UPS said it would add air conditioning to U.S. small delivery vehicles purchased after January 1, 2024.

But those changes aren't extending to vehicles already in operation - at least not yet. Instead, the union says two fans would be installed in all vehicles when a new contract is rati-

fied. It also said the company agreed to add heat shield to some vehicles, and put air vents in all cars within 18 months of a new contract. Under the agreement, UPS says roughly 95 percent of its existing U.S. package delivery fleet will be enhanced.

Teamsters spokesperson Kara Deniz said there have been two dozen tentative agreements reached with UPS since the negotiations began in April. The current contract expires on July 31.

UPS delivers around 25 million packages a day, representing about a quarter of all U.S. parcel volume, according to the global shipping and logistics firm Pitney Bowes. That's about 10 million parcels more than it delivered each day in the years leading up to the pandemic.

UPS profits have soared since the pandemic began in 2020 as millions of Americans grew to rely on the delivery to their doorsteps.

Annual profits at UPS in the past two years are close to three times what they were pre-pandemic. The Atlanta company returned about \$8.6 billion to shareholders in the form of dividends and stock buybacks in 2022, and forecasts another \$8.4 billion for shareholders this year.

The Teamsters say that profit growth is largely due to the hard work of UPS drivers and warehouse workers who carry everything from 50-pound bags of dog food and cases of wine to prescriptions.

The acrimony over the current contract was the impetus for workers rejecting a candidate to lead the Teamsters favored by long-

time union head James Hoffa. Union members instead chose O'Brien, who has dug in on the Teamsters' contract demands of UPS.

A win at UPS could also have implications for the organized labor outside the company.

There have been prominent labor organization campaigns at Apple, Starbucks, Trader Joe's, even strippers at a dance club in Los Angeles. Teamsters are also attempting to organize workers at Amazon. On Friday, the new president of the United Auto Workers gave his strongest warning yet that the union is preparing for strikes against Detroit's three automakers when contracts expire in September.

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## Christopher Morel homers as Cubs beat Orioles for fourth straight win

By JAY COHEN  
AP Baseball Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Dansby Swanson sees a lineup doing all the right things — and the numbers back him up.

“We’ve taken a really good approach and mentality into the batter’s box,” Swanson said, “and we’ve been rewarded for that.”

Big time.

Christopher Morel homered and drove in three runs, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-3 on Friday for their fourth straight win.

Swanson and Miguel Amaya also connected for Chicago, which broke open a close game with six runs in the sixth inning. Nico Hoerner had two hits and two RBIs, and Kyle Hendricks (2-2) pitched five effective innings for his second straight victory.

Chicago (32-37) has won six of seven, and the four-game win streak matches its season high.

“Offense has really been kind of finding their stride, getting big hits,” manager David Ross said. “Christopher Morel, I mean he’s punishing baseballs right now.”

Baltimore (43-26) had won six of seven. But Cole Irvin (1-3) was pulled in the fifth, and the bullpen faltered in the opener of a five-game trip.

Mike Baumann issued consecutive walks beginning the sixth, and runners

advanced on Cionel Pérez’s balk ahead of pinch-hitter Ian Happ’s two-run single. Morel made it 8-2 with a two-run double off Reed Garrett with two outs, and Seiya Suzuki added an RBI single.

“We had three walks and a balk,” Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said of the trouble in the sixth, “and if we don’t balk there, it’s a double-play ball that Happ hits and the game might be a little bit different.”

Chicago, in all-blue uniforms with “Wrigleyville” across the chest, finished with 12 hits for its fourth straight game in double digits. The Cubs have recorded a four-plus run inning in four straight for the first time since June 28-July 1, 2018.

“Everybody’s doing a good job,” Morel said.

Ryan O’Hearn had three hits for Baltimore, and Austin Hays collected two hits and two RBIs. O’Hearn is batting .396 (21 for 53) in his last 16 games.

Jorge Mateo’s RBI double got Baltimore within one in the fifth. The Orioles had a chance to tie the game in the sixth, putting a runner on third with one out. But Michael Fulmer escaped the jam by striking out Hays and retiring Aaron Hicks on a grounder to second.

“It was a huge inning by Fulmer, getting out of that,” Hendricks said.

Chicago jumped in front on Ama-

ya’s first homer at Wrigley Field, a leadoff drive to left in the third. The catching prospect made his big league debut in May and connected for his first homer June 4 at San Diego.

Irvin retired the next two batters before Swanson and Morel combined for the sixth set of back-to-back homers for Chicago this season. It was the seventh homer for Swanson, and No. 12 for Morel.

“Besides those three homers, I thought he did a nice job,” Hyde said of Irvin. “Pitched into the fifth inning against an all right-handed lineup, and 3-2 game there, got away from us in the sixth inning.”

### TRAINER’S ROOM

Orioles: 1B Ryan Mountcastle (vertigo) is “starting to feel a little bit better,” Hyde said. “But he’s still a little bit under the weather.” Mountcastle was placed on the 10-day injured list on Tuesday.

Cubs: RHP Codi Heuer (recovery from Tommy John surgery) is scheduled for another rehab appearance with Triple-A Iowa this weekend. ... LHP Brandon Hughes (left knee inflammation) was slated to play catch on Friday for the second straight day.

### UP NEXT

Cubs left-hander Justin Steele (6-2, 2.65 ERA) returns on Saturday. He was placed on the 15-day injured list on June 3 with a strained left forearm. Right-hander Kyle Gibson (8-3, 3.90 ERA) takes the mound for the Orioles. Gibson is 4-0 with a 2.61 ERA in his last five starts.



## NBA suspends Ja Morant 25 games for 2nd social media video involving a gun

By TERESA M.  
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AP Sports Writer

Memphis guard Ja Morant has been suspended 25 games by the NBA — his second ban in four months — and Commissioner Adam Silver made clear Friday the star must stop his “alarming” habit of flashing guns on social media.

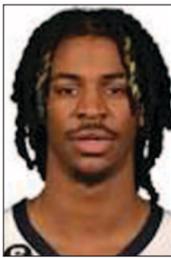
The suspension for the upcoming season comes a month after a second video of Morant flashing a handgun was streamed online. The video of Morant showing a gun while sitting in the passenger seat of a car was posted after his eight-game suspension in March for a video in which he flashed a handgun in a Denver-area strip club.

Morant is due to make around \$33.5 million this season. He now stands to lose just over \$300,000 per game — or approximately \$7.5 million. He also will have to adhere to certain conditions before being reinstated, the NBA said.

Silver made clear the two-time All-Star’s decision-making is “disconcerting.”

“The potential for other young people to emulate Ja’s conduct is particularly concerning,” Silver said. “Under these circumstances, we believe a suspension of 25 games is appropriate and makes clear that engaging in reckless and irresponsible behavior with guns will not be tolerated.”

The league said Morant “will be ineligible to participate in any public league or team activities, including preseason games” during his suspension.



Ja Morant

The Grizzlies suspended Morant indefinitely from team activities after the second video surfaced, and they said Friday they respect the punishment for this “latest episode.”

“Our standards as a league and team are clear, and we expect that all team personnel will adhere to them,” the Grizzlies said.

Morant apologized again Friday to the league, the Grizzlies, his teammates and the city of Memphis in a statement issued through his representatives. He specifically told Silver, Grizzlies owner Robert Pera and Memphis general manager Zach Kleiman he is sorry.

The guard with his own signature Nike shoe also apologized to children who look up to him for failing them as a role model. Morant made clear he’s had time to reflect and understands the hurt he might have caused.

“I promise I’m going to be better. To all of my sponsors, I’m going to be a better representation of our brands. And to all of my fans, I’m going to make it up to you, I promise,” Morant said.

Morant said he’ll keep working on both his mental health and decision-making.

On May 24, police conducted a welfare check on Morant and said he was “fine” after cryptic messages appeared on the guard’s Instagram account only to be deleted. A police spokesman said Morant told officers he was “taking a break from social media.”

“I hope you’ll give me the chance to prove to you over time I’m a better man than what I’ve been showing you,” Morant said Friday.

NBPA executive director Tamika Tremaglio said the players association thinks the NBA went too far punishing Morant, calling it “excessive and inappropriate” and inconsistent with the league’s past discipline.

“We will explore with Ja all options and next steps,” Tremaglio said in a statement.

Nike also is sticking with Morant, whose Ja 1 shoe line debuted earlier this year.

“We are pleased that Ja is taking accountability and prioritizing his well-being,” Nike said.

Silver’s stance is clear: Morant’s actions, even without being charged with a crime, have severe consequences, particularly with gun violence a massive problem and the guard one of the league’s most popular players.

“Waving them around ... is not consistent with gun safety and is not the proper message that an NBA player, particularly one at Ja’s level, should be sending to the tens of millions of followers he has — and particularly when it’s an inci-

dent once again, where it’s been streamed live on social media,” Silver said earlier this month at the NBA Finals.

The suspension almost certainly means that Morant will not be eligible for any end-of-season awards in 2024, such as MVP and All-NBA. Under the new Collective Bargaining Agreement that goes into effect July 1, a player must appear in 65 games (with limited exceptions) to be eligible.

It’s also reasonable to think Morant will miss the league’s inaugural in-season tournament expected to start this fall and end sometime in December. The league has yet to announce if the tournament is definitely happening, nor has it released the schedule.

Silver said basketball needs to take a back seat for Morant before he can return to the NBA. Morant will have to finish a program with the league addressing the issues Silver said “led him to repeat this destructive behavior.”

Morant’s eight-game suspension cost him about \$669,000 in forfeited salary after the first video surfaced on March 4 on his own Instagram account.

The second video captured May 13 was widely shared online after being streamed by a Morant associate. That was the same friend Morant said in February had been banned from the Grizzlies’ home arena for a year over a confrontation with members of the Indiana Pacers organization a week earlier.

## Palacios traded to Cardinals from Guardians for cash

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Guardians traded utilityman Richie Palacios to the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday for \$100,000.

Palacios, who played in 54 games for the defending AL Central champions last season, had been designated for assignment Sunday when the club activated right-hander Cody Morris from the 60-day injured list.

Palacios had spent all this season at Triple-A Columbus, where he batted .217 with three homers, 13 doubles and 30 RBIs in 56 games.

The 26-year-old Palacios was selected by Cleveland in the third round of the 2018 amateur draft. At one time, he was once considered one of the club’s top prospects, but the Guardians have a surplus of young outfielders and middle infielders.

Palacios will be assigned to the Memphis Redbirds, the Cardinals’ Triple-A affiliate.

## Johnson makes a crazy 8 at the US Open but crawls back into contention

By EDDIE PELLIS  
AP National Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dustin Johnson’s summary of the quadruple bogey he made that could be the difference between winning and losing the U.S. Open was succinct, matter-of-fact and, of course, ugly.

“Chunked my bunker shot and then chunked the next one. Skulled the next one,” he said. “Everything that you could do wrong, I did wrong.”

That 8 he took on the second hole Friday was as bad as it gets. The 4-under par he shot over the next 16 holes was a reason he could smile at least a little.

Even with the snowman, Johnson shot an even-par 70 and finished the day at 6-under 134. When he left the course with the afternoon players just getting started, he was only three shots out of the lead held by Wyndham Clark.

Johnson made five of them, to be exact, and in what might be viewed as a promising sign, three of those came on the back nine, which was playing more than 1.2 shots harder through the first 200-plus rounds completed at Los Angeles Country Club.

The rally in its entirety is a sign, to Johnson, that his swing is coming around after a less-than-ideal start to his major season. He tied for 48th at the Masters and 55th at the PGA Championship, sandwiching those results around a LIV Golf Series victory in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is seeking his second U.S. Open title and his third major, though Johnson is one of those players who might be known as much for what he hasn’t won as what he has. His close calls have included ugly numbers and ugly episodes.

In the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, it was grounding his club in a bunker he didn’t know was a bunker on the 72nd hole that cost him a spot in a playoff.

Months earlier in the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, he came into the final round with a three-shot lead, only to watch it sail into the Pacific with a triple bogey on 2 and a double on 3.

A 2-iron out of bounds on the 14th hole in the final round of the 2011 British Open at Royal St. George’s dropped him out of contention after trailing by two.

His three-putt from 12 feet at Chambers Bay on the 72nd hole cost him the U.S. Open title in 2015.

He won the U.S. Open the following year at Oakmont, then added his second major at the Masters in 2020.

That this crooked number from Johnson came on a Friday, not a Sunday, was good news simply because there’s plenty of time to make it up. If he ends up falling a shot or two short, though, he’ll remember one hole.

It started when he pulled his tee shot on the 497-yard second, leaving it in a bunker on the left side. He had an uphill lie there and didn’t make clean contact, leaving himself a 100-yard shot out of deep rough, over the barranca and onto the green.

He made poor contact there and hit it into the junk. His drop for shot No. 5 was into a clean lie in the fairway, but Johnson caught it thin, and the ball landed in tangled rough behind the green. One chip and two putts later, he had gone from 6 under to 2 under.

Johnson called “skulling a chip shot” the worst moment of that nightmare.

## Tigers top AL Central division foe Twins

By BRIAN HALL  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Vierling hit two solo homers, Javier Báez had a three-run shot to cap a five-run third inning and the Detroit Tigers cruised to a 7-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

Báez added a highlight-worthy play at shortstop, throwing out a runner from his knees after a backhand stop.

Detroit, which hasn’t won a season series against the Twins since 2016, entered the four-game series at AL Central-leading Minnesota having lost 13 of 15. The Tigers have won the first two games by a com-

bined 15-5 score.

Detroit’s Jonathan Schoop added an RBI single against his former team.

Tyler Holton (1-0) was the winner with 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief. He was third of six pitchers for the Tigers, who had Will Vest start the game.

Twins right-hander Joe Ryan (7-4) allowed a season-high six runs in seven innings, giving up seven hits and striking out seven.

Alex Kirilloff hit his fourth homer of the season in the second to give Minnesota a 1-0 lead.

Báez has hit safely in six straight games and nine of 10, hitting .302 with two homers and seven RBIs during that stretch.

## Michael Jordan selling majority ownership stake in the Charlotte Hornets franchise

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan is finalizing a deal to sell the majority share of the Charlotte Hornets, the franchise announced Friday, leaving the 30-team NBA without any Black majority ownership.

Jordan is selling to a group led by Gabe Plotkin and Rick Schnall, the Hornets said. Plotkin has been a minority stakeholder in the Hornets since 2019. Schnall has been a minority owner of the Atlanta Hawks since 2015 and is in the process of selling his investment in that team.

It’s not clear how long the process of selling will take to be finalized by the NBA’s Board of Governors. Jordan plans to keep a minority stake in the Hornets, the team he bought in 2010 for about \$275 million.

Jordan’s decision to sell ends his unsuccessful 13-year run overseeing the organization.

“In the same way that it’s wonderful that one of our greatest, Michael Jordan, could become the principal governor of a team, he has the absolute right to sell at the same time,” NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said earlier this month at the NBA Finals. “Values have gone up a lot since he bought that

team, so that is his decision.”

In that same news conference at the finals, Silver said the Board of Governors are focused on diversity in ownership groups.

“I would love to have better representation in terms of principal governors,” Silver said. “It’s a marketplace. It’s something that if we were expanding that the league would be in a position to focus directly on that, but in individual team transactions, the market takes us where we are.”

The sale price was not immediately announced; ESPN, citing sources, said the franchise was being valued

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## BASEBALL

### American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	50	22	.694	
Baltimore	43	26	.623	5½
New York	39	31	.557	10
Toronto	39	32	.549	10½
Boston	35	35	.500	14

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	35	.500	
Cleveland	32	36	.471	2
Chicago	30	40	.429	5
Detroit	29	39	.426	5
Kansas City	18	51	.261	16½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	27	.609	
Houston	39	31	.557	3½
Los Angeles	40	32	.556	3½
Seattle	33	34	.493	8
Oakland	19	52	.268	24

**Thursday's Games**  
 Baltimore 4, Toronto 2  
 Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 3  
 Detroit 8, Minnesota 4  
 L.A. Angels 5, Texas 3  
 Washington 4, Houston 1, 10  
 innings  
 Cleveland 8, San Diego 6  
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 11  
 innings

**Friday's Games**  
 Chicago Cubs 10, Baltimore 3  
 Boston 15, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Detroit 7, Minnesota 1  
 Cincinnati 2, Houston 1  
 Toronto 2, Texas 1  
 L.A. Angels 3, Kansas City 0  
 Cleveland at Arizona, late  
 Philadelphia at Oakland, late  
 Tampa Bay at San Diego, late  
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, late

**Saturday's Games**  
 Detroit (Wentz 1-6) at Minnesota (TBD), 2:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Gibson 8-3) at Chicago Cubs (Steele 6-2), 2:20 p.m.  
 Toronto (TBD) at Texas (Dunning 5-1), 4:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Sánchez 0-0) at Oakland (Kaprielian 2-6), 4:07 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-4) at Seattle (Gilbert 4-4), 4:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Greene 1-4) at Houston (Bielak 3-3), 4:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Canning 5-2) at Kansas City (TBD), 4:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 2-6) at Boston (Bello 3-4), 7:15 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Eflin 8-2) at San Diego (Snell 2-6), 7:15 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Bieber 5-3) at Arizona (Henry 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

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 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

National League				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	44	26	.629	
Miami	39	31	.557	5
Philadelphia	35	34	.507	8½
New York	33	36	.478	10½
Washington	27	41	.397	16

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	34	.507	
Cincinnati	35	35	.500	½
Pittsburgh	34	34	.500	½
Chicago	32	37	.464	3
St. Louis	27	43	.386	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	41	28	.594	
Los Angeles	39	30	.565	2
San Francisco	36	32	.529	4½
San Diego	33	35	.485	7½
Colorado	29	43	.403	13½

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 Cleveland at Arizona, late  
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 Philadelphia (Sánchez 0-0) at Oakland (Kaprielian 2-6), 4:07 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Greene 1-4) at Houston (Bielak 3-3), 4:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Seabold 1-2) at Atlanta (Elder 4-1), 4:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Keller 8-2) at Milwaukee (Miley 3-2), 4:10 p.m.

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 Tampa Bay (Eflin 8-2) at San Diego (Snell 2-6), 7:15 p.m.  
 San Francisco (TBD) at L.A. Dodgers (Miller 3-0), 9:10 p.m.  
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 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.

**Transactions**  
**Friday's Transactions**  
**Major League Baseball**  
**American League**  
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES — C Mark Kolozsvary has cleared outright waivers and elected free agency. Assigned RHP Mychal Givens to Norfolk (IL) on a rehab assignment.  
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Mike Clevinger on the 15-day IL, retroactive to June 15. Recalled RHP Jesse Scholtens from Charlotte (IL).  
 CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Optioned RHP Cody Morris to Columbus (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Touki Toussaint from Columbus. Designated C Mike Zunino for assignment.  
 HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated RHP Ryne Stanek from the bereavement/family medical emergency leave list. Optioned LHP Matt Gage to Sugar Land (TX).  
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Purchased the contract of INF Adeiny Hechavarria from Long Island (Atlantic League) and assigned him to Omaha (IL). Recalled 2B Samad Taylor from Omaha. Optioned C Nate Eaton to Omaha. Released OF Jackie Bradley Jr.

**National League**  
 CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned SS Jose Barrero to Louisville (IL). Reinstated OF Nicks Senzel from the 10-day IL.  
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed INF Max Muncy on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 13. Selected the contract of RHP Emmet Sheehan from Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled INF Michael Busch from Oklahoma City. Optioned RHP Michael Grove to Oklahoma City. Sent LHP Adam Kolarek outright to Oklahoma City.  
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Reinstated OF Cristian Pache from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Dalton Guthrie to Lehigh Valley (IL).  
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed LHP Rob Zastryzny on the 15-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Carmen Mlodzinski from Indianapolis (IL).  
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Acquired INF/OF Richie Palacios from Cleveland in exchange for cash considerations and optioned him to Memphis (IL). Transferred OF Tyler O'Neill from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.  
 SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed LHP Tom Cosgrove on the 15-day IL. Reinstated RHP Nabil Crismatt from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Ryan Weathers to El Paso (PCL). Recalled LHP Ray Kerr from El Paso.  
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated OF Victor Robles from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Alex Call to Rochester (IL).

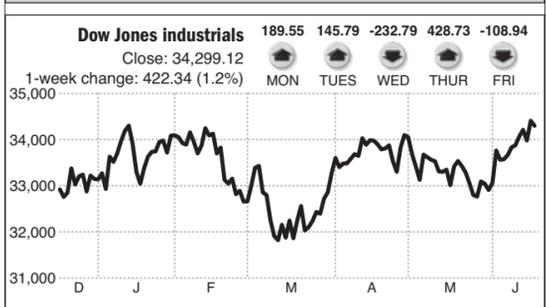
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 NBA — Suspended Memphis G J.A. Morant 25 games without pay for conduct detrimental to the league.  
 Women's National Basketball Association  
 LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Signed G Destanni Henderson to a rest-of-season hardship contract.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed RB Avery Williams on injured reserve. Waived QB Austin Aune and WR Justin Marshall. Signed WR Chris Blair, DL Albert Huggins and K Matthew Trickett.  
 LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed CB Jakorain Bennett.  
 PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released S Scott Nelson.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 NEW YORK RANGERS — Signed D Zac Jones to a two-year contract extension.  
 VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Bought out D Oliver Ekman-Larsson's remaining four years of an eight-year contract.

**Transactions**  
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Activated 3B Brandon Drury. Recalled 2B Michael Stefic from Salt Lake (PCL). Placed 3B Gio Urshela on the 10-day IL.  
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed LHP Richard Lovelady on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Chad Smith from Las Vegas (PCL).  
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated RHP Adam Cimber from the paternity list. Recalled INF Spencer Horwitz to Buffalo (IL). Optioned RHP Thomas Hatch and OF Nathan Lukes to Buffalo.

# THE WEEK IN REVIEW



### STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Wk Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
34,712.28	28,660.94	Dow Jones Industrials	34,299.12	+422.34	+1.25	+3.47	+14.76
15,888.39	11,946.21	Dow Jones Transportation	14,792.86	+549.50	+3.86	+10.46	+14.95
1,063.15	823.64	Dow Jones Utilities	924.92	+9.68	+1.06	+4.39	+4.19
16,222.20	13,278.56	NYSE Composite	15,795.12	+295.21	+1.90	+4.02	+12.05
13,864.06	10,088.83	Nasdaq Composite	13,689.57	+430.43	+3.25	+30.79	+26.77
4,448.47	3,491.58	S&P 500	4,409.59	+110.73	+2.58	+14.85	+19.99
2,738.88	2,185.93	S&P MidCap	2,580.07	+37.70	+1.48	+6.16	+16.19
44,865.40	34,917.15	Wilshire 5000	44,473.36	+1071.10	+2.47	+16.81	+21.75
2,030.05	1,641.47	Russell 2000	1,875.47	+9.76	+0.52	+6.49	+12.59
14,819.88	11,517.23	Lipper Growth Index	14,728.02	+432.74	+3.03	+22.76	+23.82

### STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

NYSE GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)	NYSE LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)	NYSE ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)
<b>Name</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b> <b>%Chg</b>	<b>Name</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b> <b>%Chg</b>	<b>Name</b> <b>Vol</b> <b>(00)</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b>
Kaleya 4.40 +1.52 +52.8	BlueApr rs 6.00 -2.95 -33.0	Palantir 4545205 16.30 +1.28
Nerdy 54.87 +15.96 +41.0	Vinechlg 3.71 -1.05 -22.1	Carnival 3701658 15.80 +2.71
Cherub 4.12 +1.12 +37.3	DiPGBllt 10.13 -2.40 -29.2	FormD 3177285 14.42 +6.8
Carvana A 25.32 +6.25 +32.8	Tredgar 6.00 -1.19 -16.6	VirtM 2246034 4.73 +7.0
Xpeng 11.38 +2.51 +28.3	agilon 17.36 -3.41 -16.4	BkofAm 2225984 29.19 -0.8
Coretek pf23024448r 19 +26.5	WileyJb 33.26 -3.00 -15.9	Carvana A 2008708 25.32 +6.25
Huaya 4.03 +8.21 +25.5	MethodH 38.16 -6.94 -15.4	AT&T Inc 1934700 16.06 +1.1
LumenTch 2.25 +4.61 +24.3	WileyJA 44.66 -5.82 -14.8	Pfizer 1724935 40.06 +1.09
WheelUp rs 1.22 +.45 +25.0	Humana 33.65 -67.69 -13.2	LumenTch 1599443 2.25 +2.45
ArchrAvi 3.99 +.74 +22.8	PlayAGS 5.29 -.80 -13.1	Oracle 1538411 125.46+15.61

NASDAQ GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)	NASDAQ LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)	NASDAQ ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)
<b>Name</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b> <b>%Chg</b>	<b>Name</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b> <b>%Chg</b>	<b>Name</b> <b>Vol</b> <b>(00)</b> <b>Last</b> <b>Chg</b>
EdtchX n 30.15 +19.91 +194.4	TopKing A n 2.05 -6.75 -76.7	Nikola 8469122 1.19 +4.9
Bidder n 11.41 +6.36 +125.9	Panbela rs 2.60 -4.33 -62.5	Tesla s 8094875 260.54+16.14
AssetEnrit n 2.14 +.99 +86.1	Mersana 3.47 -5.08 -59.4	SoFTech 5584933 8.60 +4.2
SEALSO n 17.75 +7.83 +78.9	Cineverse rs 2.38 -2.76 -53.7	AMD 4849557 120.08 -4.84
GreedG A rs 2.89 +1.19 +70.0	Benefic A n 5.12 -3.15 -38.1	Intel 3707616 36.37 +5.03
CalciMed rs 5.03 +2.03 +67.7	Chieft n 2.84 -1.71 -37.6	Apple Inc s 3331888 184.92 +3.96
VeraTh A 12.87 +5.10 +65.6	CorvusPh 2.24 -1.34 -37.4	Amazon 2988099 125.49 +2.06
SunCar A 21.97 +8.27 +60.4	OrchBioMd 9.13 -5.02 -35.5	Nvidia 2961131 426.92+39.22
Chinook 38.04 +14.05 +58.6	OcularTher 4.81 -2.62 -35.3	RivvaAu A 2401833 14.88 +1.1
IndLogis 2.87 +1.03 +56.0	Microvisn 4.50 -2.20 -32.8	LucidGrp 2270390 6.48 +2.27

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	YTD %Chg	
AFLAC	1.68	69.43	+4.6	+0.7	-3.5	Inv QQQ	1.16	367.93	+13.43	+3.8
AT&T Inc	1.11	16.06	+1.1	+0.7	-12.8	Kroger	1.04	46.17	...	+3.6
AMD	1.60	120.08	-4.84	-3.9	+85.4	Lincoln	1.80	24.37	+1.27	+5.5
Amazon	...	125.49	+2.06	+1.7	+49.4	Lowe's	4.40	217.08	+7.96	+3.8
AEP	3.32	84.93	+1.25	+1.5	-10.6	LucidGrp	...	6.48	+2.7	+4.3
Apple Inc s	96	184.92	+3.96	+2.2	+42.3	McDonalds	6.08	293.70	+6.91	+2.4
ApdMatl	1.28	138.93	+8.21	+2.1	+24.7	micromob rs	...	19	-0.4	-18.7
BP PLC	1.44	35.35	-1.2	-0.3	-1.2	Microsoft	2.72	342.33	+15.54	+4.8
BkofAm	8.8	29.19	-0.8	-0.3	-11.9	MullAuto rs	...	23	-2.0	-47.0
BrMySq	2.28	66.16	+1.36	+2.1	-8.0	NL Inds	2.8	5.94	-0.3	-5.1
CampSp	1.48	46.42	+3.7	+0.8	-18.2	NiSource	1.00	27.38	+2.9	+1.1
Carnival	...	15.80	+2.71	+20.7	+96.0	Nikola	...	1.19	+4.9	+68.8
Carvana A	...	25.32	+6.25	+32.8	+43.4	NorfolkSo	5.40	224.14	+7.96	+3.7
Caterpillar	5.20	245.27	+10.24	+4.4	+2.4	Nucor	2.04	151.41	+5.86	+4.0
Chevron	6.04	157.26	-1.60	-1.0	-12.4	Nvidia	16	426.92	+39.22	+10.1
Citigroup	1.56	52.07	+2.41	+4.9	+9.3	Oncoorus	...	13	+0.3	+32.0
CocaCola	2.04	48.19	-1.1	-0.2	-6.5	Palantir	...	16.30	+1.28	+8.5
DxSOXB	1.84	61.67	+1.66	+2.8	-3.0	PepsiCo	5.06	186.04	+3.69	+2.0
DxSOXB	...	10.10	-1.38	-12.0	-74.4	Pfizer	1.60	40.06	+1.09	+2.8
DxSOXB	...	25.24	+2.84	+12.7	+161.0	PlugPowr h	...	10.57	+1.40	+15.3
Disney	...	91.32	-6.1	-0.7	-5.1	PrUPnPQ	...	40.80	+4.18	+11.4
Eaton	2.92	191.26	+3.96	+2.1	+21.9	PshIQQQ	...	19.49	-2.30	-10.5
ElLiLly	4.52	447.71	+1.67	+0.4	-22.4	RivvaAu A	...	14.88	+1.01	+7.3
EveloBio	...	12	+0.2	+22.4	-92.5	SCWorx h	...	66	+43	+190.7
ExxonMbl	3.64	105.13	-2.26	-2.1	-4.7	SpdRUIA	3.98	342.95	+3.68	+1.1
FardyFuln	...	45	+1.2	+37.2	+55.2	S&P500ETF	4.13	439.46	+9.56	+2.2
FormD	60	144.2	+6.8	+4.9	+42.0	SoFTech	...	8.60	+4.2	+5.1
FrankElec	90	100.53	+1.43	+1.4	+26.1	SPDR FncI	46	33.58	+4.3	+1.3
FrtMcm	30	39.89	+2.00	+5.3	+5.0	SPDynam	1.70	102.53	+3.31	+3.3
GenElec	32	106.29	-0.1	-0.1	+63.3	Tesla s	...	260.54	+16.14	+6

# Embracing carpe diem

Dear Annie: I have been with "Garrett" for over four years now. I have a son who is 9, and we share a daughter, 3. I was a single mom for four years before I met Garrett, so I did everything on my own.

Garrett is always willing to make my lunch for work, clean after I get home from work, do laundry, etc. so I can relax. My problem is I tend to say no. I'll do it myself, and then I become overwhelmed trying to do everything. I know I'm being resistant, but I feel as a mom, it's my sole responsibility to do so. How do I loosen up and let him help me out more without feeling guilty that I'm not doing enough? — Used to Being Manic Mom

Dear Manic Mom: Take a moment and cut yourself some slack. After so many years as a single mom, it makes sense you might feel like you're not operating at full capacity. But I guarantee you're doing much more than you're giving yourself credit for.

It takes time to adjust to the idea of letting another person into your life and routine, but try your best to normalize it and get comfortable. You are lucky to have a husband and father who wants to pitch in as your equal: That's what good partners do. Now, you just have to let him.

Dear Annie: I'm a teenager about to be a junior in high school in the fall. So far, high school has been bland. Nothing exciting happens. I guess the only thing that is exciting is the fact that I'm going to Japan on a school trip in less than two weeks. I want to go to college, but I want to attend a college out of state because I want a fresh start. Plus, I don't want to see former classmates at college. (I have some ideas in mind as to which out-of-state colleges to go to, but I haven't visited them yet. My main focus is to see if they have Japanese as a major.)

I want a fresh start for myself; I want to have some kind of friend group (I'm an introvert), a boyfriend, and I want to attend parties but not so many that it's like I only went to college just to party. But I've noticed that I have a hard

time making decisions about certain things because I'm too worried that whatever I choose will be a bad decision in the future. I tend to dwell on the future rather than the present, which makes me very upset with myself. I tend to be very hard on myself, which makes me feel like I'm my own worst enemy when it comes to this stuff.

I also noticed that I'm always worrying about things instead of just relaxing and "being a teenager." Other times, I feel like I'm behind in everything that should happen to teenagers. Sometimes, I just want to give up and stop trying because nothing is going right for me. But other times, I want to keep going and try and see what happens. What should I do? — Doubting Everything in Life

Dear Doubting: Another instance that warrants more self-love and grace. You sound like a very bright, conscientious, mature teen with so much potential and promise. None of us know exactly what the future holds. Don't let the fear of that unknown rob you of today's joy and living your present life to the fullest.

Continue pursuing your passions, like studying Japanese and traveling. Meet new people, try new things, take chances, and keep an open mind. You have a good head on your shoulders that, regardless of what decisions you make or paths you take, I'm confident you'll always land on your feet.

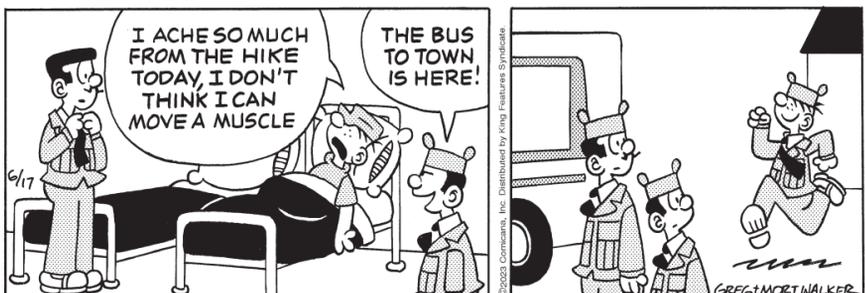
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## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



## BEETLE BAILEY



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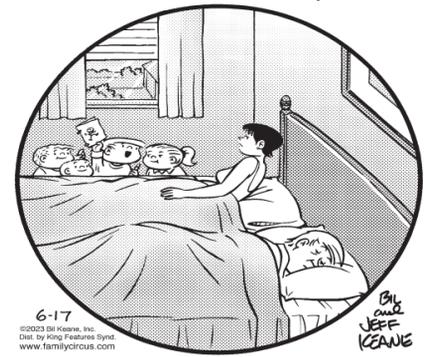
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

## The LOCKHORNS



## My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



## Good versus evil

Q: Will the battle between good and evil ever be solved, or will it take Christ's return to settle it once and for all? — G.E.

A: The journey through life is beset with many problems and heartaches, even for Christians. In cathedrals across Europe there are magnificent frescoes illustrating themes from the Bible. In medieval times, few people had Bibles or could even read. Artwork was often used to teach people Bible stories. One memorable fresco covers an entire wall depicting people struggling upward on a ladder, climbing a staircase toward Heaven. Surround-

ing them were numerous angels, encouraging and helping them on their journey — but below were demons, pulling at their heels and trying to drag them off the ladder and into the fires below.

This scene depicts a vast spiritual conflict we can barely perceive, but which affects everything that happens on this planet. It's the continual conflict between good and evil, right and wrong, life and death, Heaven and Hell. Most of all, it's the age-old conflict between God and Satan. More than any Hollywood drama, this is the true "war of the worlds." The Bible says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of

this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Does this not describe the world today?

The Bible gives only faint glimpses of this conflict, and we must be careful not to speculate or go beyond what it tells us. God's Word says that the struggle will not end until the final battle is fought and Satan is cast into the place prepared for the devil and his angels (see Matthew 25:41). The end will come with Christ's triumphant return. Right now is the time to receive Him as Savior and Lord.

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

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WINM (12)	11	26	63		Let's Take A Fishing Story	A Fishing Story	The Stranger	Don Frost Family & Friends	Who Is This Jesus? Is He The Only Way?	Three Days	Sue Thomas F.B. Eye	Pacific Garden Mission	Daywind	Billy Graham TV	Daily Faith With Philip Cameron						
CBS WANE (15)	2	2	15	15	(4:00) NWFL Angels City FC at San Diego Wave FC	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)	WANE 15 News (N)
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ABC WPTA-2 (21)	4	3	21	21	(3:00) Special Olympics (N)	ABC21 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos
NBC WPTA-2 (21.2)	7	8	14	14	(1:00) 2023 U.S. Open Golf Championship Third Round From The Los Angeles Country Club in Los Angeles. (L) (N)	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"	Chicago Fire "When Tortures Fly"
MNT WPTA-3 (21.3)	10	9	56	34	Boundless Mongolia: Sunrise to Sunset	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers
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LIFE	23	113	108	252	(4:00) TLC Forever	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	Mary J. Blige's Real Love (2023, Romance) Da Vinci, Princess Davis, Ajiona Alexus.	
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TVLAND	25	106	304		Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly
E!	26	142	114	236	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
PARMT	30	241	241	241	Yellowstone "Keep the Wolves Close"	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone	Yellowstone
ESPN	31	50	140	206	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N)
ESPN2	32	54	143	209	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)	AKC Disc Dog Challenge (N)
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USA	34	133	105	242	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.	Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino.
DISC	35	72	182	278	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"	Naked and Afraid XL "Itching for Revenge"
TLC	36	73	183	280	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive
HIST	38	77	120	269	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.	Aliens An examination of possible encounters humans could have on colonies established beyond Earth.
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SVFY	41	135	122	244	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Josh Duhamel, Mark Wahlberg.
TBS	43	130	139	247	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...	The Mummy...
TNT	44	131	138	245	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.
AMC	45	131	254		Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.	Battle: Los Angeles Aaron Eckhart.
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FSN	48	64	150	219	Baseball Los Angeles Angels at Kansas City Royals From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.	Baseball Los Angeles Angels at Kansas City Royals From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.	Baseball Los Angeles Angels at Kansas City Royals From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City,														

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                                  ) CAUSE NUMBER:  
                                  ) 90C01-2305-JC-000028

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A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE  
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES  
AND

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TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father  
Whereabouts unknown  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Wells Circuit Court, 102 Market Street, Bluffton, IN 46714 - 260-824-6485 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 8/14/2023 at 1:30 PM.

At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

**UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING** will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

**YOU MUST RESPOND** by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

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Holly N Daniels, 31840-49  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services  
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**Friday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY**  
Cash 5 — 12-14-19-33-41  
Cash4Life — 27-29-36-38-57, Cash Ball: 02  
Quick Draw Midday — 02-04-05-08-12-13-14-17-18-22-25-26-30-35-39-48-50-62-69-74, BE: 62  
Daily Three-Midday — 00-04-07, SB: 04  
Daily Three-Evening — 00-01-09, SB: 05  
Daily Four-Midday — 02-05-00-07, SB: 04  
Daily Four-Evening — 03-09-06-06, SB: 05  
Quick Draw Evening — 04-07-09-10-21-23-24-28-32-33-45-47-53-55-62-64-68-69-70-73, BE: 09  
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$20.3 million  
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04-24-34-45-57, Mega Ball: 19, Megaplier: 3x  
POWERBALL  
Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$366 million

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9	6	2	8	5	7	1	4	3
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