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## Preparing for Ossian Days

**By SYDNEY KENT**  
Big plans are underway for a beloved small town festival. Ossian Days will return to downtown Ossian from Sept. 14-16. The theme for this year's three day street festival is "It's A Literary World!" Ossian Days Inc. Committee President A.J. Reynolds announced the Grand Marshal for this year's parade in a Facebook Post.

"To help Ossian Days celebrate literature and a love of reading, our Parade Grand Marshal is Ms. Susan Dailey!" Reynolds wrote. "Susan is the Branch Manager of the Ossian Location of the Wells Co. Public Library and just celebrated her 50th anniversary of working with the library. Susan has accepted our nomination and is excited to have her many grandchildren join her in leading our parade down Jefferson Street."

Jefferson Street on Ind. 1 will be closed to through traffic at 9 a.m. Thursday and the festival officially opens at 3 p.m. How-

ever, the festival's unofficial start is 90 minutes later at 4:30 p.m. with the start of the annual Ossian Revitalization pork chop dinner.

The dinner will be held at the event tent on West Craig Street, just off the midway. Carryout will be available. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Ossian Town Hall, Farmers & Merchants State Bank at the main office in Ossian and the branch office in Bluffton, Ossian Do-It-Best Hardware, and the All American Ossian Deli. Tickets are also available from any member of the Ossian Economic Revitalization Committee.

Norwell High School's show choir will be hosting a fundraising whole hog sausage dinner Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the event tent. The dinner will include a quarter pound sausage patty sandwich, green beans, a dinner roll, pretzels, a cookie, and bottled water.

Friday the annual Prince and Princess contest is set for the event tent at 6 p.m. Voting is underway



An Orville Redenbacher float popping through town during the annual Ossian Days Parade. (Photo provided by Ossian Days, Inc.)

at various locations in Ossian including the Ossian Deli. Friday evening will wrap up with a performance by the Applejack Cloggers in front of the event tent at 7 p.m.

Festivities begin early Saturday morning at 7 a.m. with the St. Aloysius Yoder Knights of Columbus pancake and sausage breakfast in the event tent. The breakfast lasts until 10:30 a.m.

Also beginning at 7 a.m., a youth fishing tournament will take place at the Archbold-Wilson Park. There are three age groups: 1-5, 6-10, and 11-15. Prizes in the (Continued on Page 2)



### Park project receives donation

Walmart recently awarded the Bluffton Parks Department \$1,000 towards the Lancaster Park project. Funds were used to purchase a heavy-duty bike air pump that will be placed at the trailhead. Pictured left to right is Erica J. Yoder Feinberg, Levi Wernsing, Alice Grogg, Maryanne Oskey, Sarah Seitz, Brandy Fiechter, Sean Butcher, Austin Heckert, Randy Peeper, Alex Penrod, and Laurie Baumgartner. (Photo submitted)

## Inflation gauge shows modest rise in sign of slowing price increases

**By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — An inflation gauge closely tracked by the Federal Reserve remained low last month, adding to signs of cooling price increases and raising the likelihood that the Fed will leave interest rates unchanged when it next meets in late September.

Thursday's report from the Commerce Department showed that prices rose just 0.2 percent from June to July, the third straight modest increase. Compared with a year earlier, prices rose 3.3 percent in July, up from a 3 percent annual increase in June. The year-over-year figure, though, is down sharply from the 7 percent peak it reached a year ago, though still above the Fed's 2 percent inflation target. It rose partly because of much smaller price increases a year ago.

Among individual items, the cost of groceries rose just 0.2 percent from June to July, though they're up 3.5 percent over the past year. Gas prices increased 0.3 percent in July but remain 22.3 percent lower than they were a year earlier.

Among autos, new-car prices edged down 0.1 percent; they're still up 3.6 percent from July of last year. Used car prices fell 1.4 percent from June to July and are down 5.5 percent compared with 12 months earlier.

The latest data follows other recent reports that suggest the economy and the job market may be slowing enough to cool inflation pressures. The number of advertised job openings, for example, tumbled in July, and fewer Americans are quitting their jobs to seek better opportunities. Both trends ease the pressure on companies to raise pay to find and keep workers — a move that tends to perpetuate inflation as employers

raise prices to offset their higher labor costs.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, "core" inflation ticked up just 0.2 percent from June to July, the same as from May to June. Compared with a year earlier, core prices rose 4.2 percent, up slightly from 4.1 percent the previous month. The Fed's policymakers closely monitor core prices as a telltale signal of where inflation might be headed.

"It is becoming harder to dismiss the improvement in the inflation numbers as mere noise," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. Annualized core inflation in the past three months, compared with the previous three months, increased at the slowest pace since March 2021, Shepherdson said.

Economists and Wall Street traders increasingly believe the Fed will leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged when it next meets Sept. 19-20. If inflation and the economy continue to moderate, it might not raise rates at its subsequent meeting in November, either. If so, that would leave the central bank's July rate increase — the 11th since March 2022 — as the final one.

Some economists noted that the increase in year-over-year inflation rates underscored Fed Chair Jerome Powell's message in a high-profile speech last week at an annual conference of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming: That inflation remained too high and the central bank had to remain vigilant. Still, policymakers typically pay closer attention to monthly and quarterly inflation data than to yearly figures, which can be lagging indicators.

The inflation gauge that was issued Thursday, called the personal consumption expenditures price index, is separate from the better-

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## Trump pleads not guilty in election case, seeks to sever case from others

**By KATE BRUMBACK**  
Associated Press  
ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty on Thursday and sought to sever his case from some other defendants who are accused along with him of illegally trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee had set arraignment hearings on Sept. 6 for Trump and the 18 others charged in the case. Trump's court filing entering a not guilty plea also waived arraignment, meaning he won't have to show up for that.

The decision to skip an in-person appearance averts the dramatic arraignments that have accompanied the three other crimi-

nal cases Trump faces, in which the Republican former president has been forced amid tight security into a courtroom and entered "not guilty" pleas before crowds of spectators. Georgia courts have fairly permissive rules on news cameras in the courtroom, and this means Trump won't have to enter a plea on television.

Trump and 18 others were charged earlier this month in a 41-count indictment that outlines an alleged scheme to subvert the will of Georgia voters who had chosen Democrat Joe Biden over the Republican incumbent in the presidential election.

An attorney for Trump also asked McAfee on Thursday to separate his case from those of defendants who have asked for

an expedited trial. The judge has already set an Oct. 23 trial date for one of those defendants. Giving the former president less than two months to prepare a defense against a 98-page indictment would "violate President Trump's federal and state constitutional rights to a fair trial and due process of law," attorney Steve Sadow said in a court filing.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has said she wants all of the defendants tried together. After one defendant filed a demand for a speedy trial, she asked the judge to set an Oct. 23 trial date for everyone.

Thursday's developments add to the pre-trial legal jousting that has dominated the two weeks since (Continued on Page 2)

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## Ossian Days

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form of gift cards will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each group. All participants will receive a prize.

The Big Wheel race starts at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. Signup is at 9:30 a.m. There are two age groups: 3-4 and 5-6. Big Wheels and helmets are supplied by the organizers of the event.

Loose pants are recommended for those who wish to participate in the annual donut hole eating content, which begins at 12 p.m. in front of the event tent.

Bessie's Movement Cow Patty Bingo will also return this year. The

committee marks off a section of Craig Street west of the event tent Saturday into 240 individual squares with each square numbered. A ticket buys a square. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from All American Ossian Deli, Ossian Do It Best Hardware, Ginger Fresh Market, and Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

The Saturday parade begins at 5 p.m. with participants lining up at the Ossian Town Council at 4 p.m. Those who wish to enter a float, vehicle, or to march in the parade must fill out the parade registration form on the Ossian Days website no later than Sept. 16.

Free face painting and balloon animals, provided by Ossian Days Inc.

beside the Ossian Days booth, will be available from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Closing out the festival 7-9 p.m. is free live music from the Austin City Band in the event tent. The Austin City Band plays country, rock and roll, and classics.

Proceeds from the Prince and Princess festival are donated to the Norwell Dollars for Scholars program. Ossian Days, Inc. has been a partner with the Northern Wells County Food Pantry since 2017. The Ossian Days Board Members are: A.J. Reynolds, Darrell Reynolds, Todd Nash, Penny Gibson, Rose Ann Barrick, Jack Barrick, Quinn Gibson, and Beverly Grzych.

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## Inflation gauge

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known consumer price index. Earlier this month, the government reported that the CPI rose 3.2 percent in July from a year earlier, down from a peak of 9.1 percent in June 2022.

Thursday's report also showed that Americans spent more in July, with consumer spending rising a healthy 0.8 percent from June to July, up from a 0.5 percent gain from May to June. The increase suggests that the U.S. economy is growing at a solid pace in the current July-September quarter.

Though consumer spending drives most of the U.S. economy, the Fed is seeking to slow it down as a way to restrain inflation. Too fast an acceleration of spending could lead the central bank to raise rates even further. At the same time, the Fed is trying to avoid slowing the economy so much as to cause a deep recession.

Powell referred to the tricky dynamics surrounding the economy and inflation in his Jackson Hole speech. He stressed that the Fed would "pro-

ceed carefully" as it considers its next moves.

"Two months of good data," Powell said, "are only the beginning of what it will take to build confidence that inflation is moving down sustainably toward our goal. We can't yet know the extent to which these lower readings will continue."

In Europe, inflation largely held steady in July at a time when the European Central Bank, like the Fed, is grappling with whether to raise its key interest rate at its next meeting in September. The consumer price index for the 20 countries that use the euro currency rose 5.3 percent in July from a year earlier, the same as for June, the EU statistics agency Eurostat said. Core inflation eased from 5.5 percent to 5.3 percent.

In the United States, spending in July jumped around the July 4th holiday, according to data from the Bank of America Institute, which tracks consumer activity through its credit and debit cards. And a pickup in online spending occurred in mid-month, like-

ly because of Amazon's "prime" shopping day, the institute said.

Later in the month, entertainment spending surged, probably reflecting the popularity of the "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" movie releases, the Institute said.

Those trends might have pulled some spending away from major retailers, some of which reported sharp sales declines in the spring and early summer, including Macy's, Foot Locker and Kohl's. Yet many discount retailers, including Walmart, TJ Maxx and Dollar Tree, reported growing sales. That suggested that lower- and middle-income shoppers, feeling squeezed by inflation and higher borrowing costs, are seeking out bargains and focusing more on necessities.

Economists said last month's jump in consumer spending was driven mainly by one-time factors, that are unlikely to be repeated. Utility spending leapt as hot weather led many Americans to crank up air conditioning. Back-to-school shopping also likely fueled some spending.

## Trump pleads not guilty

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the indictment was brought, underscoring the complexities inherent in attempting to bring 19 defendants to trial at once — including an ex-president — and foreshadowing the delays ahead as judges sift through competing arguments from the defendants.

Jenna Ellis, an attorney who prosecutors say was involved in efforts to persuade state lawmakers to unlawfully appoint presidential electors, also pleaded not guilty and waived arraign-

ment Thursday.

Three other people charged in the indictment had already waived arraignment in filings with the court, saving them a repeat trip to Atlanta after they all turned themselves in at the Fulton County Jail last week. Trump surrendered at the jail on Aug. 24, where he became the first former president to have a mug shot taken.

The case, filed under Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, is

sprawling, and the logistics of bringing it to trial are likely to be complicated.

At least two defendants have filed demands for a speedy trial and have asked to be tried separately from others in the case. The judge set an Oct. 23 trial date for one of them, Kenneth Chesebro, a lawyer who worked on the coordination and execution of a plan to have 16 Georgia Republicans sign a certificate falsely stating that Trump won the state and declaring themselves the state's "duly elected and

qualified" electors.

Some of the others charged are trying to move their cases to federal court. A judge on Monday heard arguments on such a request by former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, but the judge did not immediately rule.

Trump, the front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary, has criticized the cases against him as part of a politically motivated attempt to keep him from winning back the White House.

## Weather

Friday, September 1, 2023

(24-hour observations at 9:42 p.m. Thursday)

High: 73; Low: 47; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.18 feet at 8:45 p.m. Thursday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 79. East wind around 5 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 57. South wind around 5 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 86. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 91.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 66.

**Labor Day:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 92.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 91.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

**Wednesday Night:** A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

## Election workers get death, lynching threats, the U.S. says

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST and CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a dozen people nationally have been charged with threatening election workers by a Justice Department unit trying to stem the tide of violent and graphic threats against people who count and secure the vote.

Government employees are being bombarded with threats even in normally quiet periods between elections, secretaries of state and experts warn. Some point to former President Donald Trump and his allies repeatedly and falsely claiming the 2020 election was stolen and spreading conspiracy theories about election workers. Experts fear the 2024 election could be worse and want the federal government to do more to protect election workers.

The Justice Department created the Election Threats Task Force in 2021 led by its public integrity section, which investigates election crimes. John Keller, the unit's second in command, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the department hoped its prosecutions would deter others from threatening election workers.

"This isn't going to be taken lightly. It's not going to be trivialized," he said. "Federal judges, the courts are taking misconduct seriously and the punishments are going to be commensurate with the seriousness of the conduct."

Two more men pleaded guilty Thursday to threatening election workers in Arizona and Georgia in separate cases. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department would keep up the investigations, adding, "A functioning democracy requires that the public servants who admin-

ister our elections are able to do their jobs without fearing for their lives."

The unit has filed 14 cases and two have resulted in yearslong prison sentences, including a 2 1/2-year sentence Monday for Mark Rissi, an Iowa man charged with leaving a message threatening to "lynch" and "hang" an Arizona election official. He had been "inundated with misinformation" and "feels horrible" about the messages he left, his lawyer Anthony Knowles said.

A Texas man was given 3 1/2 years earlier this month after suggesting a "mass shooting of poll workers and election officials" last year, charges stated. In one message, the Justice Department said, the man wrote: "Someone needs to get these people AND their children. The children are the most important message to send." His lawyer did not return a message seeking comment.

One indictment unveiled in August was against a man accused of leaving an explosive-filled voicemail after the 2020 election for Tina Barton, a Republican who formerly was the clerk in Rochester Hills, Michigan, outside Detroit. According to the indictment, the person vowed that "a million plus patriots will surround you when you least expect it" and "we'll ... kill you."

Barton said it was just one of many threats that left her feeling deeply anxious.

"I'm really hopeful the charges will send a strong message, and we won't find ourselves in the same position after the next election," she said.

About 1 in 5 election workers know someone who left their election job for safety reasons and 73 percent of local election officials said harassment has increased, according to a Brennan Center survey published in April.

## U.S., World News Roundup

### Two ex-Proud Boys leaders get some of longest sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former leaders of the far-right Proud Boys extremist group were sentenced to more than a decade each in prison Thursday for spearheading an attack on the U.S. Capitol to try to prevent the peaceful transfer of power from Donald Trump to Joe Biden after the 2020 presidential election.

The 17-year prison term for organizer Joseph Biggs and 15-year sentence for leader Zachary Rehl were the second and third longest sentences handed down yet in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack.

They were the first Proud Boys to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly, who will separately preside over similar hearings of three others who were convicted by a jury in May after a four-month trial in Washington that laid bare far-right extremists' embrace of lies by Trump, a Republican, that the 2020 election was stolen from him.

Enrique Tarrío, a Miami resident who was the Proud Boys' national chairman and top leader, is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday. His sentencing was moved from Wednesday to next week because U.S. District Kelly was sick.

Tarrío wasn't in Washington on Jan. 6. He had been arrested two days before the Capitol riot on charges that he defaced a Black Lives Matter banner during an earlier rally in the nation's capital, and he complied with a judge's order to leave the city after his arrest. He picked Biggs and Proud Boys chapter president Ethan Nordean to be the group's leaders on the ground in his absence, prosecutors said.

### Proposed rule requires more gun dealers to run background checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is proposing a rule that would require thousands more firearms dealers to run background checks, in an effort to combat rising gun violence nationwide.

The proposal comes after a mandate from President Joe Biden to find ways to strengthen background checks fol-

lowing the passage of bipartisan legislation on guns last year.

People who sell firearms online, at gun shows or other places outside brick-and-mortar stores would be required to be licensed and run background checks on the buyers before the sales under the rule proposed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

A firearm-industry trade group swiftly raised concerns about the proposal, though, and said it could face a court challenge if finalized in its current form.

The bureau estimates that the rule would affect anywhere from 24,500 to 328,000 sellers. It is aimed at those who are in the business of gun sales, rather than those with personal collections.

### Texas allows law banning gender-affirming care for transgender minors

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court allowed a new state law banning gender-affirming care for minors to take effect on Friday, setting up Texas to be the most populous state with such restrictions on transgender children.

Legal advocates who sued on behalf of the families and doctors, including the American Civil Liberties Union, called the law and the high court's decision Thursday "cruel."

"Transgender youth and their families are forced to confront the start of the school year fearful of what awaits them. But let us be clear: The fight is far from over," the advocacy groups said in a joint statement.

Last week, a state district judge ruled the pending law violated the rights of transgender children and their families to seek appropriate medical care, and violated doctors' ability to follow "well-established, evidence-based" medical guidelines under threat of losing their license.

### At least 74 are dead, as fire rages rundown building in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A nighttime fire ripped through a rundown apartment building mainly occupied by homeless people and squatters in Johannesburg early Thursday,

leaving at least 74 dead, officials said. Some people threw babies out of third-story windows to others waiting below in the desperate scramble to evacuate, witnesses said.

At least 12 of those killed were children, the youngest a 1-year-old, according to city and medical officials. They said at a news conference that an undetermined number of people were still missing and many bodies recovered were burned beyond recognition.

More than 50 people were injured, six of whom were in a serious condition in the hospital. Emergency services officials had earlier warned that the death toll could rise as they continued to search the scene more than 12 hours after the blaze broke out at around 1 a.m.

Dozens of bodies recovered by firefighters were laid out on a side road outside the apartment block, some in body bags, others covered in silver sheets or blankets after the body bags ran out. They were eventually taken away in pathology department vehicles.

### 'Walking Dead' spinoffs, 'Interview With the Vampire' can resume

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A pair of spinoffs of "The Walking Dead" and the next season of "Interview With the Vampire" can resume production despite the ongoing Hollywood strikes after reaching an agreement with the actors' union.

The three AMC series are the highest-profile television productions yet to get what's known as an interim agreement from the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

The approval was granted Wednesday because the cable channel AMC and production company Stalwart Films are not part of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers — the coalition of studios the actors are striking against — though they are what's known as "authorized companies" that abide by the contracts reached by the AMPTP.

"The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon" and "Interview With the Vampire" will now resume shooting their second seasons. And the deal will allow actors to do post-production work on the first season of "The Walking Dead: Those Who Live."

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The Indiana Republican State Committee unanimously elected consultant Anne Hathaway as the party's next chair on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023. (Photo provided by Indiana Capital Chronicle)

## Indiana Republican Party elects Anne Hathaway as chair — the first woman to hold the position

**By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle**

The Indiana Republican State Committee on Thursday unanimously elected consultant Anne Hathaway as the party's next chair, making her the first woman to run the Indiana Republican Party.

Current head Kyle Hupfer said earlier this month that he's stepping down once his successor's in place.

"I want to thank Kyle Hupfer for his outstanding leadership over the years and the members of the state committee for putting their trust in me to continue moving our party forward," Hathaway said in a statement.

"We have an incredible opportunity to do just that by helping elect even more Republicans in cities and towns across the state this November, and that will be our top priority over these next two months," she continued. "At the same time, we will continue to engage our grassroots supporters and prepare to do our part in making Joe Biden a one-term president, sending Jim Banks to the U.S. Senate, and electing another Republican to the governor's office."

Hathaway is president and CEO of Indianapolis-based Hathaway Strategies, a public affairs consulting firm. She's also executive director of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, which seeks to increase the influence of Republican women in politics and governance.

She has long maintained deep involvement in Republican politics.

Hathaway is additionally a member of the Indiana Republican Party's central committee and has served as Indiana's national committeewoman to the Republican National Committee since 2018.

That year, Holcomb recommended her and the state central committee elected her to the role.

Currently, she's leading the national committee charged with running the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Previously Hathaway was a scheduling director and public liaison — as well as an assistant — for Vice President Dan Quayle and an assistant at the U.S. Treasury Department. She was also a member of Holcomb's own transition team when he took office as governor.

"I applaud the state committee for their fantastic selection of Anne Hathaway to lead our party," Hupfer said in a statement. "Anne is a long-time friend, an incredible grassroots leader, and one of the best political minds in the country. I know that under her leadership, the Indiana Republican Party will be in good hands."

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb nominated Hathaway as the state GOP chief last week. He said in a statement Thursday that his top pick "has a distinguished career serving the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels."

"Her knowledge, relationships, and ability to connect with and bring folks together to advance a common cause will prove invaluable as we work to elect even more Republicans across the state," Holcomb said. "I'm excited to see her get to work."

## Democrat Kiley Adolph joins race for Third Congressional District

**By WHITNEY  
DOWNARD  
Indiana Capital Chronicle**

The race to fill a Congressional vacancy got another candidate this week with the announcement of Democrat Kiley Adolph, a global consultant, filing for the Third Congressional District.

Adolph, an Angola native, joins a growing list of competitors seeking the seat held by U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, who is running for the U.S. Senate.

"Politics was never a part of my plan. But now, more than ever, there is a great sense of responsibility to utilize knowledge, skills, and experiences to work at the divide — to build bridges toward shared progress," Adolph said in an email to the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "There is a great sense of responsibility for all of us to come together to address

injustices and promote shared prosperity. Yet, Indiana, our country, continues to become increasingly fragmented."

In a release, Adolph said she sought to "empower the people" in her political campaign following a career of teaching both domestically and abroad.

"Her mission is to ensure that opportunities exist for the children of (North-east) Indiana to grow up and remain here, in the place they call home," the announcement reads.

In particular, Adolph highlighted a "Crisis of Care" for seniors unable to access quality health or assisted care and a shortage of affordable, quality child care. The four campaign pillars on her website include: economy, education, rights and care.

**A competitive race**  
Adolph marks the 14th

entry into the race, though only six Republican candidates have reported any campaign donations to the Federal Election Commission: State Sen. Andy Zay, former Allen Circuit Court Judge Wendy Davis, former Third Congressional Rep. Marlin Stutzman, Army veterans Jon Kenworthy and Michael Felker, and Adams County resident Eric Whalen.

The only Democrat to have any campaign donations reported so far is Phil Goss, who taught in Poland and operates a family farm.

The other candidates include four Republicans — Scott Wise, Chandler Likes, Grant Bucher and Tim Smith — and two Democrats — Bradley Nestor and Jo Anderson.

According to the Secretary of State's Office, candidates have until February to file for the 2024 seat.

## Chicago boy, 5, dies after he shot himself with his uncle's gun

GARY, Ind. (AP) — A 5-year-old Chicago boy died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after he found a gun his uncle had brought inside a relative's Gary home, police said.

The boy was staying at his grandmother's home while she was out of town and his mother was working at a job in Chicago, police said.

The boy's 32-year-old uncle told police he was given permission by the

grandmother to visit and check on him and a 17-year-old Chicago girl while the adults were away.

The man told officers he arrived at the home early Wednesday after a night out and, believing he was alone, "he placed his handgun down and fell asleep," the Gary Police Department said in a statement.

He told the police he was "awakened by a loud noise and saw that the child was

shot," the statement said. The man told police he believes the child had accidentally shot himself.

He drove the boy to a hospital, where he died from his injuries Wednesday morning.

Officers detained the man, who has not been charged as police continue investigating the shooting, Commander Samuel Roberts of Gary police said Thursday.

### Obituary Policy

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

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

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

# Police Notebook

### INCIDENTS

**City:**  
Wednesday, 2:20 p.m., 1100 block of Wildwood Lane. Caller reported concern for juvenile.

Wednesday, 3:31 p.m., Spring Wayne Apartments. Report of food thrown all over porch.

Wednesday, 3:55 p.m., Premiere Flats. Caller reported finding a Walmart bag with white substance and needles.

Wednesday, 4:16 p.m., Wells County Public Library. Woman warned for trespassing.

Wednesday, 4:48 p.m., 1400 block of West Central Avenue. Subject requested officer dispose of old medication.

Wednesday, 9:37 p.m., West South and South Oak streets. Two drivers issues citation for no license on mopeds.

Thursday, 4:51 a.m., Wells County YMCA. Report of vehicle in lot with someone inside. Subject was a member that was star-gazing.

Thursday, 7:04 a.m., South Scott and East Washington streets. Wallet found, unable to locate owner at

address on ID.

Thursday, 7:12 a.m., Walmart. Report of a semi truck in the parking lot. Asked to leave.

Thursday, 7:30 a.m., McDonald's. Report of a banned customer in the drive-thru lane.

Thursday, 8:05 a.m., Stickland Brothers 10 Minute Oil. Report of possible breaking and entering. Subject was an employee waiting for boss.

### County:

Wednesday, 3:19 p.m., East 200 South and South Hoosier Highway. Report of a semi truck striking and ripping off railroad crossing arm.

Wednesday, 7:03 p.m., 1300 South 400 West, Liberty Center. Report of juveniles taking money from wallet. Advised to dispatch to correct county for address.

Thursday, 7:18 a.m., Outdoor Concepts, Inc. Transported subject to Wells County Jail.

### Ossian:

Wednesday, 7:18 p.m., Ind. 1 and East 500 North, Ossian. Bag of clothes found in roadway. Clothes were moved and dispatch contact-

ed state highway.

Thursday, 12:33 a.m., 400 block of Melching Court, Ossian. Caller reported dogs barking.

Thursday, 5:55 a.m., Ind. 1 and East Dyar Road, Ossian. Officer assisted driver with tire change. After the driver left, dispatch advised the vehicle plate was expired and license was suspended. Citation issued via mail.

Thursday, 6:07 a.m., Ind. 1 and East 500 North, Ossian. Driver issued citation for no valid license and instructed to wait for valid licensed driver.

### ARRESTS

Johnny Terrell Saffore, 38, Markle, arrested for domestic battery on a person less than 14 years old and domestic battery - bodily injury to a pregnant family member, both Level 5 Felonies, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, and interfering with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor. No bond set.

Andres Pablo Lucas, 51, Huntington, charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## Bernard and Rokita opt against appeal in licensing case

**By WHITNEY  
DOWNARD**

**Indiana Capital Chronicle**

Indianapolis doctor Caitlin Bernard will not be appealing a ruling from the medical licensing board earlier this year in which she was reprimanded for violating patient privacy laws, according to an announcement from her legal representation.

Attorney General Todd Rokita's office also did not appeal so the matter is now closed. Each side had 30 days to decide.

The Indiana Medical Licensing Board found that Bernard broke both state and federal patient privacy laws when she publicly discussed the case of a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio seeking an abortion in Indiana. The 14-hour hearing in May concluded with sanctions and a \$3,000 fine.

"My goal has always been to protect and support my fellow medical providers and people who need medical care, including abortions. I want to make it clear that my case should not create a precedent that allows politicians to go after physicians who provide

reproductive care or any other care that politicians disagree with. I am hopeful that my example shows how important it is for medical providers to be brave advocates and speak up when needed. At this point, I have no confidence that an appeal would change the outcome of this decision," Bernard said in a statement.

### 10-year-old's story goes viral

Bernard shared the story with a reporter last summer just before lawmakers convened in a special session to consider the near-total abortion ban and attracted national attention, with some political figures accusing her of lying to sway legislators.

Backlash even came from Attorney General Todd Rokita, who called Bernard an "abortion activist acting as a doctor."

Advocates openly acknowledged that the personal account from Bernard's patient pushed the General Assembly to include an exception for rape victims up to ten weeks in the near-total abortion ban — though the effectiveness of the carveout remains

unknown.

"AG Rokita's politically-motivated attempts to use my work as a provider to create a national platform for himself and his subsequent complaint to the Medical Licensing Board, is just a small part of the post-Roe landscape. My time and energy are much better spent providing health-care to Hoosiers now living under the recent abortion ban in our state and in the broader fight for reproductive healthcare. I'm proud of the stand I took, and I'm grateful to have the support of my family, friends, and colleagues who have stuck by my side through it all," Bernard concluded.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (Courtesy Indiana Attorney General's Office)

Rokita's office accused Bernard of failing to report child abuse to Indiana authorities and said she was unfit to practice medicine in a complaint — both charges the licensing board rejected. Bernard still practices and remains in good standing.

The agency also had the option of appealing the ruling within 30 days.

## Prosecutor asks Indiana State Police to investigate dog deaths

CROWN POINT, Ind. (AP) — Prosecutors have asked Indiana State Police to investigate the recent deaths of at least eight dogs from heat-related injuries while being transported in the back of an uncooled box truck.

The dead dogs were discovered July 27 in Lake Station while the truck traveled from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago to a training facility in Michigan.

The animal rights group People for Ethical Treatment of Animals had called for a state police investigation, and the Lake County Prosecutor's Office formally requested one Wednesday. The dogs that died were among 18 shepherds in the truck.

The driver, whom police have not named, said he was unaware that the air conditioning in the cargo area of the truck had failed until he heard dogs barking. He pulled off Interstate 94 at a convenience store and gas station in Lake Station. When he opened the back, he found several dogs dead and others suffering. Several store employees and passers-by stepped in to aid the dogs.

Jennifer Webber, executive director of the Humane Society of Hobart, responded to the scene and said the dogs displayed signs of heatstroke: salivating heavily, wobbling, vomiting and convulsing.

"There were already several dogs dead on the scene, and multiple failing

fast," Webber said at the time. "Their crates inside the truck were completely trashed on the inside, and the little water bowls were the size you'd give a parrot. And they were empty and torn up as if the dogs were exasperated."

Webber said she encountered resistance when attempting to gather facts for her investigation. The police officer in charge of the scene told her she could leave because the deaths were an accident that "the owner will take care of."

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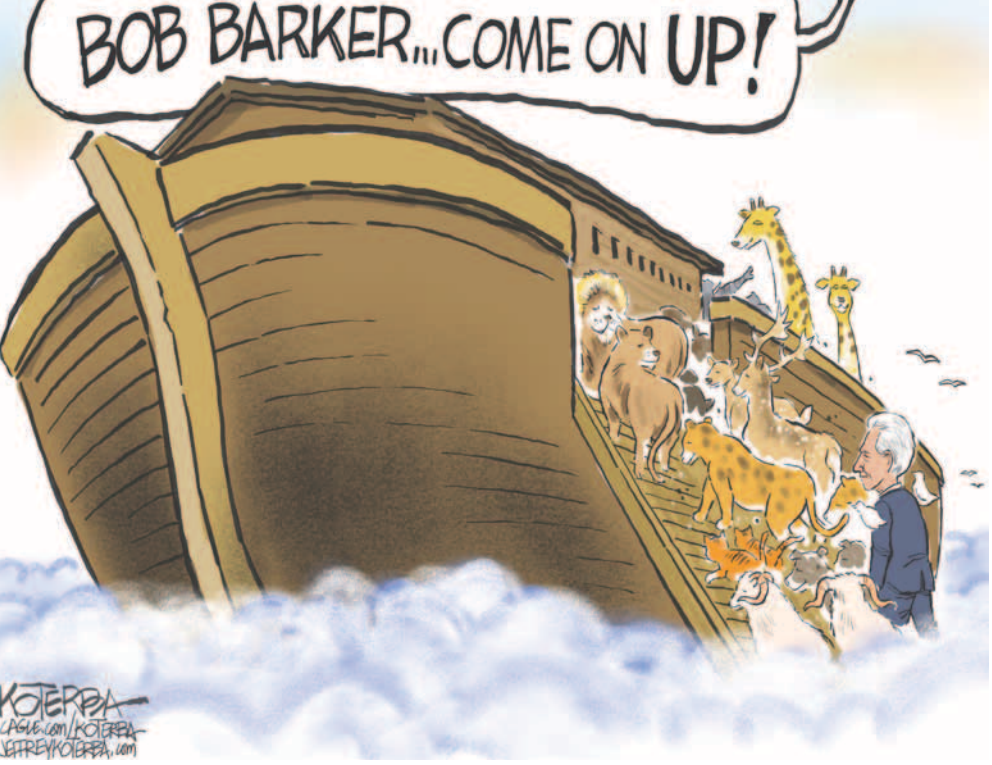
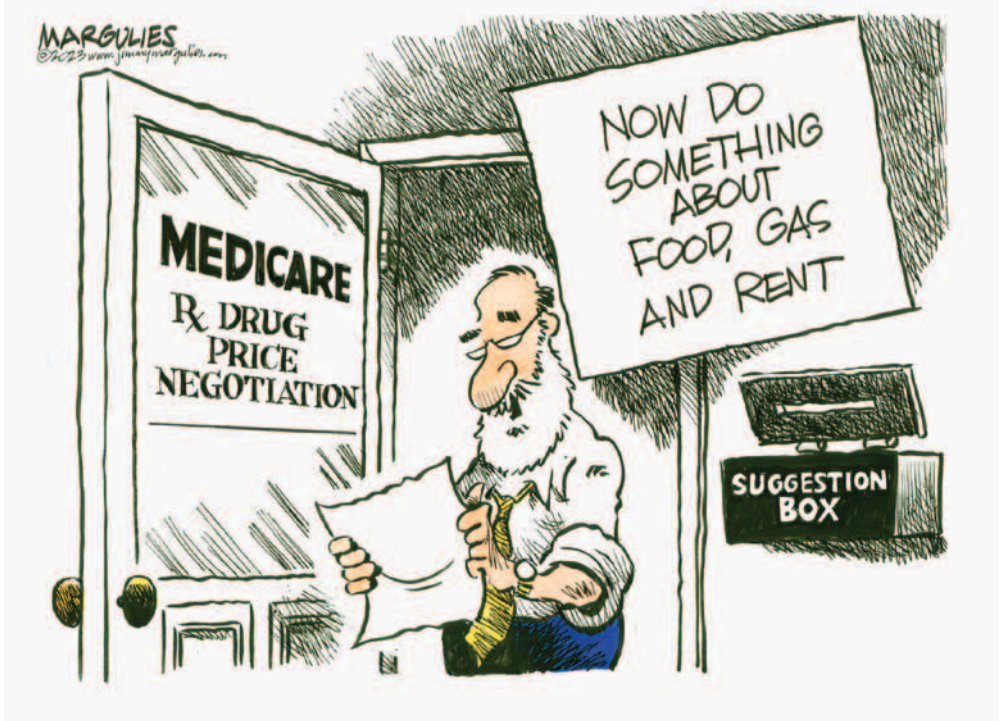
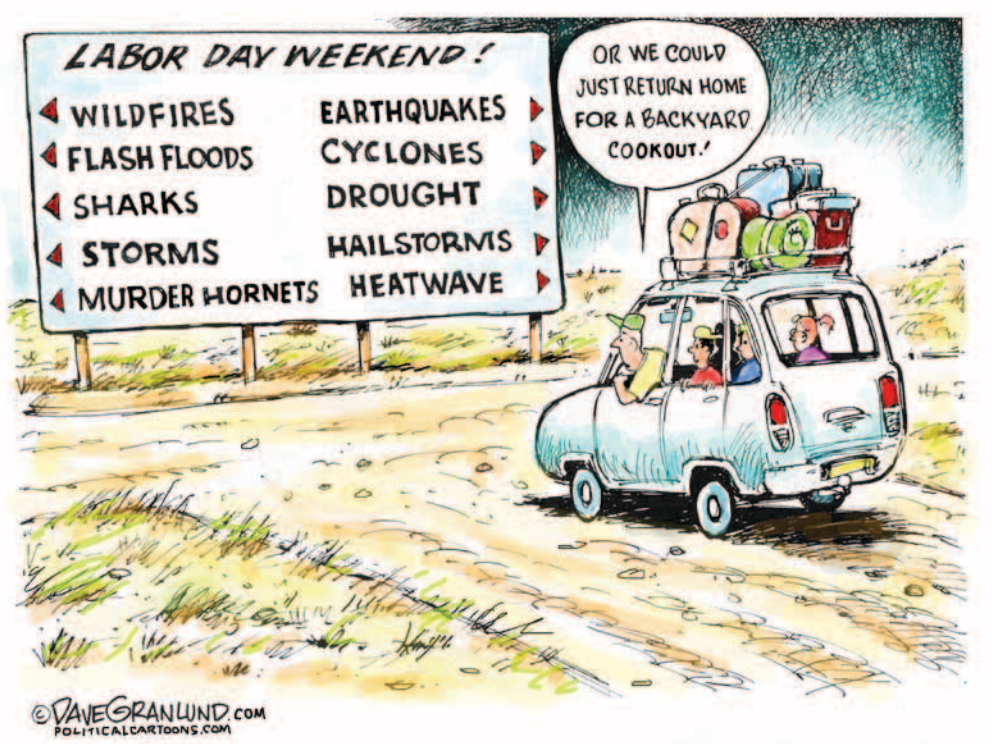
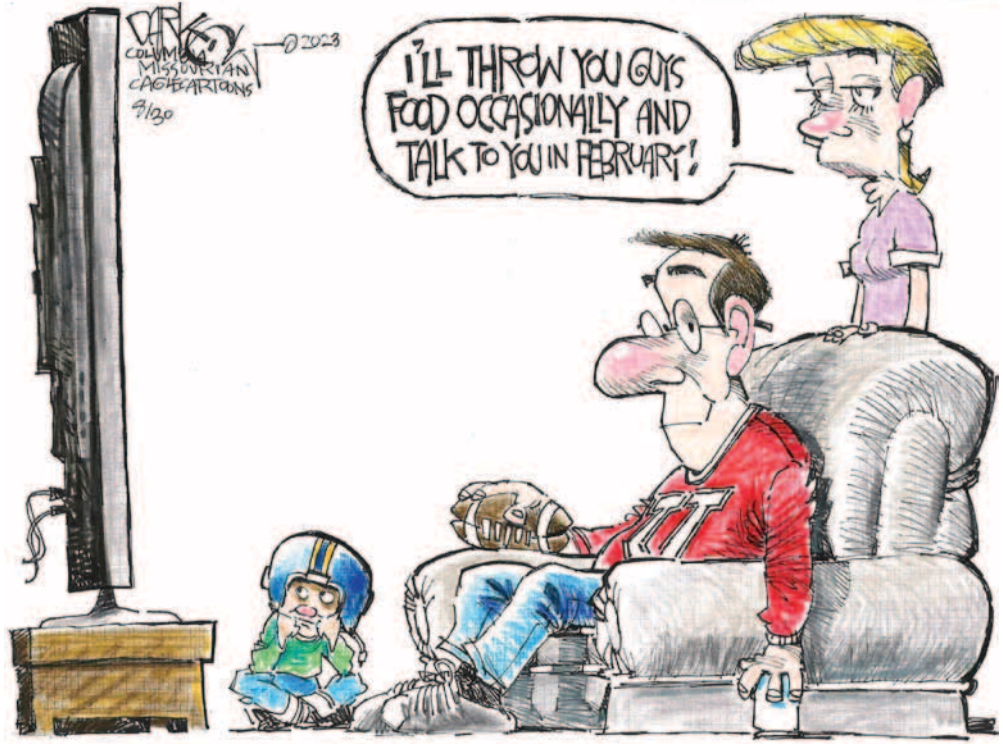
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A smaller home is a happy home

Houses are getting smaller again — which is going to make many Americans happier.

Americans faced with high mortgage rates and a shortage of affordable homes for sale are opting for new, smaller homes that do not have dining rooms, living rooms, spare bedrooms and even bathtubs, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Builders are building smaller homes partly to give cost-constrained buyers a more affordable option.

But it's mostly because it's the only way home builders can turn a reasonable profit, thanks to the high cost of construction materials, which have skyrocketed in the past few years.

Home sizes sure have soared since I was a kid in the 1970s.

According to the U.S. Census, in 1972 the average home was 1,660 square feet.

In the 1990s, with the era of the "McMansion" in full swing, no small number of homes exceeded 4,000 square feet — homes so unnecessarily big you need to hail an Uber to get from the living room to the kitchen.

The American home continued to grow until it peaked in 2015 at an average of 2,467 square feet, but now it's fast heading back to 1972 numbers, which offers some good news.

In my experience, a modest-sized home generates more closeness and happiness among its family members.

The suburban house I grew up in was all of 1,500 square feet. Built in 1964, it was a rectangular four-bedroom box with a red-brick façade on the bottom and white aluminum siding on the top.

It also had only one full bathroom that, by 1973, had to be shared by me, my parents and all five of my sisters!

Thankfully, my parents had just enough money to add a master bedroom and bath on the first floor, which, to them, was Heaven on Earth.

Still, the house was modest in size and it forced the eight of us to live together — there was simply no way to avoid each other.

In those days we couldn't just take our smart phones to our distant bedrooms and lock the rest of the family out.

During the 34 years my parents lived there the front door was never locked and friends and relatives came and went at all hours.

We had a million birthday parties and family gatherings there. Every emotion under the sun — love, anger, joy, sadness — took place there.

Many nights after dinner my sisters and parents sat packed into our tight little kitchen around a giant table, laughing and sharing stories.

Never once did we feel our home was small.

Interestingly, according to Business Insider, the only reason home sizes continued to grow after the 2008 housing collapse was that many people who had a lot of home equity, good jobs and excellent credit had the financial qualifications to meet stringent lending requirements.

By 2015, however, as younger people who lacked such credentials began buying homes, smaller homes were all they could afford.

And now, with the highest interest rates in years and a shortage of affordable homes on the market, builders are going small.

The Journal cited one builder in South Carolina who said that buyers are happily buying homes between 1,500 and 1,700 square feet.

In my opinion, they will find more happiness in their smaller homes than they ever would in a much larger one.

The modest-sized house I grew up in was a mansion by the measures that really count.

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How the U.S. sees Ukraine's push: No stalemate, but no breakthrough

As Biden administration officials assess Ukraine's slow progress in this summer's counteroffensive, they have been candidly discussing with Kyiv what they see as "lessons learned." The bottom line for the administration is that this war will probably grind into next year — and that the United States and its allies must remain steadfast in helping Ukraine keep pushing forward.

I heard this same sentiment across all levels of the U.S. government in recent days. The summer has been frustrating and, in some ways, disappointing for Ukraine and its Western backers. But rather than look for a quick diplomatic exit ramp, most senior U.S. officials appear more convinced than ever of the need to stand fast with Kyiv. The United States, in their view, cannot be seen to abandon its ally.

"We do not assess that the conflict is a stalemate," national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters on Wednesday, during a week when the media reported unnamed senior officials voicing pessimism about Ukraine's progress. Perhaps hoping to bolster spirits in Kyiv, Sullivan countered: "We are seeing [Ukraine] continue to take territory on a methodical, systematic basis."

This commitment to continued support doesn't mean that U.S. officials don't have criticisms of how Ukrainian commanders have conducted the counteroffensive. They have been offering detailed guidance to their counterparts, often prefaced with a recognition that no currently serving U.S. officer has fought the kind of relentless, brutal, World War I-style of combat that Ukraine has faced.

The starting point in this assessment is that Ukrainian forces aren't likely to reach the Sea of Azov and cut off Russia's land route to Crimea before winter sets in, as they had hoped. U.S. officials still think the Ukrainians can significantly breach Russian positions this year, as they pass beyond Russia's hardened first and second lines of defense. U.S. officials believe Kyiv's mobile units could then move quickly east and west, confounding Russian defenders.

But Ukraine probably won't deal any decisive blow before year's end. That means a continuation of this grueling war into 2024 and beyond, and a continuation of the heavy casualties and emotional trauma for both sides. U.S. officials believe strategic patience remains the best weapon against Russian President Vladimir Putin, who still thinks he can outlast Ukraine and the West.

Pentagon officials have urged their Ukrainian counterparts to prioritize better and concentrate their forces on potential breakthrough points along the 600-mile front. Ukraine initially placed equal emphasis on three axes, rather than concentrating on the main thrust south through Zaporizhzhia toward the Sea of Azov. Ukraine is said to have responded, finally, by moving some units toward the south from Bakhmut and other areas in the East where, despite U.S. arguments, they had remained entrenched.

American commanders have long believed that the Ukrainians waste artillery fire in crushing barrages that emulate Soviet tactics. By one U.S. estimate, the Ukrai-

nians have fired about 2 million rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition since the war began, nearly exhausting Western stockpiles. U.S. officials urge Ukraine instead to weight its artillery fires toward the most important targets and use them to advance quickly toward their objectives.

Pentagon officials have also urged Ukraine to rely less on drones for battlefield awareness and more on ground reconnaissance forces, which can assess Russian positions better. And they have pressed Kyiv to give junior officers more latitude to exploit opportunities along the sprawling front. On all these points, U.S. officials believe the Ukrainians are responding positively. But the discussion has been prickly in recent weeks.

As Biden administration officials assess the likelihood that the war will continue into next year and perhaps beyond, they're considering several important new augmentations of Western support. There's growing backing in Washington for providing rocket-launched cluster munitions, for example, which could strike deeper than the artillery-fired versions the United States began supplying last month.

The United States is also working hard to plan a Ukrainian "force of the future" that could deter continued Russian aggression. The F-16s that will begin arriving in a few months will be part of that, but U.S. officials are working with allies on many other weapons systems and training.

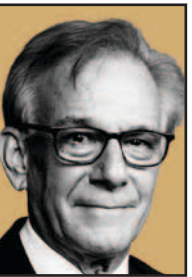
Ukraine and its supporters continue to plead for long-range missiles, known as ATACMS, that could hit deep behind Russian lines. But the Pentagon continues to resist, largely because officials fear the United States doesn't have enough ATACMS to supply Ukraine without undercutting its own readiness for any future conflict with China.

With Ukrainian forces stymied on the ground, U.S. officials believe that President Volodymyr Zelensky will take the fight increasingly to Russian territory and occupied Crimea. Friday's reported Ukrainian attacks — with 42 drones launched at Crimea and a missile aimed at Moscow, according to Russian reports — is a foretaste of what's ahead. The Biden administration's position is that it doesn't encourage or enable Ukrainian attacks on Russian territory, but officials do expect more.

Perhaps the best example in military history of a long bloody fight against a stronger power that ended in eventual victory was the American Revolution. Along the way, there were many periods of demoralization, backbiting, complaints about insufficient foreign support and, occasionally, despair. But the rebels stayed in the field, and the British eventually withdrew.

Ukraine has entered a season of discontent, with recriminations on all sides, because of the sluggish counteroffensive. But this war is far from over.

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Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2023. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 1, 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boe-

ing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

On this date: In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.

In 1923, the Japanese cit-

ies of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, an event regarded as the start of World War II.

In 1969, a coup in Libya

brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of Game 21.

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Open to loving again

Dear Annie: I read your column all the time. I was married to a wonderful woman for 27-plus wonderful years until she passed last year. We don't have any kids, but we have an adorable furry guy named Max (he is a Cavachon).

I am a very hard worker. Our life was very comfortable; we are financially stable and own a nice house. Now Max and I miss her terribly. I work nights and don't want to leave Max alone for 14-plus hours (he has never been left alone for that long). My cousin moved in, and I feel relieved that Max is not alone while I am at work. I am in grieving therapy classes.

My question is: Is it too early for me to find someone as my life partner? My friends suggested that I join a dating site, which I did, but I haven't found any decent ladies. On these dating apps, 95% of the ladies are just wanting physical satisfaction for money. So I ended up deleting the profile from those sites.

I don't drink, so I don't hang out in bars or clubs. Like I said, I don't know what to do. Is it possible these days to find a decent woman to spend life with? Any suggestions will be appreciated by Max and I. — Grieving in Portland

Dear Grieving: First of all, I'm very sorry for your loss. I'm glad that you have Max to help you through this difficult time.

To answer your question, no, it's not too early to search for a new life partner. But you also don't need to rush it. Grief has no timeline, and oftentimes, people meet their life partner when they're least expecting it.

My advice to you is to focus on healing and building a community for yourself. Join a local club, sports team, volunteer network or church. When you have positive relationships in your life, you will inevitably be happier — and you might even find a romantic connection while you're at it.

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Dear Annie: My wife will be retiring in the next two years or so. She doesn't like big celebrations and has made it clear that I am not to throw a party. Instead, I've been socking money away for a round-the-globe vacation to visit places she likes and has mentioned before that she would like to visit. It will take over a month to complete. Should I tell her beforehand or not say anything until we complete the first leg of the trip? — Retirement Trip

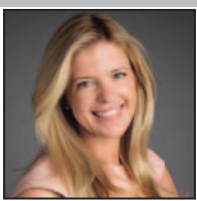
Dear Retirement: What a fun and thoughtful way to celebrate your wife's accomplishment; I'm sure she will be thrilled by the surprise you've planned.

Considering the length and scope of travel, I'd advise telling her of the vacation beforehand. If you don't, it's possible she could make other plans that interfere with your time abroad. Perhaps your wife would rather travel for a shorter period of time and save some of the money you've accumulated for something else. I'm sure she will appreciate your generosity and the incredibly kind gesture in addition to being in the know ahead of such a substantial trip.

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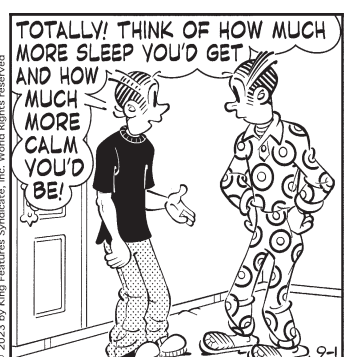
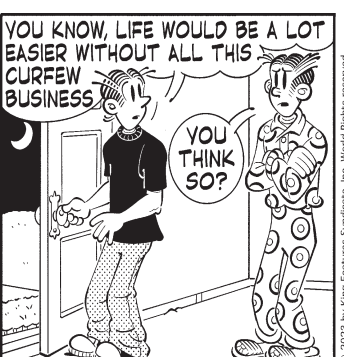
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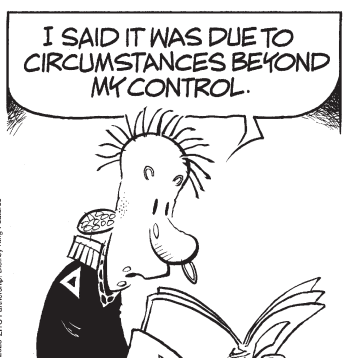
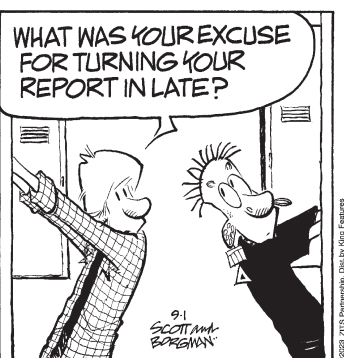
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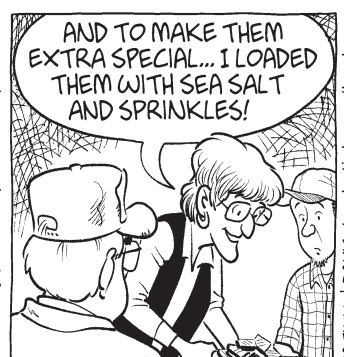
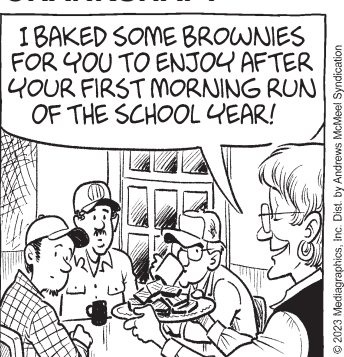
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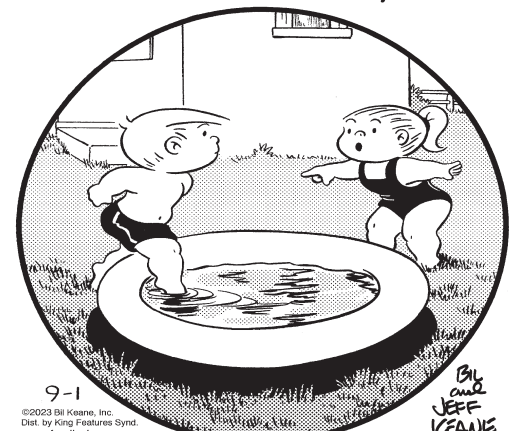
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



"LEROY'S NOW ON TIKTOK, SO I'M DOING A LOT OF DOOMSCROLLING."



"You shouldn't go in the water, Billy! You just ate!"

My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



God sends forth His message of love, but we must tune in

Q: My life has been hard, and I'm only 26 years old. I was born to an unmarried mother who gave me up without even seeing me and the rejection has been unbearable. Why does God allow some people to be born as accidents, and is there something God can do to make me feel worthwhile? The loneliness is overwhelming and the parental abandonment is horrible, and it has led me to a place where all I care about is finding peace — somewhere. I know that selfishness is sin, but I don't know how to change. — R.C.

A: Long before the world was created, God knew all about every person born. From eternity, we were part of His plan.

No one is here by accident or by chance. No one has a choice about being born — but God is still the Giver of life. He's the Creator of everything. We came from Him — and our greatest joy will come from giving ourselves back to Him. God desires to have a personal relationship with us. This is why He came from Heaven, to show us His great love.

There are multitudes of lonely people who carry heavy and difficult burdens of grief and pain. God calls out to people everywhere to repent of sin and commit their lives to Him. Christ will forgive us, fill us with joy, and take us into His family.

God sends forth His

message of love, but we must tune in. We must be willing to listen and to receive His message and then obey it. When Christ's love fills our hearts, it puts selfishness on the run.

Each person has a decision to make. Will we turn away from God, or will we turn toward Him? Which road will we take? One road leads to doubt, anger, bitterness, fear, hopelessness, and despair. The other road leads to hope, comfort, peace, strength, and joy.

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

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution time of 25 mins and a 'Yesterday's answer' grid.

Grid for 'Yesterday's answer' crossword puzzle, showing the filled-in words from the previous day's puzzle.

# Knights, led by Fromm in net, earn draw with Patriots

By RYAN WALKER

Through 90 minutes both Norwell and Jay County’s boys’ soccer teams were unable to find a winner or the back of the net.

A combination of great defense and goal-tending by both Norwell’s Noah Fromm and Jay County’s Kaleb Coppock held both teams in check for a draw at 0-0, as the regular season does not call for overtime or penalty kicks to decide a winner.

Fromm made 14 saves for the home team to add to his Northeast 8 Conference lead, with 51 total on the season. He perhaps was the determining factor for head coach Kiel Nunn’s team.

“Noah was just phenomenal,” Nunn said after the game. “He had a wonderful night, so, without him, I don’t know if we get out of this 0-0.”

In the first half, Norwell controlled possession ever so slightly and had an advantage on chances. Ryan Smith, for example, had an opportunity in front of the net on a corner kick, looking for a header before Coppock snatched it out of the air. Philip Gaier made a play on the ball on the far right side of the net and fired a shot that hit the top of the crossbar.

It seemed as if Norwell was going to get its goal at some point the way it was playing, but a zero filled the scoreboard by the end of the night.

“We got some really good shots,” Nunn said. “The big thing in some of the runs is that we weren’t where we wanted to be. A couple of passes were just off a bit, just rushing instead of taking our time making a nice solid pass. We’d pass it a little bit far and just miss our guy in the run. But, we had some pretty good shots on goal.”

The second half was Jay County’s turn for some offense.

Within the first ten minutes of the half a Patriot defender was able to find an open kick on the left side of the net, but Fromm snatched it out of the air.

About 10 minutes later, the Patriots had their best chances in back-to-back plays. A wide-open shot at a free net was stuffed by

the Knights’ defense, taking a tough angle on the ball to clear it out. Seconds after, Fromm needed every inch of his fingertips to reach for a header at the top of the goal, harmlessly falling out of bounds.

Nunn praised Fromm’s night, of course, but also mentioned defenders Zane Borne, Cooper Sloan, and Ryan Smith for their efforts.

As the time dwindled down, the intensity went up for both teams.

Jay County’s Levi Muhlenkamp took a pass and broke free for what was going to be a one-on-one with him and Fromm. As Muhlenkamp ran closer to the net, Sloan grabbed the back of his jersey, impeding his progress, and immediately drew a whistle from the referee.

The foul resulted in a kick near the net but not enough to scoot the defenders away for a penalty kick, but Sloan was given a red card and removed from the game. The call also will prohibit him from playing in the next game, and an important one, at home against conference foe New Haven.

Nunn had a unique perspective on the outcome of the call. Despite one of its best defenders being taken out of the game, the coach thought it improved the defense by keeping them on alert to keep them in the game.

“It was a good call. I mean, he was legit,” Nunn said of Sloan’s red card late in the game. “It actually helped us. I think. It forced the defense to say, ‘Hey, we’ve got to step it up a notch. They just kind of gelled together and came up. It’s weird to say when you lose a key player in the middle, but it really forced the guys to say, ‘Hey, look, we’re not going to lose this game. We’re going to hold strong,’ and they really stepped it up.”

Both teams tried in the last 10 minutes, but nothing came to life by the end of the game.

Norwell will host New Haven at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The Norwell junior varsity team won over Jay County 3-2.

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Norwell’s Kyler Morris splits three Jay County defenders on a kick saved by Patriot goaltender Kaleb Coppock in Thursday night’s 0-0 draw at Norwell High School. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

## High School Calendar

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**  
 FOOTBALL: Leo at Norwell, 7 p.m.; South Adams at Bluffton, 7 p.m.; Jay County at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.  
 GIRLS GOLF: Eastbrook at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, Sept 4**  
 No events scheduled.

**TUESDAY, SEPT 5**  
 GIRLS GOLF: Norwell at Columbia City, 5 p.m.; Blackhawk at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.  
 GIRLS SOCCER: Wayne at Norwell, 7 p.m.  
 VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Bishop Dwenger, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 6 p.m.; South Adams at Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6**  
 BOYS SOCCER: New Haven at Norwell, 7 p.m.  
 BOYS TENNIS: Norwell at DeKalb, 5 p.m.  
 GIRLS GOLF: Norwell at Leo, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Eastbrook, 5 p.m.  
 GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at New Haven, 6 p.m.  
 VOLLEYBALL: Northfield at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT 7**  
 BOYS SOCCER: Bishop Luers at Norwell, 7 p.m.  
 BOYS TENNIS: Belmont at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.  
 GIRLS GOLF: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Canterbury at Southern Wells, 4:30 p.m.  
 VOLLEYBALL: Blackford at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at South Adams, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPT 8**  
 FOOTBALL: Belmont at Norwell, 7 p.m.; Wes-Del at Southern Wells, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT 9**  
 BOYS SOCCER: Leo at Norwell, 11 a.m.  
 BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Madison-Grant Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED): Norwell, Bluffton. Southern Wells at Wildcat Class Invitational at Indiana Wesleyan University, 9 a.m.  
 GIRLS GOLF: NE8 Meet at Cross Creek CC 10 a.m.; Bluffton, Southern Wells ACAC at Celina Linx, 9 a.m.  
 GIRLS SOCCER: Norwell at Leo, 11 a.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT 11**  
 BOYS SOCCER: Norwell at East Noble, 7 p.m.  
 BOYS TENNIS: Bluffton at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.  
 VOLLEYBALL: Norwell at Eastbrook, 7:30 p.m.; Bishop Luers at Bluffton, 6 p.m.

## Sports Roundup

### Knights win home NE8 girls’ golf match over Vikings

The Norwell girls’ golf team won a NE8 girls’ golf match over Huntington North 183-216 at Timber Ridge Thursday.

The Knights were led by Ellie Gattton with a 39 and was the medalist. Following Gattton was Anna Dodane with a 46, Nevada Lenwell (48), Emmy Heaston (50), and Emma Dodane (52).

Norwell will have another NE8 match coming up at Columbia City at starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

### Knights earn NE8 boys’ tennis win over Eagles

The Norwell boys’ tennis team won on the road in its first NE8 Conference match of the season on Thursday.

The Knights, now 6-1 on the season, won 4-1.

#### Results

- Grant Mishler (N) defeated Alexander Rongoes 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.
- Bodie Zimmer (N) defeated Sam Bechtold 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.
- Lucas Brown (CC) defeated Gavin Reynolds 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.
- Jaden Payne and Jake Hoover (N) defeated Sam Eberly and Alex Hall 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles.
- Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quintanilla (N) defeated Cobe Crawford and Ayden Thompson 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles.

Norwell won the junior varsity match 6-1.

#### Results for JV

- Braylon Trout (N) defeated Brandon Hinen 8-3.
  - Christian Werling (N) defeated Austin Shively 9-7.
  - Philip Mayer (N) defeated Zach Lane 8-3.
  - Jasper Kreigh (N) defeated Ganison Prire 8-1.
  - Rylan Heyerly and Landon Diver defeated Will Reynolds and Nate Nicholes 8-2.
  - Ryan Ewing and Ethan Williamson (N) defeated Hayden Howell and Mason Schuckman 8-0.
  - Brayden Church and Jacob Shidler (CC) defeated Kabyn Peterson and Alex Baker 8-3.
- Norwell will be at DeKalb at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 6.

### Tigers sweep Golden Falcons in boys’ tennis

The Bluffton boys’ tennis team swept Winchester on the road Tuesday night.

#### Results

- Anthony Hartman defeated Cooper Hummel 6-4, 7-5 at No. 1 singles.
  - Ben Maggard defeated Foster Kratoska 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.
  - Nolan Lambert defeated Aiden Mendenhall 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.
  - Kade Abbott and Dane Schlagenhauf defeated Jayden Beeson and Levin Hines 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.
  - Coy Lantz and Jacob Ribich won by forfeit at No. 2 doubles.
- There was not a junior varsity match due

to insufficient players on Winchester. Bluffton will be at West Noble starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept 2.

### Tigers earn 2nd volleyball win, topping Squires

The Bluffton volleyball team defeated Manchester in a five-set thriller at home. Thursday night.

The Tigers (2-7) won the first set 25-19, lost the second 27-25, lost the third 25-21, won the fourth 25-18, and won the fifth to win the game at 15-10.

Stat leaders on the night were Maryn Schreiber with 12 kills, Haley Gibson with 32 assists, Isabella Stout with two aces, Konley Ault with five stuff blocks, Marly Drayer with 34 digs, Madyson Sonnigsen with two aces and Claire Craighead with two aces.

The junior varsity team was swept by the Squires 25-6 and 25-19.

Stat leaders for the junior varsity team were Isla Gibson with two kills, two assists, and one stuff block. Rylynn Penick with two aces, Addison Gehring with five digs, and Sophie Eisenhut with one stuff block.

Bluffton will be back on the court at Jay County for a 7:30 p.m. start on Tuesday, Sept 6.

### Knights earn draw with Patriots in girls’ soccer

The Norwell girls’ soccer team tied 1-1 on the road against Jay County Thursday night.

Makenzie Fuess scored the only Knights’ goal, assisted by Morgan Batdorff.

Gracie Rinkenberger was in net for Norwell.

Norwell will be at Kreager Park to face North Side at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

### Raiders fall to Starfires, Warriors in girls’ golf

Southern Wells fell to Woodlan and South Adams at Dogwood Glen Thursday.

The Starfires won the three-team meet with a score of 224, Woodlan second at 234, and the Raiders third at 239.

Leading Southern Wells was Kolbie Beavans with a 57, followed by Collena Reeves (59), Caroline Ripperger (60), and Erika Beavans (63).

Southern Wells will be at hine against Canterbury starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

### Knights fall to RV Starfires in volleyball match

The Norwell volleyball team lost to RV South Adams at home Thursday night in four sets.

The Knights (8-3) lost the first set 26-24, lost the second 25-15, lost the third 25-18, and lost the fourth 25-16.

Stat leaders for the night were Macie Saalfrank with six kills and 13 assists, Jordyn Xayachack with 21 digs, Mallory Falls with three blocks, and Emma Vachon with four aces.

The Knights won the junior varsity match 2-1 26-16, 20-25, and 15-6.

Norwell will be at Bishop Dwenger at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 5.



### NASCAR CUP SERIES Cook Out Southern 500

**Site:** Darlington, South Carolina.  
**Schedule:** Saturday, practice, 12:30 p.m., and qualifying, 1:20 p.m.; Sunday, race, 6 p.m. (USA).  
**Track:** Darlington Raceway.

**Last race:** Chris Buescher led RFK Racing’s first 1-2 finish in nine years, winning at Daytona for the third time in the final five regular-season races.  
**Next race:** Sept. 10, Kansas City, Kansas.

### NASCAR XFINITY SERIES

**Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help A Hero 200**  
**Site:** Darlington, South Carolina.  
**Schedule:** Saturday, practice, 10:35 a.m., qualifying, 11:05 a.m., and race, 3:30 p.m. (USA).  
**Last race:** Justin Allgaier held off Sheldon Creed by 0.005 seconds in double overtime to prevail in the fourth-closest finish in series history and win for the first time in 26 starts at Daytona.

**Next race:** Sept. 9, Kansas City, Kansas.  
**NASCAR TRUCK SERIES**  
**Last race:** Grant Enfinger led 95 of 175 laps and passed Carson Hocevar on the 159th lap to win in Milwaukee. His third victory of the season advanced him into the next round of the playoffs.

**Next race:** Sept. 17, Marina Bay, Singapore.

### INDYCAR

**Bitnll.com Grand Prix of Portland**  
**Site:** Portland, Oregon.  
**Next race:** Sept. 10, Monterey, California.

**NHRA DRAG RACING**  
**Last event:** Antron Brown won in Top Fuel and Ron Capps won in Funny car in Minnesota.  
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## BASKETBALL

### College

**SOUTH**  
UAB 35, NC A&T 6  
UCF 56, Kent St. 6  
Wake Forest 37, Elon 17  
William & Mary 34, Campbell 24

**MIDWEST**  
Bemidji St. 49, Northern St. 13  
E. Illinois 27, Indiana St. 0  
Glenview St. 44, Northwood (Mich.) 9  
Heidelberg 68, Hiram 14  
Minnesota 13, Nebraska 10  
Minn. Duluth 47, N. Michigan 10  
W. Michigan 35, St. Francis (Pa.) 17  
Youngstown St. 52, Valparaiso 10

**SOUTHWEST**  
Idaho 42, Lamar 17  
Tulsa 42, Ark.-Pine Bluff 7

**FAR WEST**  
Utah 24, Florida 11

Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2, 10 innings  
Toronto 7, Washington 0  
Seattle 5, Oakland 4  
Houston 7, Boston 4  
Tampa Bay 3, Miami 0, 10 innings  
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 2  
N.Y. Mets 6, Texas 5, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 4, Kansas City 1

**Thursday's Games**  
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 10 innings

**Friday's Games**  
Seattle (Gilbert 12-5) at N.Y. Mets (Senga 10-7), 7:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Glasnow 7-4) at Cleveland (Quantrill 2-6), 7:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Ryan 9-8) at Texas (Scherzer 12-5), 8:05 p.m.  
Boston (Paxton 7-4) at Kansas City (Lyles 3-15), 8:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Rodriguez 9-7) at Chicago White Sox (Toussaint 2-6), 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Rodón 1-4) at Houston (Verlander 10-6), 8:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Ryu 3-1) at Colorado (Flexen 1-6), 8:40 p.m.  
Baltimore (Irvin 1-3) at Arizona (Davies 1-5), 9:40 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 7-10) at Oakland (Sears 2-11), 9:40 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.  
Boston at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 7:10 p.m.  
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
Minnesota at Texas, 7:15 p.m.  
Baltimore at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.  
Toronto at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

## BASEBALL

### American League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	83	50	.624	
Tampa Bay	82	52	.612	1½
Toronto	73	61	.545	10½
Boston	69	65	.515	14½
New York	65	69	.485	18½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	69	65	.515	
Cleveland	64	70	.478	5
Detroit	60	74	.448	9
Chicago	53	81	.396	16
Kansas City	41	94	.304	28½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	76	57	.571	
Houston	77	58	.570	
Texas	75	58	.564	½
Los Angeles	64	70	.478	12½
Oakland	39	95	.291	37½
Wednesday's Games				
L.A. Angels 10, Philadelphia 8				
Chicago White Sox 10, Baltimore 5				

### National League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	87	45	.659	
Philadelphia	74	59	.556	13½
Miami	67	67	.500	21
Washington	62	73	.459	26½
New York	61	73	.455	27
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	74	59	.556	

Chicago 71 62 .534 3  
Cincinnati 69 66 .511 6  
Pittsburgh 61 73 .455 13½  
St. Louis 58 76 .433 16½

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	49	.629
San Francisco	69	64	.519
Arizona	69	65	.515
San Diego	62	72	.463
Colorado	49	84	.368

**Wednesday's Games**  
L.A. Angels 10, Philadelphia 8  
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 2  
St. Louis 5, San Diego 4  
Toronto 7, Washington 0  
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 1  
Tampa Bay 3, Miami 0, 10 innings  
N.Y. Mets 6, Texas 5, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 4, Kansas City 1  
Atlanta 7, Colorado 3  
L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 0

**Thursday's Games**  
Miami 6, Washington 1  
San Francisco at San Diego, late  
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Friday's Games**  
Chicago Cubs (Wicks 1-0) at Cincinnati (Ashcraft 7-8), 1:10 p.m., 1st game  
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at Cincinnati (TBD), 6:40 p.m., 2nd game  
Miami (Pérez 5-4) at Washington (Irvin 3-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Gilbert 12-5) at N.Y. Mets (Senga 10-7), 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Wheeler 10-6) at Milwaukee (Peralta 11-8), 8:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Keller 11-8) at St. Louis (Hudson 5-1), 8:15 p.m.  
Toronto (Ryu 3-1) at Colorado (Flexen 1-6), 8:40 p.m.  
Baltimore (Irvin 1-3) at Arizona (Davies 1-5), 9:40 p.m.  
San Francisco (TBD) at San Diego (Wacha 10-2), 9:40 p.m.  
Atlanta (Fried 5-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 11-7), 10:10 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Miami at Washington, 4:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.  
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:15 p.m.  
Indiana at Dallas, 4 p.m.  
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
Major League Baseball  
**American League**  
BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated OF Wilner Abreu from the paternity list. Optioned INF David Hamilton to Worcester.  
CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Claimed RHPs Lucas Giolito and Reynald Lopez and LHP Matt Moore off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Designated RHP Peyton Battenfield and C Eric Haase for assignment. Sent RHP Michael Kelly to Akron (EL) on a rehab assignment.  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated RHP Davis Daniel from the 60-day IL and optioned him to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Jose Marte from Salt Lake.  
SEATTLE MARINERS — Claimed RHP Dominic Leone off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Designated RHP Devin Sweet for assignment.  
**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with LHP Adam Kolarek on a minor league contract.  
CINCINNATI REDS — Claimed CF Harrison Bader off waivers from the New York Yankees and OF Hunter Renfroe off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Designated OF Michael Siani and 2B Alejo Lopez for assignment.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated RHP Shelby Miller from the 60-day IL and OF Jonny Deluca from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Jonny Deluca and RHP Ryan Pepiot to Oklahoma City (PCL).  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with CF Greg Allen and 3B Josh Donaldson on minor league contracts. Sent RHP Julio Teheran to Nashville (IL) on a rehab assignment. Acquired OF Chris Rolter from Cleveland in exchange for cash considerations.

## Midwest League

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-New York	28	7	.800	—
x-Connecticut	25	11	.694	3½
Washington	17	18	.486	11
Atlanta	17	19	.472	11½
Chicago	15	21	.417	13½
Indiana	11	24	.314	17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Las Vegas	30	6	.833	—
Dallas	19	16	.543	10½
Minnesota	17	19	.472	13
Los Angeles	15	20	.429	14½
Seattle	10	25	.286	19½
Phoenix	9	27	.250	21

**Thursday's Games**  
Connecticut 84, Phoenix 74  
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
Washington at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Connecticut at New York, 8 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Seattle at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
New York at Chicago, 3 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Sent RHP Wilking Rodriguez to Memphis (IL) on a rehab assignment.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Recalled LHP Joe La Sorsa from Rochester (IL). Placed LHP Mackenzie Gore on the bereavement list.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed F G.G. Jackson to a two-way contract.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed QB Nathan Peterman and WR Trent Taylor. Placed OLBs Teven Jenkins and Doug Kramer on injured reserve. Signed DLs Deshaun Alexander and Daniel Hardy, OL Bill Murray and K John Parker Romo to the practice squad.  
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed HB Demetric Felton to the practice squad.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DT Maurice Hurst II. Placed LB Jordan Kramer on injured reserve. Signed K Lucas Havrisik and T Alex Leatherwood to the practice squad.  
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed OT Chuma Edoga and LS Trent Sieg. Placed OT Matt Waletzko and DB Nahshon Wright on injured reserve. Signed Sean Harlow and DT Willington Previlon to the practice squad.  
DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Daurica Fountain, QB David Blough, DL Quinton Bohanna, RB Zonovan Knight, G Michael Niese and DE Raymond Johnson to the practice squad. Signed RB Craig Reynolds. Placed DE Julian Okwara on injured reserve.  
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LS Matt Orzech. Claimed S Zayne Anderson off waivers from Buffalo and TE Ben Sims off waivers from Minnesota. Placed T Luke Tenuta on injured reserve. Signed LB Kristian Welch to the practice squad.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DT McTelvin Agim, CB Darren Hall and TE Johnny Lumpkin and Jelani Woods to the practice squad. Released LB Donovan Mulin and WR Rancey McMath from the practice squad. Signed DE Jacob Martin. Waived G Arlington Hambricht.

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**Cash4Life** — 18-26-37-44-55, Cash Ball: 04  
**Quick Draw Midday** — 01-03-10-16-23-32-3-34-36-37-38-43-45-58-61-65-67-68-72-80, BE: 36

**Daily Three-Midday** — 01-07-00, SB:06  
**Daily Three-Evening** — 00-08-00, SB: 05

**Daily Four-Midday** — 01-03-08-03, SB: 06  
**Daily Four-Evening** — 09-01-00-01, SB: 05

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**SEPTEMBER 3-SEPTEMBER 10 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Vincent Tippmann, seller.** 2300 Meyer Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana. "An auction of the year." One of the Midwest's largest Indian and Native American artifact collections, unique antiques and collectibles, large butcher block on legs, outstanding coin collection, art, bronze sculptures, vintage stoves, much more. Brandon Steffen, sale manager, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, [www.steffengroup.com](http://www.steffengroup.com).

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 9 a.m. - Various consignors, sellers.** Lehman Feed Mill, 511 S 000 Rd., Berne. Farm machinery consistent auction. Tractors, hay wagons, grain carts, discs, planters, plows, trucks, trailers, semis, livestock trailers, tools, lawn and garden equipment, shop equipment, livestock equipment and more! Consign Sept. 6-8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, [heartlandauctionrealty.com](http://heartlandauctionrealty.com), 260-724-3499.

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 10 a.m. - Les Conrad, owner.** 8383 N 700 W, Decatur. Live onsite Les Conrad woodworking retirement auction! Online bidding available! Nearly 6,000' board foot lumber & timber! Featuring 250+ lots! This impressive assortment includes an abundance of walnut, cedar, cherry, oak, live edge, various other species, custom made wood furniture, Latina band saw, Woodedge 8" jointer, Super Max drum sander, Lonzemizer LT15 portable sawmill. Preview Sept. 4 & 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, [Kjauction.com](http://Kjauction.com), 260-724-7402.

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 10 a.m. - Melvin J & Effie Graber, owners.** 7820S 850W, South Whitley, 40+/-A offered in 4 tracts, Cleveland Township, Whitley County. Tract 1: 20+/-A farmland, 850W frontage. Tract 2: 4+/-A w/home, outbuildings. Tract 3: 8+/-A, corner lot, 800S and 850W frontage, possible building site. Tract 4: 8+/-A

wooded pasture or possible building site, fence w/mature trees. Auction manager Ritter Cox, 260-609-3306, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, [schraderauction.com](http://schraderauction.com), 800-451-2709.

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**SEPTEMBER 14 - Online - 2-6 p.m. - Farm: GRS Holdings.** Property location: 7370 E US 224, Craigville, IN. Wells Co., Lancaster Twp., 2.243+/- acres include: 1,952

# Residents pick through the rubble of homes in Idalia's wake

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**Associated Press**

**HORSESHOE BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — Florida and Georgia residents living along Hurricane Idalia's path of destruction on Thursday picked through piles of rubble where homes once stood, threw tarps over ripped-apart roofs and gingerly navigated streets left underwater or clogged with fallen trees and dangerous electric wires.

"My plan today is to go around and find anything that's in the debris that is salvageable and clean out my storage shed," said Aimee Firestine of Cedar Key, an island located in the remote Big Bend area where Idalia roared ashore with 125 mph winds Wednesday.

Firestine rode out Idalia about 40 minutes inland. When she drove back onto the island hours after the storm passed, her heart sank. The gas station was gone. Trees were toppled. Power lines were on the ground. An entire building belonging to the 12-unit Faraway Inn her family owns had been wiped away. Another building lost a wall.

"It was a little heart-wrenching and depressing," Firestine said.

At Horseshoe Beach in central Big Bend, James Nobles returned to find his home had survived the

storm, though many his neighbors weren't as lucky.

"The town, I mean, it's devastated," Nobles said. "It's probably 50 or 60 homes here, totally destroyed. I'm a lucky one, a few limbs on my house. But we're going to build back. We're going to be strong."

Residents of the tiny town, most of whom evacuated inland during the storm, helped each other clear debris or collect belongings — high school trophies, photos, records, china. They frequently stopped to hug amid tears. Six-foot-high watermarks stained walls still standing, marking the extent of the storm surge.

Florida officials said there was one hurricane-related death in the Gainesville area, but didn't release any details. The state's highway patrol reported earlier that two people were killed in separate weather-related crashes just hours before Idalia made landfall.

A man in Valdosta, Georgia, died when a tree fell on him as he tried to clear another tree out of the road, Lowndes County Sheriff Ashley Paulk said.

As many as a half-million customers were without power at one point in Florida and Georgia as the storm ripped down utility poles.

The storm had 90 mph winds

when it made a direct hit on Valdosta on Wednesday, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said.

"We're fortunate this storm was a narrow one, and it was fast moving and didn't sit on us," Kemp told a news conference Thursday in Atlanta. "But if you were in the path, it was devastating. And we're responding that way."

Desmond Roberson of Valdosta was shocked when he took a drive through the city of 55,000 with a friend to check out the damage. On one street, he said, a tree had fallen on nearly every house. Roads remained blocked by tree trunks and downed powerlines and traffic lights were still blacked out at major intersections.

"It's a maze. ... I had to turn around three times, just because roads were blocked off," Roberson said.

Chris Exum, a farmer in the south Georgia town of Quitman, estimates that he lost half or more of his pecan crop from Idalia, which he said left "a wall of green" with downed trees and limbs.

Some of the trees are 40 to 50 years old, he noted. "It takes a long time to get back to that point."

Rescue and repair efforts were in full force Thursday in Florida's Big Bend area, where Idalia shredded homes, ripped off roofs,

snapped tall trees, and turned streets into rivers.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis toured the area with his wife, Casey, and federal emergency officials.

"I've seen a lot of really heartbreaking damage," he said, noting a church that had been swamped by more than 4 feet of water. "When you have your whole life's work into, say, a business that ends up under 5 feet (of water) — that's a lot of work that you've got to do going forward."

Tammy Bryan, a member of the severely damaged First Baptist Church, said Horseshoe Beach residents consider themselves a family, one largely anchored by the church.

"It's a breath of fresh air here," Bryan said. "It's beautiful sunsets, beautiful sunrises. We have all of old Florida right here. And today we feel like it's been taken away."

Marina worker Kerry Ford said he was glad so many people in Horseshoe Beach ultimately decided to evacuate. He said he had to convince several people to go.

"I have seen these storms and I told them, look, this is not one you want to stay for because I knew it was going to be catastrophic," Ford said. "It wasn't going to be much left. And if you stayed, your first thing, I ask them, can you all

tread water for a couple of hours? Because that's pretty much what it's going to be."

Despite the widespread destruction in the Big Bend, where Florida's Panhandle curves into the peninsula, it provided only glancing blows to Tampa Bay and other more populated areas, DeSantis noted. In contrast, Hurricane Ian last year hit the heavily populated Fort Myers area, leaving 149 dead in the state.

President Joe Biden spoke to DeSantis and promised whatever federal aid is available. Biden also announced that he will go to Florida on Saturday to see the damage himself.

The president used a news conference at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's headquarters to send a message to Congress, especially those lawmakers who are balking at his request for \$12 billion in emergency funding to respond to natural disasters.

"We need this disaster relief request met and we need it in September" after Congress returns from recess, said Biden, who had pizza delivered to FEMA employees who have been working around the clock on Idalia and the devastating wildfires on Maui, Hawaii.

## Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas reports he took 3 trips on Republican donor's plane last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas acknowledged Thursday that he took three trips last year aboard a private plane owned by Republican megadonor Harlan Crow even as he rejected criticism over his failure to report trips in previous years.

It's the first time in years that Thomas has reported receiving hospitality from Crow. In a filing posted on the federal judiciary's website, the 75-year-old justice said he was complying with new guidelines from the federal judiciary for reporting travel, but did not include any earlier travel at Crow's expense, including a 2019 trip in Indonesia aboard the yacht owned by the wealthy businessman and benefactor of conservative causes.

The report comes amid a heightened focus on ethics at the high court that stems from a series of reports revealing that Thomas has for years received undisclosed expensive gifts, including international travel, from Crow.

Crow also purchased the house in Georgia where Thomas's mother continues to live and paid for two years of private school tuition for a child raised by Thomas and his wife, Ginni.

The reporting by the investigative news site ProPublica also revealed that Justice Samuel Alito failed

to disclose a private trip to Alaska he took in 2008 that was paid for by two wealthy Republican donors, one of whom repeatedly had interests before the court.

The Associated Press also reported in July that Justice Sonia Sotomayor, aided by her staff, has advanced sales of her books through college visits over the past decade.

Supreme Court justices do not have a binding code of ethics and have resisted the idea that they adopt one or have one imposed on them by Congress. In the spring, all nine justices signed a statement of ethics that Chief Justice John Roberts provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Roberts has acknowledged that the justices can do more to address ethical concerns.

But neither the statement nor Roberts' comments assuaged Senate Democrats. The Democratic-controlled committee approved an ethics code for the court in July on a party-line vote. The legislation has little chance of passing the Senate — it would need at least nine GOP votes, and Republicans have strongly opposed it — or the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

Elliot Berke, a lawyer representing Thomas, issued a blistering statement defending the justice's conduct and

taking aim at his critics.

"The attacks on Justice Thomas are nothing less than ridiculous and dangerous, and they set a terrible precedent for political blood sport through federal ethics filings," Berke said. "Justice Thomas's amended report answers — and utterly refutes — the charges trumped up in this partisan feeding frenzy."

But two ethics experts who have advised justices or nominees to the high court said it has been clear to them for years that travel on private planes must be reported.

"You report the free trips on the jets, the private jets, if you take them. I don't get this idea that, 'Gee, the rules changed on us.' That's just a lot of hogwash," said Richard Painter, who was the White House's chief ethics lawyer when Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts were nominated to the Supreme Court. Painter now believes the court needs its own ethics lawyer as well as an inspector general to investigate possible judicial misconduct.

Stephen Gillers, whose advice has been sought by now-retired Justice Stephen Breyer, said in an email, "The failure to report private plane travel paid by a corporate donor has always been a glaring omission in the Thomas filings."

## Man will stand trial for shooting Black teen Ralph Yarl, who went to wrong house, judge rules

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri judge ruled Thursday that the 84-year-old white homeowner who shot a Black teenager after he mistakenly went to the man's house must stand trial.

Clay County Judge Louis Angles issued the ruling after a dozen witnesses spoke at a preliminary hearing, including Ralph Yarl, the teenager who was shot by Andrew Lester on April 13 when Yarl went to the wrong house to pick up his younger brothers.

Lester, a retired aircraft mechanic, is charged with first-degree assault and armed criminal action. He previously pleaded not guilty in the shooting that shocked the country and renewed national debates about gun policies and race in America. His next court date is an arraignment, scheduled for Sept. 20.

Yarl spoke softly as he testified that he was sent to pick up his twin siblings but had no phone — he'd lost it at school. The house he intended to go to was just blocks from his own home, but he had the street wrong.

Yarl said he rang the bell

and the wait for someone to answer for what seemed "longer than normal."

As the inner door opened, Yarl said he reached out to grab the storm door.

"I assume these are my brothers' friends' parents," he said.

Instead, it was Lester, who told him, "Don't come here ever again," Yarl recalled. He said he was shot in the head, the impact knocking him to the ground, and was then shot in the arm.

Lester's attorney, Steve Salmon, said in closing arguments that Lester was acting in self-defense, terrified by the stranger who knocked on his door as he settled into bed for the night.

"With his age and physical infirmity, he is unable to defend himself," Salmon said, describing Lester as distraught after the shooting.

"A terrible event occurred, but it is not criminal," Salmon said. To make the self-defense case, Salmon focused heavily on the teen grabbing for the storm door, questioning the fact that Yarl initially said he hadn't. Yarl responded that the first interview

with law enforcement happened on the same day he underwent neurological surgery.

The shot to his head left a bullet embedded in his skull, testified Dr. Jo Ling Goh, a pediatric neurosurgeon who treated Yarl. It did not penetrate his brain, however.

District Attorney Zachary Thompson said although Missouri law offers protections for people defending themselves, "You do not have the right to shoot an unarmed kid through a door."

Kansas City Officer Larry Dunaway described Lester as "an elderly guy who was scared" after the shooting. Another officer, James Gale, said Lester was clearly worried.

"He said he hoped he didn't kill anybody," Gale testified.

He said surveillance cameras would have allowed Lester to see Yarl pull up to his house. Crime scene workers testified surveillance cameras broadcast views from the front door and driveway onto monitors in Lester's bedroom, although the footage wasn't recorded.

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