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# Anonymous donor offers match of Ossian food pantry donations

By SYDNEY KENT

Ossian's Northern Wells Food Pantry will now be able to serve more families in the area thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

During the month of November, up to \$5,000 in funds will be matched. The offer has come at a much-needed time.

Dr. Robert Honegger, one of the organizers of the pantry and the treasurer of the organization's board, said funding has recently been down.

Phyllis Blake, chairman of the food pantry, said that there is often a line of people waiting outside of the door every second

Saturday and fourth Tuesday of the month. The shelves were bare or barely filled last Friday.

Blake, along with volunteers from area churches, help those in need shop for food during open hours. While many food banks offer food items in boxes that are available to pick up, people are able to use shopping carts and make decisions about what to feed their family.

"It also helps to engage with someone better," Honegger explained. "Sometimes there are spiritual needs as well."

"It isn't just handing out food and kicking them out of the door," Blake added.



Phyllis Blake (left) and Bob Honegger stand by shelves in the food pantry. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Honegger explained that the pantry originated in the Ossian Church of the Nazarene, led by the former Pastor of the church, Bob

Miller. With the help of Community Harvest, residents in need could access food in (Continued on Page 2)

#### Soarin'

Bald Eagles have moved back into Indiana over the last few years. One of which resides next to Brookside Cemetery in Montpe-lier on the Wells County line. Bald Eagles can also be seen on occasion in Warren, along Jeff Road in Wells County, and along IN 3 between IN 18 and IN 218. (Photos by Carrie Penrod)





# UAW escalates strike against GM after landing tentative pacts with Stellantis and Ford

By TOM KRISHER and FRANK BAJAK Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers union has widened its strike against General Motors, the lone holdout among the three Detroit automakers, after reaching a tentative contract agreement with Jeep maker Stellantis.

The escalated walkout began Saturday evening at a Spring Hill, Tennessee plant, GM's largest in North America, just hours after the Stellantic deal was reached. Its nearly 4,000 workers join about 14,000 already striking at GM factories in Texas, Michigan and Missouri.

The UAW did not immediately explain what prompted the new action after 44

days of targeted strikes. The added pressure on GM is substantial as Spring Hill makes engines for vehicles assembled in a total of nine plants as far afield as Mexico, including Silverado and Sierra pickups. One plant already on strike it supplies with engines, in Arlington Texas, makes full-size SUVs including the Tahoe and Suburban. Vehicles assembled at Spring Hill include the electric Cadillac Lyriq, GMC Acadia and Cadillac crossover SUVs.

"The Spring Hill walkout affects so much of GM's production that the company is likely to settle quickly or close down most production," said Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business professor. The union wants to wrap negotiations with all three

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# Boys graduate high school at lower rates than girls, with lifelong consequences

By CAROLYN THOMPSON Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — They attend the same classes with access to the same programs, and even come from the same families. But girls consistently are outperforming boys, graduating at higher rates at public high schools around the country.

The gap between them is wide, often as wide as the achievement gap between students from affluent and low-income families, a problem that officials have tracked closely for years. But the reasons why boys are falling short are not as clear.

Interviews with students, educators and researchers point to several factors.

Men generally can earn the same wages as women with less education. But boys also are more likely to face suspensions or other discipline knocking them off track, and they don't pursue help as often when they face mental health challenges.

Some boys are fine when they first drop out, landing jobs providing steady incomes. But over the long term, lacking a high school degree can hold men back. Studies show young men who drop out of high school earn less over their lifetimes and are more likely to end up in jail.

Bryant West was halfway through high school in Pascagoula, Mississippi, when (Continued on Page 2)

# Pence ends bid for Republican presidential nomination

By JILL COLVIN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Mike Pence on Saturday dropped his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, ending his campaign for the White House after struggling to raise money and gain traction in the polls.

"It's become clear to me: This is not my time," Pence said at the

Republican Jewish Coalition's annual gathering in Las Vegas. "So after much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to suspend my campaign for president effective today"

"We always knew this would be an uphill battle, but I have no regrets," Pence went on to tell the friendly audience, which reacted with audible surprise to the announcement and gave him multiple standing ovations.

Pence is the first major candidate to leave a race that has been dominated by his former bossturned-rival, Donald Trump, and his struggles underscore just how much Trump has transformed the party. A former vice president would typically be seen as a formidable challenger in any primary, but Pence has struggled to find a base of support.

He chose the Las Vegas event to announce his decision, in part, so he could continue to voice his support for Israel and to make his case one last time as a candidate that the isolationist and populist tides that have swept the Republican Party pose a danger to its future and embolden the nation's enemies, according to two people close to Pence who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss his

thinking

Pence's decision, more than two months before the Iowa caucuses that he had staked his campaign on, saves him from accumulating additional debt, as well as the embarrassment of potentially failing to qualify for the third Republican primary debate, on Nov. 8 in Miami.

But his withdrawal is a huge (Continued on Page 2)

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Mostly cloudy today with wind gusts

Today	Tuesday	Wed.
High 44	High 40	High 41
Low 24	Low 23	Low 27

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### Ossian food bank

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totes, which needed to be put up and taken down each time.

Eleven years ago, area churches collaborated to create the Northern Wells Food Pantry to meet the needs of local

Honegger was recognized for his

work with the pantry in 2017 when he won Ossian's Lance Hunter Humanitarian Award.

Blake said the pantry is open two times a month — from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month and from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. once monthly. The pantry is located on

Lafever Street a half-block west of Jefferson Street and serves residents south of 224 to the Allen County line.

Anyone who would like to make a donation may mail checks to the Northern Wells Food Pantry at PO Box 193, Ossian, IN 46777.

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panies with non-unionized

workforces, which include

Toyota and Tesla, "couldn't

have gotten a better year-end

tract, a top-scale assembly

plant worker's base wage

will exceed all increases in

the past 22 years. Starting

wages for new hires will rise

67 percent including cost-of-

living adjustments to over

\$30 per hour, it said in a

statement. Temporary work-

ers will get raises of more

than 165 percent, while

workers at parts centers will

get an immediate 76 percent

increase if the contract is

it will take just three years

for new workers to get to

the top of the assembly pay

The union also won the

right to strike over plant

closures at Stellantis, and

can strike if the company

doesn't meet product and

investment commitments,

dent of the local union at a

large Stellantis Jeep factory

in Toledo, Ohio, that has

been on strike since Septem-

ber, said he expects workers

will vote to approve the deal

because of the pay raises

above 30 percent and a large

11 percent raise immediate-

ly. "It's a historic agreement

as far as I'm concerned."

Bruce Baumhower, presi-

scale, the union said.

Like the Ford agreement,

ratified.

Fain said.

Under the Stellantis con-

## Weather

Monday, October 30, 2023 (24-hour observations at 10:03 p.m. Sunday) **High:** 50; Low: 43; **Precipitation:** 0.16 inches of rain Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.47 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

## Wells County forecast

Today: A 10 percent chance of showers before 7 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 41.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.

**Saturday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy,

Sunday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high

with a low around 42.

# Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of snow showers after 2

**Tuesday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow showers, mainly before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 54.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56.

Pence bid

(Continued from Page 1) blow for a politician who spent years biding his time as Trump's most loyal lieutenant, only to be scapegoated during their final days in office when Trump became convinced that Pence somehow had the power to overturn the results of the 2020 election and keep both men in office — which he did

While Pence averted a constitutional crisis by rejecting the scheme, he drew Trump's fury, as well as the wrath of many of Trump's supporters, who still believed his lies about the election and see Pence as a traitor.

Among Trump critics, meanwhile, Pence was seen as an enabler who defended the former president at every turn and refused to criticize even Trump's most indefen-

sible actions As a result, an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research from August found that the majority of U.S. adults, 57 percent, viewed Pence negatively, with only 28 percent having a positive view.

Throughout his camign, the former Indiana governor and congressman had insisted that while he was well-known by voters, he was not "known well" and set out to change that with an aggressive sched-

tion that has a long history of elevating religious and socially conservative candidates such as former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Rick Santorum. Pence often campaigned with his wife, Karen, a Christian school teacher, and emphasized his hard-line views on issues such as abortion, which he opposes even in cases when a pregnancy is unviable. He repeatedly called on his fellow candidates to support a minimum 15-week national ban and he pushed to ban drugs used as alternatives to surgical procedures.

He tried to confront head-on his actions on Jan. 6, 2021, explaining to voters over and over that he had done his constitutional duty that day, knowing full well the political consequences. It was a strategy his campaign and outside supporters believed would help defuse the issue and earn Pence the respect of a majority of Republicans, whom they were convinced did not agree with Trump's actions.

But even in Iowa, Pence struggled to gain traction.

He had an equally uphill climb raising money, despite yearslong relationships with donors. Pence ended September with just \$1.18 million in the bank and \$621,000 in debt, according to his most recent campaign filing. That debt had grown in the weeks since and adding to it could have taken Pence, who is not independently wealthy, years to pay

## **UAW strikes**

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automakers so "Ford and Stellantis workers don't vote down (their) tentative agreements because they want to see what GM workers get."

The Stellantis deal mirrors one reached last week with Ford, and saves jobs at a factory in Belvidere, Illinois, that Stellantis had planned to close, the UAW said.

On Sunday, presidents of the union locals involved voted to endorse their tentative contract with Ford after UAW President Shawn Fain explained it, said a union official who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to make the information public. The vote count was not immediately known.

Fain was to address the full membership, which will now vote on the pact, on Facebook later Sunday.

GM said it was disappointed with the additional strike at the Spring Hill plant, which has 11 million square feet of building space, "in light of the progress we have made." It said in a statement that is has bargained in good faith and wants a deal as soon as possible.

In a statement, Fain lamented what he called "GM's unnecessary and irresponsible refusal to come to a fair agreement."

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he dropped out in 2020. Instead of

learning algebra and other things he

couldn't imagine ever needing, he felt

his time was better spent working at

Popeye's and on landscaping crews to

"I feel like it was pointless," he said.

West, 18, planned instead to earn his

In some cases, boys like West aren't

GED, which he received three years

later, in September. "It was just another

in as much of a hurry to graduate as

girls because they haven't needed a

high school degree to cover rent and

groceries, said Beth Jarosz, a program

director at research organization PRB.

ma often earns as much as a woman

who has completed a year or two of

require states to report graduation data

by gender the way they must break it

out by racial and ethnic groups and for

children with disabilities, English lan-

guage learners and homeless students.

But in every state reporting high school

graduation rates by gender, research

shows female students graduate at

girls graduated high school in 2018,

according to an estimate by researcher

Richard Reeves based on data avail-

graduated on time compared with 82

percent of boys, according to Reeves,

who this year left the Brookings Insti-

That year, about 88 percent of girls

able from 37 reporting states.

More than 45,000 fewer boys than

The U.S. government doesn't

college, Jarosz said.

higher rates.

A man without a high school diplo-

way that I wanted to do it," he said.

help his mother with bills.

"Everybody's really fired up and excited," Spring Hill assembly line worker Larry Montgomery said by phone on Sunday. He said workers were taken by surprise by the strike call. "We thought it was going to happen ear-

UAW Local 1853 President John Rutherford in Spring Hill didn't immediately return a telephone mes-

Fain said in a video appearance Saturday night that 43,000 members at Stelantis would have to vote on the deal — just as Ford workers must. About 14,000 UAW workers had been on strike at two Stellantis assembly plants in Michigan and Ohio, and several parts distribution centers across the country. The company makes Jeep and Ram vehicles.

The pact includes 25 percent in general wage increases over the next 4 1/2 years for top assembly plant workers, with 11 percent coming once the deal is ratified. Workers also will get cost-of-living pay that would bring the raises to a compounded 33 percent, with top assembly plant workers making more than \$42 per hour. At Stellantis, top-scale workers now make around \$31 per hour.

Like the Ford contract, the Stellantis deal would run through April 30, 2028.

percentage points in 2021, according to

unaddressed by schools, but some have

raised graduation rates for boys of

color through supports such as men-

toring. Former Superintendent Edwin

Quezada said addressing the racial gap

in graduation rates was useful toward

understanding the overall gender gap,

which was 7 percentage points in 2022.

tion at higher rates than girls in early

grades and are suspended at higher

rates throughout school, all of which

can derail plans for an on-time gradua-

ently for young men than they are for

young ladies, why should we expect

different outcomes?" asked Quezada,

bles in school started early. After his

parents divorced when he was 6, he

started acting out and was held back.

By the time he turned things around

in high school, Nichols was older than

his classmates and a better fit for an

accelerated-credit night program, he

said. He enrolled, only to be told the

OK," said Nichols, who ended up leav-

ing high school after ninth grade. "The

more and more of me getting punished

and reprimanded, I just lashed out

There would be more than 10 years

"I was lashing out because I wasn't

program was being shut down.

In Buffalo, Benjamin Nichols' trou-

who retired from the district in July.

When the decks are stacked differ-

tion, Quezada said.

Boys are referred to special educa-

The gender gap has gone largely

The city of Yonkers, New York,

a follow-up analysis this year.

found effective strategies.

**High school graduation rates** 

Under the deal, the union said it saved jobs in Belvidere as well at an engine plant in Trenton, Michigan, and a machining factory in Toledo, Ohio.

'We have reopened an assembly plant that was closed," Fain said. The deal includes a commitment by Stellantis to build a new midsize combustion-engine truck at the Belvidere factory that was slated to be closed. About 1,200 workers will be hired back, plus another 1,000 workers will be added for a new electric vehicle battery plant, the union said.

Vice President Rich Boyer, who led the Stellantis talks, said the workforce will be doubled at the Toledo, Ohio, machining plant. The union, he said, won \$19 billion worth of investment across the U.S.

Fain said Stellantis had proposed cutting 5,000 U.S. jobs, but the union's strike changed that to adding 5,000 jobs by the end of the con-

Gordon, the University of Michigan professor, said the Stellantis deal "shows that the car companies feel they are at the mercy of the UAW, that the UAW is not going to give any mercy, and that companies will be co-governed by their boards and the UAW.

He said competing com-

earned a two-year degree in electrical construction and maintenance this past

"The best piece of advice that I probably would have given teachers back then when dealing with me is to ask if I'm OK," he said. "No one even bothered really to ask the question."

Like Yonkers, Buffalo schools have incorporated initiatives from "My Brother's Keeper," the program started by former President Barack Obama to help boys succeed in school. Buffalo also has enlisted education advocacy group Say Yes Buffalo to provide mentoring to male students and recruit men to teach, spokesman Jeffrey Hammond said. Still, the urban district posted a 10-point graduation gender gap in 2022 (84 percent-74 percent) and an 11-point gap (84 percent-73 percent) in

Research is clear, Hammond wrote in an email: "Girls nationally succeed in school over boys because they are more apt to plan ahead, set academic goals and put forth effort in achieving these goals." Plus, he said, girls receive fewer school suspensions, showing they are generally more likely to follow rules and receive more close instruction from teachers.

Only 10 states reporting graduation rates by gender break it down further by race, making it difficult to understand how much race is a factor in the gender gap. But Reeves found in his latest analysis that the gender gaps in the five largest states in the group were much larger between Black girls and boys than they were between white girls and boys or Asian girls and boys.

#### ule that included numerous stops at diners and Pizza Ranch restaurants. Pence had been betting on Iowa, a state with a large white Evangelical popula-

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### M. Ann Brauchla, 94

M. Ann Brauchla, 94, of Warren, died at 10:01 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. She was born Tuesday, April 16, 1929, in Huntington County, to Alfred and Celia (Taylor) Ruble. She married Harold M. Brauchla in 1947 in Warren. Harold preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1999. Later in life, Ann married James E. "Jim" Slaughter, who preceded her in death

Survivors include her children, Bevan (Denise) Brauchla, Huntington, Bonnie (David) Meyers, Warren, Brian (Cheryl) Brauchla, Warsaw, Becky Brauchla Arnett, Wabash; son-in-law, Mike (Tina) Schweikhardt, Daleville; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Harold Brauchla and Jim Slaughter; daughters, Beth Ann (Paul) Souder and Bridget Schweikhardt.

A private family graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Pastor Troy Drayer will officiate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

Online condolences may be made at www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

# Federal judge dismisses **Satanic Temple** abortion ban lawsuit

By CASEY SMITH **Indiana Capital Chronicle** 

A federal judge in Indianapolis has dismissed an attempt by The Satanic Temple to block Indiana's near-total abortion ban.

The Satanic Temple — a nontheistic religious organization based in Salem, Massachusetts - filed a federal lawsuit last year, claiming that the new abortion ban violates Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The group maintained the ban is unconstitutional and an infringement on its members' religious beliefs.

In a ruling issued Wednesday, Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson said The Satanic Temple "failed to demonstrate that its alleged cost of compliance or threat of pros-

ecution amounts to injury."
"The Satanic Temple had an opportunity to submit evidence," but it "failed on all fronts," Magnus-Stinson continued.

The Satanic Temple's lawsuit specifically sought to allow mail-order abortion drugs for its members in Indiana to have abortions. The temple operates a telehealth clinic based in New Mexico.

The plaintiffs said in their original complaint that Indiana's ban makes the exercise of the Satanic abortion "ritual" a crime, and that Indiana's restrictions violate the rights of Hoosier Satanists who could become pregnant if their birth control fails.

But the temple refused to name any of its members or leadership in the lawsuit, citing the need to protect itself from "exposure to violence." Magnus-Stinson said without being able to show whether any of its members are actually being harmed by the ban, the temple doesn't have grounds to bring the lawsuit.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita called the lawsuit "ridiculous" in a statement Thursday. He said, too, that the win "sustains a prolife law that is constitutionally and legally sound."

In earlier court filings, Rokita — on behalf of the state — argued that the group didn't have standing to sue because it had not submitted evidence showing that specific members would be harmed by the law.

A separate challenge to Indiana's abortion law, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, is still pending, however. That lawsuit also uses the state's RFRA law to argue that the abortion ban infringes on the religious beliefs of plaintiffs of multiple faiths.

# Indy police say 1 dead, 9 injured in shooting at Halloween party

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An overnight shooting at an Indianapolis house party left one person dead and 9 others injured, police said Sunday.

Officers who reported hearing gunshots arrived around midnight at a large party and found a crowd leaving. Police found one victim who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Nine other people, ranging in age from 16 to 22, were injured, according to police. They were all reported in stable condition. Police initially reported 8 wounded people but updated their count Sunday morning.

Indianapolis police said homicide detectives were investigating and have detained several people to "establish their involvement in this incident." Several firearms were found at the scene.

No one has been charged.

"I am frustrated and angry at the news of young people shot at a Halloween party last night," Mayor Joe Hogsett said in a statement Sunday morning. "There are far too many guns in the hands of those who have no business having them, and shocking violence is too often the result."

# **Wells Court Docket**

#### Wells Superior Court **Criminal Cases**

Robert O. Crays, Jr., 61, Fort Wayne, was sentenced to 365 in the Wells County Jail with 309 days suspended and 309 days of probation. Crays will receive 56 days of jail credit. The sentence was issued after Crays pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor. One charge for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and one charge for possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor, were dismissed pursuant to the plea agreement. Crays was also ordered to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$389.

the Wells Superior Court for the Indiana Department of

a hearing to revoke his suspended sentence last Monday. A petition to revoke the sentence was filed in March. In December, Mendez was sentenced to 730 days in the Indiana Department of Correction with all but 180 days suspended, as well as 180 days in prison with all time suspended, to be served consecutively to one another. The sentence was issued after Mendez pled guilty to criminal recklessness and residential entry, both Level 6 felonies. During his hearing, Mendez denied violating his probation. A status hearing is scheduled for this matter at 9 a.m. on Nov. 13 in the Wells Superior Court.

Anastasia Ruth McCor-Alfredo Vern Mendez, mack, 41, Bluffton, was 31, Fort Wayne, appeared in sentenced to 180 days in

Correction with no time suspended after she pled guilty to residential entry, a Level 6 felony. McCormack was also sentenced to an additional 180 days in the Indiana Department of Correction for a theft, a Level 6 felony. McCormack received 180 days of jail credit and was ordered to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount

Douglas R. Painter, 57, Fort Wayne, was sentenced to 60 days in the Wells County Jail with 4 days on jail credit. The sentence was issued after Painter pled guilty to operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II substance in his body, a Class C misdemeanor. Painter was originally charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, endangering a person,

a Class A misdemeanor. Painter was also ordered to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$189.50.

Brianna Brickley, 30, Bluffton, appeared in the Wells Superior Court for a hearing to revoke her suspended sentence last Thursday. In November, Brickley was sentenced to 730 days in the Indiana Department of Correction with 730 days suspended, and 730 days of probation. A motion to revoke the sentence was filed in September. During the hearing, Brickley admitted to violating the conditions of probation and waived her right to counsel. A dispositional hearing is scheduled in this matter at 1 p.m. on Nov. 6 in the Wells Superior Court.



**FSSA Medicaid Director Cora** Steinmetz spoke before the State Budget Committee on Friday, Oct. 27. 2023, in Evansville, Indiana. (Screenshot provided by Indiana Capital Chronicle.)

# Indiana budget panel approves new autism therapy reimbursements, despite reservations

**By CASEY SMITH Indiana Capital Chronicle** 

State budget regulators on Friday approved a request from Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration to set new reimbursement rates for autism therapy services for Hoosier children with Medicaid.

While the rate of \$68 an hour is above what the FSSA originally proposed it is below an average rate of \$91 an hour that has been given previously under an old formula.

The new rates will take effect Jan.

But Democrats on the State Budget Committee remained skeptical over whether the rate will be enough to serve Hoosier children.

Families, multiple state lawmakers and even Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch have pushed back, saying the state's first, smaller proposal of \$55 an hour would have caused some therapy providers to lay off staff, reduce services or shut down altogether.

In response, the state upped its proposal to about \$68 an hour. The increase is reflected in a larger reimbursement for administrative overhead costs, in addition to more money to cover time that supervisors can't bill for.

Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, who has spent months calling for increased reimbursement rates, emphasized Friday that the new rates "are not sufficient." He said he's still worried that services will be lacking for Hoosiers.

"I'm very concerned that we will not meet the needs of individuals within the state of Indiana, particularly minorities, and in rural and suburban communities, too," Porter said. "I know there have been some bad actors, we know that. However, I don't think that this should be so prescriptive and punitive."

FSSA released its updated plan last month, which increased the proposed reimbursement rate for autism therapy services rendered by a registered behavioral technician by 24 percent to \$68.24 per hour — up from \$55.19 per hour in the state's earlier proposed rate.

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The initial \$55 reimbursement plan for providers for Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy was a significant decrease from the average \$91 they received before. This common form of therapy can improve social, cognitive and behavioral outcomes in some children with autism spectrum disorder, as well as the overall wellbeing of the child and their family, according to the

Budget committee approves, with reservations from some

FSSA Medicaid Director Cora Steinmetz maintained on Friday that the initial reimbursement rate was determined based on survey data provided by therapy providers. But after provider feedback, the agency elected to increase the rates for administrative overhead and supervision, she said.

Steinmetz additionally said FSSA applied a 7.5 percent inflation factor the last two years, and there will be a 2 percent inflationary adjustment applied to the reimbursement rates each year until the matter comes up again for review.

Still, Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, questioned whether the increase will be enough for clinics to remain open — and provide the best quality of services.

He specifically expressed concerns about FSSA and providers "hashing this out," moving forward.

"Once the budget committee today consents to the agenda and it moves forward, really, there's nothing left for the General Assembly to influence that decision moving forward. Are there any assurances you can give to the public ... that more meetings, more discussions might take place?" he asked. "Is there a middle ground to reach a win-win by which you have most of these providers working in harmony with FSSA?"

In response, Steinmetz said the agency is "very committed to doing all of these rate-setting activities in a transparent and provider-informed

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis,

said he's further "concerned" about the qualifications of those providing services and asked what the state is doing to ensure "adequately trained people" are working with kids. Steinmetz said FSSA officials are continuing to work out how best to adopt and apply "clini-

Porter previously pushed for reimbursement increases of 25 percent or 30 percent more than what the state initially proposed. He made multiple calls Friday to increase the rates by another \$4, which he emphasized would only cost the state \$5 million more.

"I'm just very concerned about the access for minorities. We need to expand the program and take care of people in the state of Indiana," he continued. "Another \$4 — in the grand scheme of things — it's not a whole lot of money.'

Before the budget panel gave the greenlight, Porter made a formal motion to move the reimbursement rate up to \$72, but committee chairman Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, said the motion was out of order.

The background

Indiana's Medicaid program didn't start covering ABA therapy — a type of skills-based therapy beneficial to some families — until 2016. Without a precedent to set base rates, FSSA decided to pay a flat 40 percent of whatever providers charged the insurance policy.

The agency previously said payment of a percent of billed charges "has resulted in widely different reimbursement amounts for different providers of the same service." Over the last three years, ABA expenditures have increased by more than 50 percent per year, "which is not a sustainable rate," according to the state officials.

The agency reported that it spent \$420 million on ABA claims for 6,200 children and young adults in 2022. Costs could continue to climb if a fee schedule - similar to what's used for other services — isn't implemented, FSSA warned.

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#### The dying art of Halloween costume humor

Halloween is upon us, which means you'd better be cautious about the costume you choose.

Halloween has long been a staple of childhood, but in the past few decades it has been increasingly celebrated by adults — and for good reason.

Until recently, it was the one day where adults could dress up in funny, outrageous costumes that satirized popular culture and the complexity of modern life.



Tom Purcell

Dressing up as a rock star, Albert Einstein, a famous sports figure or some other pop icon could be fun and funny.

There should be some limits to our costumes, of

Any costume displaying blackface is certainly out, which is obvious to everyone, with the exception of some fools who one day aspire to run for political office.

Any costumes that appropriate or mock different cultures — dressing up as a Native American, such as Pocahontas — are no longer considered fun.

But, according to Good Housekeeping, Bustle, The Independent and others, any attempt to satirize or mock covid-19, one of the biggest events in the past 100 years, is also off limits.

The Independent explains why: "The coronavirus pandemic killed millions of people, and continues to seriously affect those who are unvaccinated. Any costume that resembles the SARS-CoV-2 virus, anti-vaxxers, or someone with covid-19 are to be avoided."

I get the point, but I don't fully agree.

Look, satire is a powerful way to ridicule, in a humorous manner, who and what are wrong and ugly or hateful in our society.

A biting, satirical joke — or a wacky Halloween costume — can cut to the heart of the matter better than a direct criticism of a government policy.

Satire is the centerpiece of a healthy and truly free society, but it is now considered unfashionable by entities that are more worried about offending someone than they are about encouraging our freedom to think, question, speak and express ourselves honestly and openly.

In other words, it's now in bad taste in America to not do exactly what the government tells you to do or to question overzealous government health policies, such as lockdowns and mandates.

Sorry, but where covid is concerned, I think some "bad taste" — or gallows humor — is warranted.

Merriam-Webster defines gallows humor as "humor that makes fun of a life-threatening, disastrous or terrifying situation."

That is, it diffuses our tension and fear in our very worst moments and mocks death, evil and suffering — giving us the strength to fight on.

Comedian Joan Rivers once said about tragedies she suffered, "If you can laugh at it, you can deal

But in today's bi-polarized society, regrettably, half of us believe in freedom of thought, speech and expression — and the benefit of satirical Halloween costumes that may sometimes offend.

The other half are so terrified that something we say or do may slight someone, we are fearful of

poking fun or even chuckling at anything amusing. I can understand the desire to avoid a Halloween costume that might offend your boss and cost you

But I'm afraid our once raucous and robust American sense of humor is slowly dying.

To me, there are few things scarier than that this Halloween.

> Tom Purcell is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist.tom@TomPurcell.com.

# **Today in History**

**By The Associated Press** 

Today is Monday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2023. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 30, 1974,

your job.

Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title. On this date:

In 1885, poet Ezra Pound was born in Hailey,

In 1912, Vice President James S. Sherman, running for a second term of office with President William Howard Taft, died six days before Election Day.

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50

In 1972, 45 people were killed when an Illinois Central Gulf commuter train was struck from behind by another train on Chicago's South Side.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1995, by a razor-thin vote of 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent, Federalists prevailed over separatists in a Quebec secession referendum.

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# Can a new Speaker reinstate an old norm?

After a little more than three weeks, House Republicans have finally elected a speaker. He's Mike Johnson, first elected to the House in 2016 from a district in northwest Louisiana. He's almost unknown to the public, has a right-wing voting record, and has been a supporter of Donald Trump. He grills witnesses effectively but calmly, with no visible anger.

How he does as speaker, whether he moves appropriations bills as promised, his skill negotiating with a Democratic president and Senate -- all this is obviously unknown as I write. Unknown as well is whether his election with no dissenting Republican votes could help restore a political norm that has been eroded steadily in recent years.

The speakership is an odd political post, one of just two internal congressional offices mentioned in the Constitution. It was important to the framers, who remembered how in 1642, when King Charles I entered the House of Commons and demanded the arrest of five members, Speaker William Lenthall refused.

"May it please your Majesty," he said, "I have neither eyes to see, nor tongue to speak in this place, but as this House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am." No monarch has entered the Commons chamber in the three centuries since.

In Britain, the speaker operates as a neutral arbiter; the current speaker was a Labour member chosen for his perceived fairness by a Conservative majority. In this country, where political parties, though dreaded and denounced by the founders, came into operation almost immediately, speakers are partisan officials, leaders of their parties with only ceremonial institutional responsi-

The longest speakerless intervals in the House came in the middle of the 19th century, as the Whig Party was dying out, the Know Nothing and Republican parties were founded, and the Democratic Party split between South and North.

In 1855, it took the House two months and 133 ballots to elect a Know Nothing speaker (a former Democrat, he later became a Republican), and in 1859 nearly two months and 44 ballots to elect a Whig (who was defeated in his home district in 1860).

The House's 22 speakerless days this month, by comparison, was brief, as were the four days and 15 ballots it took to elect McCarthy last January.

The norm of all party members supporting the speaker chosen by secret ballot in conference (the Republican term) or caucus (the Democratic term) grew up in the stabler partisan environment emerging from the Civil War. The speaker, in turn, tended to choose committee chairmen and manage the flow of legislation to and amendments on the floor through control of the Rules

Speakers' powers were whittled back in the 1910 revolt against Speaker Joseph Cannon; the progressive rebels, passed over for chairmanships for a dozen years, thought the fair way to allot them was by seniority, a system which by the 1950s weakened speakers and empowered anti-civil rights Southern Democrats.

That was reversed when House Democrats led by Phillip Burton in 1974 and House Republicans led by Newt Gingrich in 1994 instituted the election of committee chairmen by members and party leaders. Before those changes, there had been little point in withholding votes from speakers, and in any case Democrats won at least 243 seats -- well above the 218 majority -- in every House election from 1958 through 1992.

But in the 15 House elections starting in 1994, only once has a party won more than 243 seats, and with House rules requiring speakers to win absolute majorities of those voting, the potential has grown for violating the norm and voting against a party's speaker candidate. Thus in 1998, when Republicans lost

rather than gained seats, a few holdouts said they wouldn't vote again for Newt Gingrich, and after a memorable four-year speakership, he retired. Among Democrats, violations of the norm became

more common as some members sought to set themselves apart from the party's liberal stands. But with the steely discipline exercised in her record 19 years as Democratic leader, Nancy Pelosi kept the numbers of norm violators down: 15 of 235 Democrats voted against her in 2019; just two of 222 Democrats did so in 2021.

No recent Republican leader had Pelosi's strengths. In 2013, House Freedom Caucus members, encouraged by freshman Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), imagined they could force non-funding of Obamacare on a Democratic president and Senate. Such shenanigans prompted the resignation of Speaker John Boehner in September 2015 and may have persuaded Speaker Paul Ryan to retire from Congress at age 48 in 2018.

So last January, enough Republicans felt free to vote against the conference's clear choice, McCarthy, to deny him the speakership for 14 ballots. And in October, backbencher Matt Gaetz, with no non-personal discernible grievance, felt free to move to oust him as speaker, and with seven other Republicans and every Democrat,

Each of the conference's choices either bowed out or got fewer votes on each floor vote. Members with picayune cavils and even the chairman of the Appropriations Committee freely violated the long-standing norm.

Evidently, this spectacle of disarray prompted second thoughts. Mike Johnson, with a serious but not angry demeanor and with few enemies accumulated in his three terms, won not just a majority in conference but also got assurance no one would vote against him on the floor. No Republican did, for the first time in a dozen

So has the norm been restored? And what about the more important norm of accepting the outcome of presidential elections? In 2005, 32 House and Senate Democrats challenged George W. Bush's victory on frivolous

In 2016 and 2017, Democrats concocted and pursued the Russia collusion hoax, attempting to delegitimize Donald Trump's election and drive him from office. And on Jan. 6, 2021, after mobs pillaged the Capitol, 147 Senate and House Republicans voted against accepting states' electoral votes.

Apologies and confessions of error have been forthcoming from few, if any, hoax perpetrators or election deniers. Any chance they will?

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## We must restore 'veritas' at our universities

According to a survey done by the Harvard Crimson in 2022, 80% of the faculty at Harvard University self-identified as "liberal." Thirty-seven percent self-identified as very liberal."

Only 1% self-identified as conservative.

This snapshot of the politics of the faculty at the nation's oldest and leading university is not exceptional. Surveys of most university faculties show them overwhelmingly on the left.

If we think about it, it can help us understand why the president of Harvard, Claudine Gay, had such a hard time making a clear statement condemning the atrocities committed by Hamas against Israeli civilians.

And it can help us understand demonstrations by students at Harvard, and other universities, accusing Israel, the victim of these atrocities, as their cause.

As one Wall Street Journal columnist put it, one can hardly imagine demonstrations at Harvard against human brutality in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia or Syria.

But somehow atrocities against Israelis are not only justified in the eyes of these left-wing university elite but caused by their Israeli victims.

What is the sickness of the soul that has captured America's elite of higher education?



To start our inquiry, we must look at Harvard's founding. John Harvard, who provided the college's first endowment, was a clergyman.

Read the language on Harvard's "Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae."

"Truth for Christ and Church." How many of Harvard's admin-Star istration today, of those teaching at Harvard today, of those learning **Parker** at Harvard today can identify with these words from the earliest days of their university? I don't know

the exact number, but I think if we guess zero, we'll be close to the truth.

America was founded and built by Christians who sought truth and worked to make a better world. Were there flaws, mistakes? Of course. They were men. But the way to improve is to get closer to the truth, not to throw it in

Those administering, teaching and learning at Harvard and our other leading universities are not consumed by scholarship and truth-seeking, but by ideology, which is strikingly similar to another word: idol. Something man builds for himself and worships.

It is the product of egotism and pride and not the product of humility, which comes only from knowing there is a truth bigger than you, of which you

Claudine Gay condemned hate and said her university is about bringing people with differences together.

This is a university president who does not see "veritas," truth, and good and evil in the world, as embodied and conveyed in the message on her university seal and its history.

The job of universities is to pursue truth. But this is impossible when they do not believe truth exists. Thinking that the point is bringing together people rather than pursing truth is an exercise in ideology, not scholarship, and leads only to the social, cultural and spiritual degeneration we are experiencing.

If we want to save our country, let's save our places of learning. Let's purge the sea of ethnic, political and ideological clubs that dominate social and intellectual life at what are supposed to be our institutions of learning.

The terrorists are financed by the sale of oil. That oil was found, developed and is worth mega-billions because of Western technology. A disproportionate contribution to the development of that science and technology has come from the very people whose homeland is Israel, against whom the terrorists commit atrocities.

The United States grew and became great with the values that brought forth the miracle that is the modern State of Israel. The moral relativism and hedonism of America's left is now obliterating these truths.

A new birth of freedom in America means a new birth of truth and learning at our universities.

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### Norwell Internship Spotlight award Makenzie Fuess

Senior Makenzie Fuess has been selected to receive the Norwell Internship Spotlight award. She has been doing her experience at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur with OPA [Orthopedic Physician's Assistant] Erin Whitman. Makenzie is the daughter of Rob and Joye Fuess of Bluffton.

Makenzie has spent her internship time observing surgeries involving knees, clavicles, hips, and toes. She has also watched castings, infusions, pin removals, along with follow-up appointments.

After graduation, Makenzie plans to attend the University of Saint Francis to study biology and play basketball. She eventually will enroll in the USF PA Grad Program to become a Physician's Assistant.



Makenzie Fuess

#### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Several children recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program at the Wells County Public Library by reading and listening to 1,000 books with the help of family members.

At right, Joseph and Loki Brickley are pictured with their parents Melissa Kemt and Cory Brickley and sister Zoe Kemt. Joseph is holding his prize book "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed," while his baby brother chose "The Everything Book" for a





At left, Adaline Fiechter, holding her prize book "Color Zoo," is pictured with her parents Danielle and Joel.

At right, Gil Fiechter, holding his prize book "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed," is pictured with his mom Sarah and brothers Otto and

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is sponsored by the United Way of Wells County, the Wells County Foundation, and the Friends of the Library. The program not only helps prepare children for school, but instills the value of reading and life-long learning. For more information visit the Wells County Public Library's website at www.wellscolibrary.org and click on the "Children" section.



by Melba Edwards

## Zanesville News

As 2023 winds down, I find myself with more and more to do and less time to do it in. I'm sure that you do to, especially, if you have school age kids at home that need to be delivered to all kind of activities.

If you didn't hear this announcement or see a flyer tonight, Oct. 30, is the Lions Clubs Annual Halloween Party beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everything is free and there are cash prizes for costumes. After the judging, there is food, bingo, and treats.

On Halloween night you can trick or treat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Residents wanting to treat may signal by leaving their outside porch light on. Drivers through town be very careful as there will be lots of kids on the streets.

The Zanesville Community Church of God's Coffee Cafe is open every morning at the church on Marzane/ Indianapolis Road. They open at 7:30 and close at 10 a.m. Come on in and meet some new neighbors and

I will remind you that if you have any large Christmas display that you are not using this year you can call me and I will see if it will work for our display at Ouabache Park's drive through Christmas in December. The Lions are getting ready for setting up there in late November.

Founders of Friends of Ouabache State Park were honored on Oct. 21st for their 10-year anniversary. Kenny and I were privileged to be a part of the founders group. I was especially interested as Myra (Lydy) Myrtle, who headed up the creation of the group, wanted to honor her father by getting a statue at the park of a CCC member. The CCC was responsible for keeping up the park during the depression and my grandfather enticed them to send men to Zanesville to build a pond on the farm on the south end of town. The men from the CCC and the WPA worked for three years

#### FW area potters annual exhibit

This will be the 24th year for the "Just a Bunch of Potters" exhibit and sale to be held at the North Pointe Woods Club House, 8202 Riveroak Dr. in Fort Wayne, on the weekend of Nov. 3-5.

Hours on Friday will be from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admis-

Potters planning to be involved include Kimberly Rorick, Kristy Jo Beber, Steve Vachon, Sue Davis, Doug Phillips, Joseph Pelka, Matt Schroeder, Cynthia Ballinger, Steve Smith and John and Angie Platt.

#### Adams County Ducks Unlimited bingo

A Bingo Night will be sponsored by Adams County Ducks Unlimited on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the K of C Hall, 1703 High St. in Decatur. Kids are welcome to attend.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and Bingo beginning at

7 p.m. Presale tickets are priced at \$25 Single, \$40 couple, table of 4-\$80, table of 8-\$120. At door tickets will be available at a higher price: single \$30 and couple \$50. To purchase tickets in advance check out ducks.org.events.

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Encouraging, presenting and promoting the arts for the benefit of the entire community.

#### **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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

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

Important Scheduling Note: Changes can occur after the Creative Happenings



column has been published. Please confirm dates and times before planning to participate in programs and activities.

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

# Be on the lookout for Walter the **Wandering Turkey in Bluffton parks**

Walter the Wandering Turkey will be traveling from park to park in Bluffton to watch the leaves on the trees turn colors and waddles around picking up

This wandering Turkey has become lost in one of the parks and needs your help finding his way back to the Bluffton Parks Department Office in City Hall. This is a "hide and seek" game, in which a paper cut out of Walter will be hidden during the month of November up until Thanksgiving.

He could be at one of the following locations: River Greenway on River Road, Roush Park (925 West Silver), Jefferson Park (315 East Horton), K-9 Kommons Dog Park (805 West Market St.), Lion's Park (300 North Main), Angel of Hope Park (225 East



Wabash), Pickett's Run Park (400 East Washington), Veteran's Park (725 South Main) or Washington Park (710 South Mulberry).

If you find the paper cut out of Walter the Wandering Turkey, you must deliver Walter back to the Parks Department before claiming your prize. Call 824-6069 before you stop by the office on the 2nd floor of City Hall (128 East Market St.) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., so that there will be a prize waiting

Then Walter will be rehidden in a different park to found again. Winners are limited to claiming the prize one time during the month of November.

## Boo in Bluffton will be held tomorrow

Free Boo in Bluffton will be held from 5-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Participating downtown Bluff-Gvm at 128 E. Market St.

Dress in your favorite costume. Participating businesses on the outskirts of town will hand out treats ton businesses and the City from 6-7 p.m. Local business that would like to parwill be handing out treats. ticipate can contact atbren- will be from 5-7:30 p.m.

da.jackson@blufftonindiana.gov or call 824-1520. This is a free event for the

Door-to-door trick or treat for the City of Bluffton



# Harrison Jr., Henderson lead unbeaten and No. 3 Buckeyes to Big Ten win at the Badgers

By STEVE MEGARGEE **AP Sports Writer** 

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Marvin Harrison Jr. continues to make a case that

he's the nation's top per-

And he has a little more help TreVeyon Henderson has returned to Ohio State's backfield.



has on the offense. "Big difference," Harrison said. "He's the most explosive back in the country. Anytime he touches the ball, he can take it for six."

impact Henderson's presence

Harrison is pretty explosive in his own right.

After Ohio State (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) squandered an early 10-0 lead, Harrison had a tiebreaking 19-yard touchdown reception in the right corner of the end zone with 7:14 left in the third quarter. Harrison also ran a shallow cross and turned it into a 16-yard touchdown in the second period.

Harrison finished with six receptions for 123 yards.

This came one week after catching 11 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown in a 20-12 victory over No. 10 Penn State, which was

> ranked seventh at the time.

believe he's the best football player in the country," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said.

Ohio State beat Wisconsin for a 10th consecutive time and withstood an injury to safety Lathan Ransom, who was carted to the locker room in the second half.

Wisconsin (5-3, 3-2) played the second half without star running back Braelon Allen and wide receiver Chimere Dike due to leg injuries. Allen, who rushed for 50 yards on 10 carries, got hurt while unsuccessfully trying to score on a third-and-goal reception from the 1 in the second-to-last play of the second quarter.

Neither Day nor Wisconsin coach Luke Fickell had updates on their injured players after the game.

While the Badgers were missing Allen, Ohio State welcomed back its standout running back.

Henderson sealed the victory by running through a big hole on the left side, breaking a tackle downfield and delivering a 33-yard touchdown run with 5:15 left. Henderson was playing for the first time since a Sept. 23 victory at Notre Dame after missing three games with an unspecified

injury.

"I took a cheap shot at the beginning of the Notre Dame game," Henderson said. "That's why I've been out. Thank God, he healed me and allowed me to come back out here and give my team everything I've got."

Henderson rushed for 1,248 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2021 but has fought through injuries ever

Wisconsin tied the game on Braedyn Locke's 13-yard touchdown pass to Will Pauling early in the third quarter, but Ohio State pulled ahead for good on its ensuing possession.

"We've just got to finish," Wisconsin safety Hunter Wohler said. "We've got to be able to close a game out, and we didn't make enough plays. When the opportunities came, we made some, but didn't make enough.'

Locke was 18 of 39 for 165 yards in his second career start.

Ohio State's Kyle McCord went 17 of 26 for 226 yards, but threw a pair of interceptions to go along with his two touchdown passes to Harrison. McCord hadn't been picked off since Ohio State's season opener.

McCord also lost a fumble during a fourth-and-3 conversion attempt from the

(Continued on Page 7)

# Tyler Godwin finishes 168th at state cross country meet

Bluffton's Tyler Godwin competed as of 14:55.5, while Carmel was the team the first Tiger since 2000 at the state meet in Terre Haute on Saturday afternoon.

The senior finished in 168th place out of 250 runners with a time of 16:36.8 (5:20.8 per mile).

Godwin finishes his career with two ACAC individual titles, two ACAC team titles, a team sectional champ, a semistate appearance, and led Bluffton to some of its best seasons in school history.

Cameron Todd of Brebeuf Jesuit was the individual champion with a time

champion with a score of 76.

Places 2-5 in order for the boys were Fishers, Brownsburg, Zionsville, and Hamilton Southeastern.

For the girls, Libby Dowty of Indian Creek was the individual champion with a time of 17:06.7.

Homestead claimed the crown in first place with a team score of 108.

Places 2-5 in order for the girls were Fort Wayne Concordia, Valparaiso, North Central, and Franklin Central.

## **High School Calendar**

**MONDAY, OCT 30** No events scheduled **TUESDAY, OCT 31** No events scheduled **WEDNESDAY, NOV 1** No events scheduled **THURSDAY, NOV 2** 

No events scheduled FRIDAY, NOV 3

FOOTBALL: (sectional championship)

Eastern at Bluffton, 7 p.m. **SATURDAY, NOV 4** 

No events scheduled

# **Kelly dominates after Korea** detour as Diamondbacks rout Rangers to tie World Series 1-all

**By RONALD BLUM ÅP** Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Merrill Kelly called his four-season detour to South Korea a "Lost in Translation" experience. When he made his World Series debut, it was Texas Rangers batters who were disoriented.

The 35-year-old right-hander pitched three-hit ball over seven innings, Ketel Marte extended his postseason hitting streak to a record 18 games and the Arizona Diamondbacks rout-

World Series at one game apiece. "At this point in my career, nothing is going to shock me," Kelly said. "I think

ed Texas 9-1 on Saturday night to even the

going over to Korea as a 26-year-old is way scarier than pitching in the big leagues or

2019 Washington Nationals.

even in the World Series.' Kelly struck out nine, walked none and allowed his only run on Mitch Garver's leadoff homer in the fifth on a sinker at the bottom of the strike zone. His 22 called strikes were the most for a Series pitcher since Stephen Strasburg in Game 6 for the

"I thought he might go nine innings today at one point," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said, contemplating what would have been the first complete game in the World Series since 2015. "But for that to happen, 89 pitches, you've got to jump him up probably another 35. I wasn't going to let him throw 120 pitches."

Gabriel Moreno hit a go-ahead homer in a two-run fourth against Jordan Montgomery, and Tommy Pham went 4 for 4 with a pair of doubles. Arizona batters broke it open late as the young Diamondbacks rebounded quickly from an agonizing defeat

Marte had a two-run single in a three-run eighth, snapping a tie for the longest postseason hitting streak with Derek Jeter, Manny Ramírez and Hank Bauer. Marte has a hit in every postseason game he's ever played.

A night after wasting a two-run, ninth-inning lead in a 6-5, 11-inning loss,

the Diamondbacks outhit Texas 16-4 — the most hits for one team in a Series game in nine years.

Emmanuel Rivera also had a two-run single, and rookie Corbin Carroll had a pair of RBI singles. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and 38-year-old Evan Longoria each singled in a run for Arizona, which got its first World Series road win after four losses dating to

between wild-card teams, shifts to Arizona for Game 3 on Monday in the first Series game at Phoenix since 2001. Texas has won all eight of its road games

The best-of-seven Series, just the third

this postseason, equaling a major league "We'd be naive to think that we're going

to run away with four in a row against a team that really fights hard like the same way we did," Rangers first baseman Natha-

Kelly was drafted by Tampa Bay in 2010 and had spent six seasons in the minors when he was told by pitcher Doug Mathis he had been spotted by a South Korean scout while pitching in Rochester, New York. Kelly's agents at Apex Baseball arranged a contract and Kelly spent 2015-18 with SK Wyverns in Incheon.

"I definitely had visions and images (Continued on Page 7)

# Carr rebounds from tough week as Saints beat the Colts

By MICHAEL MAROT **AP Sports Writer** 

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Derek Carr spent the past week answering questions about his sideline demeanor.

New Orleans' quarterback had nothing to apologize for Sunday.

Carr masterfully carved up Indianapolis' young, depleted secondary, Taysom Hill and Alvin Kamara scored two touchdowns apiece, and the Saints beat the Colts 38-27 to move into a share of the NFC South

New Orleans (4-4) ended a two-game skid, and Carr got a chance to move past the criticism he took for scolding teammates and yelling at offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael during a Week 7 loss to Jacksonville.

"Gosh, it feels good to smile," Carr said. "I was at one place for nine years. If I got banged up, everyone in that building knew I was playing that Sunday. If I got upset, they knew where my heart was. But now I'm in a

new place, and new things are happening. You have to prove yourself, you have to show guys where you're coming from, you have to build new relationships. That was something I put on my heart this week. I tried not to be so emotional."

Things went smoothly against the Colts (3-5). Carr made all the right reads, was on time and watched his receivers take care of the

The four-time Pro Bowler went 19 of 27 for 310 yards with two TDs and no interceptions. Although he lost a fumble, he made big play after big play.

Rashid Shaheed had three catches for a careerbest 153 yards, including a 58-yard TD catch, and for the second time this year he helped seal the victory with a long third-down reception in the final minutes. Kamara also caught a TD pass while Michael Thomas and Chris Olave combined for nine receptions and 114 yards.

"A lot came together for us today," Carr said. "I felt for the first time all year that all 11 guys on offense played complementary foot-

The Colts, who have lost three straight overall and still have not beaten the Saints since losing the teams' Super Bowl matchup after the 2009 season, challenged the Saints' usually stingy defense.

Gardner Minshew was 23 of 41 for 213 yards with two TDs and one interception. Jonathan Taylor rushed for 87 of his 95 yards in the first quarter while Zack Moss finished with 66 yards and scored on a 1-yard stretch across the goal line.

But Indy's pass coverage

was no match for Carr. "I think sometimes you try to scheme up explosive (plays) and sometimes you hit on that and sometimes you don't," Colts coach Shane Steichen said. "We've got to do a good job creating those explosives and, obviously, on the flip side of that we've got to stop them on the other side."

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# **Aaron Nesmith has 26 points for** the Pacers in win over Cavaliers

By BRIAN DULIK **Associated Press** 

CLEVELAND (AP) - Aaron Nesmith scored a career-high 26 points and Tyrese Haliburton had 21 points, 13 assists and

eight rebounds, sending the Indiana Pacers to a 125-113 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday

Cleveland played without three starters, including All-NBA shooting guard Donovan Mitchell (right hamstring soreness). Point guard Darius Garland (left hamstring strain) and center Jarrett Allen (left ankle bone bruise) also remain out.

Nesmith, who signed a three-year contract extension earlier in the week, had 17 points in the first half and finished with nine rebounds. The 6-foot-5 forward was acquired last summer in a trade with Boston, where he spent his first two seasons.

"After I made my first layup, then the second one, I said, 'This is going to be a good day," Nesmith said. "And when I made a 3-pointer, I said it was going to be a really good day. It was all just my teammates finding me."

Myles Turner had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Indiana, which outscored the Cavaliers 29-12 in the second quarter and won its second straight game to open the season. Bennedict Mathurin and Jalen Smith added 13 points apiece.

Mitchell was walking with a pronounced limp following the Cavaliers' 108-105 home loss to Oklahoma City on Friday. The fourtime All-Star scored 43 points in 42 minutes against the Thunder, but Cleveland blew a nine-point lead in the final two minutes.

"Donovan has some tightness that we

don't want to play around with," Cavaliers coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "The guys we

had went out and competed their tails off." Evan Mobley had 33 points, 14 rebounds

> dropped two in a row. Caris LeVert started at the point and had 31 points and eight assists, while Max Strus had 21 points, 11 rebounds and six

"I just tried to be aggressive and take some of the single coverage I got," said LeVert, who scored 19 points in the first seven minutes when Cleveland jumped

ahead 27-12. "Obviously, it was next man up for us because we've got some guys banged up.

The Cavaliers pulled within 93-92 early in the fourth on Georges Niang's 3-pointer, but Nesmith and Buddy Hield answered with back-to-back 3s. Indiana ended any doubt with three minutes left when Haliburton buried consecutive 3-pointers and made a layup.

The Pacers began their season Wednesday with a 143-120 home victory over Washington and lead the league with a 134.0 scoring average. Haliburton ranks first in assists at 12.0 per game.

'Tyrese was amazing in the fourth quarter and played pitch-perfect tonight," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "He found the creases, he found the advantages, and he finished the game off."

Cavaliers guards Emoni Bates and Craig Porter Jr. were scoreless in their NBA debuts. Bates, the No. 49 draft pick, airballed his first shot, a 3-pointer in transition. **UP NEXT** 

Pacers: Host Chicago on Monday. Cavaliers: Host New York on Tuesday.

# Joe Thornton officially retires from the NHL after a 24 years

By JOSH DUBOW **AP Sports Writer** 

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) Joe Thornton has officially announced his retirement from the NHL following a 24-year career as one of the game's top playmak-

The 44-year-old Thornton hadn't played since the 2021-22 season with Florida but hadn't made an official declaration about his plans until releasing a video on Saturday through the San Jose Sharks.

"Judging how many people keep asking me, I guess I have to tell you. I'm officially retiring from the NHL," Thornton said. "I thought you guys would figure it out sooner, but you kept asking so here I am retiring. I have so much love for the game of hockey and for countless number of people that helped this kid's dream become a reality. If you're looking for me, you know where to find me. I'll be at the rink." Thornton entered the

NHL as the No. 1 overall pick by Boston in 1997, had his greatest success in 15 seasons with San Jose following a trade to the Sharks, and then finished his career

Toronto and Florida.

He played 1,714 regular season games, recording 1,109 assists and 430 goals. He was a four-time All-Star, an Olympic gold medalist for Canada in 2010 and won the Hart Trophy as MVP and Art Ross Trophy as scoring leader in 2005-06 after getting traded early that season from Boston to San Jose.

by playing one season in

Thornton ranks seventh all-time in assists, 12th in points with 1,539 and sixth in games played.

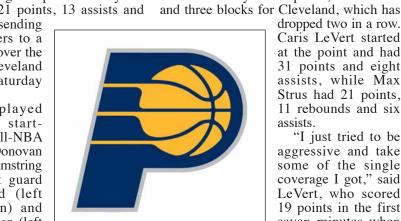
About the only thing Thornton didn't accomplish was winning a Stanley Cup, losing in his only trip to the

final round in 2016 with the Sharks against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

But with his pristine playmaking schools and iconic beard, Thornton became the face of the Sharks franchise after being acquired from Boston on Nov. 30, 2005.

San Jose had only intermittent success before his arrival but made the playoffs all but two seasons during Thornton's time with the Sharks. He helped the team win the Presidents' Trophy as the team with the best record in 2008-09, make back-to-back conference finals appearances in 2010 and '11, the Stanley Cup final in 2016 and another trip to the Western Conference final in 2019.

His No. 19 will one day be raised to the rafters at the Shark Tank next to his old running mate Patrick Marleau's No. 12 that was retired earlier this year.



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Sunday's Games
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L.A. Chargers 30, Chicaago 20 Monday's Games Las Vegas at Detroit, 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 Miami vs Kansas City at Frankfurt,

DEU, 9:30 a.m.
Arizona at Cleveland, 1 p.m. Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m. L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 1 p.m. Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Seattle at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Houston, 1 p.m. Washington at New England, 1 p.m. Indianapolis at Carolina, 4:05 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m. Buffalo at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m. Open: Denver, Jacksonville, Detroit

San Francisco Monday, Nov. 6 L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Jets, 8:15

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Atlanta 127, Milwaukee 110
Golden State 106, Houston 95
Philadelphia 126, Portland 98
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m

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Monday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m. Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Golden State at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.

Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m. Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m. Portland at Detroit, 7 p.m. Brooklyn at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7:30

Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m. Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m. L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m. Sacramento at Golden State, 10 p.m

## **BASEBALL**

**MLB WORLD SERIES** (Best-of-7)

(All Games on Fox) Texas 1, Arizona 1 Friday, Oct. 27: Texas 6, Arizona 5, 11 innings Saturday, Oct. 28: Arizona 9, Texas 1

Monday, Oct. 30: Texas (Scherzer 13-6) at Arizona (Pfaadt 3-9), 8:03 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31: Texas at Arizona 8:03 p.m. x-Wednesday, Nov. 1: Texas at Ari-

zona, 8:03 p.m. x-Friday, Nov. 3: Arizona at Texas, 8:03 p.m. x-Saturday, Nov. 4: Arizona at Texas,

8:03 p.m.

#### **HOCKEY** NHL

**EASTERN CONFERENCE** Atlantic Division
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Buffalo 4, Colorado 0

New Jersey 4, Minnesota 3
Washington 3, San Jose 1
Edmonton 5, Calgary 2
Monday's Games
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Florida at Boston, 7 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 10 p.m. Montreal at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Dallas at Calgary, 8:30 p.m. St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30 p.m. Arizona at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

Sunday's Transactions HOCKEY National Hockey League DETROIT RED WINGS —

Returned RW Jonatan Gerggren to Grand Rapids (AHL) from loan.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed D Colin Miller on injured reserve, retroactive to Oct. 19. Recalled F Justin Dowling from Utica (AHL). SAN JOSE SHARKS — Loaned

F Thomas Bordeleau to San Jose (AHL). Returned C Jacob Peterson to San Jose from Ioan.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Jaydon Dureau to Syracuse (AHL) from Orlando (ECHL). VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS —

Returned RW Jonas Rondbjerg to Henderson (AHL) from loan.

## Colts lose to Saints

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Carr opened the Saints' scoring with an 18-yard TD pass to Kamara before hooking up with Shaheed as New Orleans took a 21-20 half-Kamara's 25-yard recep-

tion late in the third quarter set up his powerful 16-yard scoring run that made it 28-20. And when Shaheed was awarded a 44-yard catch after a replay review of an apparent interception, Hill capped the drive with a 1-yard scoring run to make it 35-20 with 10:49 to play.

Minshew answered with a 33-yard TD pass to Drew Ogletree with 8:19 left that got the Colts within 35-27. But after a defensive stop, Minshew couldn't drive Indy for a potential tying score, and the Saints closed it out with a short field goal.

> **INJURIES** Saints: While DE Carl

> > By TRAVIS JOHNSON

**Associated Press** 

State's offense finally found a way to be

explosive when it mattered most on Satur-

es, including a 57-yarder to KeAndre Lam-

bert-Smith with 1:46 to play, and No. 10

Penn State's defense forced a late safety to

gleton ran for another score for the Nittany

Lions (7-1, 4-1 Big Ten), who recovered

after blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth

came up big after making a huge mistake

said. "That's why we play football, to have

opportunities to go down and win the game

that cost the Nittany Lions the lead.

in that situation.'

Penn State's sophomore quarterback

"You can't dwell on the past," Allar

He threw his first career interception

Allar hooked up with Khalil Dinkins and Tvler Warren for touchdowns and Nick Sin-

beat Indiana 33-24 on Saturday.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn

Drew Allar threw three touchdown pass-

Granderson left briefly in the third quarter with an undisan illness.

Colts: Minshew appeared sion) all sat out.

**BY THE NUMBERS** 

closed injury and LG James Hurst (ankle) was inactive, the Saints were impacted more by the illness running through the locker room. At least four players could be seen using IVs following the game. Tight end Jimmy Graham did not play because of

to hurt his left ankle in the first quarter but did not miss a snap. LB Zaire Franklin, the NFL's top tackler, went to the locker after appearing to hurt his right knee in the first but also returned. RT Braden Smith (hip and wrist), CB JuJu Brents (quad), TE Kylen Granson (concussion protocol), DE Eric Johnson II (ankle) and DT Grover Stewart (suspen-

Saints: Carr made his Carolina next Sunday.

pass to escape Hoosiers at home

separation.

zone for a safety.

zone.

No. 10 Penn State gets long TD

150th career start. ... DE Cameron Jordan became the second player in franchise history to play in 200 career games. ... Kamara had 17 carries for 59 yards and four receptions for 51 yards and another TD. ... New Orleans has nine interceptions this season. It had seven all of last year. Colts: Indy is the only

team to top the 20-point mark in all eight games this season. ... Moss started this week second in the NFL in rushing. He now has 589 yards despite missing the season opener. ... Franklin has recorded double-digit tackles a league-best six times this

**UP NEXT** Saints: Host Chicago next

Colts: Face former coach

Frank Reich when they visit

deep in his own end with 5:02 left. That set

up Indiana kicker Chris Freeman's tying

of more than 40 yards coming into the

game, and it came in the opener. Coach

James Franklin has been peppered with

questions about opening up the offense

as Allar's receivers have struggled to get

four-touchdown underdog, Allar went deep

down the sideline to Lambert-Smith, who

made an over-the-shoulder catch and tight-

roped the sideline on the way to the end

delivered a big-time throw," Franklin said of

Dani-Dennis Sutton came off the edge and

blasted Brendan Sorsby, who lost the ball. After a several failed attempts to corral it,

the ball bounced out of the back of the end

"I thought he handled it really well and

Indiana's last chance didn't last long.

Facing a huge potential upset against a

Penn State had only one passing play

field goal from 35 yards with 2:58 to play.

#### Diamondbacks even series said.

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L.A. Clippers 1 1 .50 Sacramento 1 1 .50 Saturday's Games

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"I definitely had visions and images about me sitting on this podium," Kelly said in the postgame interview room, recounting how he got up each morning, made coffee and checked MLB games. "It felt literally and figuratively miles away.'

In an on-field interview with MLB Network, he called it "Lost in Translation" type stuff, referring to the 2003 Sofia Coppola movie of cultural displacement, saying "as far as how they view pitching, for four years I pretty much had to figure it out myself."

The coaches that I had, the translation factor, obviously, is a bit of a hindrance." he said later in the interview room. "At the end of the day, I think what helped over there the most is almost being my own voice and my own pitching coach."

Kelly made his big league debut with Arizona in 2019 and is 48-43. He went 12-8 with a 3.29 ERA in 30 starts this season and is 3-1 with a 2.25 ERA in four postseason starts.

He went to only one three-ball count Saturday.

"Just great command. He hit his spots all night, four pitches. He was on," Rangers manager Bruce Bochy

Kelly's grandmother

June was at the game and he looked forward to seeing her for the first time since a 2011 visit when he was driving to spring training with Kelly's brother Reid also

was in the stands. Last year, Merrill took Reid to Game 3 of the World Series in Phila-

"His birthday is Halloween," Merrill Kelly said. "He texted me the other day saying that obviously this is probably the best birthday present I could give him."

PHAM-TASTIC

Pham, a trade-deadline acquisition from the New York Mets, entered in a 3-for-29 skid that included a Game 1 homer. He singled in the second, hit oppositefield doubles to right in the fourth and sixth, and singled in the eighth. He also was picked off second base by Montgomery.

Pham was inspired by Kurt Reece's self-help book "Good Is The Enemy Of Great.'

'One of my mentors, who the St. Louis Cardinals hired, he gave it to a group of us to read that were handchosen from the Cardinals to work with him," Pham said. "Highly recommend it."

**SLOW DOWN** 

Montgomery, coming off his second big league relief appearance, a win in Game 7 of the ALCS at Houston on Monday, had a velocity dip of about 1.5 mph from his season average. Diamondbacks batters failed to make contact on just two of the 37 pitches they swung at. "Sometimes you've just

got to grit," he said.

FAST PACE

At 2 hours, 59 minutes, it was the quickest World Series game since 2017.

**WEB GEMS** 

Rangers rookie third baseman Josh Jung dove into foul territory to snag Christian Walker's fourth-inning grounder, then popped to his feet to throw out Walker at first. ... Walker leaped to make a barehand grab of Jonah Heim's fifth-inning grounder that hit first base and flipped to Kelly covering for the out.

**UP NEXT** 

Texas RHP Max Scherzer, who is 0-1 with a 9.45 ERA in a pair of postseason starts this year, appears for his third different World Series team in Game 3 after pitching for Detroit and Washington. Rookie RHP Brandon Pfaadt has a 2.70 ERA without a decision in four postseason games for Arizona.

# **Bucks beat Badgers**

(Continued from Page 6) conversion attempt from

the Wisconsin 33 on the game's first series. THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio State: While Ohio

State's offense got a boost from Henderson's return, its defense remained as dominant as ever. The Buckeyes haven't allowed any opponent to score more than 17 points all season. Wisconsin failed to score

on a first-half drive that began at the Ohio State 36 and settled for a field goal after having first-and-goal from the 1 late in the second quarter. Wisconsin: The Badgers

are in a four-way tie for first place in the Big Ten West and now wait to see if Allen or Dike will miss extended time. Wisconsin's offense already is playing without starting quarterback Tan-

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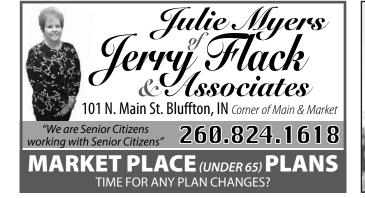
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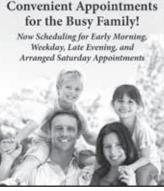
POLL IMPLICATIONS Ohio State figures to stay

at No. 3 for another week. No. 1 Georgia beat Florida and No. 2 Michigan was off.

**UP NEXT** 

Ohio State: At Rutgers next Saturday. Wisconsin: At Indiana





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## Loving life; Still not loving wrinkles

Dear Annie: I was the one who set off a whole flurry of responses because I wrote that I hated being old, hated the wrinkles and hated the condescension and obligatory solicitousness that people showed to old people just because they were old. I said I hated looking old because I think some people react to one's aged appearance as others react to skin color or religion-required apparel. is very clear from My point was that people should not act toward others based on appearances.

One woman wrote that she felt that she had earned her wrinkles (by hard work and living a life she was proud of, we assume). I, too, have lived a life of which I am proud. I worked hard for my family, held a place of respect in the community, was successful in my career and did whatever I could to help others. I didn't do it so I could earn anything, but if I were to do it to earn something, it would be stars in my heavenly crown or good karma, certainly not wrinkles. I still think they are ugly. Rewards should be good, not ugly. I got wrinkled because I didn't die young. Not dying young was the reward, not wrinkles.

Another reader said having people give us (old people) seats or treating us with deference is respect for our age. I do not want to be treated with respect just because I am old. I like to think that when I am treated with respect, it is because I have earned it — not simply for staying alive.

The letter that precipitated my writing again was a woman who was "continuing to be kind." I love kindness, and I love being kind to people. I love when we humans connect with strangers by letting them go in front of us in line when they look like they're in a hurry, or turning in a wallet accidentally left on a Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's seccounter, or paying for the person behind you in a drive-thru.

I love life! I love random kindnesses by fellow human beings. I love having survived to be this age. I love it when you hold a door for me because I have packages. Just don't do it out of obligation because I am old. — Loving My

Dear Dear Loving Annie Life: Thank you for taking the time to

respond to those

other readers'

reactions to your

initial letter. I

think the message

everyone who

wrote in; namely,

that they love life

and are grate-

ful to have lived

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by Annie Lane



come with aging. Dear Annie: My husband and I grew up in large extended families, and we are delighted that our son's daughter gets to do that too, on her mother's side. That we don't see her much on the holidays isn't important. What's important is that she is surrounded by a loving family of many aunts, uncles, cousins and second cousins. When "Soon-To-Be-Grandma's" grandchild is born, there will be lots of opportunities to help out. You were spot on to tell her that the question isn't how can her son pay more attention to her, but how can she be helpful to her son. I wish her all joy during the times she is with her son and her future grandchild and hope she doesn't have resentment during the times she is not with them. — Grandma Already

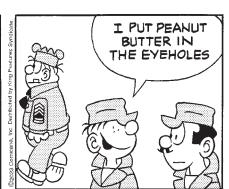
Dear Grandma: You are very kind to wish her all the joy that she will experience as a grandmother.

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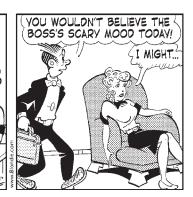
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### **My** Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: I've failed many times in my life. My Bible study buddies tell me I'm the reason. They're probably giving it to me straight, but why can't I see it or admit it? – L.F.

A: There's nothing that indicates the inspiration of the Scriptures more than the factual and faithful record of men and their failures. These records are for our warning and instruction.

When failure comes, it helps to ask these questions: Could I have done anything to prevent this? Were my hopes or dreams unrealistic? Were my motives wrong? Is there a sin I need to confess or a new path God wants me to explore? What can I learn from this experience —

#### When God closes one door, He often opens another

even if it was unavoidable? What is God trying to teach me?

The story is told of a man who spent most of his life chasing schemes. None worked out, leaving him nothing when he retired. Why had he repeatedly failed? The answer was that he'd never listen to advice or heed his friends' warnings. He always blamed others for his failures and refused to learn from his experiences.

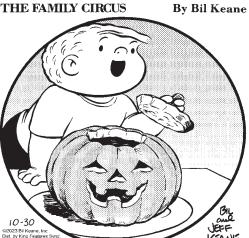
The Bible says, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice" (Proverbs 12:15, NIV). Sometimes God uses life's disappointments to draw us closer to Himself or teach us patience and trust. He also may use them to redirect us toward

His will. For the Christian, when God closes one door, He often opens another - if we seek it. The Apostle Paul said, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Philippians 4:11, NIV). He wrote those words while in prison, his plans disrupted and his future uncertain. The reason he could say this, however, was because he had learned to see disappointment and failure from God's perspective, and to trust the future into His hands. "Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths" (Psalm 25:4, NKJV).

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

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#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"See? He has a built-in hat."

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Must have college level cours-

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Merchants Bank

Sheriff Sale File number:

Date & Time of Sale: Wednes

day, December 13, 2023, at 1:00

Sale Location: Wells County Courthouse First Floor, 102 W Market St, Bluffton, IN

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Defendant: Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal rep-

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# Gaza receives largest aid shipment so far as deaths top 8K

By WAFAA SHURAFA, **SAMY MAGDY** and KAREEM CHEHAYEB **Associated Press** 

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Nearly three dozen trucks entered Gaza on Sunday in the largest aid convoy since the war between Israel and Hamas began, but humanitarian workers said the assistance still fell desperately short of needs after thousands of people broke into warehouses to take flour and basic hygiene prod-

The Gaza Health Ministry said the death toll among Palestinians passed 8,000, mostly women and minors, as Israeli tanks and infantry pursued what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a "second stage" in the war ignited by Hamas' brutal Oct. 7 incursion. The toll is without precedent in decades of Israeli-Palestinian violence. Over 1,400 people have died on the Israeli side, mainly civilians killed during the initial attack, also an unprecedented fig-

Communications were restored to most of Gaza's 2.3 million people Sunday after an Israeli bombardment described by residents as the most intense of the war knocked out phone and internet services late Friday.

Israel has allowed only a trickle of aid to enter. On Sunday, 33 trucks carrying water, food and medicine entered the only border crossing from Egypt, a spokesperson at the Rafah crossing, Wael Abo Omar, told The Associated

After visiting the Rafah crossing, the chief prosecutor of the

called the suffering of civilians profound" and said he had not been able to enter Gaza. "These are the most tragic of days," said Karim Khan, whose court has been investigating the actions of Israeli and Palestinian authorities since 2014.

Khan called on Israel to respect international law but stopped short of accusing it of war crimes. He called Hamas' Oct. 7 attack a serious violation of international humanitarian law. "The burden rests with those who aim the gun, missile or rocket in question," he

The Israeli military said Sunday that it had struck more than 450 militant targets over the past 24 hours, including Hamas command centers and anti-tank missile launching positions. Huge plumes of smoke rose over Gaza City. Military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said dozens of militants were killed.

Hagari, who said ground operations were intensifying, also reiterated calls for Gaza residents to move south, saying they'd have better access to food, water and medicine there.

"This is a matter of urgency,"

Israel says most Gaza residents have heeded its orders to flee to the southern part of the besieged territory, but hundreds of thousands remain in the north, in part because Israel has also bombarded targets in so-called safe zones. More than 1.4 million people in Gaza have fled their homes.

The Hamas military wing said its militants clashed with Israeli Gaza Strip with small arms and anti-tank missiles. Palestinian militants have continued firing rockets into Israel, including toward its commercial hub, Tel Aviv.

The aid warehouse break-ins were "a worrying sign that civil order is starting to break down after three weeks of war and a tight siege on Gaza," said Thomas White, Gaza director for the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA. "People are scared, frustrated and desperate."

UNRWA spokesperson Juliette Touma said the crowds broke into four facilities on Saturday. She said the warehouses did not contain any fuel, which has been in critically short supply since Israel cut off all shipments. Israel says Hamas would use it for military purposes and that the militant group is hoarding large fuel stocks for itself in the territory. That claim couldn't be independently verified.

One warehouse held 80 tons of food, the U.N. World Food Program said. It emphasized that at least 40 of its trucks need to cross into Gaza daily just to meet growing food needs.

President Joe Biden in a call with Netanyahu on Sunday "underscored the need to immediately and significantly increase the flow of humanitarian assistance to meet the needs of civilians in Gaza," the U.S. said.

Israeli authorities said they would soon allow more humanitarian aid to enter Gaza.

But the head of civil affairs at COGAT, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs, provided no details on Hundreds storm airport in Russia in antisemitic riot over arrival of plane from Israel

MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of people stormed into the main airport in Russia's Dagestan region and onto the landing field Sunday, chanting antisemitic slogans and seeking passengers arriving on a flight from Tel Aviv, Israel, Russian news agencies and social media reported.

Russian news reports said the crowd surrounded the airliner, which belonged to Russian carrier Red Wings.

Authorities closed the airport in Makhachkala, the capital of the predominantly Muslim region, and police converged on the facility. Dagestan's Ministry of Health said more than 20 people were injured, with two in critical condition. It said the injured included police officers and civilians.

Video on social media showed some in the crowd waving Palestinian flags and others trying to overturn a police car. Antisemitic slogans can be heard being shouted and some in the crowd examined the passports of arriving passengers, apparently in an attempt to identify those who were Israeli.

In a statement Sunday night, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Israel "expects the Russian law enforcement authorities to protect the safety of all Israeli citizens and Jews wherever they may be and to act resolutely against the rioters and against the wild incitement directed against Jews and Israelis."

Netanyahu's office added that the Israeli ambassador to Russia was working with Russia to keep Israelis and Jews safe.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs for Russia's North Caucasian Federal District, where Dagestan is located, said that CCTV footage would be used to establish the identities of those who stormed the airport and that those involved would be brought to justice.

how much aid would be available. Elad Goren also said Israel has opened two water lines in southern Gaza within the past week. The AP could not independently verify that either line was functioning.

Meanwhile, crowded hospitals in Gaza came under growing threat. Residents living near Shifa Hospital, the territory's largest, said Israeli airstrikes overnight hit near the complex where tens of thousands of civilians are sheltering. Israel accuses Hamas of having a secret command post beneath the hospital but has not provided much evidence. Hamas denies the

# More than 1,000 pay tribute to Maine's mass shooting victims

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — They came together Sunday night to mourn those lost in Maine's worst mass shooting, hugging one another, singing a rousing edition of "Amazing Grace," and seeking guidance out of these dark days from religious leaders who talked of hope, healing and the power of prayer.

More than 1,000 people gathered for the vigil Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Lewiston. Some put their heads in their hands as the names of the 18 people who died in Wednesday's shooting were read. Others quietly wept.

Hundreds more watched a live stream of the vigil shown on a huge screen in front of the church. Some held American flags and others had lit candles in cups marked with the names of the dead and injured.

"Remember to seek healing over relief. Relief is temporary. Healing is permanent. Pain is temporary," the Rev. Gary Bragg of the Southern Baptist Church in Lewiston said. As he spoke, he asked the crowd to welcome their neighbor to the

service with the words "I am so glad you are here" and then to ask how they might help them.

The vigil came two days after the body of suspected gunman Robert Card was found. The 40-year-old's body was discovered in a trailer at a recycling center in Lisbon Falls. Card died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound though it was unclear when, authorities said. Card was also suspected of injuring 13 people in the shooting rampage Wednesday night in Lewis-

Christian leaders along with a rabbi and an imam spoke of the pain from the shooting but also the healing process and the resilience of the community of 40,000. There was also a speaker from Lewiston's deaf and hard of hearing community, since four of its members were killed in the shooting.

Kevin Bohlin, who represented the deaf community, signed his message, which delivered through an ASL interpreter, about how the tragedy hit close to home for the community. Several in attendance could be seeing signing to one another throughout the vigil.

The victims are now gone, he said, "but they are directing us to come together and make a difference in

The Rev. Allen Austin, a senior pastor at Pathways Vineyard Church in Lewiston encouraged the crowd to "stay focused on the things that invite peace into our communities.'

Austin said he hopes that what arises from the tragedy is a "kinder people, a more compassionate people, a more merciful people.'

The Rev. Todd Little from the First United Pentecostal Church of Lewiston spoke at the vigil of a diverse community that shares something new in common after the tragedy: "shared brokenness, worry, fear and loss."

He also vowed that the community is bigger than the tragedy and will emerge not just "Lewiston Strong" but "Lewiston Stronger.'

'We will not be defined by the tragedies that happened," he said. "Fear, anxiety and trepidation will not dictate our present or our

Earlier Sunday, several church services were shaped by the shooting and subsequent lockdown lasting days. At the morning mass for Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, several women wore black veils. A church official said they are raising funds to help those hurt by "the horrible events in our small town."

"We can see the rays of light in darkness," said the Rev. Daniel Greenleaf, adding it is for times like this that people have "practiced" their faith.

At Lisbon Falls Baptist Church, arriving church members greeted each other warmly but the atmosphere turned somber when the Rev. Brian Ganong brought up the tragedy. He prayed for those fighting for their lives, those who lost family and friends, first responders and medical workers, and others — including the Card family, who he said had ties to some members of the church.

"It did happen. We may never know the reason why," he said, encouraging the congregation to seek solace through a higher being.

Authorities recovered a multitude of weapons while searching for Card and believe he had legally purchased his guns, including those recovered in his car and near his body, said Jim Ferguson, the special agent in charge of the Boston office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He declined to discuss any specifics.

Investigators are still searching for a motive for the massacre, but have increasingly focused on Card's mental health history.

State Department of Public Safety Commissioner Michael Sauschuck said Card believed "people were talking about him and there may even have been some voices at play."

Family members of Card told federal investigators that he had recently discussed hearing voices and became more focused on the bowling alley and bar, according to law enforcement officials who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity in order to discuss details of the investigation.

A stay-at-home order in place during the massive search was lifted Friday afternoon, hours before authorities announced they had found Card's body. By Saturday, some sense of normalcy returned. Residents went hunting on the opening day of firearm season for deer, and one family handed out buckets of flowers in downtown.

On Sunday at Schemengees Bar & Grille, one of the shooting sites, workers in white hazmat suits could be seen methodically cleaning up a staircase. Yellow tape surrounded the site and a small memorial erected nearby featuring colorful balloons, flowers and a poster that read: "Be Strong Lewiston. Leroy Walker, an Auburn

city councilor and father of one of the victims, was greeting people at a trickor-treat event on Sunday, hosted by an organization he leads. He smiled broadly when the children hugged him but he became emotional when he spoke of his son, Joseph, who normally would've joined him at the event.

# Hurricane Otis death toll rises to 48, 36 missing as search and recovery work continues

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — At least 48 people died when Category 5 Hurricane Otis slammed into Mexico's southern Pacific coast, most of them in Acapulco, Mexican authorities said Sunday as the death toll continued to climb and families buried loved ones.

Mexico's civil defense agency said in a statement that 43 of the dead were in the resort city of Acapulco and five in nearby Coyuca de Benitez. Guerrero state's governor had earlier raised the number of missing to 36 from 10 a day earlier. The death toll increased after authorities had raised it to 39 on Saturday.

In Acapulco, families held funerals for the dead on Sunday and continued the search for essentials while government workers and volunteers cleared streets clogged with muck and debris from the powerful Category 5 hurricane.

Kathy Barrera, 30, said Sunday that her aunt's family was buried under a landslide when tons of mud and rock tumbled down onto their home. Her aunt's body was found with the remains of their three children ranging in age from 2 to 21. Her uncle was still missing. Separately, Barrera's own mother and brother also remained

"The water came in with the rocks, the mud and totally buried them," Barrera, who was standing outside a local morgue, said of her aunt's family.

On Sunday, authorities released the bodies of her aunt and the two youngest children to relatives. Bodies in white bags were loaded into open caskets in the back of hearses. The eldest daughter had already been buried the day before.

As she prepared to lay her relatives to rest, Barrera — who had hardly even had a chance to search for her own mother and brother expressed desperation and frustration at the aid and personnel she had begun seeing in tourist areas of the city — but not in their neighborhood high on a mountainside hit by landslides.

"There are many, many people here at the (morgue) that are entire families, families of six, families of four, even eight people," she said. "I want to ask authorities not to lie ... there are a lot of people who are arriving dead."

During a short time outside the morgue Sunday morning, at least a half-dozen families arrived, some

looking for relatives; other identifying bodies and still others giving statements to authorities.

The somber convoys of hearses and relatives crossed much of battered Acapulco en route to the cemetery, passing ransacked stores, streets strewn with debris and soldiers cutting away fallen trees.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Saturday that his opponents are trying to inflate the toll to damage him politically, but with hundreds of families still awaiting word from loved ones it was likely to keep rising.

Otis roared ashore early Wednesday with devastating 165 mph winds after strengthening so rapidly that people had little time to pre-

Kristian Vera stood on an Acapulco beach Saturday looking out toward dozens of sunken boats, including three of her own, all marked by floating buoys or just poking out of the water.

Despite losing her livelihood in Otis' brutal assault on the coast, she felt fortunate. Earlier in the day, she watched a body pulled from the water and saw families coming and going, looking for their loved ones.

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NOVEMBER 5-NOVEMBER 12 - (Online Only) - Kipfer Family, seller. New Holland TL90 diesel tractor, International 706 gas tractor, 1984 Case Model 444 garden tractor, 2008 Miller 250 Bobcat welder generator, Pilot 24-volt fork lift charger, Marathon, Shell, other gasoline plastic signs, Fenton, Lladro, Carnival, Vaseline, Royal Dalton, RS Prussia glassware, antique & modern furniture. Preview: Nov. 2 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 9 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., 6345 W 200 S-1, Bluffton. Sale manager, Patrick Carter, *The Steffen Group Inc.*, 260-824-3006, www.steffengrp.

NOVEMBER 27 - 6 p.m. - Pamela & Rick Myers, owners. Auc-

tion conducted at Wells County 4-H Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN. Land located at County Rd. 100 N & State Rd. 116, NW corner of Bluffton. 118.91 acres, Sec. 28 & 33, Lancaster Twp., Wells County. These farms will be offered in the following tracts, and/or combined. Tract 1: 26.18 acres. Tract 2: 92.73 acres. Auctioneer: Jody Holloway, 260-273-0999, Holloway Auction Company, Inc., 260-824-5060, www.HollowayAuction. DECEMBER 5 - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. ET. (Online) - Farm: Goodwin Trust. Property location: 2 miles north of Markle, IN at the intersection of N Marzane Road and W 800 N. 157.3+/- total acres, 136.9+/- tillable, 12.2+/- CRP, 8.2+/- non-tillable. Prime farmland, tillable, CRP, Wells County, Union Township. Soil types: Pewamo silty clay loam, Glynwood clay & silt loam, Del Rey-Blount silt loams, Glynwood-Mississinewa clay loam. WAPI: 133.5 corn bu, 40.2 soybeans bu. Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management,

800-424-2324, halderman.com, Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181.