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Ossian man is charged after Fort Wayne cyber tip

Avery Dean Bodwell is charged with possession of child pornography

By SYDNEY KENT

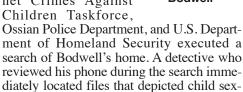
A convicted sex offender from Ossian is facing up to 13 years in prison after local authorities received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Avery Dean Bodwell, 33, was charged with five counts of possession of child pornography, all Level 6 felonies. According to a probable cause affidavit, the cyber tip was transferred from a sergeant at the Fort Wayne Police Department.

Detectives reportedly learned on Nov. 2, 2022, a file flagged for child pornography was uploaded to Synchronoss Technologies, Inc., a cloud-based storage provider for Verizon. The description of the uploaded file depicted a woman and young child in a sexually-abusive incident. The phone number that uploaded the file belonged to

Multiple files found from Bodwell's history contained images, some of them animated, of violent acts performed on children as young as

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on June 8, members of the Internet Crimes Against



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Avery Dean Bodwell



Christmas is creeping in

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, but Christmas is swiftly creeping up behind it. Parlor City Christmas is just three weeks away, on Saturday, Dec. 9. (Photos by Carrie Pen-



Rosalynn Carter, outspoken former first lady, dies at 96

By BILL BARROW and MICHAEL WARREN **Associated Press**

ATLANTA (AP) — Former first lady Rosalynn Carter, the closest adviser to Jimmy Carter during his one term as U.S. president and their four decades thereafter as global humanitarians, has died at the age of 96.

The Carter Center said she died Sunday after living with dementia and suffering many months of declining health. The statement said she "died peacefully, with family by her side" at 2:10 p.m. at her rural Georgia home of Plains.

"Rosalynn was my equal partner in everything I ever accomplished," the former president said in the statement. "She gave me wise guidance and encouragement when I needed it. As long as Rosalynn was in the world, I always knew somebody loved and supported me."

President Joe Biden called the Carters

"an incredible family because they brought so much grace to the office."

"He had this great integrity, still does. And she did too," Biden told reporters as he was boarding Air Force One on Sunday night after an event in Norfolk, Virginia. "God bless them." Biden said he spoke to the family and was told that Jimmy Carter was surrounded by his children and grand-

Later, the White House released a joint statement from the president and first lady Jill Biden saying that Carter inspired the nation. "She was a champion for equal rights and opportunities for women and girls; an advocate for mental health and wellness for every person; and a supporter of the often unseen and uncompensated caregivers of our children, aging loved ones, and people with disabilities," the statement

Reaction from world leaders poured in (Continued on Page 2)

The Bidens start Thanksgiving early with service members

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — President Joe Biden visited naval installations in Virginia on Sunday to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday week, introducing an early screening of the upcoming movie "Wonka" and sharing a "friendsgiving" meal with service members and their relatives.

Biden also paid tribute Sunday to former first lady Rosalynn Carter, who died Sunday, and to President Jimmy Carter. "They brought so much grace to the office,' Biden said.

The president and first lady Jill Biden headed to a packed auditorium at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads to introduce the new film centered around the early life of Roald Dahl's fictional eccentric chocolatier, Willy Wonka. It will be officially released Dec. 15.

He joked to the many youngsters in the crowd: "I like kids more than adults" and added "I wish I could stay and watch Wonka with you."

Instead, the Bidens helped serve dinner with service members from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and the USS Gerald R. Ford at Norfolk Naval Station, the largest installation of its kind in the world, along with their families.

"You literally are the backbone, the spine, the spine of this nation," the president said. "Only 1 percent of you, that's all, that protects the 99 percent of us."

The event featured around 400 service members and their relatives seated in folding chairs and around wooden, circular tables inside a concrete-floored hanger that included three display Blackhawk helicopters, a towering American flag and a screen with

the image of the White House surrounded by falling leaves and the words "Happy Thanksgiving."

"I mean from the bottom of my heart," the president said. "Family members, you are the heart of this operation." He said he would be passing out dressing and joked, "If vou don't like dressing, just come up and pretend you do and say hi to me.'

But the president actually served up mashed potatoes while attendees lined up for the buffetstyle meal. Jill Biden spooned out sweet potato casserole to attendees. They stood on either side of

Chef Robert Irvine, whose foundation helped organize the meal, and both chatted up those going through the line, which included a lot of children.

At one point, a child asked Jill Biden something. She laughed and served a portion of casserole that contained all marshmallows, forgoing any sweet potatoes.

The menu also featured slowroasted bourbon-brined turkey topped with giblet gravy and cranberry-orange compote, maplemustard glazed spiral-cut smoked

ham, brioche-cornbread stuffing, (Continued on Page 2)

Why most Americans feel gloomy about the economy

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation has reached its lowest point in 2 1/2 years. The unemployment rate has stayed below 4 percent for the longest stretch since the 1960s. And the U.S. economy has repeatedly defied predictions of a coming recession. Yet according to a raft of polls and surveys, most Americans hold a glum view of the economy.

The disparity has led to befuddlement, exasperation and curiosity on social media and in opinion columns.

Last week, the government reported that consumer prices didn't rise at all from September to October, the latest sign that inflation is steadily cooling from the heights of last year. A separate report showed that while Americans slowed their retail purchases

in October from the previous month's brisk pace, they're still spending enough to drive economic growth.

Even so, according to a poll last month by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, about three-quarters of respondents described the economy as poor. Two-thirds said their expenses have risen. Only onequarter said their income has.

The disconnect poses a political

challenge for President Joe Biden as he gears up for his re-election campaign. Polls consistently show that most Americans disapprove of Biden's handling of the economy. Many factors lie behind the dis-

connect, but economists increasingly point to one in particular: The lingering financial and psychological effects of the worst bout of inflation in four decades. Despite the steady cooling of inflation over the past year, many

goods and services are still far pricier than they were just three years ago. Inflation — the rate at which costs are increasing - is slowing. But most prices are high and still rising.

Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, captured this dynamic in recent remarks at Duke University.

"Most Americans," Cook said, "are not just looking for disinfla-(Continued on Page 2)

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Weather

Monday, November 20, 2023

(24-hour observations at 9:07 p.m. Sunday)

Wells County forecast

Cloudy, with a high near 48. East wind around 15 mph, with

mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation

is 90 percent. New precipitation amounts between a tenth

20 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New precipitation amounts between a half and three

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m.

Tonight: Showers. Low around 40. East wind around 15

Tuesday: Showers. High near 52. Southeast wind 10 to

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers before 1

a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Northwest wind

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 43.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 48.

10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.18

High: 56; **Low:** 31; **Precipitation:** None

feet at 10:45 p.m. Sunday

gusts as high as 25 mph.

and quarter of an inch possible.

quarters of an inch possible.

Ossian man charged

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ual abuse.

Bodwell was transported to the Wells County Jail on preliminary charges of possession of child pornography, a Level 6 felony. He posted bail the same day.

On Nov. 6, four additional counts for possession of child pornography at a Level 6 felony were added. Two days later, a detective with the Wells County Sheriff's Office attempted to serve Bodwell a warrant for the charges. Bodwell reportedly exited the property in a vehicle prior to the attempt.

Officers pulled Bodwell over on Ind. 1 soon after. The officer noted Bodwell refused to exit the vehicle at first, despite clear and repeated instruction. He was ultimately transported to the Wells County Jail where a pat-down revealed a paper with a list of phone numbers he intended to bring with him to the jail. However, he did not bring any identification.

Due to a previous conviction for attempted sexual exploitation of a minor in Utah, Bodwell is required to register as a sexual offender until January of 2028. Sex offenders are required to possess an ID at all times under Indiana Law, regardless of their designa-

On Monday, an additional case was added to Bodwell's criminal history one count of failure of a sex/violent offender to possess identification, a Class A Misdemeanor.

A warrant for Bodwell's arrest for the additional charge is currently pending. A status hearing is scheduled for his initial case at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 in the Wells Superior Court.

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Rosalynn carter dies at 96

(Continued from Page 1) throughout the day.

The Carters were married for more than 77 years, forging what they both described as a "full partnership." Unlike many previous first ladies, Rosalynn sat in on Cabinet meetings, spoke out on controversial issues and represented her husband on foreign trips. Aides to President Carter sometimes referred to her — privately as "co-president."

"Rosalynn is my best friend ... the perfect extension of me, probably the most influential person in my life," Jimmy Carter told aides during their White House years, which spanned from 1977-1981.

The former president, now 99, remains at the couple's home in Plains after entering hospice care himself in February.

Fiercely loyal and compassionate as well as politically astute, Rosalynn Carter prided herself on being an activist first lady, and no one doubted her behindthe-scenes influence. When her role in a highly publicized Cabinet shakeup became known, she was forced to declare publicly, "I am not running the government.'

Many presidential aides insisted that her political instincts were better than her husband's — they often enlisted her support for a project before they discussed it with the president. Her iron will, contrasted with her outwardly shy demeanor and a soft Southern accent, inspired Washington reporters to call her "the Steel Magno-

Both Carters said in their

candied walnuts, roasted

garlic and crème fraiche.

and a toasted espresso mas-

As the event was wrap-

Meanwhile, Biden's

ping up, attendees presented

Biden with a birthday cake.

2024 Republican rival Don-

ald Trump was scheduled

for a military visit Sunday

in Texas. The former presi-

dent, who has a command-

ing early lead in the 2024

GOP primary, was in Edin-

burg after serving meals to

National Guard soldiers,

troopers and others who

will be stationed at the U.S.-

Mexico border over Thanks-

hard-line immigration pro-

posals he argues will better

secure the border. He and

top Republicans have long

criticized the Biden adminis-

tration for failing to do more

to crackdown on people

entering the United States

support to the nation's mili-

tary has a personal connec-

tion. Their son Beau served

in Iraq as a member of the

Delaware National Guard.

He died of brain cancer in

2015 at the age of 46, when

For the Bidens, offering

Trump is promoting

giving.

illegally.

carpone Chantilly cream.

He turns 81 on Monday.

later years that Rosalynn had always been the more political of the two. After Jimmy Carter's landslide defeat in 1980, it was she, not the former president, who contemplated an implausible comeback, and years later she confessed to missing their life in Washington.

Jimmy Carter trusted her so much that in 1977, only months into his term, he sent her on a mission to Latin America to tell dictators he meant what he said about denying military aid and other support to violators of human rights.

She also had strong feelings about the style of the Carter White House. The Carters did not serve hard liquor at public functions. though Rosalynn did permit U.S. wine. There were fewer evenings of ballroom dancing and more square dancing and picnics.

Throughout her husband's political career, she chose mental health and problems of the elderly as her signature policy emphasis. When the news media didn't cover those efforts as much as she believed was warranted, she criticized reporters for writing only about "sexy subjects."

As honorary chairwoman of the President's Commission on Mental Health, she once testified before a Senate subcommittee, becoming the first first lady since Eleanor Roosevelt to address a congressional panel. She was back in Washington in 2007 to push Congress for improved mental health coverage, saying, "We've been working on this for so long, it finally seems to be in

Thanksgiving with service members

Joe Biden was vice presi-

Beau's deployment at the

Wonka event, telling the

crowd: "I know there are

many here who miss their

up for that empty chair at the

table, for us, the kindness of

our community and finding

moments of joy helps make

it a little bit easier," she said.

ebrate with the troops at

home, the war between Isra-

el and Hamas and the fate of

hostages, including Ameri-

cans, being held by the mili-

tants in Gaza, were front and

center for the president. A

reporter asked Biden upon

his arrival in Norfolk when

more hostages might go

free, to which he replied,

"I'm not in a position to tell

you that" and added, "I want

to make sure they're out and

Rosalynn Carter's death dur-

ing their visit, announcing

her passing just before serv-

ing the friendsgiving meal.

Jill Biden asked diners to

"include the Carter family

in your prayers" during the

holiday season. Carter, she

said, "was well-known for

her efforts on mental health

The Bidens learned of

then I'll tell you.

As he prepared to cel-

While nothing can make

mom or dad or spouse."

Jill Biden talked about

dent.

She said she developed her interest in mental health during her husband's campaigns for Georgia gover-

"I used to come home and say to Jimmy, 'Why are people telling me their problems?' And he said. Because you may be the only person they'll ever see who may be close to someone who can help them,' she explained.

After Ronald Reagan won the 1980 election, Rosalynn Carter seemed more visibly devastated than her husband. She initially had little interest in returning to the small town of Plains, where they both were born, married and spent most of their lives.

"I was hesitant, not at all sure that I could be happy here after the dazzle of the White House and the years of stimulating political battles," she wrote in her 1984 autobiography, "First Lady from Plains." But "we slowly rediscovered the satisfaction of a life we had left long before."

After leaving Washington, Jimmy and Rosalynn co-founded The Carter Center in Atlanta to continue their work. She chaired the center's annual symposium on mental health issues and raised funds for efforts to aid the mentally ill and homeless. She also wrote "Helping Yourself Help Others," about the challenges of caring for elderly or ailing relatives, and a sequel, "Helping Someone With Mental Ill-

Frequently, the Carters left home on humanitarian missions, building houses with Habitat for Humanity and promoting public health

and caregiving and women's

reporters as he was board-

ing Air Force One to leave

Norfolk, described the Cart-

ers as a couple of grace and

integrity, and praised Jimmy

Carter as a person who

worked as hard for others

after he left the White House

"Imagine, they were together for 77 years," he added. "God bless them."

dinner with service mem-

bers about watching Beau

Biden's children while he

was deployed, but then

appeared too overcome with

emotion to continue and

said, "I don't want to talk

about this." The sadness was

fleeting. A moment later he

lightheartedly bent down

and joked with a 6-year-old,

saying "What are you, 17?"

giving," Biden said. "May

God love you all."

"Happy, happy Thanks-

Biden also talked at the

as he did in office.

Biden, speaking to

rights."

and democracy across the developing world.

"I get tired," she said of her travels. "But something so wonderful always happens. To go to a village where they have Guinea worm and go back a year or two later and there's no Guinea worm, I mean the people dance and sing — it's so wonderful."

was going to do.

"I depend on him when I have questions, when I'm writing speeches, anything, I consult with him," she

She helped Carter recov-

at age 97.

At the height of the Carters' political power, Lillian Carter said of her daughterin-law: "She can do anything in the world with Jimmy, and she's the only one. He listens to her."

In 2015, Jimmy Carter's doctors discovered four small tumors on his brain. The Carters feared he had weeks to live. He was treated with a drug to boost his immune system, and later announced that doctors found no remaining signs of cancer. But when they first received the news, she said she didn't know what she

said.

er several years later when he had hip replacement surgery at age 94 and had to learn to walk again. And she was with him earlier this year when he decided after a series of hospital stays that he would forgo further medical interventions and begin end-of-life

Jimmy Carter is the longest-lived U.S. president. Rosalynn Carter was the second longest-lived of the nation's first ladies, trailing only Bess Truman, who died

Friendsgiving with the military has become a tradition for the Bidens. Last year, they dished out mashed potatoes and other sides as part of the buffet-style meal in Cherry Point, North Carolina, home to more than

ily members. In 2021, the Bidens visited the Army's Fort Bragg in North Carolina for an early Thanksgiving meal in a hangar for about 250 service members and their families. Troops got chocolate chip cookies bearing the presidential seal.

9,000 military personnel and

roughly 8,000 military fam-

The president and first lady plan to spend this Thanksgiving on Nantucket, a Massachusetts island.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. **Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 42. Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41. **Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. **Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 40.

U.S. economy

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tion" - a slowdown in price increases. "They're looking for deflation. They want these prices to be back where they were before the pandemic. ... I hear that from my family."

That's particularly true for some of the goods and services that Americans pay for most frequently: Bread, beef and other groceries, apartment rents and utilities. Every week or month, consumers are reminded of how far those prices have risen.

Deflation — a widespread drop in prices typically makes people and companies reluctant to spend and therefore isn't desirable. Instead, economists say, the goal is for wages to rise faster than prices so that consumers still come out ahead.

How inflation-adjusted incomes have fared since the pandemic is a complicated question, because it's difficult for just one metric to capture the experiences of roughly 160 million Americans.

Adjusted for inflation, median weekly earnings those in the middle of the income distribution — have risen at just a 0.2 percent annual rate from the final three months of 2019 through the second quarter of this year, according to calculations by Wendy Edelberg, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. That meager gain has left many Americans feeling that they have made little financial progress.

For Katherine Charles, a 40-year old single mother in Tampa, Florida, inflation's slowdown hasn't made it easier to make ends meet. Her rent jumped 15 percent in May. Over the summer, to keep her electricity bill down, Charles kept the air conditioning off during the

day despite Tampa's blistering hot weather.

She has felt the need to cut back on groceries, even though, she said, her 16-year old son and 10-year old daughter "are at the age they are eating everything in front of them.

"My son loves red meat," Charles said. "We cannot any longer afford it the way we used to. The economy's not getting better for nobody, especially not for me."

Charles, a call center representative with a company that handles customer service for the Medicare and Affordable Care Act health plans, received a raise to \$18.21 an hour two years ago. But it wasn't much of an increase. She doesn't even remember how large it was.

This month, Charles took part in a one-day strike against her employer, Maximus. She and her coworkers are seeking higher wages and more affordable health insurance. Charles' two children are on Medicaid, she said, because Maximus' health insurance is too expensive.

Eileen Cassidy Rivera, a spokeswoman for Maximus, its 40,000 employees found that three-quarters of those who responded said "they would recommend Maximus as a great place to work."

"During the past five years, we have increased compensation, reduced out-of-pocket health care expenses and improved the work environment," Rivera added.

Rising prices have been a key driver of a wave of strikes and other forms of labor activism this year, with unions representing autoworkers, Teamsters and airline pilots winning sizable pay increases.



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OBITUARIES

William R. "Pat" Miller, 86

William R. "Pat" Miller, 86, passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at his residence following a short illness.

Bill was born July 11, 1937, in Richmond, Ind. to Edwin H. and Mina M. (Morrison) Miller, both parents preceded him in death. He married Helen D. Wilson on May 2,1958 in Richmond, she preceded him in death June 19,



He graduated in 1957 from Richmond High School. Bill worked as a mechanic for Teco Manufacturing in Ft. Wayne until retirement. He formally worked at Balsinger Motor Company in Berne. He served in the United States Army for two years and was a member of the former Trinity Life Chapel in Berne, and Chapter G Goldwing Club. Bill enjoyed watching John Wayne westerns, bowling, camping, and

riding his Goldwing motorcycle.

Survivors include his children, four daughters, Pam (Mitch) Stookey of Decatur, Mary Cowan of Ft. Wayne, Stephanie Shepherd of Franklin, Ind., and Jenny (Vincent) Seats of Westfield, Ind.; and two sons, Rick Miller of Madison, Ind. and Charles (Annette) Miller of Texas; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Edna Farr of New Castle, Ind. and Rose Mary Rogers of Richmond, Ind.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by one son, William H. Miller.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, immediately followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Pastor Terry Werst will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by the American Legion Post 111 Honor Guard.

Memorials can be made to the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be made at goodwincalehar-

This obituary originally ran Saturday, Nov. 18. It is being rerun for updated information.

Carolyn D. Barnes, 81

Carolyn D. Barnes, 81 of Bluffton, died Sunday morning, Nov. 19, 2023, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time with the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Lee D. Oliver, 85

Lee D. Oliver, 85, of Warren, died Sunday morning, Nov. 19, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time with the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

FSSA extends applications for employer-sponsored child care grants

By LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ **Indiana Capital Chronicle**

Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration on Friday announced it will extend the application period for its employer-sponsored child care grants by adding a second window.

The \$25 million program offers employers seed funding for child care initiatives using some of the state's remaining pandemic-era federal relief funds.

The agency opened the program, which is a partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, last month.

The first round of applications are due on the original deadline of 11:59 p.m. on November 22. But a second round will close at 11:59 p.m. on December 15.

FSSA will award up to 75 percent of the funds in the initial round, according to a news release. Award announcements will go out in December.

The agency will consider any unsuccessful first-round applications, along with new applications, during the second round. It'll make awards public in January.

"Families will benefit from more convenient child care options in their communities, giving children the opportunity to learn, grow and develop alongside their peers. This grant will give parents more opportunities to learn, grow and develop in their careers as well," said Courtney Penn director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning — in last month's announcement.

To be eligible, employers must be located in Indiana and be a business or corporation, a group of local employers or a community-based nonprofit organization applying on behalf of a group of local employers. In each scenario, the entities must employ a staff of 20 or more.

Employers must also be willing to match 10 percent of the total amount they request, and be able to take action within the first year of the program.

Wells Court Docket

Wells Superior Court Criminal Cases

Tia Piotrowski, 27, Ossian, was sentenced to 180 days in the Wells County Jail with 178 days suspended and 2 days of jail credit. Piotrowski is required to serve 60 days on home detention and 363 days of probation. She was also ordered to pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$549.50.

Wayne, appeared for a

Wednesday. Mar initially pled not guilty after she was charged with resisting law enforcement using a vehicle, a Level 6 felony, in August. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Dec. 19, in the Wells Superior

Bluffton, was sentenced to 365 days at the Indiana Har Ki Mar, 25, Fort Department of Correction,

change of plea hearing in ed. The sentence was issued the Wells Superior Court on after Chaney pled guilty to one count of driving while intoxicated, prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 felony. Chaney was also ordered to serve 355 days of probation and pay court costs and filing fees in the amount of \$969.50.

Rachel Ann Irwin, 33, Haley Lynn Chaney, 32, Huntington, appeared in the Wells Superior Court for a probation revocation hearing on Monday. with all but 10 days suspend- Irwin was ordered to serve

60 days of her suspended sentence with no time suspended.

In March of 2022, Irwin pled guilty to one count possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 610 days suspended, 610 days of probation, and 40 days on home detention. She also received 60 days of jail credit toward her sentence. Irwin will be terminated from probation

Young to take on alumni, donor college admissions – without stepping on religious toes

University of Notre Dame says it "welcomes" legislation, which has faith-based loophole

By LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ **Indiana Capital Chronicle**

When the nation's highest court overturned race-conscious admission decisions, affirmative action supporters and detractors alike set their sights on another controversial admissions practice: the consideration of applicant relationships to alumni and donors.

Among them was U.S. Sen. Todd Young, a Republican from Indiana.

He called the practice an "impediment to fair admissions standards" and said they advanced "aristocracy" in an interview with the Indiana Capital

"I saw an opportunity in the wake of that decision to assemble a coalition, bipartisan in nature," Young said.

In two June rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the use of race and ethnicity in higher education admission decisions. Young and U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, a

Democrat from Virginia, introduced a bill this month banning accredited institutions from offering preferential treatment to applicants with relationships to alumni or donors. The legislation would allow institu-

tions to consider "demonstrated interest," but only if the term is defined, the definition publicly available, and all applicants get the opportunity to demonstrate that interest.

It also includes protections for faithbased institutions, a concession to one of the nation's major users of legacy admissions: the University of Notre Dame, located in Indiana.

Young hopes to ensure that "these gateways to opportunity — colleges and universities — aren't vehicles for aristocratic perpetuation, but instead, small-d democratic advancement."

Young said he's worked hard for his accomplishments, but also grew up with the benefits of a two-parent household, a good public school dison. Other Americans may not have that "depth of circumstance," he said.

America is all about the right to rise, the ability to to improve your station if you work really hard and play by the rules. But it becomes dispiriting if you have to work five times as hard as somebody else to end up where they are," Young added.

Hoosier universities unbothered

Indiana's two public university systems — Indiana University and Purdue University — don't consider alumni or donor relationships in the admissions process, spokespeople confirmed.

But the University of Notre Dame, a private university in St. Jospeh County, has among the highest rates of legacy admits in the country.

Between 19 percent and 25 percent of each class are legacy admits, estimated now-retired undergraduate enrollment head, Don Bishop in a 2022 interview with the university's student paper. The university didn't provide requested alumni and donor admission numbers to the Capital Chronicle.

Most estimates put legacy admits at the eight highly selective Ivy League institutions between 10 percent and 15

In a statement, public affairs vice president Pedro Ribeiro said the university "welcome(s)" the senators' efforts to "ensure that all deserving applicants are treated fairly.'

He said Notre Dame shares that goal and noted that the university was founded in 1842 to serve children of working Catholic families.

About 20 percent of Notre Dame's current first-year students are from lower-income families and some are the first from their families to attend college. Those students now outnumber legacy admits, according to Ribeiro.

"(They) illustrate Notre Dame's enduring commitment to our founding mission, our Catholic faith and fairtrict, many positive role models and so ness through need blind admissions," said.

Ribeiro added. "Senators Kaine and Young have identified an important issue for higher education and society at large. We commend them, and we look forward to working together."

Alongside its changes to accreditation requirements, the legislation offers a broadly worded out to religious colleges and universities.

"Nothing," it says, "... shall be construed to inhibit the right of a religious institution to make admissions decisions consistent with the institution's faith-based values."

It's unclear what, if anything, the university would have to change if the legislation were approved. Officials didn't respond to specific questions from the Capital Chronicle.

Young said he heard some compelling arguments (and some "not") in conversations with university officials. Among those concerns was ensuring that applicants actually desire to go to

"I did not account for that," Young said. "And if there's a correlation between (applicants that) want to go here and had some family members who went here, I accept that we're going to have to make some some allocation for that.'

About 75 percent of admitted legacy applicants enroll, Bishop — the former undergraduate admissions chief estimated in 2022. The yield rate dropped to 50 percent for non-legacy applicants.

Still, Young said, the legislation was an effort to "un-rig" the system.

Public trust in higher education has dropped sharply in recent years, according to a June Gallup poll. Hoosiers and their lawmakers have openly questioned the costs versus the benefits of four-year and advanced degrees.

"This is an effort to unrig (the system) ... and to acknowledge that that there is some truth to that charge." he

3-year-old fatally shoots 2-year-old brother after finding gun in mom's purse, Gary police say

GARY, Ind. (AP) - A 3-year-old boy found a gun in his mother's purse and accidentally shot his 2-year-old brother, fatally wounding him, Gary police said.

Officers were dispatched to a local hospital Friday night about a 2-year-old gunshot victim. The child's mother told officers there that her 3-year-old son found the gun in her purse after she left a bedroom, and he accidentally shot his younger sibling, who later died from

his injury.

The Lake County Prosecutor's Homicide Task Force is investigating the shooting, which occurred inside a home in Gary.

"We do criminal investigations, and then we present that to the Lake County prosecutor, who makes a decision whether it's negligence or an unfortunate accident," Gary Police Commander Sam Roberts told WLS-

Mayor Jerome A. Prince and Gary

Police Chief Anthony Titus stressed that it's important for adults to take action to properly secure firearms and other devices that could "become weapons in the hands of innocent children." In particular they urged the use of gun boxes or gun locks for securing firearms.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the loved ones of the two-year-old child who was so tragically taken from our community," Prince and Titus said in a joint statement.



Holcomb makes water moves but will it be enough?

The feud over water is heating up, and Gov. Eric Holcomb this past week tried to tamp it down by shifting a water supply study from the Indiana Economic Development Authority to the Indiana Finance Authority.

Is it too little, too late?

For months momentum has been building against a proposed pipeline and Holcomb's actions late Monday seemed urgent after relative silence for weeks as lawmakers, gubernatorial candidates, local govern-

ment and Hoosiers spoke against it.

The pipeline would run about 35 miles from the Wabash Alluvial Aquifer in Tippecanoe



County to the LEAP Lebanon Innovation District in Boone County. About 100 million gallons a day could be pumped through the pipeline.

Intera is conducting a \$2.9 million study and initial results show plenty of water.

Not surprisingly, people concerned about the project are suspect of a contract paid for by the IEDC that reinforces their grand plan. And they have a lot of the line. The agency has already spent more than \$200 million buying up land in Boone County with hundreds of millions more to come.

Indiana Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg, who leads the IEDC, said the district currently has all the water needed for the ongoing Eli Lilly development and most other possible projects.

"Only if Indiana is selected by a company with a large water need would a pipeline be considered," he said in a recent op-ed.

In June, the state confirmed it is a finalist for a \$50 billion semiconductor company. A decision is expected

Which might be why Holcomb suddenly jumped in the fray. Perhaps the plant wants to sign on the dotted line but needs assurance on the water front.

So, let's look at what he did.

A lot of people are learning what the Indiana Finance Authority is this week. It's an agency that oversees State-related debt issuance and provides financing solutions to facilitate state, local government and business investment in Indiana.

It has been involved with other transformational projects, like leasing the Indiana Toll Road and overseeing financing of the new Indianapolis Colts stadium.

They have studied water issues since 2017 and all of their studies can be found here.

I don't quibble with their abilities and expertise. But in the end, the water study is still part of an IEDC contract — despite Holcomb suddenly bequeathing "exclusive oversight" of it to another agency. And the IFA is still a state agency controlled by Holcomb, just like the

The state should have moved for a truly independent contract first, perhaps a local research institution. And it should have split the cost between state and communities impacted – Lebanon and Lafayette as well as Boone and Tippecanoe counties — then everyone would feel like they have some ownership.

And by the way, no one seems to be rallying around the Boone County residents fighting against it. Only the concerns of the Lafayette area whose water is being raided seem to have captured sympathy from the public. Boone County's elected officials seem to be all in despite local concerns.

Holcomb's pipeline move doesn't appear to be allaying fears so far.

Sen. Spencer Deery called for a pause in "any action or contract that would push the state even further down the path of this pipeline proposal" until an independent study was done and state lawmakers could consider pipeline costs, regulations on water withdrawal and even reforming the IEDC.

Sen. Ron Alting said he continues to have concerns for the overall project.

And they are both Republicans from the Lafayette area.

The project should have been laid out in detail first with the full scope and costs stated up front — before the state started buying up land. Now they are stuck moving forward even if the project doesn't attract the investment they were hoping for.

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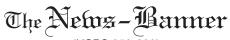
Who's Who

A continuing series on how to contact government officials

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Will Trump's endorsement help or bite Braun?

Politicking

JASPER, Ind. — About a week after U.S. Sen. Mike Braun picked up former president Donald Trump's endorsement of his bid for Indiana's Republican gubernatorial nomination, I asked him this:

"If Trump is convicted of a crime, does that make his endorsement a problem?"

Sen. Braun responded, "There's a political intertwining. You look at all the venues and almost all Republicans will say that it has a political underpinning. Whether those indictments get parlayed into a conviction, I'm just extrapolating what I see Republican primary voters are doing. I don't think that makes much difference."

Braun is facing five Republicans for the nomination next May. He added, "I can tell you that every one of my opponents would have

loved to have the endorsement in a state like Indiana." The former president is facing 91 felony charges, which is unprecedented. And what is unescapable is that across the GOP spectrum, these charges are considered "political," as if they were simply cooked up by Democrats in Washington and Atlanta.

In a normal world, an indictment would derail, if not end a political career. In 1924, Indiana Gov. Warren McCray was convicted of wire fraud. Three years later, Gov. Ed Jackson was indicted on a bribery charge connected with the Ku Klux Klan's takeover of the Indiana Republican Party. He was not convicted due to the statute of limitations, but both men's political careers ended in disgrace.

In 1984, Democrat Fort Wayne Mayor Win Moses was indicted on campaign finance allegations and upon conviction, left office for 11 days until city precinct officials reinstated him to office. Republicans quickly defined him as a "mayor with convictions." Three years later, he was defeated for reelection by Republican Paul Helmke.

More recently, the Republican mayor of Portage, James Snyder, was convicted of bribery and is facing a 21-month sentence handed down in 2021.

Two state legislators — Ways & Means Chairman Sam Turpin in 1997 and, last week, former State Rep. Sean Eberhart — were indicted. The most serious charge against Turpin was dropped in 1999. Eberhart has accepted a plea deal and is awaiting sentencing. Both of these Republicans declined to seek reelection after these probes began.

Are Trump's indictments "political?"

They certainly have had political implications. After each of the four tranches of indictments, his poll numbers improved, and he is the overwhelming frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomina-

But to call these charges "political" is dubious. Last June, Trump was indicted for keeping and not returning top secret documents. Throughout 2021, the National Archives sought to recover from the former president a number of document considered U.S. property under the Presidential Records Act. He turned over 15 boxes in January 2022, but the FBI recovered more than 100 top secret documents stored in a Mar-aLago ballroom and near toilets. The seven counts include conspiracy to obstruct, willful retention of documents and false state-

Last August, Trump was indicted on four counts related to his attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, and the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. "The attack on our nation's Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was an unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy," said Justice Department special

counsel Jack Smith. "It was fueled by lies."

Last week in a deposition leaked by defense attorneys, Trump lawyer Jenna Ellis, who had pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the DOJ,

recounted a conversation with Trump aide Dan Scavino: "He said to me ... we're not going to leave." And I said, 'What do you mean?' And he said 'Well, the boss', meaning President Trump ... is not going to leave under any circumstances. We are just going to stay in power.' Also last August, Trump and 18 allies were indicted

by a Fulton County, Ga., grand jury on criminal racketeering charges. According to the Associated Press: The nearly 100-page indictment details dozens of acts by Trump or his allies to undo his defeat, including beseeching Georgia's Republican secretary of state to find enough votes for him to win the battleground state; and appoint a new slate of electoral college electors favorable to Trump.

The indictment alleges that rather than abide by Georgia's legal process for election challenges, the defendants engaged in a criminal racketeering enterprise to overturn Georgia's presidential election result," Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis.

Last March, Trump was indicted in New York on 34 counts related to hush money payments made to the pornographic film actress Stormy Daniels.

Will Trump's endorsement come back to bite Sen. Braun?

Trump's 2020 election fraud trial is scheduled for March 4, 2024 in Washington. His Manhattan trial is scheduled for March 25. His classified document case is scheduled for May 20 in Miami.

The only historic parallel I can find is after Gov. Jackson won in 1924 and the Klan dominated the General Assembly, a year later KKK Grand Dragon D.C. Stephenson was convicted of murder. Over the next two years many other Klansman were exposed by the press and forced out of office on a host of charges. Klan membership in Indiana crashed from 250,000 in 1924 about to 4,000 by 1930.

Republican House Speaker Harry G. Leslie, who was backed by the Klan for that post but blocked it on issues ranging from committee assignments to eliminating Catholic schools, won the 1928 governor's race

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The importance of Tim Scott's presidential run

Sen. Tim Scott left the door open for a future presidential run with his announcement that he is withdrawing from this one.

I hope it's the case. Although Scott's presidential campaign never ignited, his presence and campaign contributed immeasurably to our national politics, and perhaps this first experience of his in the national spotlight will make him that much more effective the next time around.

I would summarize Scott's unique and critically important message as follows: Race matters. But not for the reasons that those on the left say.

For Scott, race matters to the extent his personal life story matters. Born in poverty, raised by a single mother, Scott's turning point came when the light of faith ignited in his soul at age 18.

Beginning at that point, his life was defined by faith, meaning, work and personal responsibility. These are the values that lead him from poverty to the U.S. Senate and to a presidential campaign. And these are the values, per Scott, that define what America and freedom are about.

During the last Republican debate, Washington Post columnist Kathleen Parker questioned the most basic premise of Scott's campaign in her online debate commentary: "Sen. Tim Scott must recognize that America is not exclusively a Christian nation.



How can he sell himself to a diverse country if he's only willing to address Christians?

The answer to Parker is that Tim Scott is not trying to make every American a Christian, any more than Ronald Reagan was, whose message Scott used as the Star model for his message that America is a land of hope **Parker** and opportunity.

Freedom, per Scott and Reagan, is about every citizen taking personal responsibility for the outcome of their own life. This, Scott would say, is impossible without faith to get you through the hard times, to give you assurance that your struggles have meaning, and eternal values that respect life and property.

The center of responsibility in a free country lies with each individual citizen.

Reagan's global battle was with the Soviet Union and communism. It's not so different from the battle today of those, like Scott, who wish to preserve America as a free country, and the left who carry the message of "wokeism." The core characteristic of "wokeism" is no different than the core characteristic of communism. It puts its faith in government and politics and not in individual freedom and God.

The massive fiscal and economic problems we have today are the direct result of increasing faith and reliance in government and politics. More

debt, more spending, more government translate into less growth and less wealth.

Just as communism was a failed model that ultimately collapsed, so we are heading down the same path with big government wokeism in our own country.

This is why Scott's place in national politics is so important.

Our political future increasingly depends on Americans of color. When Reagan first ran for president in 1980, 88% of voters were white. In the last presidential election in 2020, 67% of voters were white.

Disproportionately, non-white voters have placed more faith in government than in themselves. It is killing these communities and the country.

It is of critical importance that a successful Black man like Scott stand before the nation and argue against big government and for the eternal values that sustain individual freedom, a free society and that he showcases his own life as proof that these values work.

Recently the Census Bureau, for the first time, projected that the American population will shrink. As we approach midcentury, deaths will exceed births, as the population ages and we produce fewer children.

Kathleen Parker may question Tim Scott's message of Christian values. But it is those values that enable America as a free country and lead us into the future.

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What's happening at the Wells County Public Library

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

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

Outdoor Lockers

The library now has outdoor lockers at the Main Library in Bluffton, the Ossian Branch and near door 10 at Southern Wells Community Schools. The lockers can be used to pick up your holds at any time of day. This is perfect for those who cannot get materials during our regularly scheduled

To use, just place a hold online at wellscolibrary.org or call 260-824-1612. Select which outdoor lockers you would like to use to pick up the items, and you will be notified when they are ready for pickup, along with instructions of how to access.

Craft Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Adults. Bring a current travel-sized project and your materials with you to work on your craft projects while chatting with others and learning from each other. Open to those that knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, paper craft, and more. See what materials the library has to assist you as well. Registration appreciated, but not required.

Kids' Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A club for kids in K-3rd grade who enjoy fun stories, activities, and crafts! The meeting will be held in the Story Hour room every third Tuesday of the month. The program lasts about an hour. Registration appreciated.

Library Closed for Thanksgiving

The Main Library (Bluffton) and Ossian Branch will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and then be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving. Online services and digital books will still be available while closed.

Book Page Wreaths: Try It Night

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Nov. 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults and teens. Make a wreath out of book pages for the holidays. Registration required. Space is limited.

Golden Gamers

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 3-5 p.m.

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

LEGO Drop-in at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 4-7 p.m.

Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces using the library's blocks during this drop-in event. No registration needed.

Tail Waggin Tutors and **Therapy Dogs International**

At the Main Library (Bluffton)

Children: Does your child need practice reading? Read to Oria on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and read to Reddington on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Read to Indy on the Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Feel free to call ahead to make sure the dogs will be here for your visit, since sometimes schedules can change last minute. No registration needed.

Teen Advisory Board At the Main Library (Bluffton): Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

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

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Bingo with Jason

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Dec. 4 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Adults. Enjoy a lively game of Bingo for a chance to win a candy bar with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason! Registration required.

Teen Gaming Club

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Monday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Enjoy a variety of different games each month, including video games, trading card games, and board games. No registration needed.

Cooking Basics by the Book at Ossian

At the Ossian Branch Library: Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Adults. Join us as we focus on a different cookbook each month and make an easy recipe to taste. In December, we will make Christmas candies. Registration required.

Children's Book Clubs

At the Main Library (Bluffton) Grade 1-2 Book Club: Tuesday, Dec. 5

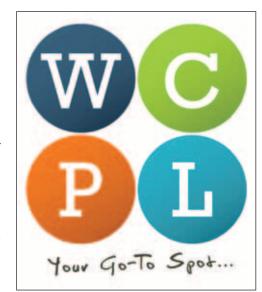
from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grades 3-4 Book Club: Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-6 Book Club: Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the book-of-the-month when you sign up at the library. Talk about the book and enjoy an activity or craft based on the book.

Design It & Mix It

At the Main Library (Bluffton): Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Grades 6-12. Transform a blank coffee mug, giving it a design or illustration of your own. Mix your own hot chocolate batch from delectable options. Give as a gift this holiday season or keep it for those cozy winter days. Registration required to make sure there are enough supplies for everyone.

Parlor City Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 9

Stop by the library and downtown Bluffton for a Goodie Walk, carriage and trolley rides, live reindeer, wood sculptures, games, musical entertainment, and more. Get complete schedule and info at parlorcitychristmas.com or via the Parlor City Christmas Facebook page.

Library Hours

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

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

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

Want to buy now, pay later this holiday season? Ask yourself these 5 questions first

By JACKIE VELING of NerdWallet

"Buy now, pay later" payment plans are a popular financing option, especially around the holiday season. But these payment plans, which divide your total purchase into a series of smaller installments that you pay back over weeks or months, aren't always the best choice for shoppers. If you want to use buy now, pay later to fund your gift-giving, consider whether the plan you're offered at checkout charges interest or fees. Also ask yourself if you can pay it back on time and how likely it is that you'll need to return the gift. Lastly, consider whether paying with cash is an option.

Shoppers gearing up for the 2023 holiday season won't have to look hard for a convenient way to pay for

all those presents. 'Buy now, pay later," a type of payment plan that divides the total cost of your purchase into smaller installments, is offered at most major retailers, including Walmart, Target and Amazon. It's expected to fuel \$17 billion in online holiday spending this year - up almost 17% from 2022 - according to forecast data from Adobe Analytics, an analytics and measurement tool from software company

Adobe. The short application, immediate approval decision and no hard credit check can make buy now, pay later seem like a nobrainer financing option, but experts say it's risky. Ask yourself these five questions before opting in.

1. DOES THIS PLAN **CHARGE INTEREST?**

While most shoppers will encounter zero-interest payin-four plans - which divide the cost of your purchase into four equal installments with the first due at checkout, and the remaining three due every two weeks - longer, interest-bearing payment plans are becoming

more common. These plans range from months to years and charge an annual percentage rate of up to 36%, depending on the provider.

You'll want to avoid interest since it adds to the cost of your holiday purchases. But even if you get a zero-interest offer, make sure you can cover the installments, says Vaishali Shah, a certified financial planner based in Winston-



Salem, North Carolina.

With a 0% interest rate, it seems like no risk," she says. "But I want consumers to know they're still obligating themselves to these payments."

2. WHAT ARE THE FEES?

Though some buy now, pay later providers promise zero fees, many charge late fees, which are typically around \$7 or \$8 per missed payment.

Providers may also charge installment fees, account reactivation fees. card payment fees, payment rescheduling fees or service fees. These fees range from \$1 to \$15.

Read the loan terms carefully and keep in mind that there can be fees on the other side of the transaction. If the buy now, pay later provider withdraws a payment that causes an overdraft of your bank account, your bank may charge a fee.

3. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO PAY IT OFF?

Overextension - or taking on more debt than you can afford - is one of the biggest risks of using buy now, pay later, partly because of the

delayed payment structure. For example, a \$100 purchase becomes \$25 at checkout with a no-interest, pay-in-four plan. This can lead shoppers to buy more or make a habit of splitting up purchases.

Todd Christensen, an accredited financial counselor based in Boise, Idaho, says he often sees clients opt in to multiple, small-dollar buy now, pay later loans without realizing how the

payments add up.
"It's the trend of shopping by monthly payment rather than price," Christensen says. "So we make a little payment here, a little payment there, and then pretty soon every dollar of our income - and then some - is spoken for."

Take into account your other obligations and know how you'll cover each installment before signing up for buy now, pay later. 4. WILL YOU NEED TO

MAKE A RETURN?

If there's a chance you'll need to return a holiday gift, it may be best to avoid buy

now, pay later altogether. Buy now, pay later returns can be tricky because they need to go through two parties: the store you bought the merchandise from and the buy now, pay later provider that

financed it. If there's a dispute about a return, your refund may be delayed, and some shoppers may have to keep making payments until the dispute is resolved, according to a September 2022 report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

5. CAN YOU PAY WITH CASH?

Both Shah and Christensen urge consumers to save for holiday shopping, starting now.

Shah has her clients create a "mini-budget" during the holidays. List everyone you need to buy gifts for and the amount you're comfortable spending. Once you have the total, start socking away the funds, ideally in a high-yield savings account, in the weeks leading up to your shopping.

If you don't have extra cash to set aside, Christensen advises rethinking your holiday shopping instead of financing it.

"The reality for most people is that if we can't afford to buy it now, we can't afford to buy it generally," he says. "We have to start asking ourselves, 'Is this really my priority?' You only have a limited amount of money, and it needs to go to the most important things."

Norwell Internship Spotlight award Addyson Heindel

Senior Addyson Heindel has been selected for the Norwell High School ICE Student Spotlight award. She is employed at the Bluffton Walmart Store in the OPD [On Line Pick-Up and Delivery] Department with supervisor Erica J. Yoder-Feinberg. Addyson is the daughter of Andrew and Melissa Heindel of Ossian.

To begin the process, Addyson reads on-line orders from customers on

then goes into the store to pick and organize. Her next step is to transport the merchandise to the loading zone so customers can receive their products. Addyson can do multiple orders simultaneously which makes her job very challenging

a computer screen. She

After graduation, Addyson plans to attain an associates degree in cosmetology with a focus on hair styling.



Addyson Heindel

by Melba Edwards

Zanesville News

today, as I write my column, but by the time you read it, it may be different as this is

Indiana weather! Everyone is talking Christmas and many things are happening here in town.

The Coffee Cafe is still open on weekdays to all from 7:30 to 10 a.m. This community gathering is at the Zanesville Community Church of God on Marzane Road.

The Zanesville Tower Life Center has been getting Upward basketball and cheerleading kids registered for the beginning of games

Mark your calendars for upcoming holiday happen-

Plan to take a carload over to Ouabache Park near Bluffton to view the drive through "Wonderland of Lights" that will be open all through December. The cost is \$5 a car. The Tower Life Center and the Zanesville Lions will have a site there.

At the Tower Life Center the lights are going up for their annual light show in the lawn just east of the parking lot. This show is free. You stay in your car and watch the wonder of lights while listening to the music and narrative on the radio. This is a wonderful show and takes a lot of preparation to get it ready. Please tell all your friends or invite them to go with you. The lights will be live on Friday, Nov. 24, and will be lit every night during December at 6 p.m. You can catch the whole program at any time as it repeats.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, you are invited to come over to the Tower Life Center Church and join in on their Community Christmas from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a food truck, games, coffee and cocoa. Come and join in and meet your friends and neighbors.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 2. the Zanesville United

The sun is shining bright Brethren Church Broad- and attend both events. way will be hosting their annual Christmas Market that will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. This is an outdoor market featuring local community vendors, food and hot chocolate. (By the way, if you have tried calling the United Brethren at the old number of 638-4220 it does not work. The new number is 1-260-638-4000.)

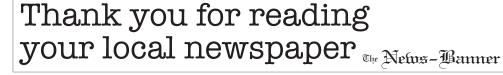
The churches are just a short walk away so plan your evening in Zanesville

Zanesville area kids, want to be an actor? There is still time to be a member of the cast for the coming "Joyful Sounds of Christmas" program planned for Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 and 7 p.m. To be a part of this production or to volunteer to help please contact Otto "Tank" Lowe by going to tanklowel@ gmail.com. The production will take place at the auditorium on S. Oak St. in Bluff-



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certificates and a Grand Prize Basket!



Knights roll past Eagles for 2nd straight blowout win

By RICK SPRUNGER

CONVERSE — If you missed the first four minutes, you may as well not have bothered to come.

That was all Norwell needed to assert absolute dominance in a 63-31 win over a young, badly overmatched, and visibly intimidated Oak Hill team Saturday night.

"That was a fun start," said Norwell coach Eric Thornton about his team's 21-0 breakaway out of the gate.

It was mostly about the Norwell defense

in that first period.

Oak Hill missed two shots on its first possession and then didn't shoot again for quite a while.

The Golden Eagles turned the ball over on 10 straight possessions, seven of them on Norwell steals and one on a 10-second violation as Oak Hill, with two freshmen and a sophomore in the starting lineup, all had eyes as big as saucers in the face of Norwell's vicious 1-3-1 trap.

Oak Hill didn't score until the 1:05 mark of the first quarter, and even then they needed unguarded free throws to do it.

They finally got its first field goal after six straight misses on a three-pointer just ahead of the buzzer.

Norwell, meanwhile, was hitting on 8-of-15 first-quarter shots, most of them layups.

A steal and easy bunny by Lillian Norris with 2:34 left in the first period gave the Knights that early 21-0 bulge.

Another 23-2 Norwell burst between the 4:18 mark of the third quarter and the 4:26 mark of the fourth kicked the spread out from 40-22 to 63-24. A Makenzie Fuess three-pointer with

6:32 remaining made it 59-24 and started a running clock. "Those two runs were the ballgame,"

said Thornton. Although Norwell's defense was out-

standing, the offense sputtered at times.

The Knights shot a decent but not stellar 21-for-51 (.412) from the field.

"I think at times we were trying to play too fast," said Thornton later. "We told them at halftime that they needed to play deeper into the possession, maybe drive the ball a little more and play inside-out, instead of taking the quick shot."

Thornton was nonetheless pleased with his team's floor game as his team committed just nine turnovers.

'We've been under 10 in most of our games," he observed. "We've done a really good job of taking care of the basketball."

Kennedy Fuelling led Norwell with 22 points on 8-for-18 shooting and four threepointers despite sitting out for most of the fourth quarter.

She also had seven steals.

Fuess joined Fuelling in double figures with 13 points while Vanessa Rosswurm just missed twin digits with nine.

Oak Hill, which had more turnovers (33) than shots (32) or points (31) was led by Landi Hardman, a freshman, with 12 points.

Norwell, now 4-2 on the season, will travel to Fort Wayne Concordia on Tuesday night and then will return to the Castle for a Saturday afternoon game against Angola.

Norwell also won the junior varsity contest, 47-6, after leading 42-2 after three quarters.

Ashley Waldman scored 16 points and Macie Saalfrank 14 to lead the Knights in scoring. Larkin Smith added seven points for the Knights.

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NORWELL 63, OAK HILL 31 at Oak Hill NORWELL (4-2): Dekota Hubble 2-3 2-4 6, Kennedy Fuelling 8-18 2-2 22, Annabelle Johnson 1-1 0-0 3, Maken-zie Fuess 3-8 5-7 13, Vaness Rosswurm 3-7 2-5 9, Lillian Norris 1-3 0-0 2, Haley Green 1-1 0-0 2, Ryland Graft 0-3 0-0 0, Addison Norris 0-4 0-0 0, Ali Riley 2-3 0-0 6. TOTAL: OAK HILL (3-2): Lydia Trexler 0-2 0-0 0, Liz Godfrey 3-8

OAK HILL (3-2): Lydia Trexler 0-2 0-0 0, Liz Godfrey 3-8 0-0 7, Erika Newhouse 1-3 1-2 3, Landri Hardman 5-6 2-3 12, Alivia Shaw 1-8 0-0 3, Alexa Myers 2-3 0-0 4, Morgan Cates 1-2 0-0 2, Ruth Tripp 0-0 0-0 0. TOTAL: 13-32 3-5 31.

Norwell 21 14 18 10 — 63
Oak Hill 5 8 11 7 — 31

Three-point shooting: Norwell 10-28 (Fuelling 4-10, Johnson 1-1, Fuess 2-5, Rosswurm 1-4, Graft 0-3, A. Norris 0-2, Riley 2-3), Oak Hill 2-8 (Godfrey 1-4, Newhouse 0-1, Shaw 1-2, Myers 0-1). Rebounds: Norwell 23, Oak Hill 28 (Myers 5, Cates 5). Turnovers: Norwell 9, Oak Hill 33. Personal fouls: Norwell 12. Oak Hill 15. Fouled Out: Hardman. Techfouls: Norwell 12, Oak Hill 15. Fouled Out: Hardman. Technical fouls: None

Junior Varsity: Norwell 47, Oak Hill 6.



Off a steal, Lillian Norris races in for a layup at Oak Hill Saturday night. (Photo by Glen Werling)

Big second quarter carries the Tigers over Argylls

By ANDREW FEEBACK

FAIRMOUNT Defense led to offense for the Bluffton Tiger basketball team Saturday night.

By forcing the host Madison-Grant Argylls into 34 turnovers, the Tigers cruised to a 74-27 route for their fourth win in as many

Bluffton scored 12 straight to take an early 17-5 lead. Madison-Grant closed the first quarter with backto-back three-pointers from Caydence Campbell and Katie Stowers to cut the lead

"We didn't start out defensively doing what we wanted to do," Bluffton head coach Doug Curtis said. "I told them what Madison-Grant's score Friday night was; they got beat 27 to 11. With the way we play defense, our guards have to run our forwards off to get our matchups. We were missing some of those matchups there."

After that, the Tigers put the clamps down defensively, holding the Argylls (2-3) to 16 points over the remaining three frames.

"We played a lot of different defenses today," Curtis said. "Most of the time, we just play two defenses, and today we played five. We were trying to keep them off balance; we got a bit of a lead, and I think that paid off for the next three quarters."

Bluffton took control with a 15-2 run on its way

to a 28-point second quarter and had the game well in hand by halftime.

The Argylls had 21 turnovers by the break, and that number continued to rise as the Tigers scored the first eight points of the second half.

Many of the Madison-Grant miscues were live-ball turnovers, which allowed Bluffton opportunities for quick transition buckets. Bluffton finished with only nine turnovers, and managed to put up 78 shot attempts overall.

Even though the Tigers made only 33 of those, that was still three more field goals than the Argylls even attempted.

"We're always trying to create those runout and transition opportunities," Curtis said. "Everything we're doing defensively is trying to create those, trying to get ourselves as many easy baskets as we can. Obviously, when you have to play the half-court offense, you play the half-court offense. I thought defensively, we gave ourselves a lot of opportunities. We didn't take advantage of all of them, but we gave ourselves a lot of opportunities to get easy baskets."

The Tigers scored the game's final 13 points and kept the Argylls off the board entirely for the last six

It was the third time in just four games Bluffton eclipsed the 60-point mark,

something that occurred only twice last season.

Maryn Schreiber and Isabella Stout both scored 16 points to lead the Tigers. Konley Ault added 11 and Madyson Sonnigsen had 10.

For the Argylls, Stowers had nine, and Maddy Moore scored seven.

Bluffton took the JV game 49-15. Sophie Eisenhut led the reserves with 15 points. Madelyn Funk added nine and Shakyriana Eskridge scored five.

Bluffton will travel to New Haven on Tuesday night.

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BLUFFTON 74, **MADISON-GRANT 27** At Madison-Grant

BLUFFTON (4-0): Isabella Stout 7-12 2-4 16, Konley Ault 5-10 1-2 11, Marly Drayer 3-11 1-1 7, Marry Sch-reiber 8-17 0-0 16, Haley Gibson 3-11 1-2 8, Tressa Renner 0-2 0-0 0, Mady son Sonnigsen 4-8 0-0 10, Cayah King 0-2 0-0 0, Sophie Eisenhut 3-5 0-2 6, Shakyriana Eskridge 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 33-78 5-11 74.

MADISON-GRANT (2-3): Maddy Moore 3-5 0-0 7, AJ Hayes 0-0 0-0 O, Maddy Holloway 1-2 0-0 2, Katie Stowers 3-8 0-0 9, Jasmyn Rainey 0-1 0-2 0, Carley Holliday 0-3 1-2 1, Marlie Nieman 0-0 0-0 0, Caydence Camp-bell 2-6 1-2 6, Dannika Horn 0-1 0-0 0, Camryn Bolser 1-4 0-2 2. TOTALS: 10-30 2-8 27. 17 28 14

Bluffton 5 — 74 Madison-Grant

Three-point Goals: Bluffton 3-18 (Sonnigsen 2-4, Gibson 1-7, Drayer 0-5, Ault 0-1, Renner 0-1), Madison-Grant 5-13 (Stowers 3-5, Moore 1-3, Campbell 1-2, Rainey 0-1, Horn 0-1, Holloway 0-1). Rebounds: Bluffton 37 (Schreiber 16, Stout 6, Sonnigsen 4 Ault 3, Gibson 2, Drayer 2, Renner 1, Eskridge 1, Eisenhut 1, King 1), Madison-Grant 15 (Holliday 4, Bolser 3, Moore 3, Holloway 2, Campbell 2, Stowers 1). Turnovers: Bluffton 9 Madison-Grant 34. Fouls: Bluffton 11 Madison-Grant 6. Fouled out: None.

Technicals: None JV: Bluffton 49, Madison-Grant 15



Bluffton's Marly Drayer leads the pack on a breakaway layup following a turnover by Madison-Grant Saturday night at Fairmount. (Photo by Glen Werling)

Wildcats drain 15 threes in a rout over Raiders

By RYAN WALKER

PONETO - Whitko splashed 10 firstquarter three-pointers to flood Southern Wells 68-33 in the Raiderdome Saturday night.

The shooting was mostly the difference in the game as the Wildcats (4-2) were on fire for most of the night, and handed the Raiders its fourth loss of the early season (1-4). From deep, Whitko went 10-18 in the

first quarter alone led by a trio of weapons around the arc. The offense spread the floor in a quick-paced offense that rushed down the court after rebounds and missed shots. The scoring was led by Adryianna Phil-

lips, who nailed four of those triples, followed by Braisha Harrison with three, and Kloe Kreig with two. The three combined for over 50 percent to cause fits on the Raiders' defense. "They were all over the floor — they

were good shooters," Raider head coach Jessica Killingbeck said after the game. "We talked about closing out short because we want to own the paint. Then, we made the adjustment to try and run them off the threepoint line and we did, but they still hit threes even when we were in their face.'

On the other end of the floor, Southern Wells didn't shoot poorly, it just didn't shoot

Ashlie Needler scored four points in the first quarter on three shots, while Kyah Thomas and Kenzie Paxson added a bucket each, but that was all the Raiders got from

Contributing to the cause was Whitko's ability to create turnovers as Southern Wells

coughed up 22 total in the game.

A full-court press in the first quarter caused endless trouble, even though the Raiders preparing for it.

"We were working on it in practice all this week," Killingbeck said. "We were pressuring each other. We worked on the press breaker. We worked on the 1-3-1. We worked on the man pressure. We've just got to translate that into game opportunities.

We just got stagnant offensively," she added. "We didn't move the ball with the pass, rather, we dribbled a lot and didn't go anywhere with our dribble."

The adjustment Killingbeck made largely worked for the rest of the game. Whitko produced only five threes in the last three quarters to tally 15 total on the night. She mentioned that she was happy with the hard work to respond to it, but wants her team to figure out how to not come out flat after the opening tip. Offensively, Southern Wells got produc-

tion from Needler, who put out another solid performance with eight points and a teamleading 13 rebounds. The junior has been as advertised, as she was the main forward for the team last year as well.

Paxson, her counterpart, finished with five points on the night and just one rebound, but has been capable of being a part of a good one-two punch on the block. Killingbeck said that she wants both of them to get more involved and get them the ball more in the future.

We've got to look to our posts more," Killingbeck said. "Between Kenzie and (Continued on Page 7)



Southern Wells' Kyah Thomas (right) tries to dribble away from Whitko's Adryianna Phillips in a full-court press attack. Phillips' six three-point baskets led the Wildcats to a 68-33 win over the Raiders at the Raiderdome Saturday night. (Photo by Ryan Walker)

Sports Roundup

Tigers hold strong showing in own wrestling duals

Bluffton's wrestling team finished 4-1 at its own wrestling duals to open the season Saturday.

The Tigers defeated Fremont (39-36), Wes-Del ($\overline{4}8$ -36), Heritage (60-12), and Leo (42-41). The lone loss was against Central Noble (39-30).

Individual scores and winners were not sent at the time of print.

Bluffton will host Eastside at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Raiders go 4-1 in opening wrestling Invitational

Southern Wells' wrestling team finished with a 4-1 record at the Bronco Duals in Daleville on Saturday.

Scores and individual results were not

sent at the time of print. Southern Wells will be at the Homestead

Super Duals at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

Knights pick up receiving votes in latest IBCA rankings

Norwell picked up some receiving votes in the latest IBCA poll for girls' basketball.

The rankings were released Sunday night, and represent Indiana's one-class poll, not by four classes.

After back-to-back losses to No. 10 Homestead and No. 16 Northridge, the Knights fell from their No. 19 spot two weeks ago.

Despite the two losses, Norwell has wins over Warsaw and Northrop who also

The top five in order include Hamilton Southeastern, Bedford North Lawrence, Lawrence Central, Center Grove and Northeast 8 foe Columbia City.

The Knights will see a handful of ranked opponents throughout the season including the Eagles and No. 7 Snider down the road.

Knights get receiving votes in preseason IBCA boys poll

Norwell earned some votes in the preseason boys' basketball IBCA poll Sunday night.

The rankings group together the entire state as a one-class system, rather than by its

The Knights, who finished last season at 22-4 at NE8 Conference champs, lost the majority of its team by graduation from last year. This preseason poll indicates some belief in the new squad this year.

In the top five in order goes from Ben Davis, Kokomo, Lawrence North, Attuckus and Brownsburg.

Wildcats beat Raiders

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Ashlie we've got really good post players, so we've got to look to feed it inside

Southern Wells won the junior varsity game 38-35. The Raiders will start ACAC play with a home game against Adams Central at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov.

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WHITKO 68, SOUTHERN WELLS 33

At Southern Wells WHITKO (4-2): Adrylanna Phil-lips 6-17 2-2 20, Kloe Krieg 5-10 0-1 13, Jayma Stonebreaker 5-5 0-0 12, Braisha Harrison 4-12 0-0 11, Reese Stonebreaker 4-5 0-0 9, Ally Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Isabel Braconi 0-2 1-2 1, Sophia Deneve 0-2 0-0 0, Willow Osborn 0-0 0-0 0, Caitlyn Emerick 0-0 0-0 0, TOTALS: 25-56 3-4 68.

SOUTHERN WELLS (1-4): Ashlie Needler 4-9 0-4 8, Collena Reeves 3-4 0-0 8, Gracie Reeves 2-2 0-0 5-4 0-0 6, Glade Reeves 2-2 0-0 5, Kenzie Paxson 2-6 1-2 5, Kyah Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, Bre Leidig 1-2 1-1 3, Kaylea Coffel 1-4 0-0 2, Karlee War-ner 0-1 0-0 0, Erika Beavans 0-2 0-0 0, Aubree Meyer 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS: 4-46 2-7 33. Whitko 32 20 13 3 ---

So. Wells 8 8 5 13 ---

Three-point FG: Whitko 15-37 (Phillips 6-16, Kreig 3-7, Harrison 3-9, J. Stonebreaker 2-2, R. Stonebreaker 1-1. Braconi 0-1. Deneve 0-1), Southern Wells 3-12 (C Reeves 2-3, G. Reeves 1-1, Warner 0-1, Thomas 0-1, Coffel 0-2, Meyer 0-1, Beavans 0-1, Needler 0-1). Rebounds: Whitko 25 (R. Stonebreaker 7, Brown 6, Phillips 4, J. Stonebreaker 3, Braconi 2, Harrison 1, Osborn 1, Devene 1), Southern Wells 25 (Needler 13, C. Reeves 3, G. Reeves 2, Coffel 2, Paxson 1, Thomas 1, Warner 1, Leidig 1, Meyer 1). Turnovers: Whitko 9, Southern Wells 22 Fouls: Whitko 7 Southern Wells 5. Fouled Out: None. Technicals: None. JV: 38-35 Southern Wells.

High School Calendar

MONDAY, NOV 20 No events scheduled **TUESDAY, NOV 21**

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.; Bluffton at New Haven, 7:30 p.m. SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Columbia

ity at Norwell, 5:30 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, NOV 22**

BOYS BASKETBALL: Carroll at Norwell, 6:15 p.m.; Bellmont at Southern Wells, 7:30

WRESTLING: Norwell at North Miami, 6:30

THURSDAY, NOV 23 No events scheduled. FRIDAY, NOV 24

GIRLS BASKETBALL: South Adams at

Bluffton, 7 p.m. **SATURDAY, NOV 25**

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Angola at Norwell, 12:30 p.m.; Adams Central at Southern Wells,

WRESTLING: Southern Wells at Homestead Super Duals, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV 27 No events scheduled **TUESDAY, NOV 28**

BOYS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Mississin-

SWIMMING & DIVING (CO-ED): Concordia at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 6

WRESTLING: Eastside at Bluffton, 6:30

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Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 27 Chicago at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

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Dear Annie: I am 42 and married to a woman who is 44. We have two small children, a 5-year-old girl and a 6-year-old boy, plus an older stepson, who is 28 and on his

When I met my wife, we dated for years, and I eventually moved in with her and her son when he was about 12 years old. We sent him to college and got officially married around the same time.

About a year later, my wife was expecting MY first son. Through the pregnancy, she began to have some complications that sent her to the hospital and then eventually on bed rest until delivery. Everything eventually went well, and 16 months later we had no issues during her pregnancy with our daughter.

I like to think I am a good father. I coach baseball and mentor at Cub Scouts. I take the kids to birthday parties and generally do my best to let them have the life an American child should be allowed. I help around the house, do most of the errands outside the home, as my wife works from home, and generally save us money by maintaining the home mostly by myself at material

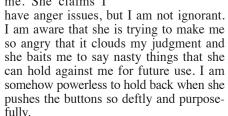
The problem is that it never seems to be enough. My wife always demands more help, and I am suspecting that she doesn't truly need the help; she simply doesn't want to do tasks herself.

Ever since she began to have complications during my son's pregnancy, my wife has flipped some kind of mental switch in her head. While I completely understand that having children changes everything, and they become the priority, I don't understand what my wife has morphed into. She has no understanding of boundaries, and when I explain that her expectations are unrealistic, she loses her temper with me. She tells me there are no boundaries when there are children, but that is simply not true. Every individual will always have boundaries.

If I raise my voice to meet hers and defend myself or make myself heard, she immediately accuses me of emotional abuse and hides behind the children. She knows it will shut me down, and should I press further, her move is to threaten divorce. This tends to send me into a rage, and she is quite aware of it. I have asked her multiple times to stop this tactic, yet every few months, she will rely on it again

when she feels like she is losing a disagreement. She has recorded me yelling (after she threatened divorce) to attempt to show me how angry and scary I can be. Predictably, I did not react well to that episode.

This smacks of gaslighting to me. She claims I



Dear

Annie

by Annie Lane

Through it all, I still love my wife, and my children are everything to me. I am not interested in divorce unless there is infidelity involved, and I do not believe that is the case. I don't want my children to be put through that wringer unless absolutely unavoidable. How do I bring my wife back to earth without making my situation worse? — Frustrated Father

Dear Frustrated Father: All I'm hearing in your letter is what is wrong with your wife. I'm not seeing a lot of self-reflection. Remember when we point one finger at someone, there are three pointing back at us. Your wife sounds genuinely afraid of your rage and angry outbursts. That is something you have to look into getting help for. You blame her for your loss of control instead of taking responsibility that your reaction might be much bigger than what the conversation needs. It does sound like you and your wife love each other.

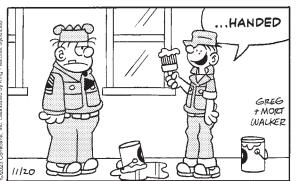
I didn't love the way you said "MY first son" in your letter. It made it feel like you valued your son more than your stepson. Please seek professional help immediately, both individually for your anger and with your wife for couples counseling. You sound like your heart is in the right place. You might want to be a wonderful father and husband, but you must first deal with your anger issues.

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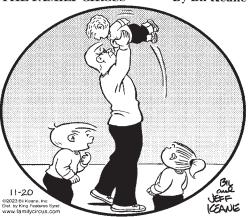
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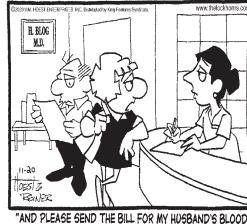
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My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham

Q: A leading celebrity talk show host, who has the ears of the nation and particularly with young adults, said the way to achieve inner peace is through exercises that cultivate mindawareness, balance, and happiness — that success and acceptance follow. This approach — taking personal charge of one's life — is being embraced not only by the young but also by more mature people, particularly women. Is this the truth? -

A: Most people yearn for one thing more than anything else: inner peace. Without it, they have no lasting happiness or security. We are like a restless sea, find-

Only Christ can meet the deepest needs of the human heart

ing a little happiness here and a little pleasure there, but nothing permanent and satisfying.

So the search continues! Until you actually possess true peace with God, no one can describe its wonders to you. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace" (John 16:33, NKJV).

Our culture tells us that if we strive for healthy bodies, make a lot of money, have good relationships, and an important position, we will be happy and satisfied. There is nothing wrong with these accomplishments, but mankind remains restless. The human spirit will always search for peace. We can try a thousand different things and still come up empty.

Social media platforms have given individuals a sounding board. At a whim,

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people post an array of emotions and have only to wait a few moments for a reply. We are exposed to broken hearts and confused minds by a simple click. Seldom do their followers encourage them to turn to God; instead, they wallow with them. Others try escaping from reality.

The Bible speaks of "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds" (Philippians 4:7, NKJV). Reality is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only Christ can meet the deepest needs of the human heart. He alone brings lasting peace.

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

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Saturday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY **Cash 5** — 12-14-26-39-

Cash4Life — 11-12-35-

39-45, Cash Ball: 01 **Lotto Plus** — 01-10-18-19-38-40

Quick Draw Midday — 01-13-20-25-26-27-29-33-37-39-45-53-56-57-60-63-

65-69-72-74, BE: 20 **Daily Three-Midday**

02-06-02, SB: 00

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05-06-08-10-12-15-16-23-24-27-39-40-42-46-50-

62-65-68-78-80, BE: 40 **Hoosier Lotto** — 03-09-12-26-36-42

POWERBALL 34-50-51-61-67; Power-

ball: 20; Power Play: 2X **Sunday's Drawings**

HOOSIER LOTTERY Cash 5 — 04-08-12-21-38

Cash4Life — 03-19-21-40-48, Cash Ball: 02

Quick Draw Midday — 02-07-08-11-15-23-38-43-47-50-54-55-56-62-70-71-76-77-78-79, BE: 43

Daily Three-Midday — 01-00-02, SB: 02 Daily Three-Evening —

05-09-03, SB: 04

Daily Four-Midday -08-01-07-03, SB: 02

Daily Four-Evening — 04-05-06-06, SB: 04

Quick Draw Evening 02-07-08-11-12-13-19-22-24-26-30-44-46-49-50-59-60-64-74-79, BE: 11

Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Wednesday): \$289 million

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31 premature babies evacuated from Gaza hospital

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — Health officials said 31 premature babies in "extremely critical condition" were transferred safely Sunday from Gaza's main hospital and will go to Egypt, while over 250 patients with severely infected wounds and other urgent conditions remained stranded days after Israeli forces entered the compound to look for Hamas operations.

The plight of the babies, along with the Israeli claims against Shifa Hospital, have become potent symbols in the devastating war between Israel and Hamas. An Israeli offensive has taken a heavy toll on Palestinian civilians, while Israel has accused Hamas of using Shifa and other hospitals as headquarters for military operations.

The newborns from the hospital, where power was cut and supplies ran out while Israeli forces battled Palestinian militants outside, were receiving urgent care in the southern Gaza city of Rafah. They had dehydration, hypothermia and sepsis in some cases, said Mohamed Zaqout, director of Gaza hospitals. Four other babies died in the two days before the evacuation, he said.

A World Health Organization team that visited Shifa said most of the remaining patients had amputations, burns or other trauma. Plans were being made to evacuate them in coming days

Later Sunday, Israel's army said it had strong evidence supporting its claims that Hamas maintains a sprawling command post inside and under Shifa. Israel has portrayed the hospital as a key target in its war to end Hamas' rule in Gaza following the militant group's into southern Israel six weeks

The army said it found a 60-yard tunnel about 33 feet under the hospital's 20-acre complex, which includes several buildings, garages and a plaza. It said the tunnel included a staircase, blast-proof door and a firing hole that could be used by snipers.

The Associated Press couldn't independently verify Israel's findings, which included security camera video showing what the military said were two foreign hostages, one Thai and one Nepalese, taken to the hospital following the Oct. 7 attack.

The army also said an independent medical report had determined that Israeli army Cpl. Noa Marciano, whose body was recovered in Gaza, had been killed by Hamas in the hospital. Marciano had been injured in an Israeli strike Nov. 9 that killed her captor, according to Israel's intelligence assessment. The injuries were not lifethreatening but she was then killed by a Hamas militant in Shifa, the army

Hamas and hospital staff have denied the allegations of a command post under Shifa. Critics describe the hospital as a symbol of what they call Israel's reckless endangerment of civilians. Thousands have been killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza, which is severely short of food, water, medicine and fuel

Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan dismissed the Israeli military's announcement and didn't deny that Gaza has hundreds of kilometers of tunnels. However, he said, "the Israelis said there was a command and control center, which means that the matter is greater than just a tunnel."

About 1,200 people have been killed on the Israeli side, mainly civilians during the Oct. 7 attack in which Hamas dragged some 240 captives back into Gaza and shattered Israel's sense of security. The military says 63 Israeli soldiers have been killed, including 12 over the past 24 hours.

Hamas has released four hostages, Israel has rescued one, and the bodies of two were found near Shifa.

Israel, the United States and Qatar, which mediates with Hamas, have been negotiating a hostage release for weeks. "We are hopeful that we can get a significant number of hostages freed in the coming days," Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Michael Herzog, told ABC's "This Week."

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NOVEMBER 27 - 6 p.m. - Pamela & Rick Myers, owners. Auction 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 1 - 8 a.m. - Secured creditors & various con-

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Scientists turn invasive carp into traitors to slow Great Lakes push

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — Wildlife officials across the Great Lakes are looking for spies to take on an almost impossible mission: stop the spread of invasive carp.

Over the last five years, agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have employed a new seek-and-destroy strategy that uses turncoat carp to lead them to the fish's hotspot hideouts.

Agency workers turn carp into double agents by capturing them, implanting transmitters and tossing them back. Floating receivers send real-time notifications when a tagged carp swims past. Carp often clump in schools in the spring and fall. Armed with the traitor carp's location, agency workers and commercial anglers can head to that spot, drop their nets and remove multiple fish from the ecosystem.

Kayla Stampfle, invasive carp field lead for the Minnesota DNR, said the goal is to monitor when carp start moving in the spring and use the tagged fish to ambush their brethren.

"We use these fish as a traitor fish and set the nets around this fish," she said.

Four different species are considered invasive carp: bighead, black, grass and silver. They were imported to the U.S. in the 1960s and 1970s to help rid southern aquaculture farms of algae, weeds and parasites. But they escaped through flooding and accidental releases, found their way into the Mississippi River and have used it as a super highway to spread north into rivers and streams in the nation's midsection.

The carp are voracious eaters — adult bigheads and silvers can consume up to 40 percent of their bodyweight in a day — and easily out-compete native species, wreaking havoc on aquatic ecosystems. There is no hard estimates of invasive carp populations in the U.S. but they are believed to number in the millions.

State and federal agencies have spent a combined \$607 million to stop the fish, according to figures The Associated Press compiled in 2020. Spending is expected to hit \$1.5 billion over

the next decade.

But wildlife and fisheries experts say it would be nearly impossible to eradicate invasive carp in the U.S. Just keeping them out of the Great Lakes and protecting the region's \$7 billion fishing industry would be a success.

Fisheries experts have employed a host of defenses, including electric barriers, walls of bubbles and herding the carp into nets using underwater speakers. But the fish still have made their way up the Mississippi as far as northern Wisconsin and grass carp have been found in Lake Erie, Lake Michigan and Lake Ontario, leaving fisheries managers racing to blunt the incursion.

Agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state wildlife managers have built a network of receivers extending from the St. Croix River in far northern Wisconsin to the Gulf of Mexico to record tagged invasive carp's movement, with periodic data collection. The first receivers were deployed in the Illinois River in an effort to stem migration into Lake Michigan in the early 2000s.

