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Recovering from the storm

Left, Dan Kieser, the assistant manager at Helena Agra, reviews the aftermath of Thursday's storm, which ripped off portions of the roofs from two buildings on the property, located at the intersection of 700W and 350S. The storm hurled the detached sheet metal about half a mile into the adjacent field, Kieser said. Along with the damaged roof, the storm lifted one building off the foundation so much that Kieser said he'll need to raze it. (Photo by Chet Baumgartner) Above, the storm toppled over an empty 30,000-gallon, 35-foot tall fertilizer tank. **More photos on Page 3.** (Photo provided)

Americans mark Juneteenth with parties, events, reflection

By BIANCA VÁZQUEZ TONESS, ED WHITE and ADRIAN SAINZ

Associated Press
Detroit (AP) — Americans across the country this weekend celebrated Juneteenth, marking the relatively new national holiday with cookouts, parades and other gatherings as they commemorated the end of slavery after the Civil War.

While many have treated the long holiday weekend as a rea-

son for a party, others urged quiet reflection on America's often violent and oppressive treatment of its Black citizens. And still others have remarked at the strangeness of celebrating a federal holiday marking the end of slavery in the nation while many Americans are trying to stop parts of that history from being taught in public schools

"Is #Juneteenth the only federal holiday that some states have banned the teaching of its history

and significance?" Author Michelle Duster asked on Twitter this weekend, referring to measures in Florida, Oklahoma and Alabama prohibiting an Advancement Placement African American studies course or the teaching of certain concepts of race and racism.

Monday's federal holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they had been freed — two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued dur-

ing the bloody Civil War.

On Juneteenth weekend, a Roman Catholic church in Detroit devoted its service to urging parishioners to take a deeper look at the lessons from the holiday.

"In order to have justice we must work for peace. And in order to have peace we must work for justice," John Thorne, executive director of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, said to the congregation at

Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit. Standing before paintings of a Black Jesus and Mary, Thorne said Juneteenth is a day of celebration, but it also "has to be much more."

It was important to speak about Juneteenth during Sunday Mass, the Rev. Lorn Snow told a reporter as the service was ending.

"The struggle's still not over with. There's a lot of work to be done," he said.

Most Black Americans agree, according to a recent poll. A full 70 percent of Black adults queried in a

of Black adults queried in (Continued on Page 2)



A new face

Carissa Neuenschwander paints Evie Bates' face at Parlor City Market on Saturday morning. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

At least 6 killed, dozens injured across the U.S. in weekend shootings

By MATTHEW BROWN Associated Press

At least six people including a Pennsylvania state trooper were killed and dozens injured in a string of weekend violence and

mass shootings across the U.S.

The shootings in suburban Chicago, Washington state, Pennsylvania, St. Louis, Southern California and Baltimore follow a surge in homicides and other violence over the past several years that experts say accelerated during the coronavirus pandemic.

"There's no question there's been a spike in violence," said Daniel Nagin, a professor of public policy and statistics at Carnegie Mellon University. "Some of these cases seem to be just disputes, often among adolescents, and those disputes are played out with firearms, not with fists."

Researchers disagree over

the cause of the increase. Theories include the possibility that violence is driven by the prevalence of guns in America, or by less aggressive police tactics or a decline in prosecutions for misdemeanor weapon offenses, Nagin

As of Sunday evening, none of the weekend events fit the definition of a mass killing, because fewer than four people died at each location. However, the number of injured in most of the cases does match the widely accepted definition for mass shootings.

Here's a look at the shootings this weekend:

Willowbrook, Illinois

At least 23 people were shot, one fatally, early Sunday in a suburban Chicago parking lot where hundreds of people had gathered to celebrate Juneteenth, authorities said.

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Juneteenth celebrations

AP-NORC poll said "a lot" needs to be done to achieve equal treatment for African Americans in policing. And Black Americans suffer from significantly worse health outcomes than their white peers across a variety of measures, including rates of maternal mortality, asthma, high blood pressure and Alzheimer's disease.

Although end-of-slavery celebrations are new in many parts of the country, in Memphis, where the slave trade once thrived, the Juneteenth holiday has been celebrated since long before it became a designated federal holiday in 2021. The Tennessee Legislature passed a bill earlier this year making it a state holiday, as well.

Festivities there include a multi-day festival including food, music, arts and crafts, and cultural exhibitions in a tree-lined park in the city's medical district. The Memphis park once held an equestrian statue and the grave of slave trader and Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest. The statue and the body were moved in recent years.

Memphis is home to the National Civil Rights Museum located at the site of the old Lorraine Motel, the former Black-owned hotel where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in 1968. The museum is offering free admission on Monday to mark the holiday. At the museum, visitors can hear recorded speeches from civil rights leaders including King, Fannie Lou Hamer, Medgar Evers and others.

Ryan Jones, the museum's

Family suing San Diego cemetery after remains of Juneteenth trailblazer are missing from plot

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Relatives of a late Black businessman who helped popularize Juneteenth in San Diego are suing a cemetery after his remains were reported missing from the family's burial plot.

Greenwood Memorial Park and Mortuary informed the family that Sidney Cooper's body and casket were not in the plot where he was supposed to have been buried more than two decades ago. Cemetery staff discovered it was empty as they prepared to bury Cooper's wife, Thelma, who died in March.

Staff said they did not know the whereabouts of Cooper's remains, their daughter, Lana Cooper-Jones, told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

"I was absolutely distraught," Cooper-Jones said Friday of the moment she learned her father's body was missing.

Greenwood said it was working to rectify the problem.

"While the placement of this family's loved one occurred over 20 years ago under previous ownership and management, we recently discovered an issue with placement and are diligently working to confirm the placement of the loved one," the cemetery said in a statement.

The lawsuit filed Friday seeks to force the cemetery to find the patriarch's remains and compensate the children for damages. The court filing was aimed to coincide with Saturday's Cooper Family Foundation Juneteenth Freedom Festival at San Diego's Memorial Park

Cooper, who was 71 when he died in 2001, promoted Juneteenth for decades in his unofficial and affectionate role as "Mayor of Imperial Avenue," near where ran businesses including a barbershop and a produce store.

The family's Juneteenth celebrations grew from small events in the parking lot of Cooper's store to larger gatherings at a city park.

After his death, the family created the foundation to carry on his legacy and celebrate the Juneteenth festival. The June 19 holiday marks the day in 1865 when word that of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached the final slave holdout of Galveston, Texas, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the order freeing enslaved Black people.

Cooper-Jones told the Union Tribune that when her father died, they held a graveside service, but they didn't witness his casket being lowered into the ground.

Cemetery officials have said they might have an idea where his casket was buried, according to the family's attorneys, Eric Dubin and Annee Della

associate curator, said Juneteenth should be celebrated in the U.S. with the same emphasis that July 4 receives as Independence Day.

"It is the independence of a people that were forced to endure oppression and discrimination based on the color of their skin," Jones

The Juneteenth holiday, Jones said, should also be viewed as more than a day when people attend parties and cookouts. In fact, he said, it is a time to reflect on

rights veterans between World War I and World War II, and of course in the modern society, the protests, the demonstrations, the non-violence, the marches," Jones

"It acknowledges the sac-

rifices of those early civil

Weekend shootings

The DuPage County sheriff's office described a "peaceful gathering" that suddenly turned violent as a number of people fired multiple shots into the crowd in Willowbrook, Illinois, about 20 miles southwest of Chicago.

A motive for the attack wasn't immediately known. Sheriff's spokesman Robert Carroll said authorities were interviewing "persons of interest" in the shooting, the Daily Herald

A witness, Markeshia Avery, said the celebration was meant to mark Juneteenth, Monday's federal holiday commemorating the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they had been freed — two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

"We just started hearing shooting, so we dropped down until they stopped," Avery told WLS-TV.

Washington State

Two people were killed and two others were injured when a shooter began firing "randomly" into a crowd at a Washington state campground where people stayed to attend a nearby music festival on Saturday night, police said.

The suspect was shot in a confrontation with law enforcement officers and taken into custody, several hundred yards from the Beyond Wonderland electronic dance music festival.

A public alert advised people of an active shooter in the area and advised them to "run, hide or fight."

The festival carried on until early Sunday morning, Grant County Sheriff's Office spokesman Kyle Foreman said. Organizers then posted a tweet saying Sunday's concert was canceled.

Central Pennsylvania One state trooper was killed and a

second critically wounded just hours apart in central Pennsylvania on Saturday after a gunman attacked a state police barracks.

The suspect drove his truck into the parking lot of the Lewistown barracks about 11 a.m. Saturday and opened fire with a large-caliber rifle on marked patrol cars before fleeing, authorities said Sunday.

Lt. James Wagner, 45, was shot and critically wounded after encountering the suspect several miles away in Mifflintown. Later, Trooper Jacques Rougeau Jr., 29, was ambushed and killed by a gunshot through the windshield of his patrol car as he drove down a road in nearby Walker Town-

The suspect was shot and killed after a fierce gunbattle, said Lt. Col. George Bivens, who went up in a helicopter to coordinate the search for the 38-year-old suspect.

"What I witnessed ... was one of the most intense, unbelievable gunfights I have ever witnessed," Bivens said, lauding troopers for launching an aggressive search despite the fact that they were facing a weapon that "would defeat any of the body armor that they had available to them."

A motive was not immediately

St, Louis

An early Sunday shooting in a downtown St. Louis office building killed a 17-year-old and wounded nine other teenagers, the city's police commissioner said.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Commissioner Robert Tracy identified the victim who was killed as 17-year-old Makao Moore. A spokesman said a minor who had a handgun was in police custody as a person of interest.

Teenagers were having a party in an office space when the shooting broke out around 1 a.m. Sunday.

The victims ranged from 15 to 19 years old and had injuries including multiple gunshot wounds. A 17-yearold girl was trampled as she fled, seriously injuring her spine, Tracy said.

Shell casings from AR-style rifles and other firearms were scattered on the ground.

Southern California

A shooting at a pool party at a Southern California home left eight people wounded, authorities said Sat-

KABC-TV reported authorities were dispatched shortly after midnight Angeles.

The victims range in age from 16 to 24, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. They were taken to hospitals, and two were listed in critical condition, the statement said.

Authorities said they found another 16-year-old boy with a gunshot wound when they responded to a call about a vehicle that crashed into a wall nearby. **BALTIMORE**

Six people were injured in a Friday night shooting in Baltimore. All were expected to survive.

Officers heard gunshots in the north of the city just before 9 p.m. and found three men with numerous gunshot wounds. Medics took them to area hospitals for treatment.

Police later learned of three additional victims who walked into area hospitals with non-life-threatening gunshot wounds.

The wounded ranged in age from 17 to 26, Baltimore Police Department spokesperson Lindsey Eldridge said.

Weather

Monday, June 19, 2023 (24-hour observations at 10:14 p.m. Sunday) High: 81; Low: 55; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.99 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. East wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 85. East wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 85.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. **Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near

Heat wave triggers big storms, power outages in the U.S. Southeast

By SCOTT SONNER **Associated Press**

Forecasters warned people celebrating Father's Day outdoors to take precautions as triple-digit temperatures prompted heat advisories across much of the southern U.S., triggered thunderstorms that knocked out power from Oklahoma to Mississippi and whipped up winds that raised wildfire threats in Arizona and New

A suspected tornado struck near Scranton, Arkansas early Sunday, destroying chicken houses and toppling trees onto homes, the National Weather Service said. There were no immediate reports of serious inju-

Meteorologists said that dangerous and potentially record-breaking temperatures would continue into midweek over southern Texas and much of the Gulf Coast. Storms producing damaging winds, hail and possibly tornadoes could strike the lower Mississippi

"If you have outdoor

plans this #FathersDay, don't forget to practice heat safety! Take frequent breaks, stay hydrated, NEVER leave people/pets alone in a car!" the weather service office in Houston said on Twitter.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for north and central parts of his state after strong winds and severe weather caused widespread power outages on Saturday. On Sunday evening, more than 515,000 people were without electricity in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, according to PowerOutage. In Florida, the weather

service issued another heat advisory Sunday, this time mainly for the Florida Keys. Forecasters said heat index readings - the combination of high temperatures and oppressive humidity could reach between 108 degrees Fahrenheit and 112 degrees in places such as Key Largo, Marathon and Key West.



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Large boulders and newly planted perennials will greet visitors to the Barry and Doreen Steffen garden in Bellbrook. This ia a first-year landscape garden. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)

Steffen garden ready for tourists June 24, hosted by Master Gardeners

By BARBARA BARBIERI

Among the gardens to be visited on the Master Gardeners Garden Walk on Saturday, June 24, from noon to 4 p.m., will be at the home of Barry and Doreen Steffen, 590 Channing Way in Bellbrook. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, June 25.

The walk may be started at any of the four featured gardens and a \$5 ticket gives admission to all four.

Other sites include:

- Sam and Darlene Habegger, 326 Hickory Knoll (Willowbrook)
- Patti Isch, 301N 700E,
- Genie Meyer, 2059E 800N, Ossian



A boulder walled entertainment area graces the back yard of the Steffen home with hydrangeas to add a softening background to the area.



Six raised garden boxes, constructed by Barry, are filled with a variety of vegetables. A flagstone walkway around the property features ground cover plants in between the stones.

Storm damage

Above, Dan Kieser, the assistant manager at Helena Agra, points to the damaged field just south of his property. Prior to Thursday's storm, Kieser said, crops there had already grown several inches high, but the storm essentially destroyed them. Below, sheet metal from the roof is twisted up into jagged teeth due to the storm. (Photos by Chet Baumgartner)



Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

City:

Friday, 1:04 p.m., 400 block of South Jersey Street. Assisted animal shelter with welfare check on a dog with no shelter. Owner advised he will handle it.

Thursday, 1:24 p.m., Citgo. Report with concerns about pumps being tampered with.

County:

Thursday, 4:55 p.m., south Ind. 1 and east 1050S. Horses loose.

Thursday, 10:27 p.m., east 900S and south Meridian Road. Caller reported an ATV travelling with no headlights. ATV located. One juvenile transported home in Keystone.

Friday, 12:34 p.m., south 300E and east 200S. Tree branch on the east side of the road still stuck in tree. Highway Department notified.

Friday, 8:08 a.m., 8430 SE Jeff Rd., Warren. Vehicle traveling southeast on Jeff Road and veered off a curve in the roadway. The driver

lost control of the vehicle while the tires got caught in the gravel. The vehicle continued off the roadway and entered a ditch on the west side of the road. It appeared the vehicle rolled on the driver's side where it rolled into the ditch, travelling northwest through the ditch before coming to a stop upright and facing southeast off of the roadway. The driver was evaluated by medics at the scene for minor injuries, but refused further treatment. Wyatt's towed the vehicle.

Friday, 8:30 a.m., east 400N and north 100E. Abandoned vehicle on the east side of the intersection.

Ossian:

Thursday, 12:14 p.m., Silo Farms. Caller reported a possible fraud call from someone pretending to be Amazon.

Friday, 4:27 a.m., residence on Countryside Drive. Caller reported an individual had left the residence overnight while suffering from insomnia. Located walking

toward Ossian from Lancaster Central Elementary. Provided transport home.

ARRESTS

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

Tyler Stanley, 19, Warren; operating a vehicle without financial responsibility, a Class C misdemeanor.

Gwendolyn Marie Lambert, 33, Muncie; failure to appear, a Level 6 felony, possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor, driving while suspended with a prior suspension, a Class A misdemeanor, operating with a controlled substance in the body, a Class C misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond set.

Sean Patrick Foughty, 38, Ossian; domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond

High schoolers raise AP scores in 2022, improvement needed

By CASEY SMITH Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana high schoolers increased their Advanced Placement scores to prepandemic norms in 2022, but many are still short of passing, according to preliminary data released by the College Board.

Advanced Placement classes allow students to take college-level coursework and earn college credits while in high school — as long as they pass the end-of-year exams with a score of three, four or five. One is the lowest score a student can earn, while a five is the highest.

Overall, about 56 percent of Indiana 11th and 12th graders who took an AP exam earned a three or higher in 2022. The remainder of student test takers did not earn a high enough score on their exams to qualify for college credit, however.

But, Indiana is improving. In the past 10 years, the state has seen an overall uptick in the number of students who pass AP exams, growing from roughly 45 percent passing in 2012.

In 2019 — the last time AP tests were proctored before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic — 52 percent of students earned a passing score.

Equity gaps still persist. Black students' median score in 2022 was 2.0 — up from 1.9 in 2021 and 1.8 in 2012 — while White students' median was 2.8, up from 2.6 in 2021. Asian students earned a median score of 3.3, up from 3.1 in 2021.

Nationally, the median score earned in 2022 was a 2.9 across all student backgrounds. That's up from 2.7 the year before, and slightly higher than the national average of 2.8 before the pandemic.

How Hoosier students scored About 17 percent of all Hoosiers in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades — 44,129 students — took an AP exam in 2022, according to the new data.

That percentage has mostly remained unchanged since 2017, but is slightly higher than in 2012, when 15 percent of Indiana students took an exam. Black students were least likely to take an exam — only 8 percent did so in 2022. That's slightly below the national average, too, which showed that 10 percent of Black students across the U.S. took at

least one exam last year.

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Nationally, 18 percent of all 10th-12th graders took an AP test in 2022.

Although Indiana saw a 1 percent downtick in the number of students who took an AP exam from 2021 to 2022, the state's overall percentage of participating students has increased by 20 percent since 2012, when just 36,821 students took a test.

Students can take more than one test each year. In 2022, a total of 83,492 Indiana exams were turned in.



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'The attention span of a gnat.' I take objection to that.

It was a discussion about Major League Baseball's attempts to speed up the game.

Some guy on one of the Facebook groups for Chicago Cubs "fans" and yes, the quotes mean something — was demanding the other day that the pitch clock be removed and he was starting a petition to assail Commissioner Rob Manfred for this affront to his sensibilities.



Dave Schultz

That comment was followed shortly thereafter by a comment that the petition was a crazy idea. That comment was followed shortly thereafter by a comment from yours truly, saying that the second guy was absolutely right. I added "amen" to my observation.

The way things go during Facebook disputes is that yet another guy decided to weigh in on things. He said that just became the first objector and your friendly local journalist here had "the attention span of a gnat" does not mean that baseball should abandon its longstanding tradition of dragging everything out as long as humanly possible.

I'm not sure of the numbers, but this season, a pitcher has X amount of time to deliver the pitch after the batter steps into the batter's box. Also, the batter has Y amount of time to step into the batter's box.

If the deadline is not met by the pitcher, a ball is called. If the deadline is not met by the batter, a strike is

Since there are only four balls and three strikes available before the batter either walks to first base or walks back to the dugout, there is certainly an incentive to do what you're supposed to do within the prescribed time

I'm thinking of it in terms of pressure.

Sports, particular at the highest level, is all about pressure. Many have been the players who thrive on minor-league pitching who make it to the big show and find the guys are throwing faster and trickier than the guys in the minors. That's why one group of pitchers are in the majors and one group of guys are in the

It's been said that the hardest thing in sports is to hit a pitched ball with a round-barreled bat. I never played baseball at any level other than my days in grade-school Rookie League baseball back home, and I was definitely good-field and no-hit. Actually, I was more no-goodfield and no-hit. I loved the game, but succeeding Ron Santo as the Cubs' third baseman was never going to be

So I've been a fan of the Chicago National League Baseball Club all my life and, by extension, of MLB in

The changes in time were adopted to make the game more interesting to a society that runs at high speed all the time. A couple of years ago, the majors decided to put a man on second base to start extra innings. The thinking was that games would be much less likely to go beyond a 10th or 11th inning. Some still do, but not too often.

That was all about pressure. The pitch clock and the hitter's clock are also all about pressure. Exceptional players — pitchers and hitters — will rise to the challenge. Everything moves at a 21st-century pace.

I can keep track of several things all at the same time. As a reporter, it's a significant recommendation. As an editor, it has to be part of the job description.

The important thing is not to get distracted. Speeding up baseball helps me in that regard.

I like the change.

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Letters to the Editor Remembering Jim Harris

We are writing to thank the News-Banner, and especially Mark Miller, for the articles published on Memorial Day weekend remembering our brother and cousin, First-Lt. James Craig Harris and his death on Feb. 1, 1971, while serving as an Air Force pilot in Vietnam.

Mark did an incredible job interviewing various family members and capturing our memories, thoughts, and feelings in order to tell the story and legacy of Jim's life, our growing up years in the Liberty Center community, and his untimely death.

As you can tell from Mark's perceptive writing, the pain of Jim's death 52 years ago never goes away for our family and Jim's close friends. He was a special person in many lives and Mark excelled at telling that story.

We'll be forever grateful to the News-Banner for sharing these remembrances of Jim with the Wells County community during this year's Memorial Day obser-

On behalf of the entire Harris family,
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Vivek Ramaswamy runs on the unlimited optimism of the inexperienced

An unusual metabolism must propel Vivek Ramaswamy's rapid-fire fluency during peripatetic campaigning. And *something* keeps him slender while not counting calories, as at last Sunday's brunch of huevos rancheros followed by a hamburger topped with a fried egg

The first Republican millennial — he is 37 - torun for president sees a path to the presidential nomination: Reach the top three in Iowa, the top two in New Hampshire, then zoooooom. This is not much more implausible than businessman Wendell Willkie was when he won the 1940 nomination after registering zero percent in polls three months before the Republican convention. About governing, Ramaswamy has the limitless optimism of the inexperienced.

"Shutting down" the administrative state? Easy, he says, because much of it was created by rescindable executive orders. Returning the Federal Reserve to the single mandate of preserving the dollar as store of value? Statute be damned, the person he chooses to replace Chair Jerome H. Powell will acknowledge no other mandate.

Making Social Security and Medicare sustainable? Painless: Neither benefit cuts nor revenue increases needed because sustained 5 percent economic growth is attainable partly by "abandoning the climate cult, drilling more, fracking more, burning coal unapologetically.' Abolishing the Education Department? A piece of cake, and without congressional involvement: Civil service rules protect individuals, so mass layoffs are possible by executive fiat. And impoundment — the presidential power to not spend appropriated money — should be revived.

Congress might not cheerfully bid adieu to the power of the purse, but Ramaswamy might have the most capacious conception of presidential power institutional and pastoral — in this history of U.S.

Although he describes today's pandemic of wokeness as a disease — "a cultural cancer" — he also calls it a "symptom" of "a vacuum at the heart of our national soul." Americans, he says, are suffering a "void of purpose." This is an echo of 1979, when President Jimmy Carter addressed the nation about its supposed "crisis of confidence" striking "at the very heart and soul and spirit of our national will." Americans were, Carter sermonized, misunderstanding "human identity" and "longing for meaning." Actually, they were longing for competent government, not a presidential scolding.

Ramaswamy sensibly deplores what he calls the "waterfall of political accountability" — authority cascading from Congress to administrative agencies that often work their wills by pressuring private entities. He thinks the Biden administration's industrial policies — scattering subsidies like confetti — make corporation's "effete," flinching from competition. He is right about many such things, from the Fed's mission creep to the merits of meritocracy.

Ramaswamy and his wife, Apoorva, are the meritocracy incarnate: its energy, intelligence, discipline and creativity. And its boundless confidence in the plasticity of things under the touch of people trained to master society's messiness. He met his wife when, after Harvard, he was at Yale Law School and she, now a surgeon with 21 operations scheduled this week, was at Yale School

of Medicine.

George

Will

One of her husband's rare misfortunes in a life of swift and stratospheric ascent is that the 45th president tarnished the recurring idea that the nation

needs a president who thrived in the private sector and is innocent of political experience. Ramaswamy did not inherit wealth: His parents immigrated from India, settling in Cincinnati. He made hundreds of millions from biotech start-ups, and has published three books, so his preternatural confidence is understand-

But unconvincing, considering the political challenges he must surmount before, he hopes, he will confront governance challenges, such as the war in Europe. Ramaswamy favors "major concessions" to Russia: ending support for Ukraine in exchange for Vladimir Putin's pocket-

ing another portion (beyond Crimea) of Ukraine and promising better behavior (regarding arms control and Ramaswamy, who has not encountered many problems that are impervious to his charisma and certitude,

believes that a forcefully expressed presidential vision can conquer Washington's viscosity. When he has lived longer, he will know better. He is less than half the age of the Republican frontrunner, and if elected would be four years younger

than John F. Kennedy was when, at 43, he became the youngest elected president. Ramaswamy's is not a vanity candidacy: He is public spirited and wholesomely exasperated by what he correctly considers the unusual and unnecessary quantity of irrationality in public life today.

It is good that the political process is porous enough to be penetrated by an outsider who is a Roman candle of ideas, many of which merit a hearing. He might kindle a fire. Stranger things have happened. But not many.

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Chris Licht and the decline of journalism

Vivek

Ramaswamy

Before the recently fired CNN President Chris Licht fades into a Google search, it is important to reflect on what he tried to do and why it was equivalent to offering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a corpse.

In the lengthy Atlantic magazine interview that was used as the basis for his dismissal. Licht told writer Tim Alberta he sees newsrooms obsessing over various kinds of diversity,

but not the kind he thinks would help restore public confidence in news reporting: "A Black person, a brown person, and an Asian woman that all graduated from Harvard is not diversity."

Worldview affects how a story is covered and even whether it is covered. Ignoring a story is just as biased as shaping it to fit one's opinion.

David Remnick of The New Yorker interviewed New York Times publisher A.G. Sulzberger about the state of modern journalism. Sulzberger replied: "Should the role of journalists be to push for a certain cause or party or group or ideology or even a specific outcome on a specific issue? Or should the role of journalists be to independently follow the truth and try to arm the public with the facts and the context and the understanding it needs for this giant, diverse democracy to come together and self-

Monday's New York Times serves as one of many examples of the



Cal **Thomas**

is talking about when it comes to presenting facts and allowing the public to make up their own minds. On the front page of the digital edition nearly every opinion column, including the lead editorial, is anti-Trump, anti-DeSantis and one headlined "If the Supreme Court abolished Affirmative Action Here's What Women Need to Do."

opposite of what Sulzberger

There's an anti-John Roberts column to boot and another one in Tuesday's edition. In news stories the Times seems to favor only the ones that promote what they believe

Yes, opinion columns are just that, but where is the diversity of opinion? There hasn't been a consistent conservative at the Times since the late William Safire.

Many journalists attach labels to conservatives (even in their obituaries), such as "extreme," "right-wing," or "hard line," while rarely applying labels to liberals. When they do, "liberal" is intended as a compliment.

The Times, and much of broadcast and cable reporting on culture - from abortion, to climate, to gender assumes there is only one view and opposing views are to be ignored or ridiculed. It is the same with the economy. Any politician who wants to cut spending and reduce the size and reach of government is branded as uncaring about children and the poor. Contrary arguments are to be

ignored or stereotyped so that readers and viewers reach conclusions desired by those feeding them infor-

mation and often misinformation. Sulzberger and his colleagues appear to read and watch only those things that reinforce their views (many conservatives do the same). Why won't this influential publication include conservative columnists in the paper, other than the rare guest columnist? Does Sulzberger read the NY Post, or Washington Times? Does he ever watch Fox News or consult The Heritage Foundation to gauge the thinking of some conservatives? Has he spoken with pro-life people, including women who have had abortions and regret them? Has he met poor people who want to get their children out of failed public schools, but are kept from doing so by Democratic politicians in New York? Will someone show him this column? Would it matter?

Journalism is in trouble, largely of its own making. Trust is key to the success of any industry and when trust is lost it is difficult to get it back.

The late NBC News anchor David Brinkley once said, "It is impossible to be objective, so we must try to be

The days of fairness seem to have gone with the wind to the detriment of journalism and harm to the country. I think that is the point Chris Licht was attempting to make at CNN, a once credible news organization. That it cost him his job makes my point.

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What's happening at the Wells County **Public Library**

The Wells County Public Library takes its mission to "provide the community with access, knowledge and growth" very seriously and offers a variety of events each week for kids, teens, and adults.

Registration is preferred at most events. To sign up, go to www.wellscolibrary.org, click on the Library Event Calendar, navigate to the date of the event, and view more to get to the registration screen. Alternatively, call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian) to register.

Summer Reading

The library is "All Together Now" for this year's Summer ReadingSign up anytime from now until July 31 for the children's, teen, or adult program. All ages can earn prizes for reading books and participating in events featuring the togetherness theme. Prizes include Chamber Bucks, Amazon gift cards, children's toys, books, and more depending on your age level.

Also, sign up for a variety of summer events and weekly story sessions. Get more info at wellscolibary.org/summer

Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale At the Main Library (Bluffton)

Purchase used books, movies, magazines, art prints, and more. Friends of the Library members only sale will be Tuesday, June 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. Memberships will be available at the door. Then from Wednesday, June 21, through Saturday, June 24, the sale will be open for the public during library hours.

Calming Coloring

At the Ossian Branch Library: Every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

For adults. Stress busting afternoon featuring adult coloring in a restful setting with soft music and snacks. No registration need-

Tail Waggin Tutors and Therapy Dogs International At the Main Library (Bluffton)

For children. Does your child need practice reading? Read to Oria on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Read to our newest therapy dog, Reddington, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, also from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.. No registration needed.

Chalk the Block with Kindness at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Wednesday, June 21, 10 a.m. to noon.

All ages. Drop-in at the library to draw and create messages of kindness with sidewalk chalk. No registration needed.

Our Community Rocks

Wednesday, June 21: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. All ages of kids. Meet us at the Rock Creek Stone Quarry (781N-500W) for family tours. Registration required. Space is limited on each tour.

WCPL Teens Rock (paint)!

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Thursday, June 22, 3 to 4 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Share your creativity with the community by painting a rock or two. Give it a fun design, an inspirational quote, or even turn it into a fun character! These rocks will then be hidden around Wells County for others to find and share. Registration recommended.

Puzzle Pandemonium

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

It seems the days go fast-

er and there is much more to

do. I have a countdown to

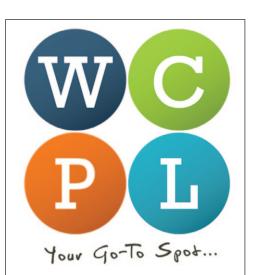
July 29 when we celebrate

the 175th anniversary of

Zanesville's founding. The

preparations still need to be

finalized.



Families or groups of up to five people will compete to see who can assemble the same puzzle the fastest. Sign up for the 200piece puzzle competition at 10 a.m., which will be followed by the 100-piece round at 1 p.m. Registration required.

River Clean-Up

Monday, June 26: 5:30 to $\bar{7}$ p.m.

Teens (ages 12 and older) and adults. Keep our community clean and learn about our local waterways! Meet at the Wabash Pavilion behind Hardee's for a short presentation and then stay to help pick up litter along the trail and banks of the Rivergreenway. This program is held in cooperation with the Parks Department and the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission. Registration recommended.

Golden Gamers

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, June 27: 3 to 5 p.m.

Adults. Are you bored? Do you need some social interaction? Come and enjoy two hours of socializing, games, and snacks. Registration appreciated.

Teen Advisory Board

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, June 28: 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Do you wish you had a say in teen programming at the library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board! You don't need to sign up--just show up for the TAB meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

Stuffed Animal Party at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Wednesday, June 28, 6 to 7 p.m.

Grades K-6. Bring your stuffed animals to the library and then enjoy stories and pizza. Registration required.

Community Connection K-9 Unit

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades K-6. Join us as we learn about Sgt. Deputy Andrew Campbell and his K-9 partner Leo and their work at the Wells County Sheriff's Department. Registration required.

Kids' Club at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Mondays through July 17 (except for July 3): 1 or 3

Grades K-4. "All Together Now" activities, crafts, and stories. Registration required.

^oLibrary Hours

At the main library in Bluffton — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the Ossian branch library — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Access the library online at www.wellscolibrary.org for digital books, magazines, online databases, event info, and more.



Participants in the Bluffton Optimist Club's Fishing Derby were are pictured at left.

In the top photo are, front row, left to right, Andrew Arnold, Harrison Kunkle, Ezra Buyer, Sophie Morgan, Kree Reinhard, Micah Buyer, Leah Arnold, Jacob Dunsmore and Brodie Morgan. In the back row are Huron Draper, Lennon Draper, Sullivan Draper Xyzavier Bagley, Hector Arnold, Riley Kelly, Olson Draper, Kree Bagley, David Dunsmore Lanie Evans and Quinton Dawson.

In the bottom photo are, front row, left to right, Clara McAfee, Caleb McAfee, Lucy Dunsmore, Bridget Evans, Bella O'dell, Grace McAfee, and Liam Schlechter. In the back row are Abel Schlechter, Landon Dunsmore, Eliza Kunkle and Lily Gerdom. Not pictured: Micah McAfee. Lily Morgan and Kinzie Mor-

Kids' Fishing **Derby held** at Ouabache

The Bluffton Optimist Club recently hosted its annual Kids Fishing Derby at Ouabache State Park with a total of 67 youth participating. Each youth had the opportunity to fish with their own equipment or use one of the poles provided by Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The participating youth also had the opportunity to draw for prizes that included various fishing tackle and poles that were sponsored by the Optimist Club.

The Bluffton Optimist Club meets at 6:45 a.m. Tuesdays at the Hoosier House Restaurant on the south edge of Bluffton.

Future club events for include the 4-H Fair pork chop dinner fundraiser, July 18, 4 to 7 p.m., and the 4-H Fair kids pedal tractor pull, July 19, with registration at 7 p.m. and competition at 7:30 p.m.

On Campus

Riley Zoll of Bluffton received a Jay Olson Memorial Essay in German Award at Albion College's Honors Convocation this spring. Faculty members annually recorgnize acacademic excellence with awards.

Zoll is majoring in German (emphasis language and culture for professions) with minors in English as a second language education and educational studies.

by Melba Edwards

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I need volunteers to be a part of the team to play the old-time team from Hunweek, ending June 29. You need to call Tara if Let's Read It!, a proyou want to be in the parade. The theme, of course, is the

175 Birthday. Get your beards ready and practice your hulu-hoop skills for contests. Also practice your line dancing. If you have been in the

car show and you did not get information in the mail, I may not have your address so look for a registration on the Facebook page.

The Zanesville Youth Program continues in its fourth week for the summer. On Tuesday, June 20, the program will include games, snacks, stories, and crafts at the church. On Thursday June 22, the group will be

walking to the Lions Club Ballpark to take on the Norwell Lady Knights softball team in some ZYP games. We will also enjoy some ballgame food. Wear your ZYP shirt and tennis shoes. If you have not registered I think you still can as the program goes on for another

Zanesville News

gram that began last week, continues at the Zanesville Community Church of God. They are getting ready for the Centershot archery program. You can now register for Centershot by picking up a form from the church office or on Facebook. The deadline to register is July 1.

They remind everyone that they are getting ready for the big rummage sale July 28 and 29 that is sponsored by the Women's Ministry. Call if you have donations. There will also be food at the church on those days.

The Zanesville Town Council will meet at regular meeting time of 6:30

Five Points fundraiser set Saturday

Five Points School will have a pancake and sausage breakfast, open to the community, from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24.

Free will donations will be accepted.

Five Points School is at the intersection of Jeff Road and Wells County Roads 1100S, and 500W in rural Chester Township in southern Wells County.

p.m. on Tuesday, June 20. All are welcome to attend this meeting that is held at the town building on Wayne

The Northeast Indiana Baseball Association inducted several into their Hall of Fame. Jarrett Grube, a DeKalb High School graduate and a pitcher for 5 Major League Basebasll organizations, was one of those inducted. Kip McWilliams, head coach at Indiana Tech for 16 years, was also added. The Colin Lister Award went to Canterbury Head Coach Pat McMahon and the Bob Parker Award to Justin Prince of WFFT-

Jarrod Parker, a Norwell High School graduate who pitched for the Oakland A's, was also voted into the Hall of Fame but due to previous committments, Parker will be inducted at the 2024

NEIBA banquet. A DeKalb senior, Parker Smith, received the Dick Crumback NEIBA Player of the Year. Smith, a pitcher and infielder, has signed to play college baseball at Wabash College.

Many of my readers like

to get info on train excursions in the area as they liked to take their grandchildren for a ride. Visit the Hoosier Velley Railroad Museum's website, hoosiervalley, org, for coming events. You can order tickets on line or call the depot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at 574-896-3950. The excursions are on Saturday and are approximately 45 minutes long. Ticket prices begin at \$10 and groups of six or more get \$2 off each ticket.

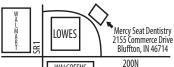
The site of the train ride is between North Judson and English Lake.

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West Virginia coach Bob Huggins resigns hours after DUI

By JOHN RABY AP Sports Writer

West Virginia basketball coach Bob Huggins has resigned a day after his arrest on suspicion of



drunken driving in the latest incident in a Hall of Fame career that imploded quickly. T h e

university announced **Bob Huggins** the resignation Saturday night. It came a

month after the university suspended him for three games for using an anti-gay slur while also denigrating Catholics during a radio interview.

The 69-year-old Huggins leaves as the third-winningest coach all-time in Division I with 935 career victories, behind only Mike Krzyzewski of Duke (1,202) and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse (1,015), both of whom are retired. Unlike the others, Huggins had no national titles, taking Cincinnati to the Final Four in 1992 and West Virginia in 2010.

Huggins had 16-year stints each with the Bearcats and Mountaineers. Both ended in the aftermath of arrests for drinking and

Huggins was charged with driving under the influence on Friday night after his SUV had

stopped in the middle of traffic in Pittsburgh with a shredded tire and the driver's-side door open at about 8:30 p.m. According to a criminal complaint, a breath test determined Huggins' blood alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit.

Huggins was charged with DUI, released from custody and will appear at a later date for a preliminary hearing, according to a police report.

In a statement to the West Virginia community on Saturday night, Huggins said: "Today, I have submitted a letter to President Gordon Gee and Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker informing them of my resignation and intention to retire as head men's basketball coach at West Virginia University effective immediately.'

In a separate statement Saturday night, West Virginia's athletic department said it accepted the resignation "in light of recent

"We support his decision so that he can focus on his health and family. On behalf of West Virginia University, we share our appreciation for his service to our University, our community and our state."

No replacement was immediately named for Huggins. The athletic department statement said that "in the days ahead, we will focus on supporting the studentathletes in our men's basketball program and solidifying leader-

Huggins said his recent actions do not represent the university's values or the leadership expected in his role as coach.

'While I have always tried to represent our University with honor, I have let all of you — and myself — down," he said. "I am solely responsible for my conduct and sincerely apologize to the University community — particularly to the student-athletes, coaches and staff in our program. I must do better, and I plan to spend the next few months focused on my health and my family so that I can be the person they deserve."

Huggins added that it was "the honor of my professional career' to lead the team at his alma mater. Born in Morgantown, he said it "will always be my home, and I will always be a Mountaineer. Thank you to everyone who has supported our program over the years. It has meant more to me and my family than you could ever

On Friday night, officers directed Huggins to move off the road so they could help with the tire, then activated their lights when they observed Huggins having trouble maneuvering the SUV to allow vehicles to pass. Upon questioning, officers suspected he was intoxicated and asked him to exit the vehicle. The report said he failed standard field sobriety tests, was taken into custody without incident and transported for further

It was Huggins' second such arrest. The other occurred in 2004, when he was the head coach at

In June 2004, Huggins pleaded no contest to driving under the influence in a suburb of Cincinnati and was ordered to attend a three-day intervention program. The University of Cincinnati suspended him indefinitely with pay and told Huggins to rehabilitate

Huggins was allowed to return to work two months later, saying that "I made a terrible mistake, and what bothers me most is I hurt other people. All I can do is work like crazy to be a better person, a better coach, be better at everything I do and make those people proud of me."

By 2005, Huggins' Cincinnati career was over; he was fired amid a power struggle with the school's president as well as the aftermath of the 2004 arrest.

After spending one season at Kansas State, Huggins took his dream job at West Virginia in

Last month, Huggins agreed to a three-game suspension, a \$1 million salary reduction and sensitivity training for using the slur during an interview with Cincinnati radio station WLW. Huggins was asked about the transfer portal and whether he had a chance of landing a player at West Virginia from Xavier, a Jesuit school.

"Catholics don't do that," Huggins said. "I tell you what, any school that can throw rubber penises on the floor and then say they didn't do it, by God they can

get away with anything. "It was the Crosstown Shootout. What it was, was all those (expletive), those Catholic (exple-

In a joint statement later that week, Gee and Baker said the university "made it explicitly clear to Coach Huggins that any incidents of similar derogatory and offensive language will result in immediate termination."

Huggins' salary of \$4.15 million had been reduced by \$1 million after the slur. That reduction was to be used to directly support WVU's LGBTQ+ Center, as well as a mental health center at the university and other groups that support marginalized communities. At the time, he was suspended for the first three games of the 2023-24 season. In addition, his contract was amended from a multiyear agreement to a year-byyear agreement that began on May

Huggins entered the Basketball Hall of Fame last September. In 41 seasons, his teams have gone to 25 NCAA Tournaments, finished ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press poll seven times and finished under .500 five times. The Mountaineers have 11 NCAA Tournament appearances under

David Freese declines his induction into the St. Louis Cardinals' Hall of Fame

David Freese

decided to decline his induction into the St. Louis Cardinals' Hall of Fame.

The former third baseman was a postseason hero for his hometown team in helping the Cardinals win the 2011 World Series. He was chosen for the Hall of Fame by fans, garnering the most votes in online balloting for this year's class.

But in a statement Saturday, the Cardinals said Freese recently informed them he wanted to withdraw his candidacy. That leaves José Oquendo and Max Lanier to be enshrined during ceremonies on Aug. 20.

'This is something that I have given an extreme amount of thought to, humbly, even before the voting process began. I am aware of the impact I had helping the team bring great memories to the city I grew up in, including the 11th championship, but this honor means more to me," Freese said in the

One of baseball's most storied and successful franchises, the Cardinals count the likes of Lou Brock, Bob Gibson, Rogers Hornsby and Stan Musial among members of their robust Hall of Fame.

Freese was the MVP of the 2011 World Series and NL Championship Series. He batted .397 with five home runs and 21 RBIs in 18 postseason games that year.

With the Cardinals down to their final out in Game 6 of the World Series against Texas, he hit a two-run triple that tied the score in the bottom of the ninth inning. His leadoff homer in the 11th gave them a 10-9 victory that forced Game 7, which St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — David Freese has won 6-2 with the help of Freese's two-run

Freese spent his first five major league seasons with the Cardinals, hitting .286 with 44 homers, 237 RBIs and a .783 OPS. He was traded to the Los Angeles Angels, and later played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Los Angeles Dodgers. "I look at who I was during my

tenure, and that weighs heavily on me. The Cardinals and the entire city have always had my back in every way. I'm forever grateful to be part of such an amazing organization and fan base then, now and

in the future," Freese said. "I'm especially sorry to the fans that took the time to cast their votes. Cardinal Nation is basically the reason why I've unfortunately waited so long for this decision and made it more of a headache for so many people. I feel strongly about my decision and understand how people might feel about this. I get it. I'll wear it. Thank you for always being there for me, and I am excited to be around the Cardinals as we move forward.'

The 40-year-old Freese attended St. Louis Community College and went to high school in the city's suburbs. The Cardinals said he "plans to remain an active member of the team's alumni activities and fan-relat-

"Although we are disappointed that David has declined to be inducted into our Hall of Fame, we respect his decision and look forward to celebrating his great Cardinals career in other ways going forward," Cardinals President Bill DeWitt III said. "He is always welcome at Busch Stadium."

Cubs place Wisdom on 10-day injured list with a wrist sprain

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs placed infielder Patrick Wisdom on the 10-day injured list on Saturday with a right wrist sprain.

Manager David Ross said Wisdom has been dealing with the issue for about two weeks. But he aggravated the injury when he was playing left field on Friday and tried to make a diving catch on Anthony Santander's leadoff double in the sixth inning of a 10-3 win over Baltimore.

"How serious? I don't think it's surgery," Ross said, "but it definitely needs some medicine and some downtime."

Wisdom went 0 for 2 with two strikeouts before he was replaced by a pinch hitter in the bottom half of the sixth on Friday. He is 5 for 54 with 27 Ks in his last 18 games, but he leads the Cubs with 14 homers this season.

Ross said Wisdom will travel with

the team to London for its two-game series against St. Louis next weekend. "He'll go to London with us, be

able to work in the cage and hopefully it feels better," Ross said. "We can get him to get some at-bats to get his rhythm and timing back.

"He's an important piece, especially the way he hits lefties, and you could tell yesterday he just wasn't himself

The Cubs also activated left-hander Justin Steele from the 15-day IL. Infielder Edwin Ríos was reinstated from the 10-day IL and optioned to Triple-A Iowa.

Steele pitched five innings of tworun ball in Saturday's 3-2 victory over the Orioles. The 27-year-old pitcher was placed on the IL on June 3 with a left forearm strain.

to 8 with win over Astros **BV KRISTIE RIEKEN** inning. But Alex Young retired Kyle Tucker for his **AP Sports Writer** HOUSTON (AP) just before the tag. first save. India, Fraley and Spen-"He's just a great base

Reds extend winning streak

Rookie Elly De La Cruz and Jake Fraley both drove

in runs in a three-run 10th that lifted the Cincinnati Reds to a 9-7 win over the Houston Astros Sunday.

It's Cincinnati's eighth straight victory, which is the longest active streak in the majors and the team's longest since winning 10 straight in July

"The magic you see is just a culture that's been created. ... You guys are just seeing what's been specifically worked on and we're trying to cultivate since spring training started and quite honestly, since toward the end of last year," Fraley

Nick Senzel started the 10th as the automatic runner on second and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by TJ Friedl. The Reds took the lead when Senzel scored on an error by third baseman Alex Bregman when he overthrew first base.

Seth Martinez (1-3) plunked Jonathan India before an RBI single by De La Cruz made it 8-6. Fraley grounded out to score another run and pad the lead.

"That game today was impressive," manager David Bell said. "It was a great road trip, but today it wasn't a perfect game. We overcame mistakes with a lot of great play. That's what it's

Bregman cut the lead to 9-7 with a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the cer Steer all homered as the

Reds rallied from a threerun deficit to take a 6-5 lead in the eighth.

Τ h Astros tied it in the ninth on an RBI single by

Chas McCormick off Ian Gibaut (7-1) to send it to the

There was one out in the eighth when India connected on his home run to right field to put the Reds on top. It was his second straight game with a home run after hitting a two-run homer in Saturday's 10-3 victory.

Fraley, who had three RBIs, homered in the second in his return from the injured list and Steer tied it with a two-run shot in Cincinnati's 3-run sixth.

The reigning World Champions were swept for the first time this season and tied a season high with their fourth consecutive loss. Bregman finished a home run shy of the cycle and Corey Julks homered early as Houston built a 5-2 lead before Cincinnati's late rally.

"It wasn't a very good weekend," manager Dusty Baker said. "We made a few mistakes this weekend that cost us. And when you're playing a hot club, if you give them opportunities they capitalize on it."

Matt McLain singled to open the sixth before De La Cruz flashed his speed with a one-out single. Cruz hit a grounder that José Abreu slid to grab a few feet behind first base. He jumped up and dashed to first, but De La Cruz slid in headfirst

runner," Bell said. "He has some incredible instincts ... (and) he has the speed to go with it.' Fraley followed with a

single that scored McLain, but he was out trying to stretch it into a double. Steer then smacked his 10th homer to left-center to chase Ronel Blanco and tie it at 5-all.

Blanco allowed seven hits and five runs in 5 2/3 innings. Cincinnati's Luke Weaver yielded a seasonhigh 10 hits with five runs in five innings.

Bregman tripled with one out in the fourth on a ball hit to right field. It bounced over the head of diving right fielder Will Benson and toward the wall. He grabbed it and got it to India, whose errant throw sailed into the stands for an error that allowed Bregman to score and make it 4-2.

The Astros pushed it to 5-2 when Tucker walked and scored on a two-out double by Diaz.

Bregman got things going with a one-out double in the first before scoring on a single by Tucker. There were two outs in the inning when Diaz singled. McCormick singled on a line drive to left field to score Tucker and make it 2-0.

Fraley's solo shot came with one out in the second to cut the lead to 2-1.

Julks led off the bottom of the inning with his home run to the seats in left field to push Houston's lead to 3-1. Benson walked to open the

third and stole second before moving to third on a single by Kevin Newman. The Reds cut it to 3-2 when Benson scored on a single by Friedl.

Torkelson, Carpenter homer as Tigers beat Twins to take 3 of 4

By MIKE COOK **Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Spencer Torkelson and Kerry Carpenter hit back-to-back homers during Detroit's five-run fifth inning, and the Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4 on Sunday.

Carpenter and Andy Ibáñez each had three hits for the Tigers, who won three of four in the series after beginning June by losing 11 of 12.

Brendan White (1-0), the third of Detroit's seven pitchers, tossed two scoreless earnings for his first career win. The Tigers also went with an opener on Friday, using six pitchers in a 7-1 victory.

"It's just next man up, being ready, going out, executing pitches and getting outs," White said.

It was the third major league appearance for the 24-year-old White, who planned to track down a memento of some sort from his memorable afternoon.

"I'm sure I'll grab something at some point, but the experience was

enough for me," he said.

Carlos Correa had two hits for Minnesota, which had won four of five before faltering in the series against Detroit. The Twins hit .190 in the series.

We have to have better at-bats," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "We have to hit more balls on the barrel. We didn't have a good enough series offensively to sit here and say we should have won these games."

In the finale, the Twins rallied in the eighth against a wild Alex Lange. The right-hander faced five batters, walking two, hitting two, throwing a wild pitch and allowing an RBI double.

Lange was replaced by Jason Foley with the bases loaded and nobody out. Royce Lewis hit an RBI single to make it 6-4, but Foley limited the damage by retiring Kyle Farmer on a fly ball to left before striking out Joey Gallo and Byron Buxton. Buxton is 0 for 13 with

eight strikeouts since

returning from the injured

list Thursday.

Foley added a scoreless ninth for his third save.

"I don't want the eighthinning stress to be the story of the day," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. "I think the way our guys hung in there and handled the bullpen day, the way that we hung in there and had a really big inning on offense is a really good testament to winning three out of four on the road which is hard to do."

Twins starter Louie Varland (3-3) allowed six runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings. He has surrendered 17 earned runs over 15 innings his past three

The Tigers batted around in the fifth. Jake Marisnick hit a leadoff triple and scored on Torkelson's one-out drive halfway up the lower deck in left-center. Carpenter followed with his fifth homer.

single and Miguel Cabrera delivered a sacrifice fly against Jordan Balazovic for a 6-1 lead. Detroit has scored at least five runs in seven of eight games.

Ibáñez added an RBI

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News-Banner Scoreboard Mateo, Frazier help Orioles rally for win against Cubs

By PATRICK ROSE **Associated Press**

CHICAGO (AP) - Adam Frazier and Jorge Mateo each hit an RBI single during Baltimore's three-run sixth inning, and the Orioles cooled off the Chicago Cubs with a 6-3 win on Sunday.

Anthony Santander homered for Baltimore, and Ramón Urías drove in two runs. Austin Hays had three of the team's 14 hits.

The Orioles had won six of seven when they arrived in Chicago. But they dropped the first two of the weekend series by a combined score of 13-5. Baltimore right-hander Dean Kremer

(8-3) struck out seven while working five innings of three-run ball. Félix Bautista pitched a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 23 chances. The Orioles have not been swept since

a three-game series at Detroit from May 13-15, 2022. They haven't been swept by an NL team since May 21-23, 2021, at Wash-Chicago had won a season-high five

straight. Mike Tauchman and Christopher Morel homered for the Cubs, who finished with three hits.

Ryan O'Hearn sparked Baltimore's winning rally with a leadoff single in the sixth against Jameson Taillon (2-5). O'Hearn advanced to third on Aaron Hicks' double and scored on Urías' sacrifice fly, tying it at 3.

O'Hearn and Hicks have been key contributors for Baltimore with Cedric Mullins and

Ryan Mountcastle sidelined by health issues. Anthony Kay then replaced Taillon, and Frazier and Mateo hit RBI singles to give the Orioles a 5-3 lead.

Chicago had runners on second and third after a double steal in the seventh, but Yennier Cano retired Nico Hoerner on a grounder to second for the final out.

Adley Rutschman added an insurance run with an RBI double off Hayden Wesneski in the ninth. Rutschman hit a two-run homer in the Orioles' 3-2 loss on Saturday.

Chicago jumped in front when Tauchman launched his first career leadoff homer on Kremer's first pitch of the game. Tauchman also made a nice defensive play in the top half of the first, throwing out Hays when he tried to score on Santander's flyout.

Santander led off the fourth with his 10th homer on a 3-2 pitch by Taillon. Urías added an RBI single later in the inning.

The Cubs responded with two runs in the bottom half, taking advantage of some shoddy defense by the Orioles.

Cody Bellinger reached third when O'Hearn misplayed his two-out liner to right for an error. Morel followed with his 13th homer, a drive to left-center on a 3-1 pitch.

Morel was recalled from Triple-A Iowa on May 8. He has played in just 31 games this year with Chicago.

Bradley Beal being traded to Phoenix by Washington

By TIM REYNOLDS **AP Basketball Writer**

Bradley Beal will soon be part of the NBA's newest Big 3, after the threetime All-Star agreed Sunday to be traded to the Phoenix Suns and team up with Kevin Durant and Devin Booker in a trio with serious offensive firepower and championship aspirations.

The Suns agreed to send Chris Paul, Landry Shamet and a package of future second-round picks to Washington, according to a person with knowledge

of the negotiations. Some pick swaps will also be part of the trade, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal is pending league approval.

The biggest domino to fall was this: Beal waived his no-trade clause to be sent to the Suns, agent Mark Bartelstein said Sunday. There is a chance that the trade could eventually include a third team, particularly if a club wants to acquire Paul, but the basic framework is done.

For Phoenix, a franchise that had a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals against Milwaukee in 2021 before falling in six games, the motivation is obvious — to win a title. The Suns will be different this coming season; Frank Vogel is succeeding the fired Monty Williams (who is now in Detroit) as coach, Paul will no longer be the starting point guard who is still searching for his first championship, and Durant and Booker will have a training camp together for the first time.

Verstappen ties Senna in F1 wins as Red Bull for 100th win

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

When he won the pole in the pouring rain, Max Verstappen was quick to explain that it had been his father who would stand on the wet track during his early days of karting and point him to the correct driving

So when Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix on Father's Day — a 41st victory that tied the Dutchman for fifth on the all-time Formula One wins list with the late Ayrton Senna and gave Red Bull its 100th win as an organization — he was quick to salute the man who had molded him into the two-time reigning world champion.

The 25-year-old reminisced of the days he and Jos Verstappen traveled by van throughout Europe to his karting races, the father hoping to raise a winner. Jos Verstappen made 107 F1 starts and was once a teammate of Michael Schumacher.

'Without him I would not sit here today," Verstappen said of his father. "He has taught me and prepared me for so much, from a very young age. He had this goal, he had this goal set for me to first of all be better than him. And then try to get to Formula One, you know?

"We still call every day. I mean right before the race, I was still talking to him about what we were going to do with that strategy. He likes to know. Even when he's not here. It's just nice to have that kind of relationship with your dad."

The Dutchman's repeat win in Montreal extended his season-long dominance.

Verstappen won for the sixth time this season — the fourth in a row — and Red Bull remained a perfect 8 for 8 on the year.

Tying Senna was simply a byproduct of his success. "I hate to compare different generations,"

Verstappen said, deflecting. "From my side, the only thing I can say is when I was a little kid driving and karting, I was dreaming about being a Formula One driver. I never imagined to win 41.

"And of course I'm proud of that. But of course I hope it's not stopping here. I hope that we can keep on winning races."

Lewis Hamilton holds the all-time record with 103 wins, but the seven-time champion said in Canada he expected Verstappen to surpass the mark eventually. Verstappen was quick to note that as Red Bull celebrated its 100th win, he alone was responsible for 41

"We'll talk about maybe a new contract because of that," he said with a laugh.

Red Bull principal Christian Horner radioed his gratitude when Verstappen crossed the finish line.

Verstappen. "Fantastic. And thank you for producing that race victory." Hamilton and the rest of the field had

hoped to give Verstappen a challenge at Cir-

"A century for the team," Horner told

cuit Gilles Villeneuve, where rain throughout the weekend scrambled the competition and created optimism that Red Bull legitimately would be challenged.

Fernando Alonso thought he had a shot, and it was improved when Nico Hulkenberg was given a qualifying penalty that moved Alonso to the front row next to Verstappen for the start.

But Hamilton, starting alongside Mercedes teammate George Russell on the second row, got a surprise jump on Alonso and snagged second place at the start. Verstappen still easily pulled away from both, and on the first dry day of the weekend in Montreal, rolled to another easy win.

The one bright spot for everyone chasing Verstappen was that his margin of victory over Alonso was only 9.5 seconds. Only?

Yes. It was the closest race of the season because Verstappen has been so dominant that he typically wins by 20-plus seconds a race. In fact, Alonso himself noted following Saturday qualifying that the only way to even pressure Verstappen was to be "two seconds behind them. Not 20 seconds behind them.'

"Probably not our best race, but still to win by nine seconds, I think shows that we have a great car," Verstappen said of the margin of victory.

It wasn't an overwhelming Red Bull rout; Sergio Perez, who had hoped to "reset" his season in Canada, was a distant sixth. Perez has been so underwhelming of late that Alonso answered a simple "yes" when asked if he can pass Perez in the champion-

Perez is second in the standings with just a nine-point lead over Alonso. Verstappen leads Red Bull teammate Perez by 69

Hamilton finished third for his second consecutive podium and was followed by Ferrari teammates Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz Jr.

Alex Albon of Williams was seventh and followed by Esteban Ocon of Alpine.

Lando Norris of McLaren, who earlier in the race received a five-second penalty for unsportsmanlike behavior, waged a frantic last-lap battle that thrilled the fans who had sat through an otherwise predictable Verstappen parade. Norris complained on his radio that the rear wing on the Alpine was flapping and a danger to him as the trailing

Norris chased Ocon for the final lap and the two had a wheel-to-wheel battle into the final chicane, where Norris had to bail out on the game of chicken. Norris dropped from ninth to 13th.

Lance Stroll was ninth for Aston Martin, a disappointment for the only Canadian in the field. His father owns Aston Martin and Lawrence Stroll had expected both of his cars to make the podium.





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Avoiding 'unsocial media'

Dear Annie: The reports of teens sary help, you being bullied and committing suicide might have saved are distressing. Bullying is not a new problem, but it's a different world these days because of social media, which I call "unsocial" media.

My oldest grandson is now 35 and has a fantastic life. My youngest grandson, "Joe," will graduate from high school this year. The "unsocial" media makes a tremendous difference. With the oldest grandson, when he was bullied, the police got involved when money. the school was ineffective. That made the difference, especially in calling off the bullies before it was too late.

With Joe, after the family had enough bullying, they went to the school and he was given special privileges for protection for the school year. He is more confident about safe and unsafe places and does not have this now. He has a small group of friends he contacts directly. He is transported to and from school by family and stays off the "unsocial" media. If there is anything about him on it, he doesn't see it. Anyone who would be influenced by it wouldn't be a friend. The bullies are shown to be what they are.

it. He spends his time studying, which is a positive. He will graduate with honors soon and looks forward to college with mature people and hopes the bullies mature also.

The internet is there forever, apparently, and will follow the bullies, not the victim. The past can resurface, especially on the political scene, and can cost the bullies dearly. — Proud

Dear Proud Grandma: Your grandson certainly sounds like a brave young man. I am printing your letter because you highlight some very important points. Bullying is extremely serious and needs to be taken as such. nie@creators.com. By getting your grandson the neces-

his life.

Dear Annie: Below are some suggestions for people who would like to help out homecats and dogs:

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Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

• Have your children, the neighborhood kids or the class at school hold a fundraiser and donate the money. Hold a bake sale, candy sale or car wash, or just bring in all your pennies. Every little bit helps. In doing this, you will be making the next generation aware of the problem. Maybe they can help prevent this problem in the future.

It's a good idea to call the shelter and ask how you can help or what they Media only has the power you give need. Rags? Toys? Scratching posts? Food or litter? Climbing posts? — Concerned Animal Lover

Dear Concerned Animal Lover: All great suggestions to help with a very serious problem. Sign me an animal lover as well. Let's all be kind to each other and all living beings. Thank you!

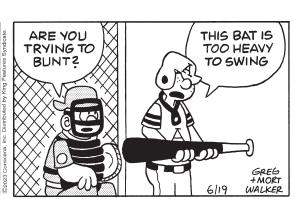
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society? -S.P.A: Much of the world says to God, "We work for peace and bring social justice according to our way — we don't need You." Man's schemes are patchwork remedies that a sick and dying world

God prescribes the remedy for the ills of the human race. That remedy is personal faith and commitment to Christ. This happens when we humble ourselves in repentance of sin against Him and call out to Jesus for His forremedy for the ills of the human race

When we're sick, we see a doctor who prescribes medication. If we decide to ignore the advice and refuse the prescription, the symptoms can grow worse. Should we hold the doctor responsible? No, because we've refused the remedy.

The disease of sin that has infected the entire world has a remedy -God's salvation — but it must be received. If we refuse it, we suffer the consequence; we cannot

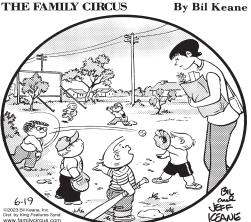
blame God. People magazine once

carried the story of Lem Banker who said, "Never bet what you want to win, only what you can afford to lose." No one can afford to lose their eternal soul. The Man we often refer to as the Great Physician is based on Jesus words: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance (Mark 2:17). The remedy is clear: receive Jesus today.

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

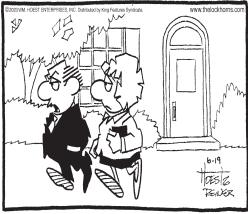
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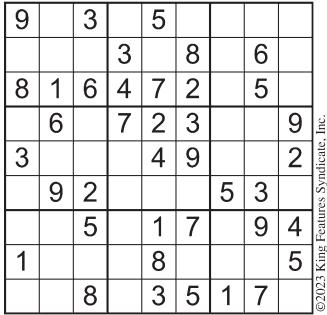
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02-12-45-61-64; Powerball: 26; Power Play: 2X

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43-45-46-47-58-62-64-66-75-78-80, BE: 43

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IN THE WELLS CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NUMBER: 90C01-2305-JC-000021 IN THE MATTER OF: KS - DOB 4/7/2008

A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

DEREK STUMP (FATHER)
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF

SERVICES HEARING TO: Derek Stump Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent 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 LC 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED 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 7/24/2023 at 10:30 AM.

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.

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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 attor-ney 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, judg-ment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

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POWERBALL

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIÈR LOTTERY

Cash4Life — 19-24-26-51-59, Cash Ball: 04 **Quick Draw Midday** — 07-10-13-16-21-23-25-39-40-

Daily Four-Midday — 09-06-09-07, SB: 04 **Daily Four-Evening** — 05-02-06-04, SB: 03

Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$20.5 million

Public

BIDDING ENDS JUNE 23 - (Online Only Auction) - Golfo Di Napoli Realty, LLC, seller's. 7916 South Warren Road, Warren, IN. "State of the Art Organic Cheese Manufacturing Facility." Tract 1: Modern 31,000 SF manufacturing building with retail area on 40+/- acres. Tract 2: Complete line of Italian cheese processing equipment. Tract 3: Combination of Tract 1 and 2. Brandon Steffen, sale manager, The Steffen Group Inc., (260)

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Attorney General Garland keeps poker face after Trump charges

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WASHINGTON (AP) —
On his first day as attorney general, Merrick Garland pledged a return to what he called the "norms" of the Justice Department and said he would work to eliminate the perception of political interference. But in the two years since he took office, the former federal judge has found himself in the middle of a political firestorm of historic proportions.

The case against Donald Trump — the first former president to face federal criminal charges — brought a crush of protesters to the Miami courthouse last week, as well as a torrent of social media broadsides from Trump and an onslaught of criticism from Republicans.

The decision to charge Trump, who is running for president again, is perhaps the most consequential in the history of the Justice Department. The ultimate call on that came from Garland, whose demeanor leans to the mild.

Even the day when prosecutors informed Trump about the charges was outwardly quiet in the halls of the stately Justice Department headquarters. That stillness carried into the night amid the furor unleashed when the former president broke the news on his social media platform.

It was hardly the first time that Garland had kept a poker face while under a high-profile glare. He had stayed mum when his nomination for the Supreme Court by President Barack Obama in 2016 languished long enough to break a century-old record before it expired.

Garland spent two decades as a judge, and that experience seemed to come through in his folded hands and stoic expression when he made his public comments on Wednesday about the charges against Trump. The attorney general stressed that he had followed the rules and regula-

tions for special counsels and he punctuated each word as he defended investigator Jack Smith as a "veteran career prosecutor."

"We live in a democracy. These kind of matters are adjudicated through the judicial system," Garland said as he took about three minutes worth of questions from two of the gathered reporters at the start of a meeting with U.S. attorneys on violent crime.

That repeated mantra of commitment to the rule of law has not soothed Republicans who are standing by the indicted former president and reframing the charges as an unfair political persecution.

Those close to Garland say he has long had a careful, thoughtful presence and does what is needed, with few outward displays of emotion. Still, this moment is likely not an easy one, said friend Robert Post, a professor at Yale Law School who first got to know Garland when they served as clerks together in

the late 1970s

"I'm sure he is saddened by the spectacle of a former president being indicted for the kinds of crimes that we see Trump indicted for," Post said. "He's the least partisan person that I know. He cares about the law first and foremost."

Smith's appointment as special counsel after Trump announced his 2024 presidential campaign was another effort to uphold Justice Department norms and the principle that the agency follows the facts and the law, not politics, said Anthony Coley, who previously served as Garland's chief spokesman at the department.

"For the attorney general, the rule of law is not just some lawyer's turn of phrase. For him, the rule of law is foundational element of our democracy," he said.

It was Smith, a former war crimes prosecutor, who stood up alone behind a podium the day after the Trump charges became public to declare: "We have one

set of laws in this country and they apply to everyone."

That appearance also carried visual cues to the separation between Garland and Smith

Smith did not speak from the neoclassical headquarters where Garland works, but held his news conference in the sleek building across town where he has been working. The special counsel attended the arraignment where Trump pleaded not guilty to illegally hoarding classified documents. Smith sat in the front row behind his team of prosecutors.

He is empowered to decide whether any charges should be brought, though Garland retains ultimate oversight of his work.

Trump announced on June 8 that he had been indicted, and according to the White House, Biden learned of the 37 felony counts against the former president through news coverage. Biden was asked the next day whether he had

talked to Garland about the case. "I have not spoken to him at all," Biden told reporters. "I'm not going to speak to him."

Garland was confirmed by the Senate in March 2021 on a bipartisan vote, with both Democrats and Republicans saying he had the right record and temperament for the moment. He was a federal appeals court judge for more than two decades after a stint in the Justice Department where he earned a reputation for meticulous preparation in the prosecution of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Garland's handling of the release of another special counsel investigation was similarly low key. The review of the origins of the FBI's investigation of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, carried out by special counsel John Durham, originally started under Trump. When it was completed under Garland, the report was released with few redactions.

First U.S. deep water port for the Arctic to host cruise ships, military

By MARK THIESSEN Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The cruise ship with about 1,000 passengers anchored off Nome, too big to squeeze into the tundra city's tiny port. Its well-heeled tourists had to shimmy into small boats for another ride to shore.

It was 2016, and at the time, the cruise ship Serenity was the largest vessel ever to sail through the Northwest Passage.

But as the Arctic sea ice relents under the pressures of global warming and opens shipping lanes across the top of the world, more tourists are venturing to Nome — a northwest Alaska destination known better for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and its 1898 gold rush than luxury travel.

The problem remains: There's no place to park the big boats. While smaller cruise ships are able to dock, officials say that of the dozen arriving this year, half will anchor offshore.

That's expected to change as a \$600 million-plus expansion makes Nome, population 3,500, the nation's first deep-water Arctic port. The expansion, expected to be operational by the end of the decade, will accommodate not just larger cruise ships of up to 4,000 passengers, but cargo ships to deliver additional goods for the 60 Alaska Native villages in the region, and military vessels to counter the presence of Russian and Chinese ships in the Arctic.

It's a prospect that excites business owners and officials in Nome, but concerns others who worry about the impact of additional tourists and vessel traffic on the environment and animals Alaska Natives depend on for subsistence.

The expansion will "support our local economy and the local artists here, the Indigenous artists having access to the visitors and teaching and sharing our culture and our language and how we how we make our beautiful art," said Alice Bioff, an Inupiaq resident of Nome.

Bioff was a tour guide who greeted the Serenity's passengers when they arrived in 2016. One of the guests admired her cloth kuspuk, a traditional Alaska Native garment similar to a smock, and wanted to know if it was water resistant.

It wasn't, but the interaction inspired Bioff to create her own line of waterproof jackets styled like kuspuks. She now sells to tourists and locals alike from her own Naataq Gear gift store, a retail spot in the post office building, where about 20 Alaska Native artists offer ivory carvings, beadwork or paintings through consignment.

Studies show that cruise ship passengers typically spend about \$100 per day in Nome, city manager Glenn Steckman said.

With the expansion, he's hoping guests on larger cruise ships will extend their stays to experience more of Nome and the tundra, to view wild musk ox, or to sip a drink at the 123-year-old Board of Trade Saloon.

Climate change is making this all possible.

Nome, founded after gold was discovered in 1898, has seen six of its 10

warmest winters on record just in this century. The Bering Strait shipping lanes have gotten only busier since 2009, going from 262 transits that year to 509 in 2022.

"We're going to be the first deep-draft Arctic port but probably not going to be the last," Nome Mayor John Handeland said.

The Bering Sea ice on average reaches Nome in late November or December, about two or three weeks later than it did 50 years ago, said Rick Thoman, a climate specialist at the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

In 2019, mushers in the Iditarod, who normally drive their dog teams on the Bering Sea ice to the finish line in Nome, were forced onto the beach because of open water. The ice season will only get shorter, Thoman said.

The existing port causeway was completed in the mid-1980s. The expansion will be completed in three phases and effectively double its size. The first part of the project is funded by \$250 million in federal infrastructure money with another \$175 million from the Alaska Legislature. Field work is expected to begin next year.

Currently three ships can dock at once; the expanded dock will accommodate seven to 10.

Workers will dredge a new basin 40 feet deep, allowing large cruises ships, cargo vessels, and every U.S. military ship except aircraft carriers to dock, Port Director Joy Baker said.

U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan, an Alaska Republican, said the expanded port will become the centerpiece of U.S. strategic infrastructure in the Arctic. The military is building up resources in Alaska, placing fighter jets at bases in Anchorage and Fairbanks, establishing a new Army airborne division in Alaska, training soldiers for future cold-weather conflicts and has missile defense capabilities.

"The way you have a presence in the Arctic is to be able to have military assets and the infrastructure that supports those assets,"

Sullivan said.

The northern seas near Alaska are getting more crowded. A U.S. Coast Guard patrol board encountered seven Chinese and Russian naval vessels cooperating in an exercise last year about 86 miles north of Alaska's Kiska Island.

Coast guard vessels in 2021 also encountered Chinese ships 50 miles off Alaska's Alexandra Islands.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg last year warned that Russia and China have pledged to cooperate in the Arctic, "a deepening strategic partnership that challenges our values and interests."

Still, the prospect of Nome welcoming more tourists and a greater military presence bothers some residents. Austin Ahmasuk, an Inupiaq native, said the port's original construction displaced an area traditionally used for subsistence hunting or fishing, and the expansion won't help.

"The Port of Nome is development purely for the sake of development," Ahmasuk said.

Relations between Disney, firefighters jeopardized

New Disney governing body reopened negotiations on updated contract

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

— After appointees of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis took over Walt Disney World's governing district earlier this year, its firefighters were among the few employees who publicly welcomed them with open arms.

But that warm relationship is in jeopardy as a new district administrator has reopened negotiations on a contract that was approved last month by the unionized firefighters, promising pay raises and more manpower.

A vote on the contract originally was targeted for last month during a meeting of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District board of supervisors. But it was never brought up, and it did not appear on an agenda released ahead of the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Under the three-year contract proposal overwhelmingly approved by 200 fire-fighters and first responders, annual starting pay for fire-fighters would increase to \$65,000, up from \$55,000. It also promised hiring up to three dozen firefighters and paramedics.

At several meetings since the DeSantis-appointed supervisors took their seats this spring, Jon Shirey, who leads the firefighters' union, praised them for visiting firefighters at their stations around the 39 square-mile (101 square-kilometer) Disney World property.

The firefighters looked forward to collaborating with the new supervisors and administrator after years of clashing with their Disney-supporting predecessors, and viewed the

appointments as "an opportunity for a fresh start," he

said.

"Almost overnight, a change occurred that we have never experienced — transparency, open dialogue, the ability to sit down and have our issues heard and felt listened to," Shirey told board members last month. "You have been able to build bridges that were long burned."

The feeling was mutual, with board chairman Martin Garcia saying last month that the supervisors were working with the firefighters to resolve their issues. Even so, Garcia made clear that the firefighters weren't the only district employees the board wanted to support.

"We also need to let the (other) employees know, we love you, too. We care about you. We love you as much as we love our firefighters," Garcia said.

But the delay in approving the contract has alienated the firefighters' union, which last year endorsed the gubernatorial reelection campaign of DeSantis, who recently launched a campaign for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination.

The old contract expired four years ago, and the fire-fighters declared an impasse last year when the district's board was still controlled by Disney supporters. The Reedy Creek Professional Firefighters, Local 2117 have warned for years that they are understaffed, which poses a safety risk as the central Florida theme park resort grows bigger.

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Last month, District
Administrator John Classe,
who originally negotiated the new contract, was

replaced by the board with Glenton Gilzean, a DeSantis ally who previously served as president and CEO of the Central Florida Urban League and will receive a \$400,000 salary in his new job. The district also is paying Classe to stay on as a special advisor.

Board spokesperson Alexei Woltornist said negotiations with the union were continuing, without explaining why they were reopened with a contract already approved by the firefighters and first responders.

and first responders.

"Administrator Gilzean is actively working with the fire department to finalize a deal that offers a competitive compensation package and gives firefighters the resources they need to protect the public," Woltornist said in an email to The Associated Press.

Officials with the firefighters' union did not comment.

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While Gilzean may alienate the firefighters, whose support gave the DeSantis takeover some legitimacy, he may gain credibility with other constituencies within Disney's governing district and put some distance between himself and his predecessor, said Richard Foglesong, a Rollins College professor emeritus who wrote a definitive account of Disney World's governance in his book, "Married to the Mouse: Walt Disney World and Orlando."

"He's an unproven administrator, yet here he's showing he's no pushover when dealing with a cantankerous group, which frankly impresses me," Foglesong said



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