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Jefferson Township fire protection threatened

By SYDNEY KENT
Fire protection coverage may soon be unavailable to residents in Jefferson Township outside of the town of Ossian. Ossian Town Council member Dennis Ealing told the advisory board and Jefferson Township Trustee Larry Heckber that they would receive the required 60-day notice of the change of services during a two-hour-long meeting on Wednesday. The decision was made after Ealing and the board

failed to agree on how to move forward with an existing contract. Board members Tim Baker and David Haiflich took issue with the fact that a contract, signed between the town and the township in September, was breached. Specifically, the township was charged nearly \$30,000 for a fire hydrant rental even though they already have access to water for fires. Ealing gave a reason for this — funds from the township were unable to be used for nearly any-

thing else according to the contract. During the discussion, it was stated that Jefferson Township agreed to pay approximately \$79,000 in 2024 for fire protection. This amount is to be used exclusively for equipment, not manpower. Ealing asked repeatedly what else he was supposed to bill the township to account for their portion of the budget. Haiflich and Baker could not answer. They continued to redirect the conversation

to the fact the issue was not properly handled. "You've done some things here," Baker said to Heckber. "You knew that was against the contract. You spent that money." Board member AJ Springer acknowledged that it was not OK to bill the township for the hydrants, nor for Heckber to have paid the bill for the hydrants without the board's approval. However, he also said it was inappropriate that the township was not paying

for half of the services provided by the department — despite using more of the resources. "Ossian has a lot more homes than Jefferson Township, don't they?" A member of the public asked during the meeting. "The assessed value is identical," Heckber answered. Ealing echoed this. He also explained that 140 fire runs were made in the township, while 133 fire runs were made in Ossian. (Continued on Page 2)

Anti-overdose medication box distributes over 200 units in county's first year

By SYDNEY KENT
Over 200 units of Narcan, a life-saving medication used to reverse an opioid overdose, have been utilized in Wells County during the last year through a free resource kit. The Narcan box, located behind the Community Thrift store at 117 S. Main Street, was produced from a partnership between Community Care of Northeast Indiana and the Wells County chapter of Citizens Against Drug Abuse in March 2023. The box contains doses of naloxone, known by its brand name Narcan. "There have been over 200 units gone in total," said Christine Walker, CCNEI execu-

tive director. "You don't know if that has saved a life, but it is humbling to think about that. Our store makes it an easy access for the community, people think that they're dropping off donations when they're just getting it out of the box." The box is the first of its kind in the county. Walker said that the organization hopes to install an additional box at a local business in Ossian, preferably at a convenient location for the community to access. "Molly Hoag with CADA was very strategic in looking for a location within the city limit," Walker explained. "She worked hand in hand with the Overdose Lifeline to bring (Continued on Page 2)



The Narcan box, located in downtown Bluffton, is between Christine Walker (left) and Twyla Bice (right). (Photo by Sydney Kent)

For the love of dogs

Business donates toys to animal shelter

By JONATHAN SNYDER
Bluffton's animal shelter received a donation of 45 hand-made dog toys from Valero Renewable Fuels. In honor of national pet day on Thursday, Valero employees put together some dog toys made from old or unwanted T-shirts. There were three types of toys created, a simple braid made from a mix of

two shirts, a knot tied in the middle of two T-shirts, and a ball toss toy that required two shirts and a tennis ball. The idea to donate to the animal shelter came from Valero's monthly discussions about charity opportunities. While this is not the first time Valero has donated toys from T-shirts, the designs for the shirts have gotten simpler this year, according to Valero Administrative Assistant Megan Johnson. Animal Control Officer Tina Morris stated that the shelter gets these sorts of donations monthly to every other month but they normally come from people, not businesses. The animal shelter



Valero's Megan Johnson plays with two dogs named Marty and Marley. (Photos by Jonathan Snyder)

will hold animals for as long as they can, which maximizes the use of anybody's donations. "They (the animals) will take anything they can get," Morris said.

Morris also stated that toys and treats for cats and dogs are what the shelter needs most of the time, so Valero's gift fits nicely for the shelter. jonathan@news-banner.com

Primary candidate forum is Monday

The Wells County Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for local primary candidates at 7 p.m., Monday, April 15, in the lower level of the Wells County Commerce and Visitors Centre, 211 Water St. in Bluffton. Refreshments will be provided. Local contested elections are the Republican nominations for Wells County Council, three At-Large, and Commissioner, District 3. Council incumbents are Vicki Andrews, Scott Elzey and Seth Whicker, challenged by Heath Schlagenhauf. Incumbent Jeff Stringer is challenged by Tamra Boucher. The Clerk's Office at the Wells County Courthouse is available for early voting 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, as well as 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 7, and 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 6. Early voting will also be available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30, at the Wells County 4-H Park; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and Saturday, May 4, at Presbyterian Church; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3, at Lighted Gardens. Mail-in ballot applications are available at wellscounty.org/elections. Applications are due to the Clerk's Office or Indiana Election Division by the end of the day April 25.

House reauthorizes key U.S. surveillance program

By FARNOUSH AMIRI and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Friday to reauthorize and reform a key U.S. government surveillance tool following a dramatic showdown on the floor over whether the FBI should be restricted from using the program to search for Americans' data. The bill was approved on a bipartisan basis, 273-147, though

it will still have to clear the Senate to become law. The surveillance program is set to expire on April 19 unless Congress acts. Passage of the bill represented a much-needed victory for Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., who has been wrangling with conservative critics of the legislation for months. A group of 19 Republicans revolted to block the bill from coming to the floor earlier in the week, forcing Johnson to make

late changes to secure their support. The legislation approved Friday would extend the surveillance program for two years, rather than the full five-year authorization first proposed. Johnson hoped that the shorter timeline would sway GOP critics by pushing any future debate on the issue to the presidency of Donald Trump if he were to win back the White House in November.

Still, the legislation teetered precariously Friday morning as lawmakers voted on an amendment — vociferously opposed by Johnson, the White House and sponsors of the legislation — that would have prohibited the warrantless surveillance of Americans. One of his top critics, Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene said that Johnson's vote against the warrant requirement was another (Continued on Page 2)

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The rain takes a well deserved break today

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Knights continue strong start, sweep Snider in tennis

By RYAN WALKER

Norwell extended its hot start to the girls' tennis season with another 5-0 sweep.

The home victory over Snider now puts the Knights at a perfect 3-0, winning all 15 varsity matches. This match was the first time any of the varsity games went to a third set.

Friday's match was a little more challenging as both teams fought through windy conditions, making the light tennis ball fly all over the court. It caused for some adjustments, as volleys were not going over the net like normal, balls in the air would get caught and swerve and most of the serves would need second or third attempts.

"It's tough for both teams to battle the elements, but I thought all the girls on both teams handled it really well," Norwell head coach Holly Kimball said. "I didn't hear a lot of complaining, and it wasn't as ugly as it could have been."

"You change your strategy a little bit when there's wind, especially when it's going diagonal," she continued. "You have to stand a little shorter on one side and stand a little further back on the other. It's just a skill they have to learn to play in the elements."

The experienced, senior-led Knights still pushed through and came out without a scratch. It's something they've had to endure in the early part of the year with rain postponements and forcing practices outside.

Norwell is on a mission to win its sixth Northeast 8 Conference title and defend its sectional championship, but the inconsistency of the weather has tried to alter its plans. But Kimball has kept the group focused, and she's been impressed with the girls' adaptability.

"We've had a lot of trouble practicing outside," Kimball said. "We've only been practicing four or five times. Just the resiliency — they're not really complaining that we're inside and were doing the same drills over and over. They translate that (outside). I'm thrilled that they're taking what they're learning inside and applying it to the courts."

Next week, Norwell has five scheduled matches, but unfortunately, early forecasts are not trending in the right direction.

Norwell's next contest on Monday looks to be the best short early in the week. That match will be against Adams Central and start at 4:30 p.m.

Kimball reaches 100

In the Knights' 5-0 win over Columbia City, head coach Holly Kimball earned her 100th career victory.

"It was never something that I really thought about," Kimball said. "I counted the other day, and it's exciting to coach the same team for long enough to get to 100, and I'm glad to share it with this group of girls. They're very excited for me, and I'm thrilled to have all of the girls I've had in the past that got me to 100."

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Individual results:

Names were not provided by Snider for results.

- Addy Heyerly won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.
- Annabelle Johnson and Macy Felger won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles.
- Delaney Hoover won 7-5, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.
- Jordan Xayyachack and Ciera Hiester won 4-6, 6-0, 6-0 at No.2. doubles.
- Macie Saalfrank won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

The junior varsity team also defeated Snider by a score of 9-0.

JV results

- Aubrey Meyer won 8-3.
- Gabbi Hoepfner won 8-0.
- Lucy Gerbers won 8-0.
- Charli Swindell won 8-5.
- Hope Mitchell and Emmaline Johnson won 8-0.
- Sam Evans and Aubryn Keller won 6-4.
- Melissa Hoag and Campbell Sloan won 6-3.
- Carley Wolf and Isabella Hubble won 6-1.
- Hazel Lewis and Molly Threewits won 6-3.



Norwell's Delaney Hoover sends the ball back across the net in her Number 2 singles match against Snider Friday afternoon at Norwell. The Knights improved to 3-0 on the season in a sweep over the Panthers. (Photos by Chad Kline)



Norwell's Ciera Hiester, right, reaches high for a return against Snider during the Number 2 double match Friday afternoon at Norwell.

Bluffton Parks to host numerous events throughout spring, summer

Bluffton Parks has a handful of spring and summer events. Below are each event and more information. For more information on any of these events please email sports@blufftonindiana.gov.

Earth Day 5K

On Saturday, April 20, Bluffton Parks is hosting an Earth Day 5K at the Bluffton City Gym 128 E Market St.). This race can be run, walked or jogged through Bluffton's residential neighborhoods and River Greenway. The goal is to celebrate Earth Day by minimizing our footprint on this event as we reduce waste, reuse old race bibs, and recycle past event shirts, even our awards are live plants and trees. Sign-ups for the 9 a.m. event is at raceroster.com/events/2024/86614/earth-day-5k.

Summer Miles Challenge

The 2024 Bluffton Parks Summer Miles Challenge will run for all of the summer, between June 1 through Aug. 31. This event is a walk or run for 100 miles, bike 250 miles or bike 500 miles in that time span. You can register now at raceroster.com/events/2024/88130/summer-miles-challenge. A Challenge t-shirt and finisher medal are included when you register.

5 In 5K Series

The 5 In 5K Series is a five-week program Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. There is no pre-registration, rather, just come to the Wabash Pavillion behind Hardee's in Bluffton before the 7 p.m. start time. Run dates are June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and July 9. The event can be walked or ran and are "casual" runs. Refreshments are provided after each

run. Participants with four runs completed will earn a free series t-shirt.

Summer Solstice Sunrise Yoga

The longest day of the year, Thursday, June 20, will feature a one-hour yoga session at Pickett's Run Park at 6 a.m. Cost is \$10 as you come into the event. All you'll need is a yoga mat. Light, fresh and healthy refreshments will be provided.

Chicks Run 5K Run/Walk

Women can join a fun 5K at Pickett's Run Park at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20. There will be prizes for the biggest teams, best costumes and overall and age group fastest times. Cost is \$20 including an event t-shirt, or \$10 excluding the shirt. Registration is at raceroster.com/events/2024/86896/chicks-run.

Hot Diggity Dog Jog 5K & 1 Mile

Bring your furry friend at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 22 at the fun, pet-friendly K9 Commons Dog Park for a 5K or one mile run/walk. Proceeds will benefit the dog park. Participants will receive a running fanny pack, bandana and frisbee. On site, there will be a foam machine, dog wash, agility course and more. You can sign up to participate in person, virtually or donate at raceroster.com/events/2024/88158/hot-diggity-dog-jog. Bringing a dog is not required, but friendly dogs on a leash are welcome.

Fastest Kid in Town

Boys and girls ages 3-12 can race to find out who the fastest kid in Bluffton is in a 50m or 100m dash. This event will take place at Pickett's Run Park for a \$5

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High School Calendar

- SATURDAY, APRIL 13**
 BASEBALL: Norwell at Athenian Invite at Crawfordsville, 10 a.m. and vs. Logansport, 12:30 p.m.; Oak Hill at Bluffton, 12 p.m. (doubleheader)
 SOFTBALL: Norwell at South Adams, 10:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.; New Haven at Bluffton, 12 p.m.
 TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Norwell at IPT Relays at Heritage High School, 9 a.m.; Bluffton at Oak Hill Invitational, 11 a.m.
- MONDAY, APRIL 15**
 BASEBALL: Bluffton at Norwell, 5 p.m.; South Adams at Southern Wells (non-conference), 5 p.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Adams Central at Norwell, 4:30 p.m.; Wabash at Bluffton, 5 p.m.
 SOFTBALL: Norwell at Adams Central, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Southwood, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 16**
 BASEBALL: Norwell at Jay County, 5 p.m.; Belmont at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Jay County at Bluffton, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Southwood, 5 p.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at South side, 5:30 p.m.
 SOFTBALL: Norwell at Bishop Luers, 5:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Wabash, 5:30 p.m.
 TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Belmont at Norwell, 5 p.m.; Bluffton at Jay County, 5:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Heritage, 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**
 BASEBALL: Bluffton at Canterbury, 5 p.m.
 BOYS GOLF: Norwell at Leo, 4:30 p.m.; Bluffton at Southwood, 4:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Woodlan, 5 p.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at Homestead, 5 p.m.; Adams Central at Bluffton, 5 p.m.
 SOFTBALL: Marion at Norwell, 5 p.m.; West-Del at Southern Wells, 5 p.m.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18**
 BASEBALL: Homestead at Norwell, 5 p.m.; South Adams at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Adams Central, 5 p.m.
 BOYS GOLF: Southern Wells at Wapahani, 4:30 p.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Bluffton at New Haven, 5 p.m.
 SOFTBALL: South Adams at Bluffton, 5 p.m.; Southern Wells at Adams Central, 5 p.m.
 TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Yorktown at Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 19**
 BASEBALL: Angola at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Wayne at Norwell, 5:30 p.m.
 SOFTBALL: Norwell at Homestead, 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 20**
 BASEBALL: Mississinewa at Southern Wells, 10 a.m.
 BOYS GOLF: Norwell, Bluffton, Southern Wells at South Adams Golf Invitational, 9 a.m.
 GIRLS TENNIS: Norwell at Concordia, 10 a.m.
 SOFTBALL: Bluffton at Northfield, 10 a.m.
 TRACK & FIELD (CO-ED): Southern Wells at Eastern, 10:30 a.m.


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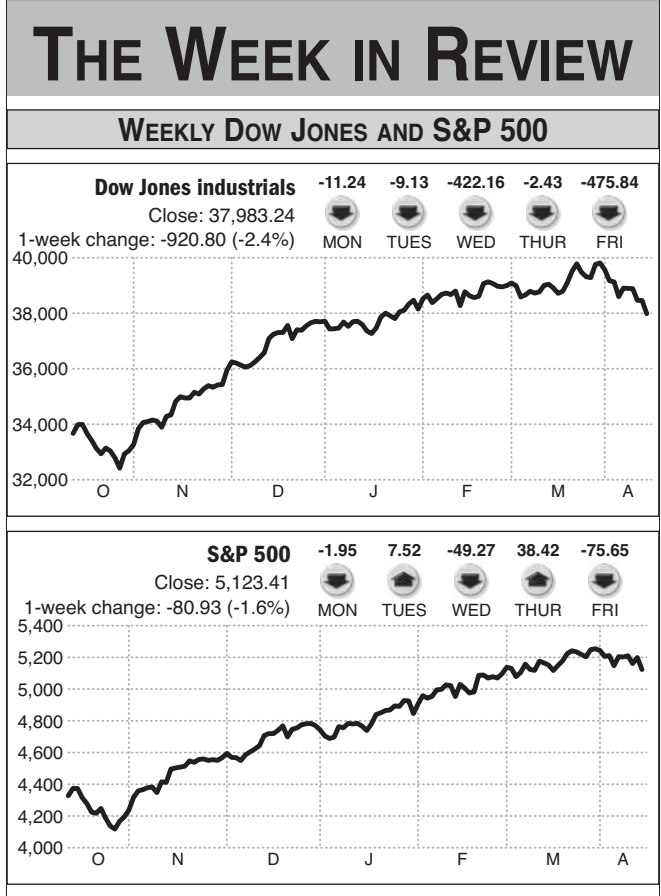
NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference Southwest Division, Northwest Division, Pacific Division, Monday's Games

HOCKEY

NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Metropolitan Division, Western Conference Central Division, Pacific Division, Thursday's Games

Baseball American League East Division, Central Division, West Division, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games, Saturday's Games, Sunday's Games

National League East Division, Central Division, West Division, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games, Saturday's Games, Sunday's Games, Midwest League Friday's Games



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Bluffton Parks events

Participants receive a finisher medal and awards for the top three boys and girls in each age group (3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12). A foam machine and more activities will be there after the race.

Scheffler, DeChambeau and Homa hold on to share the lead at Day 2 of Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Max Homa played the most beautifully boring round of golf amid raging wind and endless calamity Friday in the Masters, giving him a share of the lead with Scottie Scheffler and Bryson DeChambeau going into a weekend for the survivors. Homa made 15 pars — they all felt so much better than that — for a 1-under 71. Scheffler finally made his first bogey of the Masters and then a few more, but he was rock solid down the stretch for a 72, his highest score of the year. DeChambeau played the 13th hole from the 14th fairway — at one point hoisting a wooden directional sign over his shoulder as he plotted his move — and finished with a 73. For some 12 hours, the wind roared through the pines, scattered magnolia leaves across pristine Augusta National, and blew sand out of the white bunkers and into the faces of the players as they tried to handle a beast of a course. "Mostly what I was trying to do out there was make a bunch of pars and stay in the golf tournament," Scheffler said, a testament to just how difficult it was. The 60 players who made the cut at 6-over 150 are expected to get a slight reprieve, though still plenty of wind. And that weekend will include Tiger Woods. Woods set a Masters record by making the cut for the 24th consecutive time. He had to play 23 holes — five in the morning to finish the weather-delayed first round, and then a second round in which he kept the ball in play and posted an even-par 72. He was only seven shots behind and still very much in the tournament. "I'm here. I have a chance to win the golf tournament," Woods said. "I got my two rounds in." That's really what it was all about — finishing, surviving. "That was about as happy as you could get to be off of a golf course," Homa said. "That was so hard. We got the sand shower to end our day. So it was kind of the golf course saying,

Parlor City Trot and is a FWRC point series event AND the Road Runner's Club of America's Indiana State Championship Half Marathon event. Training group options will be announced soon. Early registration is at raceroster.com/events/2024/82437/parlor-city-trot.

grandest of stages, playing with Woods during his final British Open at St. Andrews. He was far more comfortable with Woods at Augusta National, and his game was a big part of it. Homa picked up two early birdies, one of them on the par-3 fourth when he had to hit 7-wood. His lone bogey was on the 11th, the hardest hole at Augusta National, and he buckled down against the most extreme conditions. DeChambeau was the only player to reach 8 under at any point with his birdie on the 13th hole that was quite the expedition. He drove right into the pines and didn't see a clear route back to the fairway — not the 13th fairway, anyway. So he looked to the right toward the 14th hole, even removing the sign post that he briefly carried over his shoulder — "It was probably 30 pounds, not too bad," he said — and left himself 145 yards over the tributary to Rae's Creek to a back right pin. "The patrons were nice enough to move over to the side to make sure it was wide enough so if I hit an errant one, nobody would get hit by the ball," he said. "I hit a great great shot around the corner and was able to take advantage of a pretty open entrance to the green." He hit it to about 15 feet for birdie and dropped two shots coming in. In those conditions, that was acceptable. The wind was so fierce that players thought it might be called, with balls oscillating and gusts arriving without notice. As it was, the rounds took nearly six hours to play. Scheffler hit driver and 3-iron onto the 15th green on Thursday, and driver and 3-iron just to lay up on the 15th on Friday. "It can be three clubs different, depending on what time you hit it," Harris English said. "Ten to 20 seconds later or earlier, it can be a totally different shot." Among those making the cut were three Masters champions — 58-year-old Jose Maria Olazabal, 61-year-old Vijay Singh and 53-year-old Phil Mickelson — who have combined to play the Masters 97 times.

ties will be there after the race. You can pre-register at raceroster.com/events/2024/88159/fastest-kid-in-town. Parlor City Trot Half Marathon A 10K and 5K will take place hosted by the Bluffton Parks at 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug 31. This is the 50th running of the Parlor City Trot and is a FWRC point series event AND the Road Runner's Club of America's Indiana State Championship Half Marathon event. Training group options will be announced soon. Early registration is at raceroster.com/events/2024/82437/parlor-city-trot. grandest of stages, playing with Woods during his final British Open at St. Andrews. He was far more comfortable with Woods at Augusta National, and his game was a big part of it. Homa picked up two early birdies, one of them on the par-3 fourth when he had to hit 7-wood. His lone bogey was on the 11th, the hardest hole at Augusta National, and he buckled down against the most extreme conditions. DeChambeau was the only player to reach 8 under at any point with his birdie on the 13th hole that was quite the expedition. He drove right into the pines and didn't see a clear route back to the fairway — not the 13th fairway, anyway. So he looked to the right toward the 14th hole, even removing the sign post that he briefly carried over his shoulder — "It was probably 30 pounds, not too bad," he said — and left himself 145 yards over the tributary to Rae's Creek to a back right pin. "The patrons were nice enough to move over to the side to make sure it was wide enough so if I hit an errant one, nobody would get hit by the ball," he said. "I hit a great great shot around the corner and was able to take advantage of a pretty open entrance to the green." He hit it to about 15 feet for birdie and dropped two shots coming in. In those conditions, that was acceptable. The wind was so fierce that players thought it might be called, with balls oscillating and gusts arriving without notice. As it was, the rounds took nearly six hours to play. Scheffler hit driver and 3-iron onto the 15th green on Thursday, and driver and 3-iron just to lay up on the 15th on Friday. "It can be three clubs different, depending on what time you hit it," Harris English said. "Ten to 20 seconds later or earlier, it can be a totally different shot." Among those making the cut were three Masters champions — 58-year-old Jose Maria Olazabal, 61-year-old Vijay Singh and 53-year-old Phil Mickelson — who have combined to play the Masters 97 times.

MONEY RATES

Table with columns: Money Rates (Last, Pvs Day), CURRENCIES (Last, Pvs Day), and MUTUAL FUNDS (Total Assets, Total Return/Rank, Pct Load).

CA - Conservative Allocation, CI - Intermediate-Term Bond, FB - Foreign Large Blend, GS - Short Government, IB - World Bond, IH - World Allocation, LG - Large Growth, LV - Large Value, MA - Moderate Allocation, MI - Multi National Intermediate, ML - Multi National Long, NT - Nontradable Bond, WS - World Stock, Total Return: Chng in NAV with dividends reinvested, Rank: How fund performed vs. others with same objective: A is in top 20%, E in bottom 20%. Source: Morningstar. Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars, h = Does not meet continued-listing standards, i = Late filing with SEC, n = New in past 52 weeks, pl = Preferred, sr = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year, rt = Right to buy security at a specified price, s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year, un = Units, vj = In bankruptcy or receivership, wd = When distributed, wi = When issued, wt = Warrants, Mutual Fund Footnotes: b = Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets, d = Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee, f = front load (sales charges), m = Multiple fees are charged, NA = not available, p = previous day's net asset value, s = fund split shares during the week, x = fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Struggling to make and keep friends in a new city

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Donna," who lives in another state. We've been friends for three years. Due to past trauma of being cheated on, I have trust issues, not just in relationships but friendships as well. I've damaged and even lost a few friends because of these issues.

Donna is an introvert and doesn't want to talk all the time. I'm more extroverted. When she says she can't or doesn't want to talk, I have doubts about our friendship and it causes fights between us. It hurts because I know she's a true friend, but I struggle to bring myself to trust her because I think about what I've experienced before.

Truth be told, ever since I moved, I've missed having a true friend who's close by. Making friends where I moved to has been a struggle. I've tried counseling, but it is expensive. I want to go, but affording it is a challenge. I dislike where I moved from but miss the hell out of my friend. Please help. — Lonely in Wyoming

Dear Lonely: Don't take Donna's introversion too personally. Everyone has different communication styles, and just because yours don't exactly match doesn't mean she doesn't still love and value your friendship. Let her know how much you miss her and how you've been struggling in isolation after your move. Suggest that you set a standing date — once a week or every other — for a phone call or FaceTime to catch up and keep in touch.

As for settling in your new city, your extroversion into volunteering, joining a club or hitting some local scenes to meet people who share your interests. There might also be online therapy or low-cost counseling near you that's more affordable than the options you've already looked into. Remember that growth takes time. Be gentle with yourself.

Dear Annie: I wanted to take a moment and let you know how much I enjoy your column; I think you give the best responses to your readers. I do not have a question, but rather some valuable advice for your readers. You see, I grew up in a home with a toxic marriage modeled by my parents. I remember being about

10 when my mom found out about my dad's affair and we rode around with a baseball bat, searching for the "other woman."

Fast forward, they just celebrated 50 years together, and my dad calls me complaining about my mom, and my mom calls me complaining about my dad. I am frankly TIRED of it. If you are in a bad marriage, consider this your approval to end it. I married a man who my counselor said was cut from the same cloth as my mom. It is true! We model and are drawn to it and don't even realize it.

My mom always taught me that you stay no matter what. I am about to graduate college and will be a social worker. I am so excited to empower/teach others to end what does not serve them. Love is not enduring unlimited abuse, and you don't get a trophy for the years you stay. This really damages the children; they typically grow up modeling the same stuff they've seen, and when you put them in the middle, it sucks! The more I heal, the more dysfunction I see. — Willing to Walk

Dear Willing: Thank you for your letter and wise words. I'm sorry to hear about all the traumas you've experienced but am glad they have given you such a strong sense of self-worth and awareness of what you deserve. I agree it's so important to protect ourselves, our mental peace and overall well-being. Here's to letting go of the things that do not serve us.

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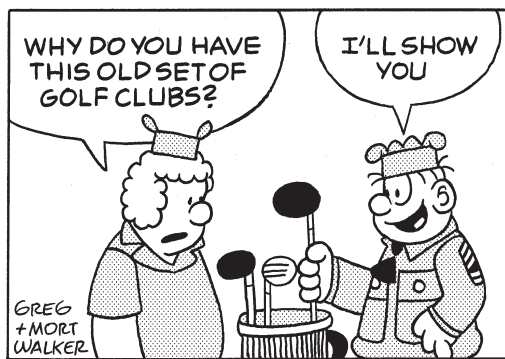
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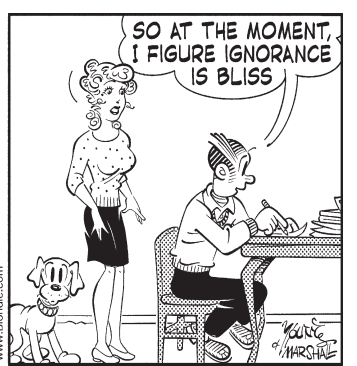
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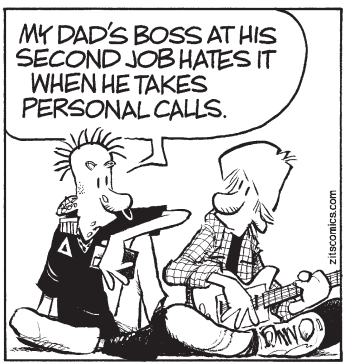
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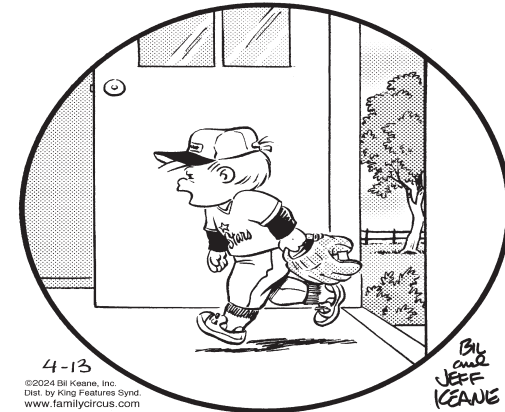
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

The LOCKHORNS



My Answer

By Dr. Billy Graham



We should ask God to teach us whatever lessons He has for us

Question: It has been gut wrenching to watch my parents grow old and exist in bad health that keeps getting worse. Why does God allow people, especially people who follow Him, to suffer so? The dying process is grotesque, and I think it is worse for the caregiver than the patient because we have no control of the outcome. — D.P.

Answer: Many people have experienced watching a loved one grow old and struggle with pain and discomfort for great lengths of time. No one knows completely why, but the Bible tells us that we live in a fallen world and much of what happens falls far short

of God's original plan. Why? Because man disobeyed God and rebelled against Him.

But even when we can't totally understand why God allows things like this to happen, He can still be trusted to do what is right. God is sovereign and He knows what is best for the one who is suffering and for those caring for them. In God's time, He will take the suffering saint to be with Him.

When someone is dying, we should ask God to teach us whatever lessons He has for us in this experience. Sometimes, God allows a loved one to linger because family members need to

come together and be reconciled to one another. God also may use situations like this to teach us how to love others who are in need and to remind us of the brevity of life.

We can react with bitterness and hate God, as some do, or we can accept suffering as a natural part of life and a condition that comes with living in this world. We cannot avoid suffering, but we can determine our response to it.

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

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