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## Power of the Purse raises money for early learning projects

The first order of business at the Power of the Purse event Thursday at the Timber Ridge Event Center was to scope out all of the 24 designer purses that could be bid upon, pictured above.

The next order of business was to head to the buffet table for selections of appetizers, salads and desserts as Arvilla Rodenbeck did, pictured at right. Later it Arvilla's lucky tickets earned her two purse packages.

At lower right, those attending were welcomed by organizer Tamra Boucher (right) with United Wayne Director Ben Rinkenberger (left). Rinkenberger emphasized the importance of early learning programs in the county as well as that of the Imagination Library — both projects of the United Way.

Below, winner of the Power Purse package, valued at \$2,500 was Laura Linderwell, at left, shown with her daughter Kianna. Sponsors of this package were Arrow Insurance, Indiana Michigan Power, National Oil and Steffen Oil. It was hoped the event would raise \$50,000 that could be matched by a Lily grant. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)



## New state diploma proposals raise feasibility questions

State education officials heard from more than two dozen teachers and school officials during a Wednesday board meeting

By CASEY SMITH  
Indian Capital Chronicle

As Indiana officials undertake a major redesign of the state's high school graduation requirements, Hoosier teachers and school officials are raising concerns about whether proposed diploma changes will adequately prepare students who plan to pursue postsecondary education.

Also at issue is a plan to funnel thousands of high schoolers into internships and other work-based learning opportunities, which multiple district representatives said is not feasible — at least not yet. They noted, for example, that there is already a lack of such training opportunities available statewide for a much smaller number of interested students.

The new diplomas were largely the topic of discussion at the Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday, where dozens of teachers and union representatives spoke up about the proposed diploma overhaul.

Paramount to the new plan, according to state officials, is maximized "flexibility" for students to personalize learning pathways and experiences, including with college courses taken while still in high school, as well as the ability to count internships, apprenticeships, military experience and

other work-based learning toward their graduation requirements.

Still, nothing proposed has been set in stone — the rulemaking process to finalize the diploma model is expected to continue for several more months, said Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner. Before the state board takes a final vote — which is anticipated in August or September — multiple rounds of public comment and changes to improve the overall plan are underway.

By law, board members must give their stamp of approval by December. The requirements would then take effect with the Class of 2029.

"We are going to take the time necessary to listen, listen, listen, travel the state," Jenner said at Wednesday's meeting. "It's very, very important to hear all the thoughts and feedback."

### New diploma proposals

Currently, Hoosier students can work toward one of numerous diploma designations, including the general, Core 40, academic honors, or technical honors options. Some schools additionally offer the International Baccalaureate diploma, which is dependent on successful completion of specific assessments and examinations during grades 11 and 12.

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## Election certification disputes spark concerns over presidential race

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
and JOEY CAPPELLETTI  
Associated Press

In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, two Republican members of a county canvassing board last month refused to sign off on the results of an election that led to the recall of three GOP members of the county commission. They did so only after state officials warned them it was their legal duty to record the final vote tally.

In Georgia's Fulton County, which includes the Democratic-voting city of Atlanta, a group run by members of former President Donald Trump's administration last month sued so a Republican member of the local elections

board could refuse to certify the results of the primary election.

And in Arizona, GOP lawmakers sued to reverse the state's top Democratic officials' requirement that local boards automatically validate their election results.

The past four years have been filled with battles over all sorts of election arcane, including one that had long been regarded as an administrative afterthought — little-known state and local boards certifying the results. With the presidential election looming in November, attorneys are gearing up for yet more fights over election certification, especially in the swing states where the victory

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## Man charged in Gilgo Beach killings kept 'blueprint' of crimes

By PHILIP MARCELO  
and JAKE OFFENHARTZ  
Associated Press

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — The New York architect accused of murdering multiple women and leaving their corpses scattered along the Long Island coast kept a "blueprint" of his crimes on his computer, prosecutors revealed Thursday as they brought charges against Rex Heuermann in two more killings.

Heuermann, 60, appeared before a judge to be arraigned in the deaths of Jessica Taylor and Sandra Costilla, two young women who were long suspected of being the victims of men preying on sex workers. He had previously been charged with murdering four other women in a string of deaths known as the Gilgo Beach serial killings.

Taylor disappeared in 2003. Costilla was killed 30 years ago,

and her inclusion in the case indicates that prosecutors now believe Heuermann was killing women for much longer than previously thought.

The new charges came after recent police searches of Heuermann's Massapequa Park home and a wooded area on Long Island tied to the investigation.

In a court filing, prosecutors said they were able to use new forensic testing methods to match

hairs found on or near the vicinity of both victims to a DNA profile that is a likely match to Heuermann. Additionally, prosecutors say they recovered a file on a hard drive in his basement used to "methodically blueprint" his killings.

The all-caps document features a series of checklists with tasks to complete before, during and after the killings, as well as practical lessons for "next time." Among

the dozens of entries written are reminders to clean the bodies and destroy evidence, to "get sleep before hunt" and to "have story set."

One section, titled "things to remember," appears to highlight lessons from previous killings, prosecutors said, such as using heavier rope and limiting noise in order to maximize "play time." A "body prep" checklist includes,

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# New diploma requirements

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As laid out in the proposal, Indiana's future diplomas would replace the current options and instead include the "Indiana GPS Diploma" — a more flexible, personalized version of the current Core 40 diploma — and the "Indiana GPS Diploma Plus."

For all students, regardless of the diploma type they earn, learning in grades nine and 10 would be focused mostly on "essential knowledge and skills." All students would complete a set of foundational courses covering English, math, science, career and postsecondary preparedness, physical education, and civic, financial and digital literacy. Even so, students would have some ability to choose how to satisfy the priority courses.

Additional flexibility and personalization is then available to students in grades 11 and 12.

The less rigorous GPS Diploma has fewer math and social studies requirements than the current Core 40 diploma. Students pursuing this option would have to complete a minimum of 20 additional "points" earned through a combination of courses and experiences.

Those points can be earned through traditional classes, but also from job training, JROTC or other military experience, and by earning certain scores on the SAT or ACT, for example. Additional points can be earned by taking more rigorous courses, like Advanced Placement and dual credit classes.

Overall, at least two points must come from math and four from English-related coursework.

On the other hand, students pursuing the proposed GPS Diploma Plus must complete additional coursework necessary to earn their chosen credential of value. They'll also be required to complete at least 75 hours of "high-quality work-based learning." What those work-based learning experiences can or should look like are still under consideration, according to state education officials.

All students will use their individual graduation plan — already required by law to be completed by the end of eighth grade — to determine initial course sequences in high school.

## Teachers, school officials express concerns

Educators said they're concerned, however, that college-bound students will be forced to choose between a

diploma that may not meet the requirements for some university admissions, or one that heavily emphasizes work, leaving students less time for academics.

Many who spoke before the board on Wednesday pointed to the elimination of the Academic Honors diploma option. Currently, it's the second most popular track among Indiana graduates and is largely credited with preparing and launching Hoosier students into college.

Around 22,000 Indiana students received the honors diploma last school year, according to the Indiana Department of Education.

The Academic Honors diploma has additional requirements compared to the standard Core 40, including more advanced math courses, world language credits, and fine arts.

The same requirements would not carry over to the proposed new diplomas, however. Rather, students would be able to choose to take the courses in their final two years of high school.

"(The Academic Honors Diploma) has gotten many students into college. It's prepared them. And if we do away with it, we don't have that guide — we don't have that map. And I see students who, if they don't follow this, flounder," said Marisol Martinez, a high school foreign language teacher from Fort Wayne. "If we don't have this, we're just going to create a bunch of followers — if we just have a very low end diploma, and then one so high that many students cannot attain it."

Steve Baker, principal at Bluffton High School, where 58% of students are pursuing an honors diploma, additionally said leaving the current system will cause "a big gap" for his high schoolers.

"We need a good replacement for the honors diploma as soon as possible. ... This replacement needs to be a pathway that a substantial number of our students, like 40%, can use," Baker said.

He also called on the board to consider best options for at-risk students who may lack resources to complete the proposed diploma requirements successfully.

"I want to encourage all of us, including the educators, to look through the lens of that student and family and how they can be successful," he continued, pointing to the proposed "work ethic" requirement

within the foundational requirements for either GPS diploma type. Among the example options students have to check that box are leading a scout troop or church youth group, volunteering in a community organization, earning 94% attendance, participating in two seasons of extracurricular activities, working a job, or having a GPA of at least a 3.0.

"Basically all of those are the same type of student, and it's not the at-risk student," Baker continued. "I'm afraid that student who struggles in school and doesn't find it relevant will only be further isolated by these competencies. ... I think we just need variety, and to be meaningful and relevant to all students, including the at-risk student."

## Board members cautious, but optimistic

Pat Mapes, who sits on the SBOE board, said schools want more "flexibility" for students — but "there has to be a defined framework — a roadmap — of courses." For example, he said it should be an expectation that all Hoosier freshmen take Algebra I and English 9, as well as science, social studies and foreign language courses.

"We started this as wanting a work-based diploma. I wanted that kid who wasn't going to go to college to be able to go get some experiences their junior and senior year — that was really true experience in the workforce — and to take mathematics and language arts courses that led them to that work-based experience," Maps added. "But right now, I can't see that. And I think that's a lot of the caution of most people that we've had comments from."

B.J. Watts, also on the board, said "innovation" is needed to rethink a new high school experience, but he also suggested that something "simple," like adding an "additional diploma type," might be an easier option.

"I think about my two sons, 25 and 21. My oldest wanted to be in the classroom. He went to IU as a human biology major. He wanted to be sitting there, taking biology, taking those courses. My youngest is an electrician. Both are going to be ultra successful," Watts said at Wednesday's board meeting. "He didn't need to be sitting there taking some of those courses in grade 11 and 12. He should have been out working, doing those things that we talk about. That's the freedom that comes with this that I literally love, but I don't want us to lose track of what is working now."

# Weather

Friday, June 7, 2024

(24-hour observations at 10:19 p.m. Thursday)  
**High:** 80; **Low:** 62; **Precipitation:** None  
**Wabash River Level** (at the Main Street bridge): 2.19 feet at 8:45 p.m. Thursday

## Wells County forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. West wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m., then a chance of showers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 76.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

**Monday:** A 20% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

**Monday Night:** A 10% chance of showers before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20% chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Wednesday:** A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

# Gilgo Beach

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among other items, a note to "remove head and hands."

Prosecutors believe that entry may connect Heuermann to yet another victim, Valerie Mack, whose partial skeletal remains were discovered near the body of Taylor after her disappearance in 2000.

Heuermann has not been charged in the death of Mack. But asked during a news conference after Thursday's hearing if he was a suspect, District Attorney Ray Tierney replied, "That's fair to say."

Tierney also acknowledged that the "blueprint" document, which Heuermann had attempted to delete, was a "significant impetus" for the renewed search across Long Island in recent weeks, as it was recovered in March from the more than 350 electronic devices seized from the suspect's home.

Heuermann pleaded not guilty to killing Taylor and Costilla during the hearing and was ordered held without bail. His lawyer, Michael Brown, said outside court that Heuermann is "obviously in a bad place in terms of the new charges."

Afterward, Tierney said the additional charges provide "some small measure

of closure" for the victims' families.

Since late 2010, police have been investigating the deaths of at least 10 people — mostly female sex workers — whose remains were discovered along an isolated highway not far from Gilgo Beach on Long Island's south shore.

Those victims disappeared over a span of at least 14 years. Vexed detectives made only halting progress in identifying possible suspects. Investigators long said it was likely that not all of the deaths were the work of the same killer. Some of the victims vanished in the mid-1990s. Investigators concluded that an 11th person who disappeared in 2010 from the barrier island community of Oak Beach had accidentally drowned.

Heuermann, who lived across a bay from where the bodies were found, was arrested last July. Prosecutors said a new investigative task force used mobile phone location data and DNA samples to link the architect to some of the victims. He was charged with killing four of the women: Megan Waterman, Melissa Barthelemy, Amber Lynn Costello and Maureen Brainard-Barnes.

Investigators who

# Election certification disputes

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margins are expected to be tight. Even if those efforts ultimately fail, election officials worry they'll become a vehicle for promoting bogus election claims.

Trump and his allies have tried to use the tactic to stop election results from being made final if they lose. In 2020, two Republicans on Michigan's state board of canvassers, which must certify ballot totals before state officials can declare a winner, briefly balked at signing off before one relented and became the decisive vote. Trump had cheered the delay as part of his push to overturn his loss that ultimately culminated in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

During the 2022 midterms, some conservative, rural counties tried to hold up their state election results, citing the same debunked claims of voter fraud that Trump has made.

In New Mexico, rural county supervisors refused to certify the state's primary vote until they were threatened with prosecution. In Cochise County in southeastern Arizona, two Republican supervisors who refused to certify the local vote totals said they had no doubt their own county's tally was accurate but were protesting the counts in other counties that gave Democratic candidates for governor, attorney general and secretary of state their victories.

Responding to the certification controversies, Michigan's Democratic legislature passed a law making clear that state and local canvassing boards must certify election totals. The two Arizona county supervisors are currently facing criminal charges filed by the state's Democratic attorney general.

Democrats and nonpartisan groups say the thousands of local election oversight boards across the country aren't the place to contest ballot counts, and that state laws make clear they have no leeway on whether to sign off on their staff's final

tallies.

"Election authorities don't have the discretion to reject the results of an election because of their vibes," said Jonathan Diaz of the Campaign Legal Center, adding that lawsuits and recounts are the proper recourse. "They're there to perform a function. They're there to certify."

But some Republicans argue that's going too far. Kory Langhofer, the attorney suing to overturn the election procedures manual's directive in Arizona that was issued by the Democratic attorney general and secretary of state, said he didn't support the effort to block certification in Cochise County in 2022. But, he argued, locally elected boards of supervisors have to have some discretion to police elections.

"It seems to me the system is stronger when you have multiple eyes on it," Langhofer said. Of the efforts to block certification in 2020 and 2022, he added, "I hope that's behind us."

Democrats doubt that's the case. They note that the America First Policy Institute, a pro-Trump organization run by former officials from his administration, filed the lawsuit in Georgia to let Fulton County Elections Board member Julie Adams vote against certifying elections. Adams' four other board members voted to certify last month's primary but Adams abstained last week, contending she couldn't accept the results given prior election administration problems in the county.

"This action will re-establish the role of board members as the ultimate parties responsible for ensuring elections in Fulton County are free from fraud, deceit, and abuse," the institute wrote in its release announcing the lawsuit. The group did not respond to a request for comment.

Fulton County is the heart of the Democratic vote in Georgia, and anything that holds up its totals in Novem-

ber could help make it look like Trump has a large lead in the state.

"Trump and MAGA Republicans have made it clear they are planning to try to block certification of November's election when they are defeated again, and this is a transparent attempt to set the stage for that fight," Georgia Democratic Party chair and Rep. Nikema Williams said in a statement.

In Michigan's Delta County, clerk Nancy Przewrocki, a Republican, said the two GOP canvassers had requested a hand recount of the votes, which is beyond the scope of their position. The canvassers eventually voted to certify the May election after receiving a letter from the State Elections Director Jonathan Brater, which reminded them of their duties and warned them of the consequences of failing to certify.

Still, Przewrocki said she's concerned about what could happen in November if a similar situation arises.

"I can see this escalating, unfortunately. I'm trying to keep our voters confident in our voting equipment, and this is completely undermining it when there's really nothing there," Przewrocki said.

Following the Delta County incident, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, both Democrats, issued a reminder to local canvassing boards throughout the state warning them of their legal obligation to certify election results based solely on vote returns. If they don't, there will be "swift action to ensure the legal certification of election results," along with "possible civil and criminal charges against those members for their actions," Benson warned.

Michigan is an example of the futility of the tactic. The new state law makes it clear that canvassing boards can't block certification, but Benson said in an interview that she still worries such an effort, even if legally

doomed, would help spread false allegations about the November election.

"Misinformation and talking points emerge that enable others — particularly politicians — to continue to cast doubt on the accuracy of election results," she said.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew Lee Wulpi

Matthew Lee Wulpi, stillborn infant, was placed into the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, May 24, 2024, as a result of an automobile accident. Matthew is the son of Logan and Darcie (Johnson) Wulpi of Muncie.



In addition to his parents, Matthew is survived by his sister, Lyla Wulpi; maternal grandparents, David and Julia Johnson of Bluffton; paternal grandparents, James and Marsha Wulpi of Fort Wayne; maternal great-grandparents, Stanley and Carolyn Gilbert of Bluffton; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Matthew was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Larry and Faye Johnson, Ralph and Bonnie McKibben, and Donald and Virginia Wulpi.

Private family services are being held. Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or Remembering Rowan (an organization which supports bereaved families through miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss). Memorial contributions can be mailed to Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 East State Road 124, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.goodwin-cale-harnish.com](http://www.goodwin-cale-harnish.com).

Police Notebook

INCIDENTS

**City:**  
Wednesday, 2:06 p.m., 400 block of Cedar Road. Report of subject screaming and yelling with swords. Kyle Anderson taken into custody.

Wednesday, 8:35 p.m., North Main and East Jackson streets. Driver cited for learners permit violation.

Wednesday, 9:21 p.m., 500 block of Eastmoor Drive. Report of threatening over failure to pay for services or return tools.

Wednesday, 9:22 p.m., 70 block of Sunset Drive. Report of threatening over

failure to return tools.

Thursday, 12:32 a.m., Wells County Courthouse. Officer transported juvenile out past curfew home.

Thursday, 8:51 a.m., East Walnut and South Scott streets. Report of man and woman in dumpsters. Unable to locate.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m., McDonalds. Subject reported that a man attempted to look under the stall door at their child.

Thursday, 12:03 p.m., Save On Liquor South. Wal-let located, owner from Ohio.

**County:**  
Wednesday, 12:09 p.m.,

8700 North 100 West, Uniondale. Caller reported that narcotics were stolen from purse; later called and advised to disregard.

Wednesday, 2:02 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served to Morgan Rowles.

Wednesday, 4:13 p.m., Wells County Jail. Warrant served to Ashley Jarrett.

Wednesday, 6:19 p.m., 5800 South Meridian Road, Poneto. Welfare check requested. Subjects son advised that he was okay.

Wednesday, 9:39 p.m., 4000 West 100 North, Bluffton. Car versus deer. Subject uninjured; car and deer

totaled.

Thursday, 4:58 a.m., West 1000 South and South 700 West, Warren. Car versus deer.

**Ossian:**  
Thursday, 6:13 a.m., 800 block of Heatherwood Lane, Ossian. Report of ongoing barking from dog.

**ARRESTS**  
Morgan Marie Rowles, 34, Bluffton; Racketeering, a Level 5 felony, and theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond set at \$11,500.

Ha Kay, 29, Fort Wayne; driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Booked and released.

County Briefs

Bi-County sees positive financial growth

Bi-County Services gave annual reports to both the Wells County Commissioners and Council during their meetings this week. Bi-County receives \$45,408 annually from the county to support their services for people with disabilities.

President Tim Ramsey said Bi-County has been on the rebound after a “hard year” with staffing and finances last year. Even so, he advised that Bi-County is still operating at a deficit.

Sheriff reports on jail population

Sheriff Scott Holliday was not present at Tuesday’s County Council meeting but sent population numbers in advance via email. As of Tuesday morning, the jail housed 79 inmates — 41 pretrial holds for the Circuit Court, 27 pretrial holds for the Superior Court, 12 from the Department of Correction and one Level 6 felon.

Council approves additional appropriations

During their monthly meeting Tuesday evening, the Wells County Council approved a series of additional appropriations and transfers. Additional were:

- \$274,054.88 to the Highway Department for Bridge 51 on County Road 300 West over Scuffle Creek.
- \$1,740 from the probation secretary in the Probation Department. In his request, Circuit Court Judge Kenton Kiracofe stated this amount covers a shortfall in the budget in the transition of the secretary’s retirement.

- Transfers were:
- \$1,595 from office supplies to postage in the Treasurer’s Office due to an increase in postage costs.
  - \$704 from IV-D copier lease to IV-D conference fees in the Prosecutor’s Office. In his request, Prosecutor Colin Andrews said the transfer would cover the cost of a hotel for two Child Support employees to attend a conference.
  - \$4,000 from vehicle supplies to gas and fuel, and \$100 from PPE supplies to wearing apparel for Community Corrections. Director Blake Poindexter said the transfers cover a shortfall in their budget.

— Compiled by Holly Gaskill



Pictured in the photo from left are FBB President/CEO Kent Liechty, FBB Decatur Branch Manager Jessica Zuercher, FCS Administrative Assistant Emily Wyatt, FCS Director of Resource Development Jenn Vergon, FCS CEO Paige Hamilton, FBB Bluffton Branch Manager Erica Bennett, and FBB Berne Branch Manager Kaitlyn Roby. (Photo submitted)

First Bank of Berne to sponsor 19th annual Duck Race to Benefit Family Centered Services, Inc.

First Bank of Berne is the naming sponsor for the 19th Annual Duck Race to benefit Family Centered Services, Inc. This will be their first year as the naming sponsor for the duck race.

The race is set for Saturday, August 10th, at 11:00 a.m. The event will take

place at Pickett’s Run Park in Bluffton and will include the duck race, music, games, a foam party, bounce houses, food, and more. For all those interested in Duck Race tickets, they will be available for purchase at FCS or from FCS employees and board members at

the beginning of July.

Family Centered Services’ mission is to strengthen the community by empowering families and youth through services that educate and inspire. For more information on FCS, visit [fcs-inc.net](http://fcs-inc.net) or call 260-824-8574.

Ivy Tech president and former lieutenant Indiana governor, Sue Ellspermann, announces retirement

By CASEY SMITH  
**Indiana Capital Chronicle**

After eight years as president of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Sue Ellspermann announced her impending retirement at a board of trustees meeting on Thursday.

Ellspermann, who has led the college since 2016, is Ivy Tech’s ninth president — and the first woman to hold the position. She said she will officially step down at the end of her contract, which expires June 30, 2025.

In her explanation, Ellspermann told the Ivy Tech Board of Trustees she’s expecting her 10th grandchild. Her husband, she added, “has already retired twice.”

“The college has, over these last eight years, grown into an institution that is achieving record growth outcomes and impact. Further, the college has exceptional leaders who are even more capable of shepherding our continued growth and service to Indiana, and talented, innovative faculty and staff committed to our mission, our students and our communities,” she said. “So, that’s why I know it is a good time — the right time — for a new leader. It’s been an incredible honor, an honor of a lifetime, to serve as Ivy Tech’s president.”

Under her leadership, she helped Ivy Tech bolster its career development services and launch the first Industry 4.0 associate degree. She also led the development

of Ivy Tech’s new strategic plan, which focuses on better preparing students to meet Indiana’s skilled workforce needs.

In a Thursday interview with the Indiana Capital Chronicle, Ellspermann cited those efforts as some her proudest. She also pointed to the college’s new flat-rate tuition model for those who enroll in more than 12 credits worth of classes, as well as a program providing free textbooks to students for required courses.

“All of the improvements we’ve made ... what we’re doing is hand in glove with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to help recruit SK Hynix and Samsung and so on to Indiana,” she said. “It’s a privilege to do the skills training, the degrees, that they need to have a successful workforce.”

Ellspermann said further building out Ivy Tech’s skills training options and providing Hoosier adult learners access to “the credentials of value that our employers want” will be top-of-list for her successor.

Prior to leading Ivy Tech, Ellspermann served as a state representative from 2010 to 2012 for District 74, which encompasses multiple counties in rural southwest Indiana.

As a legislator, Ellspermann served on commerce and labor committees and co-authored the state’s right-to-work law “that has since attracted robust economic

development to Indiana,” according to her Ivy Tech biography.

She was later lieutenant governor under former Gov. Mike Pence. In that role, Ellspermann served as vice chair of the Indiana Career Council and the Indiana State Workforce Investment Board.

She resigned before the completion of her term in March 2016 to become president of Ivy Tech. Pence ultimately appointed now-Gov. Eric Holcomb to serve out the remainder of her term.

Aside from politics, Ellspermann was previously the founding director of the Center of Applied Research and Economic Development at the University of Southern Indiana from 2006 to 2012.

The Ivy Tech State Board of Trustees will begin a nationwide search for Ivy Tech’s tenth president this fall.

The State Board anticipates the new president will assume leadership of the College on or before July 1, 2025.

More details on the search process and opportunities for community input are forthcoming and can be found at [IvyTech.edu/President-Search](http://IvyTech.edu/President-Search).

Earlier in her career, she held operations and engineering positions at Frito-Lay, Michelin Tire Corporation and General Motors.

Currently, Ellspermann chairs the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership Board of Directors and serves on the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, Indiana Chamber, Indy Chamber, Applied Research Institute, Strada Education Foundation and Center for Leadership Development boards. Her corporate board service includes OneAmerica, German American Bancorp and OFS.



Welcomed

A new baby bison was added to the Bison herd at Ouabache State Park on Thursday, June 6. Park staff members are not able to get near enough to the new arrival to determine the sex. The last baby bison born at the park arrived on June 6, 2022. With this addition the herd numbers seven. (Photo provided)

Man charged with killing officer dies in prison awaiting trial

PENDLETON, Ind. (AP) — A man charged with fatally shooting an Indiana police officer in the head in 2022 died Thursday at a state prison, authorities said.

Phillip Lee, 49, was being held at Pendleton prison while awaiting trial next year on murder and other charges in the death of Richmond Officer Seara Burton. He was found alone in his cell and unresponsive by correctional staff, state police said.

Police did not release details. But Lee’s attorney said he was suffering mental distress and killed himself.

“Phillip had very severe mental health issues. It wasn’t something that developed in the last week or two,” Denise Turner told The Associated Press.

“We had a couple of mental health experts working with Phillip, but they can’t be there 24/7,” Turner said. “The prison was not doing anything to help Phillip.”

Greg Dunn, spokesman at the Indiana Department of Correction, said he could not comment.

Burton, 28, was shot while assisting officers who had stopped Lee on his moped and suspected that he possessed drugs. She died a month later in September 2022. She had been a police officer for four years in Richmond, about 65 miles east of Indianapolis.

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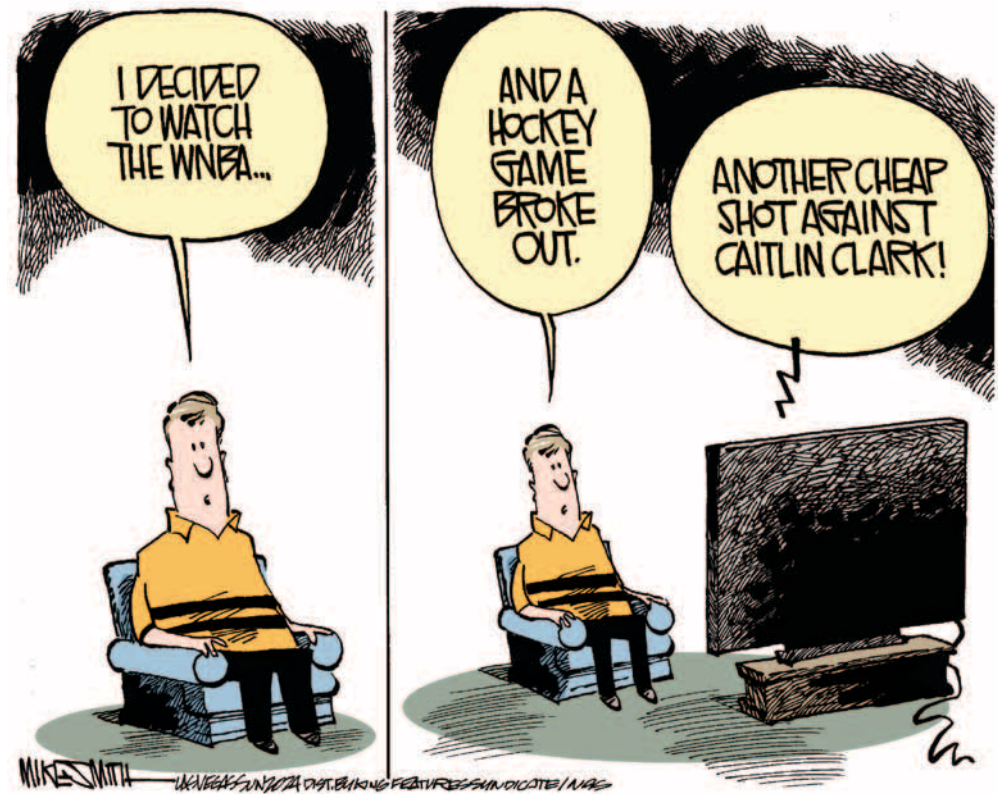
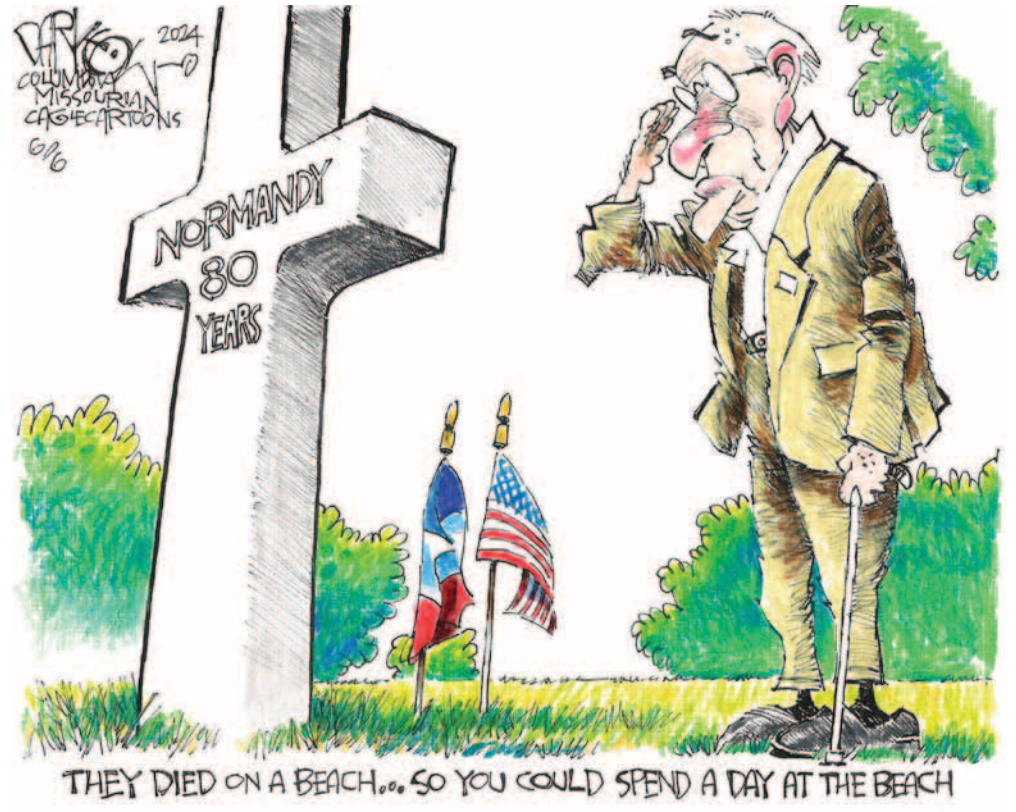
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The Week That Was - a look back through cartoonists' eyes...



The common sense humor of Will Rogers

Our politics sure is divided these days. Tempers are flaring and minds are rigid and closed. Here's the solution: the wit and wisdom of legendary humorist Will Rogers.

"The short memory of voters is what keeps our politicians in office."  
 "We've got the best politicians that money can buy."  
 "A fool and his money are soon elected."

Rogers spoke these words during the Great Depression, but they're just as relevant today.

With 24-hour cable-news channels and social media feeding people "information" that affirms their biases, people forget it isn't Democrats vs. the Republicans. It is we the citizens vs. our ever-encroaching federal government, as these quotes make clear:

"Things in our country run in spite of government, not by aid of it."  
 "Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for."

Today, unfortunately, we're getting more government than we're paying for. We cover the difference by borrowing billions every year or printing more money.

As the king of the velvet-tipped barb, Rogers never intended to be mean, but to bring us to our senses. One of his favorite subjects was to remind the political class that it worked for us, not the other way around, as he explained with these memorable lines:

"When Congress makes a joke it's a law, and when they make a law, it's a joke."

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

Rogers' thinking on American foreign policy really hits home today:

"Diplomats are just as essential to starting a war as soldiers are for finishing it. You take diplomacy out of war, and the thing would fall flat in a week."

"Liberty doesn't work as well in practice as it does in speeches."

Rogers was born and raised on a farm in Oklahoma. His wit reflected the heart of America — the horse sense, square dealing and honesty that were the bedrock of our success, as these funny lines demonstrate well:

"When a fellow ain't got much of a mind, it don't take him long to make it up."

"This country is not where it is today on account of any one man. It's here on account of the real common sense of the Big Normal Majority."

Franklin Roosevelt, a frequent target of Rogers' barbs, understood how valuable Rogers' sensibility was during the years of the Depression:

"I doubt there is among us a more useful citizen than the one who holds the secret of banishing gloom ... of supplanting desolation and despair with hope and courage. Above all things ... Will Rogers brought his countrymen back to a sense of proportion."

A sense of proportion is clearly what we're lacking right now. The ability to think clearly and objectively and reaffirm that government works for us and not the other way around. Surely, we can all agree on this Rogers' quote:

"Congress is so strange. A legislator gets up to speak and says nothing, nobody listens, and then everybody disagrees."

What we need now more than ever is the calm, clear perspective that Will Rogers brought to our country. He offered sound advice on how we can get started:

"If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?"

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George Will

On immigration, the too-little-too-late president strikes again

In autopsies of Joe Biden's presidency, one word will be explanatory: disorder. From urban crime to campus tumults to inflation's comprehensive disruption - the currency becoming emaciated - Americans fear societal fraying. An essential attribute of national sovereignty - control of borders - has been sacrificed on the altar of "equity," with collateral damage far from the southwestern border. Far-flung communities - their hospitals, their schools - experience the truth that "every state is a border state."

A young man from Honduras is released into the national interior, where he replicates a pattern as old as immigration, going where other Hondurans have settled, in cities far from the Rio Grande. He has responded to incentives concocted on the banks of the Potomac.

Biden's syntactical labyrinths are amusing, until they aren't. In a 2019 Democratic presidential primary debate, he said: "I would in fact make sure that there is, that we immediately surge to the border - all those people are seeking asylum. They deserve to be heard." They heard him.

When caravans of migrants headed north during Biden's presidency, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said they considered Biden "the immigrant president." Many headed for cities that performative progressives had declared "sanctuaries" that would not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. Chicago, a sanctuary since 1985, is now buckling under the cost of its moralizing. In New York, a sanctuary since 1989, illegal immigration "will destroy" the city, Mayor Eric Adams (D) says. Virtue signaling has costs.

On his first presidential day, Biden committed his administration to "advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality." His Department of Homeland Security said it would apply Biden's words "in the immigration and enforcement context."

Writing in City Journal about "a border crisis by design," Jeffrey H. Anderson, president of the American Main Street Initiative, calls today's crisis the result of Biden's "unprecedented refusal to enforce federal immigration law," which requires that asylum seekers be detained rather than released while their claims are adjudicated.

So, many aliens arriving at Biden's deliberately porous border sought rather than evaded Border Patrol officers. Anderson says that in December 2020, Donald Trump's last full presidential month, 17 aliens were released into the nation. Two Decembers later, 191,142 were. Biden's administration justified this erasure of law as "prosecutorial discretion." Also writing in City

Journal, the Manhattan Institute's Steven Malanga says, "By late 2022, the immigration court backlog had swelled to 1.6 million people," who could largely ignore this coagulated process.

In August 2020, officials reported detaining five attempted entries in the El Paso sector, then operating under a presidential order allowing officials to summarily expel illegal border crossers. In August 2022, that order having been rescinded, officials detained 3,453. In Kinney County, Tex., sheriff's deputies made 67 arrests for smuggling in 2021, but 3,045 in 2022, when security cameras showed about 21,500 people crossing the border with impunity.

Polls have concentrated Biden's mind. On Tuesday, he announced that he will faithfully execute his executive order intended to contain the wreckage wrought by his refusal to perform his core constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." New restrictions will take effect when illegal crossings exceed 2,500 a day. The arithmetic is: 912,500 (approximately the population of Biden's Delaware) in a year could melt into the nation, as under today's system. Regarding border security, as when combating inflation or aiding Ukraine, Biden is a too-little-too-late president.

Presidents from both parties have become geysers of executive orders, imposing tariffs, essentially banning internal combustion vehicles, forgiving student debts, altering the legal status of millions of immigrants, etc. What fun.

Until it isn't. Until the public, taught by presidential highhandedness that presidents can do whatever they please, blames them for whatever problems persist. This is both unfair and richly deserved. Today's Congress, which has been well-described as cable television's largest green room, escapes blame for the immigration disaster because the public, fixated on the presidency, knows that, for Congress, governance is a spectator sport.

This nation, with an aging population, increasing life expectancy, declining birthrate and entitlements transferring trillions of dollars from employees to retirees, needs lots of legal immigrants to replenish its workforce. That the government cannot provide for this is a failure second only to the nation's fiscal shambles. In five months, Biden, who is too busy "saving democracy" to attend to mundane matters of public order, might find that the immigration inundation is the most politically lethal of his multiplying failures.

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Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Friday, June 7, the 159th day of 2024. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 7, 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*,

struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples.

On this date:  
 In 1712, Pennsylvania's colonial assembly voted to

ban the further importation of enslaved people.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent

States."  
 In 1848, French painter and sculptor Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

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# Emotionally distant boyfriend makes me anxious

Dear Annie: I've been with my boyfriend, "Mike," for five years, and we've lived together for three. I've noticed he's been distant lately. I can't quite put my finger on why; he says he has just been stressed about work.

He has also been spending more time on his phone. Last week, I saw messages pop up on his phone from a woman named "Sarah," who I've never heard of before. I didn't read them, but I can't shake the feeling that something is off.

Mike and I have always been honest with each other, so this secrecy feels like a betrayal. I want to address it, but I don't want to come off as accusatory or make him feel like I was snooping on his phone. I love him, but I just can't escape the feeling that something is wrong. — Anxious in Austin

**Dear Anxious:** Start by sharing your feelings without blaming him — for instance, "I've been feeling a bit disconnected from you lately and it worries me."

When it comes to Sarah, approach the topic gently. You could say something like, "I noticed a message from someone named Sarah. I haven't heard about her before; can you tell me about her?" This opens the door for an explanation without jumping to conclusions.

If Mike is open and honest, it should help ease your mind. If he becomes defensive, it might be worth exploring further. Trust your instincts, but also give him the chance to explain. Open communication is the foundation of a healthy relationship.

Dear Annie: I have been in a relationship with a married man for over 14 years. We've known each other for 40 now. He's been married for 28 years. I've been widowed now for nine.

He hasn't told his wife about our relationship. We stopped for about a year. He wants to rekindle what we had, but he hasn't been completely honest with his wife. She apparently knows something, but I doubt it's the complete truth. We do love each other and I want to tell her. I am not sure how to deal with this. — Amid an Affair

**Dear Amid:** This man needs to take responsibility and be honest, with you and his wife. If he truly loves and respects both of you, he should face whatever consequences come from this situation.

Think about your future. Are you seeking a transparent relationship with this man, or are you willing to continue under these stressful and secretive conditions? Your well-being and happiness matter. Your feelings for this man are obviously incredibly strong, but don't let that blind you. You deserve more than to be a hidden 14-year-old secret.

"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" is out now! Annie Lane's second anthology — featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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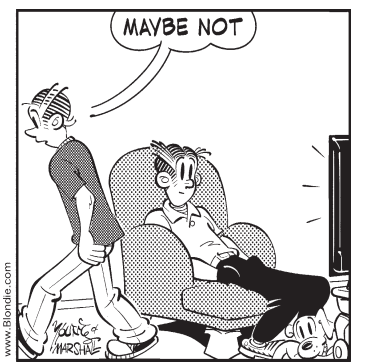
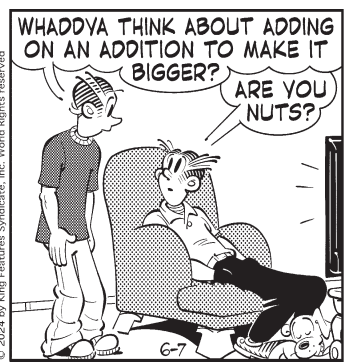
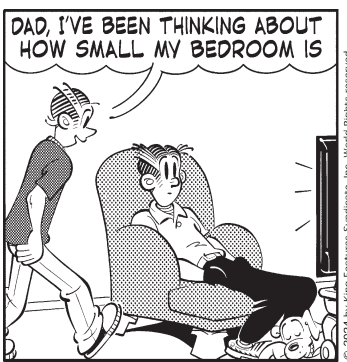
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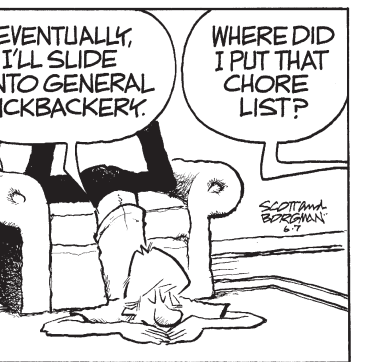
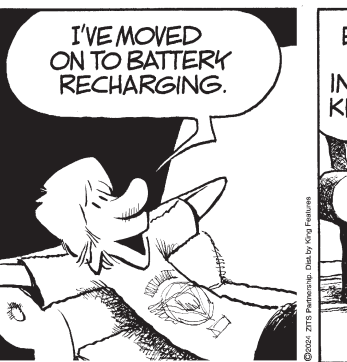
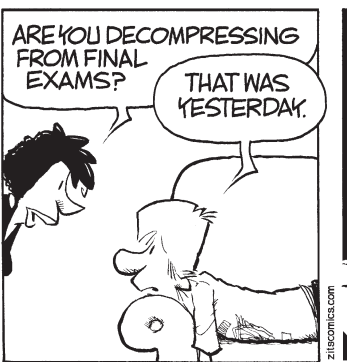
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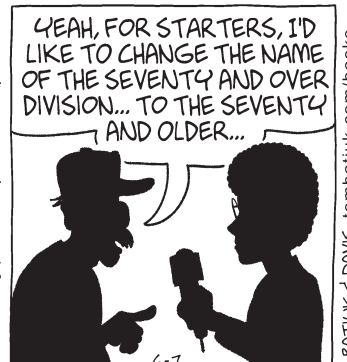
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## My Answer



By Dr. Billy Graham

## Being a Christian is exciting

Question: I need some tangible hope that if I turn my life over to Christ I will have this new heart that preachers talk about. I have to be assured before I can clean up my life to take this step. Is that too much to ask? — P.S.

Answer: A young woman once wrote, "Until last January I was a stranger to Jesus. I was a rebel, thief, a drunkard, a hard drug taker, an adulteress, and a self-centered, confused young woman. It seemed to me that drugs, liquor, free love, and bumming around the country would make me free, but they were all traps. Sin was the trap that led me to

confusion, unhappiness, guilt, and near suicide. "Thinking I was going to stump everyone with my cynical questions, I went to a Bible study out of curiosity. That night I became sincerely interested in the Bible. After searching and studying the Scriptures for months, John 3:16 spoke to my heart and I gave my life to Christ. I never knew that this kind of happiness could exist. God showed [me] how to love and what it feels like to be forgiven and loved. He was what I had been searching for since my early teens. Christ freed me from the bondage of sin. Being a Christian is exciting because there is always something new to learn and experience

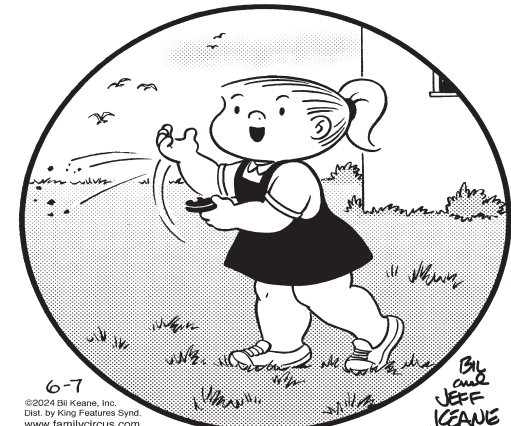
while following Christ. Now I wake up glad to see the day. He has made me new." Millions of people have taken the step of faith in repenting of sin by believing in the Lord Jesus and receiving Him as their personal Lord and Savior. He sends His spirit to help clean up our lives after we've committed ourselves to Him — it is His work, and not ours. He says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26, NKJV).

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

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DISC	35	72	182	278	Gold Rush-Res. "For Love of Nuggets"	Parker's Trail Parker Schnabel attempts to complete the Klondike Gold Rush Trail. (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	
TLC	36	73	183	280	MILF Manor	Unexpected	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)	
HIST	38	77	120	269	The Unexplained "Outrageous Robberies"	Unexplained "Earth's Unsolved Mysteries"	The First 48	The First 48 "Cold Fury"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	The First 48 "Snatched"	
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HALL	40	117	185	312	Love on the Sidelines (2016, Drama)	John Readon, Hayley Sales, Emily Kinney.	***** The Dark Tower (2017, Fantasy)	Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor, Idris Elba.	***** Twister (1996, Action)	Paxton, Cary Elwes, Helen Mirren, Bill Murray.	***** Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy)	Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Bill Murray.	***** Undead Bedfellows										
SYFY	41	135	122	244	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	
TBS	43	130	139	247	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey	Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage, Ian McKellen.	***** Msyry (1990, Horror)	Katya Bates, Frances Sternhagen, James Caan.	***** Signs (2002, Thriller)	Joaquin Phoenix, Cherry Jones, Me Gilson.	***** The Sixth Sense (1999, Thriller)	Haley Joel Osment, Toni Collette, Bruce Willis.	***** Baywatch ("17) Dwayne Johnson. (P)										
TNT	44	131	138	245	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
AMC	45		131	254	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	
COM	47	107	249		NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	
FS1	48	64	150	219	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	NASCAR XFL	
WGN	53		307		Vargas Report (L) (N)	The Hill (L) (N)	On Balance (L) (N)	Cuomo (L) (N)	Dan Abrams Live (L) (N)	Banfield (L) (N)	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	
WE	57		128	260	9-1-1 "Treasure Hunt"	9-1-1 "Suspicion"	9-1-1 "Survivors"	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	
WGN	59	153	110	231	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
BRavo	60	140	129	237	Housewives of NJ	Dubai "The V.I.P."	***** Blockers ("18) Leslie Mann. (P)	***** Neighbors ("14) Zac Efron, Seth Rogen.	***** The Secret Life of Pets ("16) Louis C.K., Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
NICK	68		170	299	SpongeBob	The Best of Squidward!	***** The Parent Trap (1998, Children)	Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.	***** Minari (2020, Drama)	Han Ye-ri, Youn Yuh-jung, Steven Yeun.	***** Keanu ("16) Jordan Peele, M. McDowell, Bob Hoskins, Rhona Mitra.	***** Doomsday (2008, Action)	Malcolm McDowell, Bob Hoskins, Rhona Mitra.	***** The Big Short (2015, Comedy Drama)	Ryan Gosling, Christian Bale, Steve Carell.	***** Shutter Island (2010, Thriller)	Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Leonardo DiCaprio. (P)	***** The Gift (2000, Thriller)	Giovanni Ribisi, Keanu Reeves, Cate Blanchett.				
DISH	69	30	172	290	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	
FREEFORM	70	32	180	311	Confessio...	***** Freaky Friday (2003, Children)	Lindsay Lohan, Mark Harmon, James Lee Curtis.	***** Priscilla	Danielle Brooks, Fantasia Barrino.	***** Hot Summer ("15) Be Cool (2005, Comedy)	Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, John Travolta.	***** Dreamgirls ("06, Musical)	Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy, Jamie Foxx.	***** Avarice (2022, Action)	Luke Ford, Ryan Panizza, Gillian Alexy.								
HBO	301		300	501	Priscilla	Danielle Brooks, Fantasia Barrino.	***** Hot Summer ("1																

# Knights, Tigers represent Wells County at boys' golf regional

YORKTOWN — Bluffton and Norwell represented Wells County at the 2024 boys' golf regional on Thursday.

The two teams were in the top three in the sectional at Timber Ridge just six days prior, and teed off at The Player's Club in Yorktown with 13 other schools.

The Knights were 12th at the event with a score of 349, and the Tigers 15th at 364.

Connor Klopfenstein of Bluffton and Derek Smith of Norwell were the top two local golfers at the event. The totals for both teams' individuals are below.

Bluffton: Connor Klopfenstein (82), Declan Grieser (90), Kade Abbott (92), Kyler Potter (100), Anthony Hartman (116).

Norwell: Derek Smith (82), Cooper Sloan (85), Chase Holvey (86), Philip Gaier (96), Bodie Zimmer (100).

The top three teams in the regional advance. This time, it was Hamilton Southeastern with a score of 297 for the regional crown, Noblesville second at 305 and Fishers in third at 316. Cathedral just missed out by one stroke. Winners advance to the state meet next week at Prairie View Golf Club on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition, the top three individual golfers not on the winning three schools will advance in a separate tournament next week at the state level.

### Team Scores

1. Hamilton Southeastern (297 points), 2. Noblesville (305), 3. Fishers (316), 4. Cathedral (317), 5. Mt. Vernon (321), 6. Heritage Christian (325), 7. Eastbrook (327), 8. Yorktown (328), 9. New Palestine (330), 10. Park Tudor (333), 11. Greenfield-Central (343), 12. Norwell (349), 13. Delta (353), 14. Monroe Central (363), 15. Bluffton (364).

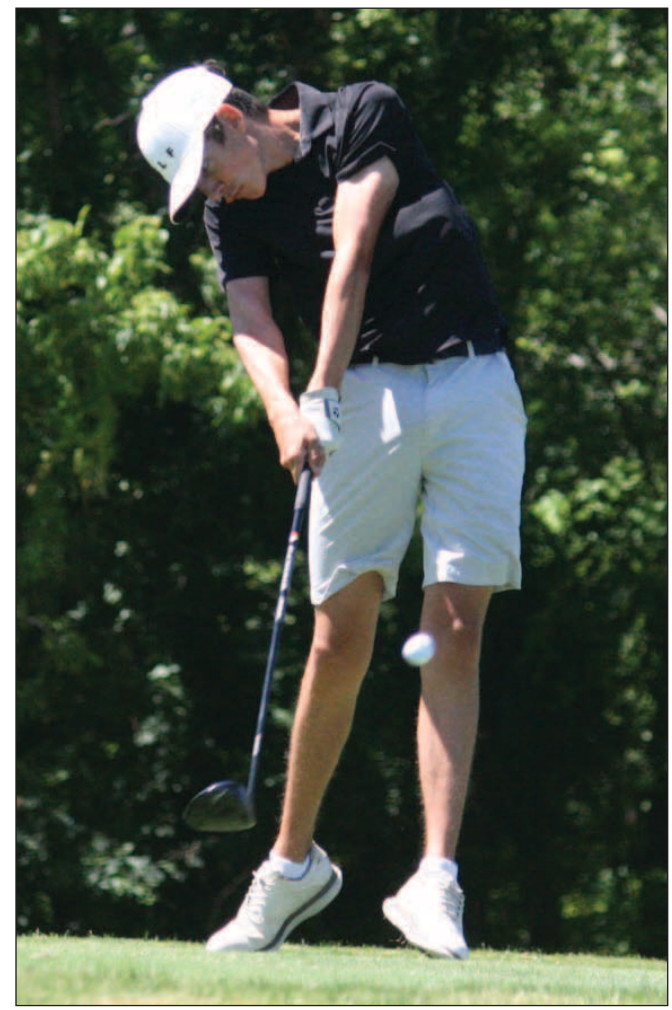
# De La Cruz slams a 3-run homer, Reds beat NL Central Cubs

CINCINNATI (AP) — Elly De La Cruz hit a three-run homer on the anniversary of his major league debut and the Cincinnati Reds won a season-high fifth straight game, 8-4 over the Chicago Cubs on Thursday night.

TJ Friedl, Jonathan India and Will Benson also drove in runs as the Reds followed a three-game sweep in Colorado with a win over the NL Central rival Cubs in the first of a four-game series.

Hunter Greene (4-2) struck out eight while allowing four runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Three Reds relievers combined to keep the Cubs hitless the rest of the way, with closer Alexis Diaz issuing a walk before striking out three straight batters to end it.

Home runs accounted for all of Chicago's runs, a two-run, upper-deck blast by Seiya Suzuki in the third inning and a 415-foot, two-run shot to center by Christopher Morel in the sixth.



Norwell and Bluffton competed in Yorktown at The Player's Club for the 2024 boys' golf regional championship on Thursday. At left, Knights' top golfer for the day, Derek Smith, putts on Hole No. 9 to finish the back nine. At right, Tigers' top golfer, Connor Klopfenstein, drives on Hole 1 to begin the front nine. The two finished with scores of 82, as the Knights and Tigers both finished their seasons in 12th and 15th place. (Photos by Ryan Walker)



At left, Knights' senior Cooper Sloan putts on Hole 9, and at right, Tigers' Kade Abbott drives on Hole 1.

# NHL team in Utah is down to 6 finalists for a name

The NHL team in Utah is down to six finalists for a name.

Smith Entertainment Group announced Thursday the choices have been narrowed to Blizzard, Mammoth, Outlaws, Venom, Yeti and Utah Hockey Club, or Utah HC.

Those are the options fans have to choose from after the process started with 20 possibilities and led to 520,000 votes. The public has until the end of the day June 20 in round two to determine the name.

Owner Ryan Smith has said he expects the jerseys to have Utah on them for the inaugural season. He told The Associated Press upon taking control of the franchise that the name would involve Utah in some way.

Last week, SEG filed eight logo/wordmark applications involving the state name or Utah Hockey Club in light blue and black. That could end up being the name or a placeholder until branding company Doubleday & Cartwright develops long-term branding with a logo and color scheme that will be in place for the 2025-26 season.

Smith's group, which owns the NBA's Utah Jazz, bought the team formerly known as the Arizona Coyotes for \$1.2 billion and relocated it to Salt Lake City. Carrying over the Coyotes name was not an option because former owner Alex Meruelo gets to retain that logo with the opportunity to bring the franchise back if he can get a suitable arena built in the Phoenix area.

# Lakers considering J.J. Redick, Dan Hurley, as new head coach

By GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers' coaching search has been very public, seemingly chaotic and dominated by famous names.

Totally Hollywood, in other words.

The Lakers' reported plan to offer a massive contract to UConn coach Dan Hurley is the latest twist in the month-long race to replace Darvin Ham, who was fired May 3 after two seasons.

The Lakers were knocked out of the first round of the current playoffs, but the 17-time NBA champion franchise has nicely filled the void of hoops drama during the week before the NBA Finals with steady leaks about the progress of their quest for a coach who can win a title — and almost as vitally, a coach who can entice LeBron James to finish his career in purple and gold.

According to a person with knowledge of the lengthy search, the Lakers have strongly considered J.J. Redick, the former player and current ESPN analyst

who does a podcast with James; Hurley, the back-to-back national championship-winning coach of the Huskies; and James Borrego, the respected former Charlotte Hornets coach and ex-Gregg Popovich assistant who spent last season on New Orleans' staff.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Lakers aren't commenting publicly on the search to replace Ham.

But they sure are commenting privately.

On Wednesday, the Athletic reported that Redick shockingly was the front-runner despite his total lack of coaching experience. On Thursday, the search took another wild turn when ESPN reported the Lakers were instead targeting Hurley, whose candidacy hadn't even been mentioned in many discussions of the job.

The crazy twists are representative of the various factions within the Lakers' brain trust of owner Jeanie Buss and general manager Rob Pelinka dispensing narratives to their favored media outlets. The Lakers previously

seemed unlikely to make an official hire before the end of the NBA Finals, but the person who spoke to the AP said even that could change, depending on their progress.

While the Dallas Mavericks and the Boston Celtics waited a week to begin the NBA Finals, the Lakers have dominated talk radio, television and message boards with speculation on the best choice to lead James and the Lakers back to contention for a second title together.

The Lakers are making their coaching change at a critical juncture for the franchise's partnership with the NBA's career scoring leader.

The 39-year-old James just completed his 21st season while playing at a higher level than anyone with that much experience in basketball history, but he has until June 29 to decide whether to exercise his \$51.4 million player option for the 2024-25 season.

James could take the deal, or he could sign an even bigger new contract for more years — or he could become a free agent for the first time in six years.

# RACING NEWS

## Parnelli Jones, the oldest living Indy 500 winner, dies at 90

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — Parnelli Jones, the 1963 Indianapolis 500 winner, died Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Medical Center after a battle with Parkinson's disease, his son said. Jones was 90.

At the time of his death, Jones was the oldest living winner of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Rufus Parnelli Jones was born in Texarkana, Arkansas, in 1933 but moved to Torrance as a young child and never left. It was there that he became "Parnelli" because his given name of Rufus was too well known for him to compete without locals knowing his true identity and that he wasn't old enough to race.

A friend came up with "Parnelli," which was painted on the door of Jones's 1934 Ford jalopy. The final "e" was eventually dropped, the name remained.

Jones in 1962 became the first driver in at Indianapolis Motor Speedway to qualify at over 150 mph with a four-lap average of 150.370. He was the Indy 500 pole-sitter in 1962 and 1963 and co-rookie of the year with Bobby Marshman in 1961.

He made seven starts at Indianapolis from 1961 through 1967 and led in five of those races for a total of 492 laps — which is the eighth-highest laps led total in the race's history. In the only two starts he didn't lead in 1965 and 1966, Jones ran mostly in second place. He finished second in 1965 and retired from there with mechanical trouble in 1966.

Considered one of the most versatile drivers of his time, Jones moved to other vehicles and won the Baja 1000 twice and a Trans-Am championship. He also had four Cup Series victories in NASCAR as well as wins in USAC sprint cars and midgets.

Jones is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Judy, sons PJ and Page and six grandchildren. Both of Jones' sons had professional racing careers. PJ Jones followed in his father's footsteps by starting the Indianapolis 500 in 2004 and 2006. Page Jones was making great strides on Midwest short tracks until he suffered serious injuries in a crash in 1994, ending his driving career.

Parnelli Jones was inducted into numerous Halls of Fame, including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame, the National Motorsports Hall of Fame and both the National Sprint Car and National Midget Halls of Fame.

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## Lottery Numbers

### Thursday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 03-15-22-24-27  
Cash4Life — 03-08-15-38-41, Cash Ball: 01  
Quick Draw Midday — 11-14-18-19-25-37-39-40-41-44-49-53-54-56-63-65-71-72-79-80, BE: 79  
Daily Three-Midday — 03-07-05, SB: 06  
Daily Three-Evening — 04-08-04, SB: 08  
Daily Four-Midday — 09-00-09-05, SB: 06  
Daily Four-Evening — 08-09-07-04, SB: 08  
Quick Draw Evening — 01-06-07-09-10-12-13-14-16-20-25-31-33-45-48-55-57-63-76-79, BE: 31  
Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$14.2 million

### MEGA MILLIONS

Estimated jackpot (for Friday): \$20 million  
POWERBALL  
Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): \$206 million

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## Public Sale Calendar

**BIDDING STARTS CLOSING JUNE 9 - 6 p.m. EST - Berry estate, owner.** Online only real estate & personal property! 6 p.m. real estate: 1 1/2 story craftsman style home w/covered porch, 1,700+/- square ft. w/ornate woodwork throughout, partial basement, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, detached 24x24 two-car garage, several older outbuildings all sitting on 6+/- acres, Adams Central School District. 6:30 p.m. personal property: Antique tractors, farm machinery, tools, antiques, primitives, vehicles, furniture, household items, more! Pick up June 10, 2-6 p.m., 4854 N 400 W, Decatur. **Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC**, 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).  
**JUNE 10-JUNE 17 - Online only firearm - Buroff and others, owners.** Rifles, shotguns & handguns. Marlin, Winchester, Remington, Browning,

Bush Master, Colt, Walther. Review all registration information before bidding. Auction preview & online bidding assistance June 12, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., 215 E Market, Bluffton, IN. Sale Manager Isaac Stoffer, 260-413-3515, [TheSteffenGroup.com](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [steffengrp.com](http://steffengrp.com).  
**BIDDING ENDS JUNE 12 - (Online Only Personal Property Auction) - Huston Walters, seller.** 2003 Chevy Impala, well cared for modern furniture, holiday decor, glassware, household, woodworking tools, air compressor, hand & power tools, lawn & garden, Toro snowblower, Toro push lawn mowers, much more! Auction preview & online bidding assistance: June 10 from 4-6 p.m., 1338 Manor Dr., Bluffton, IN. Sale manager Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, [TheSteffenGroup.com](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-426-0633, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).  
**JUNE 15-JUNE 22 - (Online Only Personal Property) - Estate of Glen Bowen, seller.** Clean 2005 Buick Lesabre Custom w/77,000 miles, 2004 Toyota Sienna LE mini van, 1987 Riviera Cruiser 24' pontoon, 2004 Yamaha XLT jet ski, floating WaveRunner dock, lake equipment, modern furniture, household, electronics, lawn and garden, patio furniture, tools, more. Auction preview & online bidding assistance June 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 500 Lane 101 Jimmerson Lake, Angola, IN. Sale manager Brandon Steffen, 260-710-5684, [TheSteffenGroup.com](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-426-0633, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).  
**JUNE 16-JUNE 23 - (Online Only Auction) - The Estate of Marilyn McQuarry, seller.** 2023 GMC Terrain Denali, AWD Edition with 2,130 miles (like new), clean like new modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, tools, jewelry, designer purses, much more. Open Houses: June 18 and June 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 102 S. Jefferson St., Ossian, IN. [TheSteffenGroup.com](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), 260-824-3006, [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com).  
**BIDDING STARTS CLOSING JUNE 20 - 10 a.m. - Steve and Dave Bell, owners.** Bell's Auto & Truck Sale retirement liquidation! Antiques/primitives, automobile advertising, tool chests, rod iron, vintage enameled signs, Ford tractor, Mercedes convertible, John Deere mowers, pedal cars/tractors, skid loader, fire hydrants, traffic lights, thermometers, automobiles, automotive tools, shop equipment, more! Preview June 18, 3-5 p.m., 1420 Gosheen Ave., Fort Wayne. Pick up June 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 24, 1-5 p.m., June 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [KrueckebergAuction.com](http://KrueckebergAuction.com) & [RealtyLLC.com](http://RealtyLLC.com), 260-724-7402, [kjauction.com](http://kjauction.com).  
**JUNE 23 - (Online Only Auction) - Bowen Family, sellers.** Well cared for 2 bedroom lake cottage of Jimmerson Lake with 36' of frontage, three season room, 1 car garage, deck with outstanding views of Jimmerson Lake/Part of the Lake James Chain. Open House: June 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and June 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 500 Lane 101 Jimmerson Lake, Angola, IN. [TheSteffenGroup.com](http://TheSteffenGroup.com), [www.steffengrp.com](http://www.steffengrp.com), 260-824-3006.

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**JUNE 6 & 7, 9-4,** office of Valley Parks Apartments, 300 block of West Dustman Rd. Women's clothes 1, 2, & 3X, size 16 jeans, men's shirts large-3X, some kids clothes, bras 2X-4X, some new.

**JUNE 6, 7, 8, 9 to 5,** 15018 Lothamer Dr., Fort Wayne. 26' Flagstaff camper, tools, large air compressor, Vera Bradley, books, clothes (infant-adult), toys, craft items, household, misc.

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# Israeli strike kills at least 33 people at a Gaza school

*The military claims it was being used by Hamas*

By WAFAA SHURAFHA and SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli strike early Thursday on a school sheltering displaced Palestinians in central Gaza killed at least 33 people, including 12 women and children, according to local health officials. The Israeli military said that Hamas militants were operating from within the school.

It was the latest instance of mass casualties among Palestinians trying to find refuge as Israel expands its offensive. A day earlier, the military announced a new ground and air assault in central Gaza, pursuing Hamas militants it says have regrouped there.

Troops repeatedly have swept back into parts of the Gaza Strip they have previously invaded, underscoring the resilience of the militant group despite Israel's nearly eight-month onslaught.

Witnesses and hospital officials said the predawn strike hit the al-Sardi School, run by the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees known by the acronym UNRWA. The school was filled with Palestinians who had fled Israeli operations and bombardment in northern Gaza, they said.

The hospital initially reported that nine women and 14 children were among those killed in the strike on the school. The hospital morgue later amended those records to show that the dead included three women, nine children and 21 men. It was not immediately clear what caused the discrepancy. An Associated Press reporter had counted the bodies but was unable to look beneath the shrouds.

Separate strikes in central Gaza killed another 15 people, nearly all

men. Ayman Rashed, a man displaced from Gaza City who was sheltering at the school, said the missiles hit classrooms on the second and third floor where families were sheltering. He said he helped carry out five dead, including an old man and two children, one with his head shattered open. "It was dark, with no electricity, and we struggled to get out the victims," Rashed said.

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the spokesman for the Israeli military, said it carried out a "precise strike" based on concrete intelligence that militants were planning and conducting attacks from inside three classrooms. He said only those rooms were attacked.

"We conducted the strike once our intelligence and surveillance indicated that there were no women or children inside the Hamas compound, inside those classrooms," he said.

Hagari said there were around 30 suspected militants in the three rooms. He said the military had confirmed killing nine of them, and displayed a slide showing their names and photos. He provided no other evidence to substantiate the military's claims.

Casualties from the strike arrived at the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in nearby Deir al-Balah, which had already been overwhelmed by a stream of constant ambulances since the central Gaza incursion began 24 hours earlier, said Omar al-Derawi, a photographer working for the hospital.

Videos circulating online appeared to show several wounded people being treated on the floor of the hospital, a common scene in Gaza's overwhelmed medical wards. Electricity in much of the hospital is out because staff are

rationing fuel supplies for the generator.

"You can't walk in the hospital — there's so many people. Women from the victims' families are massed in the hallways, crying," he said.

The school was in Nuseirat, one of several built-up refugee camps in Gaza dating to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation, when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were driven from their homes in what became the new state.

Footage showed bodies wrapped in blankets or plastic bags being laid out in lines in the courtyard of the hospital. Mohammed al-Kareem, a displaced Palestinian sheltering near the hospital, said he saw people searching for their loved ones among bodies, and that one woman kept asking medical workers to open the wraps on the bodies to see if her son was inside.

"The situation is tragic," he said.

Philippe Lazzarini, the commissioner-general of UNRWA, said in a post on X that 6,000 people were sheltering in the school when it was hit without prior warning. He said UNRWA was unable to verify claims that armed groups were inside.

UNRWA schools across Gaza have functioned as shelters since the start of the war, which has driven most of the territory's population of 2.3 million Palestinians from their homes.

Last week, Israeli strikes hit near an UNRWA facility in the southern city of Rafah, saying they were targeting Hamas militants. An inferno ripped through tents nearby housing displaced families, killing at least 45 people. The deaths triggered international outrage, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the fire was the result of a "tragic mishap."

## Israel's Netanyahu set to address the U.S. Congress on July 24, AP sources say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is set to address a joint meeting of Congress on July 24, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Congressional leaders last week formally invited Netanyahu to come speak, delivering the most recent show of wartime support for the longtime ally despite mounting political divisions over Israel's military assault on Hamas in Gaza. But the date of the speech had been in flux. It has now been set for July 24, according to the people, who were granted anonymity to discuss private planning.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, along with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, signed the letter extending the invitation to Netanyahu. They said the offer was intended to "highlight America's solidarity with Israel."

Netanyahu's appearance before a growingly divided Congress is sure to be contentious and met with plenty of protests both inside the Capitol

from lawmakers and outside by pro-Palestinian protesters. And it will put on stark display the growing election-year divisions among Democrats over the prime minister's prosecution of the monthslong war against Hamas.

Democratic lawmakers most critical of Netanyahu's strategy are expected to be no-shows for the address. Sen. Bernie Sanders, the independent from Vermont, said: "Netanyahu is a war criminal. I certainly will not attend."

Netanyahu's visit to the Capitol also comes as the relationship between President Joe Biden and the leader of the Jewish state has frayed in recent months. Biden has privately and publicly criticized Netanyahu's handling of the war and criticized the Israeli government for not letting more humanitarian into Gaza.

Late last week, Biden announced a proposed agreement to end the fighting in Gaza, putting growing pressure on Netanyahu to accept the deal. Many Israelis have been urging him to embrace the terms, but his far-right allies have threatened to leave his coalition government if he does.

The military said the fire may have been caused by secondary explosions. The cause of the explosions has not been determined.

Israel sent troops into Rafah in early May in what it said was a limited incursion, but those forces

are now operating in central parts of the city. More than 1 million people have fled Rafah since the start of the operation, scattering across southern and central Gaza into new tent camps or crowding into schools and homes.

## Widow of Beau Biden tells jurors in gun trial she threw firearm in trash

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — The widow of Hunter Biden's brother told jurors in his federal gun trial Thursday about the moment she found the revolver in his truck, describing how she put it into a leather pouch, stuffed it into a shopping bag and tossed it in a trash can outside a market near her home.

"I panicked, and I wanted to get rid of them," she testified about finding the gun and ammunition in the vehicle's console in October 2018. "I didn't want him to hurt himself, and I didn't want my kids to find it and hurt themselves."

The purchase of the Colt revolver by Hunter Biden — and Hallie Biden's frenzied disposal of it — are the fulcrum of the case against him. Federal prosecutors say the president's son was in the throes of a heavy crack addiction when he bought the gun. He's been charged with three felonies: lying to a federally licensed gun dealer, making a false claim on the application by saying he was not a drug user and illegally having the gun for 11 days.

Hunter Biden, who has pleaded not guilty, has said the Justice Department is bending to political pressure from Republicans and that he's being unfairly targeted.

Meanwhile, President Joe Biden said in an interview with ABC he would accept the jury's verdict and ruled out a pardon for his son. And the first lady left France, where she attended D-Day anniversary events with the president, to head back to Delaware. She was expected to attend the trial again Friday before returning to France for a state dinner.

Hallie Biden, who had a brief romantic relationship with Hunter after Beau Biden died in 2015, testified that from the time Hunter returned to Delaware from a 2018 trip to California until she threw his gun away, she did not see him using drugs. That time period included the day he bought the weapon.

Much of her testimony focused on Oct. 23, 2018 — 11 days after he bought the gun and when she tossed it. Hunter was staying with her and seemed exhausted. Asked by the prosecutor if it appeared that Hunter was using drugs around then, she said, "He could have been."

As Hunter slept in her home, Hallie Biden went to check his car. She said she was hoping to help him get or stay sober, free of both

alcohol and cocaine. She said she found the remnants of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. She also found the gun Hunter purchased in a box with a broken lock that kept it from fully closing. There was ammunition too.

Hallie said she considered hiding the gun but thought her kids might find it, so she decided to throw it away.

"I realize it was a stupid idea now, but I was panicking," she said.

Hunter Biden watched expressionless from the courtroom during her testimony. She told jurors that she found crack at her home and saw him using it. She was with him occasionally when he saw dealers. Prosecutor Leo Wise asked Hallie about her own 2018 trip to California, where she visited Hunter at the Roosevelt Hotel, and asked her whether she was also using drugs.

"Yes, I was," she said. "And who introduced you to it?"

"Hunter did," Hallie said as Hunter rested his face on his hand and looked down.

"It was a terrible experience that I went through, and I'm embarrassed and ashamed, and I regret that period of my life," she added.

Hallie testified she stopped using drugs in August 2018, but Hunter continued smoking crack.

Much of the prosecution's case has been dedicated to highlighting the seriousness of his crack addiction and showcasing to jurors bare-chested moments with ex-girlfriends, infidelity and crack pipes — judgment lapses they believe prove he was actively using when he checked "no" on the form. Prosecutors argue that the evidence is necessary to show his state of mind when he bought the gun.

After Hallie Biden threw the unloaded gun in the trash can at Janssen's Market, he noticed it missing and asked her whether she had taken it.

"Are you insane?" he texted. He told her to go back to the market to look for it.

Surveillance footage played for jurors showed her digging around in the trash can for the gun, but it wasn't there. She asked store officials if someone had taken out the trash.

Hallie said Hunter told

her to file a police report because the gun was registered in his name. She called the police while she was still at the store.

Officers located the man who inadvertently took the gun along with other recy-

clables from the trash and retrieved it. The case was eventually closed because of lack of cooperation from Hunter Biden, who would have been considered the victim. Jurors also heard from the officers who han-

dled the case and from the man who found the gun.

The Democratic president's son arrived at court Thursday with a copy of his memoir, "Beautiful Things," tucked under his arm. The book, written after

he got sober in 2021, figures heavily into prosecutors' case: They've played audio excerpts for jurors in which he details his descent into drugs and alcohol following the death of his brother in 2015 from cancer.

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