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Celebrating 80 years

On Saturday, some Ouabache State Park visitors prepared to celebrate Smokey the Bear's 80th birthday by decorating their bikes for a ride through the campground. Pictured above, decorating supplies were provided by Friends of the Park who also assisted with party activities. At bottom left, bikes of all sizes and colors ridden by all ages began a ride through the campground starting at the Trails End Shelter. Smokey led the parade in a park DNR truck with siren blaring. At bottom right, Ouabache State Park's Interpretive Naturalist Lydia Ade congratulated Smokey on his 80th birthday for reminding everyone that "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!" Friends of the Park provided the birthday cupcakes and decorations for the celebration. (Photos by Barbara Barbieri)



Markle, Uniondale merge fire departments, negotiations are ongoing

By JONATHAN SNYDER
While Markle and Uniondale's fire departments officially merged on July 1, negotiations about Uniondale's financial commitment are ongoing.

Currently, the volunteer fire department in Markle is supported by financial commitments from the townships and the town of Markle. Equipment purchases like trucks and apparatuses are made with a combination of funds from all five entities. Uniondale's addition would make a sixth partner in the deal.

The major issue stems from Uniondale's tax base. Uniondale submitted three proposals for the trustees and Markle to review, but none were accepted. Markle and the trustees want to ensure the new deal will be financially sustainable for Uniondale, keeping theirs and Markle's constituents happy with the fire department's service. Markle Council member Matthew Doss stated that he is pleasantly surprised what Uniondale can financially do.

"One of the main considerations is keeping our station in Uniondale, with equipment and manpower, at the station and that will not change in this merger," Uniondale Chief Mike

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Texas coastal residents told to expect power outages, flooding as Beryl moves closer to landfall

By MARK VANCLEAVE and VALERIE GONZALEZ
Associated Press

MATAGORDA, Texas (AP) — Beryl began lashing Texas with rain and intensifying winds Sunday as coastal residents boarded up windows, left beach towns under evacuation orders and prepared for the powerful storm that has already cut a deadly path through parts of Mexico and the Caribbean.

Although Beryl remained a tropical storm Sunday as it churned toward Texas, it threatened to potentially regain hurricane strength in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico before making landfall early Monday. The storm was projected to come ashore in the middle of the Texas coast around Matagorda

Bay, an area about 100 miles south of Houston, but officials cautioned the path could still change.

Texas officials warned the storm would cause power outages and flooding but also expressed worry that not enough coastal residents and beach vacationers in Beryl's path were heeding warnings to leave.

"One of the things that kind of trigger our concern a little bit, we've looked at all of the roads leaving the coast and the maps are still green," said Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is serving as the state's acting governor while Gov. Greg Abbott is travelling overseas. "So we don't see many people leaving."

Along the Texas coast, many residents

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Finished mural

A mural of William Wells, the county's namesake, has been completed on the south side of Bluffton. The mural faces south on a Wells County Lock-Up storage building. (Photo by Holly Gaskill)

Israeli protesters block highways and call for cease-fire

By MELANIE LIDMAN and SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Marking nine months since the war in Gaza started, Israeli protesters blocked highways across the country Sunday, calling on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to step down and pushing for a cease-fire to bring back scores of hostages held by Hamas.

The demonstrations come as long-running efforts to broker a truce gained momentum last

week when Hamas dropped a key demand for an Israeli commitment to end the war. The militant group still wants mediators to guarantee a permanent cease-fire, while Netanyahu is vowing to keep fighting until Israel destroys Hamas' military and governing capabilities.

"Any deal will allow Israel to return and fight until all the goals of the war are achieved," Netanyahu said in a statement Sunday that was likely to deepen Hamas' concerns about the proposal.

Sunday's "Day of Disruption" started at 6:29 a.m., the same time Hamas militants launched the first rockets toward Israel in the Oct. 7 attack that triggered the war. Protesters blocked main roads and demonstrated outside of the homes of government ministers.

Near the border with Gaza, Israeli protestors released 1,500 black and yellow balloons to symbolize those fellow citizens who were killed and abducted.

Hannah Golan said she came to protest the "devastating aban-

donment of our communities by our government." She added: "It's nine months today, to this black day, and still nobody in our government takes responsibility."

Palestinian militants killed some 1,200 people in the surprise attack and took 250 others hostage. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 38,000 Palestinians, according to the territory's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count.

About 120 hostages remain

captive after more than 100 hostages were released as part of a November cease-fire deal. Israel has already concluded that more than 40 of the remaining hostages are dead, and there are fears that the number will grow as the war drags on.

The United States has rallied the world behind a proposal for a phased cease-fire in which Hamas would release the remaining captives in return for a lasting cease-fire and the withdrawal of Israeli forces

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Outside

Sunny and hot today, showers tonight

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Low 69	Low 68	Low 63

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Markle, Uniondale fire departments

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Cains said. “Geographically, it makes no sense to do away with the station and take it all tomorrow or vice versa. Really it just enhances ... the service that we (Uniondale) can provide.”

Over the years, both Markle and Uniondale’s fire departments have built a great relationship, according to Markle Chief Jon Gray and Chief Mike Cains, who became an assistant chief in the merger.

“Based on where the incident is at, if it is east of the Uniondale fire station, the Markle Fire Department will respond ... unless they need us at the scene and vice versa,” Gray stated. “That way we always have coverage at the stations when there is an incident going on.”

The merger also gives

more volunteer manpower to both stations. With a volunteer shortage nationwide, more manpower means more people readily available to respond at different times. Chief Cains stated that Uniondale’s department roster will grow from 18 members to 36 with the merger.

“That’s the great thing about a volunteer fire department, you get all aspects of life and skills that come to the table,” Gray said. “You may not be able to go inside or not feel comfortable going inside of a structure fire, but you could be really good at running a pump or doing next year’s things as well as the medical side. So those guys (Uniondale Fire Department) bring a lot to the table.”

The merger also sees a benefit for Uniondale

residents when it comes to insurance rates. Every five years, fire departments are audited and placed on a one to 10 scale, with one being the best, based on their ability to respond in all situations. Markle’s station was given a five for their readiness, while Uniondale was given a 10. Since Uniondale will be merging under Markle’s name, Uniondale residents will be covered under Markle’s better rating. While rates may not drop right away, Gray believes that eventually insurance rates for the town will fall.

Union Township Trustee in Wells County Brian Imel stated that the merger will allow all parties to make larger purchases, if necessary. With the insurance rates now falling under one policy and shared equipment

costs, Imel believes all parties will save money.

Imel believes a deal will be struck near the end of summer and says the trustees and towns are all on board with the merger.

“The trustees are all on board with the manpower and the things that are happening there,” Imel said. “It’s probably going to come down to just how we can equitably include the expenses at the fire and what that’s all going to look like.”

“There’s a lot of rumors going around about a lot of different things,” Cains said. “But everybody is working together to make this a positive outcome. And the town and trustees both in Markle and in Uniondale are doing their best to make sure that everything is in place and done the right way.”

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Weather

Monday, July 8, 2024

(24-hour observations at 9:54 p.m. Sunday)

High: 86; Low: 62; Precipitation: None

Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge): 1.50 feet at 8:45 p.m. Sunday

Wells County forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Northeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 2 p.m., then showers and thunderstorms likely after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Beryl moves closer

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and business owners took the typical storm precautions, but also expressed uncertainty about the storm’s intensity.

In Port Lavaca, Jimmy May fastened plywood over the windows of his electrical supply company and said he wasn’t concerned about the possible storm surge. He recalled that his business had escaped flooding in a previous hurricane that brought a 20-foot (6-meter) storm surge.

“In town, you know, if you’re in the low-lying areas, obviously, you need to get out of there,” he said.

At the nearby marina, Percy Roberts showed his neighbor Ken Waller how to properly secure his boat as heavy winds rolled in from the bay Sunday evening.

“This is actually going to be the first hurricane I’m going to be experiencing,” Waller said, noting that he’s a little nervous but feels safe following Roberts’ lead. “Pray for the best but expect the worst, I guess.”

Farther down the coast in Freeport, Mark Richardson, a 64-year-old retiree, said homeowners were busy “trying to tie everything down” and worried that Beryl had people unsure about where along the Texas coast it would make landfall. He spent Sunday morning on the beach and said ocean swells were quickly rising.

“The ocean is getting very angry, very fast,” he said.

The earliest storm to develop into a Category 5 hurricane in the Atlantic, Beryl caused at least 11 deaths as it passed through the Caribbean on its way to Texas. The storm ripped off doors, windows and roofs with devas-

tating winds and storm surge fueled by the Atlantic’s record warmth.

Three times in its one week of life, Beryl has gained 35 mph in wind speed in 24 hours or less, the official weather service definition of rapid intensification.

Beryl’s explosive growth into an unprecedented early whopper of a storm shows the literal hot water of the Atlantic and Caribbean, and what the Atlantic hurricane belt can expect for the rest of the storm season, experts said.

Texas officials warned people along the entire coastline to prepare for possible flooding, heavy rain and wind. The hurricane warning extended from Baffin Bay, south of Corpus Christi, to Sargent, south of Houston.

Beryl lurked as another potential heavy rain event for Houston, where storms in recent months have knocked out power across the nation’s fourth-largest city and flooded neighborhoods. A flash flood watch was in effect for a wide swath of the Texas coast, where forecasters expected Beryl to dump as much as 10 inches of rain in some areas.

Potential storm surges between 4 and 7 feet above ground level were forecast around Matagorda. The warnings extended to the same coastal areas where Hurricane Harvey came ashore in 2017 as a Category 4 hurricane, far more powerful than Beryl’s expected intensity by the time the storm reaches landfall.

Those looking to catch a flight out of the area could find that option all but impossible as Beryl closed in. Hundreds of flights from Houston’s two

major commercial airports had been delayed by midafternoon Sunday and dozens more canceled, according to FlightAware data.

In Corpus Christi, officials asked visitors to cut their trips short and return home early if possible. Residents were advised to secure homes by boarding up windows if necessary and using sandbags to guard against possible flooding.

The White House said Sunday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had sent emergency responders, search-and-rescue teams, bottled water, and other resources along the coast.

Several coastal counties called for voluntary evacuations in low-lying areas that are prone to flooding. Local officials also banned beach camping and urged tourists traveling on the Fourth of July holiday weekend to move recreational vehicles from coastal parks.

Beryl earlier this week battered Mexico as a Category 2 hurricane, toppling trees but causing no injuries or deaths before weakening to a tropical storm as it moved across the Yucatan Peninsula.

Before hitting Mexico, Beryl wrought destruction in Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Barbados. Three people were reported dead in Grenada, three in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, three in Venezuela and two in Jamaica.

Beryl would be the 10th hurricane to hit Texas in July since 1851 and the fourth in the last 25 years, according to Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach.

Israeli protesters

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from Gaza. But Hamas wants guarantees from mediators that the war will end, while Israel wants the freedom to resume fighting if talks over releasing the last batch of hostages drag on.

Israel continues to battle pockets of Palestinian militants across Gaza after months of heavy bombing and ground operations that have devastated the territory’s main cities and displaced most of its population of 2.3 million people, often multiple times. On Sunday, Israel issued new evacuation orders for parts of Gaza City, which was heavily bombed and largely emptied early in the war.

Bodies found with hands tied

The Nasser Hospital in the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis said the bodies of three Palestinians were retrieved from the area of the Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel. A hospital statement said they were handcuffed, and an Associated Press reporter saw one of the bodies with bound hands.

Abdel-Hadi Ghabaen, an uncle of one of the deceased, said they had been working to secure the delivery of humanitarian aid and commercial shipments through the crossing. He said he saw soldiers detain them on Saturday, and that the bodies bore signs of beatings, with one having a broken leg.

The Israeli military said it was looking into the reports.

Thousands of Palestinians have been detained since the start of the war, and many of those who have been released, as well as some Israelis who have worked at detention facilities, say detainees have been tortured and held under

harsh conditions. Israeli authorities have denied abusing prisoners.

Israeli airstrikes overnight and into Sunday meanwhile killed at least 13 Palestinians, including the undersecretary of labor in the largely dismantled Hamas-run government.

Ihab al-Ghoussein was among four people killed in a strike on a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City, according to the Civil Defense, a first responders group under the Hamas-run government. Hamas mourned his loss in a statement and said a strike earlier in the war had destroyed his house and killed his wife and daughter.

The Israeli military said it had struck a militant complex “in the area of a school building,” as well as a nearby Hamas weapons-making facility in Gaza City after taking steps to mitigate harm to civilians.

The military separately announced that one of its officers was killed in battle in the southern Gaza town of Rafah, bringing the total number of Israeli soldiers killed to 680 since the start of the war.

Israel trades fire with Hezbollah

The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah said early Sunday that it launched dozens of projectiles toward northern Israel, targeting areas more than 20 miles from the border, deeper than most launches. A 28-year-old man was seriously wounded, Israel’s national rescue service reported.

Another attack near the border wounded three people, one of them seriously, according to the Galilee Medical Center. Israeli media reported that the critically wounded individual was an American citizen.

There was no immediate confirmation from the army.

Hezbollah began launching rocket and mortar attacks after the outbreak of the war in Gaza. The range and severity of the attacks and Israel’s counterstrikes have escalated in recent weeks, raising fears of an all-out war that would have catastrophic consequences for people on both sides of the border.

Mediators from the United States, Egypt and Qatar have intensified their efforts in the past week to broker an agreement between Israel and Hamas. Hezbollah has said it will halt its attacks if there is a cease-fire in Gaza.

The compromise on Saturday by Hamas could lead to the first pause in fighting

since November and set the stage for further talks, though all sides still warned that a deal is not yet guaranteed.

Washington’s phased deal would start with a “full and complete” six-week cease-fire during which older, sick and female hostages would be released in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. During those 42 days, Israeli forces would withdraw from densely populated areas of Gaza and allow the return of displaced people to their homes in northern Gaza.

War-weary Palestinians in the Gaza Strip appeared pessimistic, after previous instances in which the two sides appeared to be closing in on a deal.

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What is pentobarbital? More questions than answers surround Indiana's new execution drug

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

After state officials announced last week that Indiana will resume executions for the first time in over a decade, secrecy largely shrouds the new drug, pentobarbital, acquired for the impending lethal injections.

The one-drug method is a departure from the state's protocol used since 1995, involving a series of three chemicals.

Although no state-level executions in Indiana have used pentobarbital before, 13 federal executions carried out at the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute have been carried out with the drug. Fourteen states have used pentobarbital in executions, too.

But state and federal officials alike have remained closed-lipped about where pentobarbital is sourced from and how much it costs. Also still unknown is the amount Indiana has acquired and when the current doses expire.

Robin Maher, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC), a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. that tracks state and federal executions, said it's also critical for the public to know who will be administering the drug — and how — as well as what training those individuals will receive.

"These are the hard questions that have to be asked," Maher told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "This is an official government function, and in a democracy, we value honesty and transparency in our government officials and the acts they do on our behalf. This is absolutely one of those official acts, and voters in Indiana deserve to know what their government is doing in their name."

What is pentobarbital?

The Hoosier state has carried out 20 executions since 1981. The first three — in 1981, 1985 and 1994 — were by electrocution. The rest have been by lethal injection — which is now the only method permitted by state law.

The Indiana Code doesn't specify what drugs are to be used for executions, saying only that the drugs must be injected intravenously in a quantity and for an amount of time sufficient to kill the inmate.

Previously, when a prisoner was executed by lethal injection in Indiana, they were strapped to a gurney, and an IV line was inserted to inject a lethal combination of three substances: a barbiturate to render the person unconscious; pancuronium bromide to paralyze voluntary and reflex muscles; and potassium chloride to stop the heart.

But after Indiana's last execution in 2009, the state was effectively forced to pause. Increased scrutiny of lethal injection drugs led pharmaceutical companies to refuse to sell their products for use in executions. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb said that made acquiring the necessary drugs "harder to get."

It wasn't until last week that the governor, along with Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, announced that the state's Department of Correction has obtained the pentobarbital to carry out the death penalty.

The state is so far seeking an execution date for Joseph Corcoran, a man convicted in the killings of four people in Fort Wayne in 1997. There are currently eight men on Indiana's death row, including Corcoran. No one has been added to the state's death row since 2014.

In the one-drug execu-

tions, a prisoner is injected with an overdose of pentobarbital. The new drug, which Maher described as a sedative, has commonly been used to euthanize pets.

"It's a barbiturate that explodes the activity of the brain and the nervous system and breathing," she said. "When you're given an overdose of that, it will ultimately suppress breath and kill you."

Pentobarbital was first introduced in 2010, according to the DPIC.

So far, 14 states have used the drug in executions: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia. Five additional states — Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, North Carolina and Tennessee — additionally plan to use pentobarbital. Colorado includes pentobarbital as a backup drug in its lethal-injection procedure.

The same drug was also used for the 13 federal executions during the last six months of Donald Trump's presidency.

In 2019, former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr approved the use of pentobarbital in executions, though President Joe Biden's Justice Department announced a moratorium on federal executions in 2021.

A first-time method in Indiana

Whether Indiana uses pentobarbital or other drugs for executions, Maher said there are still concerns about what could go wrong.

She noted that lethal injections have the highest rate of botched executions, which occur when there is a breakdown in — or departure from — the "protocol" for a particular method of execution.

The DPIC describes at least two botched executions that have occurred in Indiana.

In October 1985, it took 17 minutes to execute William Vandiver. Still breathing after the first application of 2,300 volts, four more bursts of electricity were fired into him before he was pronounced dead, according to media reports from that time. The Indiana Department of Corrections admitted the execution "did not go according to plan."

Tommie Smith, who died by lethal injection in July 1996, also had a prolonged execution, according to the DPIC. Because of unusually small veins, it took more than an hour after the execution team began sticking needles into his body for Smith to be pronounced dead. After multiple attempts, the lethal drugs were finally injected into Smith 49 minutes after the process began. It took another 20 minutes before he was pronounced dead.

Maher said many of the documented botched executions in recent years have occurred because the drugs being used had expired, were contaminated, or they were administered "incorrectly."

"There are a number of ways that the executions can go wrong, and it doesn't only have to do with the kind of drug that is used," she said, noting, for example, that if pentobarbital isn't stored at a proper temperature, the drug can expire and should not be used.

When asked where DOC acquired the drug — pentobarbital, which can be used to carry out executions — and how much the state paid, Holcomb said he "can't go into those details, by law."

Lawmakers made information about the source

of the drugs confidential on the last day of the 2017 legislative session.

Indiana Capital Chronicle has filed an official records request seeking the cost of the drugs.

"States have been hiding this information behind secrecy statutes in an effort to avoid answering difficult questions about their execution protocols. These are elected officials. They are using government funding, and they are saying they are conducting an official function," Maher said. "And all of that means they should be honest and transparent about what they're doing and why. The fact that they have shrouded everything in secrecy in an attempt to avoid answering these questions is not something that we should simply be accepting."

Recent reporting by The Intercept and Last Week Tonight with John Oliver identified Connecticut-based Absolute Standards as the source of the pentobarbital used in 13 federal executions in 2020 and 2021. Reporting did not confirm if the company also supplied to specific states, including Indiana.

Absolute Standards produces materials for calibrating research equipment, but in 2018, it applied to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as a bulk producer of pentobarbital. The company has since indicated this week that it will no longer produce the drug.

Maher further pointed to Idaho, which reportedly spent \$100,000 earlier this year to purchase three doses of pentobarbital, the drug used in lethal injections. It's not clear if that's the same quantity purchased or price paid by Indiana, however.

"What officials have said ... is that they do not want to have people who are involved in the execution process — for manufacturers of a drug — to be harassed by advocates. But there are almost no real life examples of that happening unless we characterize criticism as harassment, which I don't think we should in a democracy," Maher said. "People who are critical of decisions the state is making, in terms of where they are finding their drugs and how they are choosing to administer them, that's part of being a public official. Responding to those questions from your constituents — that's part of being a public official. That comes with the territory, and there is no justifiable reason for them to avoid answering those questions."

The Indiana Public Defender's Office, which is providing Corcoran with legal counsel, did not reply to the Capital Chronicle's requests for comment about pentobarbital or the impending execution.

Larry Komp, a federal defender for Corcoran, said the legal team is still seeking clarity on the state's lethal injection protocol.

Groups are starting to come out against Indiana's move, including the Libertarian Party of Indiana.

"A government whose primary function is to protect life should not be in the business of ending it, especially given the United States Constitution protects the accused from cruel and unusual punishment. There is no more cruel punishment than putting someone to death," the party said in a statement. "The state, simply put, should not be killing its citizens. The Libertarian Party of Indiana calls upon Governor Holcomb and the State of Indiana to halt all planned executions and, furthermore, upon the General Assembly to ban the use of the death penalty in Indiana."



At the lake activities

Kunkel Lake at Ouabache State Park was a busy place over the weekend as folks used kayaks and paddle boats to circle the small island. Other activities including fishing and swimming at the beach. (Photo by Barbara Barbieri)

Matthew Gullion to serve as new president of Ossian Rotary

As of July 1, Ossian Rotary has a new president. Matthew Gullion currently serves as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Ossian. Gullion has served the church since 2018. Previously Gullion served in many areas of ministry, including director of Northeastern Indiana Baptist Association of Churches, midwest director of Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders, pastor and founder of Harvest Baptist Church, pastor of Salyersville First Baptist Church, CEO and Founder of REACH Drug Rehab Ministries, and CEO and Founder of Great Commission Ministries.

Gullion has led hundreds of people on mission trips in the United States and all over the world for many years. He has developed an ongoing partnership with churches in Cuba for nearly a decade and has led many people and churches to serve and partner with local Cuban churches.

Gullion has preached, taught, coached, consulted, led conferences and offered motivational speaking in hundreds of churches, companies, conferences and schools in ministry in the United States and many other countries.

Gullion, wife Ruth and two of three daughters live on a farm near Uniondale.

Gullion has enjoyed over 25 years of ministry. He has also had many opportunities to serve in ministry in secular workplaces. He has worked as a draftsman, mechanical engineer, plant manager, construction, contractor and helped with dozens of church building projects nationwide.

Gullion has one main desire and that is for men, women, boys and girls to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Anyone is welcome to attend Ossian Rotary Thursday mornings, at 7:30 at First Baptist Church of Ossian, 1001 Dehner Drive. For more info, please contact Matthew Gullion, Ossian Rotary President, at mwggullion@gmail.com.

Financial Focus

PSA: How strong is your emergency fund?

You can't predict financial emergencies — but you can prepare for them.

To do that, you can build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected expenses resulting from a home or car repair, a medical bill, or even the costs connected to damages from a natural disaster, such as a flood or wildfire or tornado.

Generally, it's a good idea to keep three to six months of living expenses if you're working, or up to a year's worth, if you're retired. And since you'll need the money quickly, and you'll want to be sure it's there for you, keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account.

Given your normal expenses, you may find it challenging to put away money in an emergency fund. But you can make it easier by having some of your paycheck automatically go into your fund. And you can also add other income, such as bonuses or tax refunds.

Try to avoid dipping into your emergency fund for everyday costs or impulse purchases. By keeping this fund intact until it's truly needed, you can help yourself weather many of the storms that may come your way.

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Fond memories of our Fourth of July gatherings

I miss watching the spectacular fireworks display at Eddie G's house every Fourth of July.

Eddie G. was my grandmother's longtime companion. For the last 20 years of her life, Eddie treated her like gold. She'd had a hard life, after all. Widowed in her late 40s way back in 1955, she struggled for years to pay the bills — she struggled to tend to six children.

After she successfully completed that difficult task, Providence intervened. Always a regular churchgoer, she had caught the eye of Eddie, a colorful old bachelor.

Eddie and his brother ran a successful office-cleaning business, started years before by their immigrant father. They had hundreds of employees who maintained the interiors and exteriors of Pittsburgh's biggest high-rise buildings. Though Eddie's brother married and raised a family, Eddie was never blessed that way. Many years went by and Eddie was still alone — until he met my grandmother.

The two hit it off instantly and were soon inseparable. They went to Mass together every day. Eddie took her to Pittsburgh's finest restaurants every night. Eddie was a staple at every Purcell family event.

Eddie made the last 20 years of her life her best years — and made our Fourth of July celebrations wonderful, too. There was no better place on Earth to celebrate the nation's birthday — thanks to Eddie's dad.

You see, Eddie's dad had been born in Hungary. He came to America as a young man seeking a better life. He took the first job he could get — janitor.

Where others viewed mopping and cleaning as demeaning work, Eddie's father saw a future. He started his own cleaning business. He began by cleaning small commercial buildings and kept moving his way up.

His company was soon maintaining larger buildings. He soon had the means to send his sons to college — to develop their business skills to help him keep growing the business. He built himself a nice stone home in the suburbs — the home in which Eddie G. would live the rest of his life.

His home bordered a park that featured a magnificent fireworks display every Fourth. Eddie's backyard offered a perfect view.

Eddie set out tables and chairs. He made refreshments and food. Just before dusk, my grandmother's children, grandchildren, their spouses and others would arrive. As the adults laughed and caught up with each other, the children danced around the yard, giggling as their sparklers burned bright. Soon, the sky would fall black and the fireworks would begin.

As we "oohed" and "aahed" — as the sky exploded into bright colors — Eddie would be next to my grandmother, as contented as a man can be.

Eddie threw his last Fourth of July party in 1993, five years after my grandmother died. He died the following winter. Our sadness at the loss of both hit hardest the next Fourth of July when we could no longer gather at Eddie's to celebrate.

But this story is still one of joy.

That's because the story of Eddie and his father is an American story. Through hard work, Eddie's dad turned a mundane job into an incredible life for his family. Eddie and his brother took his dream to the next level and grew the company into a multi-million dollar business.

Eddie had the means to treat my grandmother like royalty in the last 20 years of her life — and give my large extended family many wonderful Fourth of July memories we will cherish forever.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, July 8, the 190th day of 2024. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 8, 2018, divers rescued four of the 12 boys who'd been trapped in a flooded cave in northern Thailand with their soccer coach for more than two weeks. (The remaining eight boys and their coach were rescued over the next two days.)

Also on this date:

In 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, outside the State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Edo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.

In 1947, a New Mexico newspaper, the Roswell Daily Record, quoted officials at Roswell Army Air Field as saying they had recovered a "flying saucer" that crashed onto a ranch; officials then said it was actually a weather balloon.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea. (Truman would fire MacArthur for insubordination nine months later.)



Tom Purcell



Supreme Court conservatives sure have a funny way of voting as a 'bloc'

In a case that refuted lazy language about the Supreme Court being controlled by a six-justice conservative "bloc," the court rendered a 6-3 judgment June 26 with three conservatives on each side. The case, concerning Biden administration attempts to shape the "content moderation" policies of social media platforms, showed that constitutional conservatives can interestingly conflict.

The case arose from Biden administration officials having constant meetings and communications with the internet platforms. The officials peppered them with suggestions — or requests, or pressure, or demands — that certain posts, mostly concerning pandemic-related policies and claims of 2020 election fraud, be expunged. How the administration's various approaches to the platforms are characterized — particularly, were they coercive? — matters.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit largely affirmed a district court's broad injunction against federal government communications with the platforms. The administration's word choices (President Biden said the platforms were "killing people"), its tone, including intimations of adverse consequences of noncompliance (the platforms benefit from statutory protections), constituted, the 5th Circuit said, censorship.

The majority disagreed, in an opinion written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett. She was joined by two other conservatives, John G. Roberts Jr. and Brett M. Kavanaugh, and by the three liberal justices: Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Barrett said the plaintiffs — two states and five social media users — lacked standing to sue because they failed to demonstrate "any concrete link" between Biden administration's communications with the platforms and injuries the plaintiffs said they suffered from the platforms. And she says the court should not minutely monitor years of communications from "dozens" of officials and various agencies with various platforms about various topics.

Her meticulous argument reflects a conservative principle of judicial restraint: It is inappropriate for courts to undertake close supervision of the other branches. The plaintiffs, Barrett said, failed to demonstrate that a particular government pressure on a particular platform suppressed a particular plaintiff's speech.

Samuel A. Alito Jr., joined in dissent by the other conservatives, Clarence Thomas and Neil M. Gorsuch, illustrates the conservative principle that judicial restraint can constitute a dereliction of the duty of "judicial engagement" against the other branches' actions that violate constitutional rights. Alito assembles powerful evidence that the government so "hectoring" Facebook that it "whimpered" apologetically, like "a subservient entity" determined to act "collaboratively" with "a powerful taskmaster."

This case, like many others, required the court to

balance conflicting powers and rights. The federal government has the power to speak about various matters of public policy. But state governments have the power to speak to their constituents without encountering federally imposed social media impediments. And although private social media companies' content-moderation decisions are not constrained by the First Amendment, individuals have a First Amendment right not to have their ability to speak on the platforms abridged by government's "encouragement" of censorious behavior — government coercion or collusion that makes the platforms, in effect, government appendages.

It is difficult to draw lines, lines neither vague nor overbroad, between permissible and unconstitutional government involvements with social media. But drawing lines, including those defining free speech on the internet, is the justices' job.

This case came to the court in the context of progressives' insistence that the First Amendment is too protective of "harmful" speech, with "harm" defined broadly to encompass listeners' distress, or society being confused. The three dissenters' anxiety about government misbehavior is understandable. They might, however, have another chance to be in the majority.

"We begin — and end — with standing," wrote Barrett for the majority. "At this stage, neither the individual nor the state plaintiffs have established standing to seek an injunction against any defendant" (emphasis added). There probably will be other stages.

The government constantly communicates with social media platforms to influence content-moderation decisions that it considers important to national security, public health, election integrity and a malleable menu of other matters. So, the issues in this case probably will be revisited in subsequent cases, for two different reasons:

First, Wednesday's decision turned on a technical assessment of whether the plaintiffs had standing to sue. Second, government's desire to influence internet discourse will intensify.

The government has been increasingly policing "misinformation," "disinformation" and "untrustworthy content": Biden's press secretary said the platforms could face legal consequences, including anti-trust enforcement, unless they stopped "amplifying" such things. Such attempts to regulate internet speech will wax until social media influence wanes.

But their influence is waxing, and government interactions with them probably will generate new justiciable controversies. So, the Alito-Thomas-Gorsuch position may yet become that of the conservative "bloc," and hence of the court.

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Supreme court protects all presidents

Put aside former president Donald Trump (an impossible task for some) and examine the Supreme Court's majority ruling that protects any president from litigation for decisions and actions he (or she, but for the sake of this column I will use the male pronoun) has made while in office.

In an editorial, The Wall Street Journal correctly noted: "The 6-3 Court majority rightly focuses on the institution of the Presidency, and the ability of all Presidents — not merely the last one — to act in the national interest free from prosecution for official acts."

The ruling is bigger than one man. As the Journal notes, it's about the institution of the presidency that transcends the administration of a single president. A president who must constantly be looking over his shoulder and second guessing himself about the possibility of future prosecutions by his partisan successor and a corrupt Justice Department cannot effectively do the job voters elected him to do.

Presidents have always made controversial decisions that many historians are still questioning. Abraham Lincoln suspended Habeas Corpus and imposed martial law in Kentucky during the Civil War. Should that have subjected him to prosecution had he lived?

In modern times suppose Harry



Cal Thomas

been prosecuted following the end of his second term?

Had he lived, should John F. Kennedy have been prosecuted for botching the Bay of Pigs fiasco that failed to topple Cuban dictator Fidel Castro?

Lyndon Johnson used the Tonkin Gulf Resolution to expand American involvement in Vietnam, though there were no U.S. casualties as a result of a confrontation between U.S. aircraft and North Vietnamese torpedo boats in 1964. Many still consider that war a massive mistake, leading to needless deaths and lifelong disabilities. Should Johnson have been prosecuted?

Many other examples could be given citing the actions of other presidents.

The Founders wisely created impeachment as the preferred method for removing presidents from office for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Even that process is being corrupted

as Democrats used it twice against Donald Trump and now Republicans are trying to use it against members of the Biden administration. The prosecution of a former president might become a politically poisonous cycle which is why the Court's decision was correct.

U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan must now decide whether the Supreme Court rulings require the indictment against Trump for allegedly trying to overturn the 2020 election results should be dismissed. She has also been instructed to decide which of Trump's actions were official, and which were unofficial.

Will Special Counsel Jack Smith re-write the indictment against Trump and try running it up the legal flagpole again? Justice Clarence Thomas has questioned the legality of the office of Special Counsel because, he wrote, the person appointed should be confirmed by the Senate and Smith was not.

As Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the majority: "The Framers designed the Presidency to provide for a 'vigorous' and 'energetic' Executive. ... They vested the President with 'supervisory and policy responsibilities of utmost discretion and sensitivity' ... Appreciating the 'unique energies' that arise when the President's energies are diverted by proceedings that might render him 'unduly cautious in the discharge of his official duties.'" Along with the chief justice, I rest my case.

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This workshop is directed towards elementary-aged students who want to focus on acting or wanting to learn more about theater and what it has to offer. The instructor, Ainsley Werich, and the students will explore how to bring the script to life, the history of theater, the different roles in a production, and basics of acting.

Ages: 7-11 years old
Dates: July 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon
Tuition: \$50 per student
Registration: <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/early-stages-workshop>

This is a perfect workshop to join if you are curious about theater or have a few shows under your belt.

Fall Registration for Creative Arts Dance Academy is now open!

Information regarding our dance schedule, tuition, and performance opportunities can be found on our website at: <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com>

If you would like to receive a fall dance packet or have specific questions, please call (260) 824-5222

Fall dance classes begin September 3
Enrolling for Summer Choir Camp this August.

Who: This camp will be hosted by Alyssa Plisco and is for students 8-12 years old. When: August 19-22 and 26-28 with a performance on August 29 from 5:30 to 7:30. Rehearsals will be 5:30 to 7:30 and are mandatory.

What: Join CAC2 for a two week choir camp. Your singer will learn new music and sing with new friends! This camp is great for those who haven't been in a choir and would like to give it a try as well as those who are confident performing. We will be learning music theory and singing technique while making music with our group. Everyone has an important role to play in creating a beautiful sound through working together. During the two weeks we will learn to sing a few popular songs as well as some jazz music, creating a space to learn new things!. We will get the chance to perform at a TBD nursing home to finish our program and start the school year off with great energy!

Where: Creative Arts!
Tuition: \$85 per student
Registration at: <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/summer-choir-camp>

New Beginner Drum class (8 weeks)**
When: Mondays, August 19th - October



14th from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Tuition: \$25 for 45 minute lesson
Registration and more information at: <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com/drum-lessons>

*****Audition Announcement*****

We are eager to announce that our Fall Theater Production will be Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer!" This is a play adaptation of the classic story that is sure to draw in actors and audiences, both young and old! For more information on specific information please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/373432615684636>

Auditions:
Thursday, August 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parlor City Shakespeare presents "Much Ado About Nothing" at Parlor City Plaza
Friday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.
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Ongoing Activities
Creative Crew: Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All forms of creativity welcome: painting, drawing, needlework and more.... spend the morning working on your craft and socialize with other artists. Enter Door 1 or Door 10 at Life Community Church, the creative crew meets in the cafe.
Readers' Brown Bag Luncheon: Meeting the last Tuesday of the month at noon at Life Community Church, enter door 10. All readers are welcome. Feel free to call the office for more information.

*****Important Scheduling Note:** Changes can occur after the Creative Happenings column has been published. Please confirm dates and times before planning to participate in programs and activities***
Creative Arts Council activities are supported by memberships, sponsors and grants from funders including Arts United, a regional agency; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency.

Three Rivers Festival main stage entertainment

Fort Wayne's Three Rivers Festival will be held July 12-20 and entertainment at the main stage will include the following:
Opening Night, Friday, July 12—Sugarhill Gang, Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra, URB
Rock Night, Saturday, July 13—Hinder, Octopussy, Dirty Vandals
Christian Night, Sunday, July 14—Sanctus Real, City movement, Outpour Worship
Ladies Night, Monday, July 15—Lita Ford, Whoa Man!, Elia Toth
Comedy Night, Tuesday, July 16—Kam "Snacks" Coleman, Aaron Montgomery.

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Heart & Soul Night, Thursday, July 18—Last Call, Sweetwater All Stars, Music Lovers Lounge
80's, Friday, July 19—Crush, A Bon Jovi Experience, Sunglasses at Night, Unlikely Alibi
Country Night, Saturday, July 20—Country DJ, Dan Sherman, Rodney Atkins, Rylie Lynn Band
Music begins at 7 p.m. and \$120 will give you a tickets to all concerts. Individuals tickets also available on line.

Your diet can help find a younger you Also: Building emotional resilience

Question: There's so much info out there about how to eat so that you slow aging. Can you sum it up so I can make sure I'm getting it right? — Sally U., Joplin, Missouri

Answer: Your diet is an essential tool in the battle against premature aging and chronic disease. But you also want to combine it with stress management (without that, you may trigger epigenetic changes that speed aging and turn off immune protection against disease), establish a supportive posse, find a purpose in your life, get plenty of physical activity and adopt good sleep habits. The "6 Normals + 2" series of smart health goals that Dr. Mike has been outlining in his free newsletter at LongevityPlaybook.com can help you use these approaches to achieving a younger ActualAge.

Now, back to your question about an anti-aging diet. There's a lot of research showing that a minimally processed, plant-based diet can transform your health, as can eliminating inflammatory foods like added sugars and red and processed meats. And now, a new study that looked at the impact of the MIND diet on aging reinforces those guidelines. Using a program that evaluates more than 75 epigenetic biomarkers that reveal how fast a person's body is aging, researchers found that the MIND diet significantly slows down the body's overall pace of



Mehmet Oz, M.D. and Mike Roizen, M.D.

biological aging — and lowers your risk of dementia. The MIND diet suggests three or more servings a day of whole grains; one or more servings a day of vegetables (other than green leafy); six or more servings a week of green leafy vegetables; five or more servings a week of nuts; four or more meals a week of beans; two or more servings a week of berries; two or more meals a week of poultry; one or more meals a week of fish; and mainly olive oil if adding fat.

We advocate having five consecutive days a month of a low-protein, 750-calorie diet, then following the MIND diet the rest of the time. For more info, see Dr. Mike's book, "The Great Age Reboot." Also read "5 Supplements for Anti-Aging" at iHerb.com/s/blog.

Question: I'm emotionally exhausted by everything from COVID-19 to war and contending with my own and my family's health problems. It's making me get sloppy at work and short-tempered at home. How can I regain

emotional strength? — Steven B., Nashville

Answer: Emotional strength (resilience) can be cultivated, and it allows you to contend with what life throws at you. While no one can dodge challenges, disappointments and sadness, how you respond to those events and circumstances is in your control.

The first step is to practice mindful meditation and/or breathing exercises for 10 minutes in the morning and before bedtime. That will help dispel stress and clear your mind so that you can think of resourceful ways of handling your issues. Another great approach, outlined in Dr. Oz's iHerb.com blog, "Dr. Oz's 9-Step Daily Wellness Routine" is to practice gratitude. When heading to bed, write down something that makes you grateful and think about a loved one you should call the next day, giving you extra purpose when you rise and shine.

Finding a cause to promote that helps others improve their quality of life will also boost yours.

Physical activity can also raise your spirits — it dispels stress and promotes neurotransmitters that stimulate happiness. Even a short burst of jumping jacks or a moderate-intensity walk for 15 minutes helps. And joining a team activity gets you receiving from and giving support to other folks.



Bluffton class of 1959 reunion

The Bluffton High School Class of 1959 celebrated their 65th reunion at Billy Ann's on Monday, July 15. Front row from left, Pat (Lockwood) Oliver, Betty Gerber, Sara (Prible) Pursiful, Janet (Beer) Moses, Zella (Swyers) Butler, Rinda (Decker) Robbins, Judy (Bulger) Wood, DiAnn (Ulmer) Willits, Cammie (Sprunger) Clark, Rose Ann (Geels) Hinesley, Connie (Allen) Jones. Back row from left, Chuck Moon (partially hidden), Raymond Walter, David Pence, Ron Heyerly, Galen Gray, Glenn Orr. (Photo submitted)

Rock & Roar at Fort Wayne Zoo Friday nites

On four Friday nights the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo will host **Rock & Roar** for adult guests (over 21) to visit with the animals, listen to music and enjoy adult beverages. The schedule includes: James & the Drifters: July 12; Whoa Man!: July 26; Jackson Vibe: Aug. 9; and Sweetwater All Stars: Aug. 23. Admission is \$20 and tickets may be purchases online at kidszoo.org.

Free concerts at Foellinger Theatre

The Foellinger Outdoor Theatre is located at 3411 Sherman Blvd.
Fort Wayne Area Community Band: Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., Salute to America
New Millennium Jazz Orchestra: Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 25th anniversary show.
Fort Wayne Children's Choir: Friday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Salomon Farmers' Market on Wednesdays

Over 20 vendors will be setting up at Fort Wayne Salomon Farmers' Market on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., through Sept. 4th. Offered will be fresh produce, baked goods, honey, homemade pies and artisan goods. Entertainment will be offered on: Aug. 7: Shepherd's Brass Quintet; Aug. 14 and Sept. 4: Remember When Duets. The farm is located at 817 West DuPont Rd. in Fort Wayne.



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John Cena announces his retirement from professional wrestling after 2025 season

John Cena announced Saturday night that he will retire from professional wrestling next year after two decades in the ring.

The wrestler-turned-actor delivered a heartfelt speech to a stadium of World Wrestling Entertainment fans in Toronto, who booed in disappointment as Cena said the 2025 season would be his last. He promised a farewell tour with dozens of dates and an epic final fight, and he assured fans he would remain involved with the wrestling franchise that launched his career.

"Thank you so much for letting me play in the house that you built for so many years," Cena told the crowd.

In a news conference after the event,

Cena told reporters that he feels physical "at my end," but that doesn't mean he needs to distance himself from the sport he loves.

Cena is a 16-time WWE champion who burst onto the scene in the early 2000s as the fan-favorite "Doctor of Thuganomics," a rapper character decked in gold chains and a backwards hat who challenged his wrestling opponents to rap battles. He went on to portray other popular characters, both in the ring and on the big screen.

Cena played starring roles in the films "Blockers" and "The Suicide Squad." He has made multiple appearances in the "Fast & Furious" franchise and appeared most recently in the comedy thriller "Argyle" and the box office hit "Barbie."

Vikings' draft pick Khyree Jackson, 2 former high school teammates killed in car crash

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings rookie cornerback Khyree Jackson and two of his former high school teammates were killed in an early morning car crash Saturday in Maryland, police and the team said.

Jackson, 24, and Isaiah Hazel died at the scene, while Anthony Lytton, Jr., was pronounced dead at a hospital after the three-car crash in Prince George's County, according to Maryland State Police. Lytton was 24 and Hazel was 23.

The three were in the same vehicle just after 3 a.m. when it was struck by another vehicle that was speeding and changing lanes, police said.

The Vikings released a statement saying the team spoke to Jackson's family, and is "devastated by the news."

"I am heartbroken by the loss of Khyree," Vikings general manager Kwesi Adofo-Mensah said. "As we got to know him throughout the pre-draft process, it was clear the goals Khyree wanted to accomplish both professionally and personally. His story was one of resilience. He was taking steps to become the best version of himself not just for him, but for those who cared about and looked up to him."

Jackson was a fourth-round draft pick by the Vikings in April. He played two years at Alabama before finishing his college career with one season at Oregon.

Jackson was in the running to earn a starting cornerback job at the team's training camp, which opens later this month in Eagan, Minnesota.

"I am absolutely crushed by this news," Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said. "Khyree brought a contagious energy to our facility and our team. His confidence and engaging personality immediately drew his teammates to him."

Hazel played college football at Maryland and Charlotte, and Lytton played at Florida State and Penn State.

The three won a state championship together at Maryland's Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School, which paid tribute to them in a social media post.

Hazel was driving, and Jackson and Lytton were passengers in a Dodge Charger, which veered off the road after being hit and struck multiple tree stumps, police said.

Investigators believe the driver of a second vehicle traveling north attempted to change lanes "at a high rate of speed" when it collided with the car driven by Hazel and a third vehicle.

Nobody was injured in the second or third vehicles.

Investigators say alcohol might have been a contributing factor in the crash and charges could be coming.

Jackson was a first-team All-Pac-12 selection by The Associated Press last season after tying for second in the conference with three interceptions. His college career began in junior college in 2019.

a "RIP Khyree... Love you," Oregon coach Dan Lanning posted on social media. "At a loss for words. I will miss your smile. Great player, better person."

Bowman wraps up a spot in NASCAR Cup Series playoffs with win at rainy Chicago street

By JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Bowman secured a spot in the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs Sunday when he held on for the victory on a rainy street course in downtown Chicago.



Alex Bowman

It was Bowman's first victory since Las Vegas in March 2022 and No. 8 for his career. He is the 12th Cup Series driver to win this year, leaving four remaining spots in the playoffs with six races left in the regular season.

The race was stopped for more than 100 minutes because of rain, and NASCAR set a cutoff time of 8:20 p.m. CDT because of the fading sunlight. When Bowman crossed the start-finish line after that time, the white flag came out followed by the checkered.

Tyler Reddick made a late push, but he got into a wall trying to catch up to Bowman. Ty Gibbs was third, followed by Joey Hand and Michael McDowell.

Bowman closed it out in his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet after pole-sitter Kyle Larson and Shane van Gisbergen were knocked out.

Larson slammed into the tire barrier in Turn 6 on Lap 34, bringing out a caution. He was trying for his fourth win of the season in his 350th career Cup Series start.

"As soon as I hit the brakes, I knew I was in trouble," said Larson, who was on top of the driver standings going into the weekend.

Van Gisbergen was clipped by Chase Briscoe going into Turn 6 on Lap 25. Briscoe slid into a tire barrier, but van Gisbergen crashed into the temporary wall — causing heavy damage to the right side of his Kaulig Racing Chevrolet.

"I just sort of turned in. It looked pretty good and then just got smacked by someone," van Gisbergen said. "It's gutting."

Shortly after the wreck, the race was stopped to give NASCAR time to clear standing water from the makeshift track. The drivers returned to their cars about an hour later, but the delay continued when another cell passed over the course.

Ty Gibbs was in front when the race resumed, followed by Christopher Bell and Larson.

Van Gisbergen raced to a career-altering victory last year in Chicago when he became the first driver to win his Cup Series debut since Johnny Rutherford in the second qualifying race at Daytona in 1963. The 35-year-old New Zealand native also won Saturday's Xfinity Series race on the tricky 12-turn, 2.2-mile course.

Van Gisbergen won the first stage Sunday shortly before he was knocked out.

"We were able to lead and I felt like I was driving well with it," he said, "so yeah, it's a shame to be out so early. It's a shame we couldn't have a proper crack at it at the end."

Bowman's victory finished NASCAR's second year on the street course in Chicago. It is expected to return next season, but the future of the weekend — a combination of racing and music that is designed more for NASCAR newcomers than its traditional fans — is unclear beyond 2025.

Unlike last year, when persistent showers wreaked havoc on the schedule — leading to shortened versions of the Xfinity and Cup Series races — there was no issue with the weather until the Cup drivers got into their cars and got the command to start their engines. Then the rain started to fall, and the teams had to make a quick decision on whether to switch to wet tires.

After slowing to a drizzle, the showers increased in intensity about 17 laps in — eventually leading to the stoppage.

Caitlin Clark rallies Fever, gets 1st triple-double by WNBA rookie

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Caitlin Clark posted the first triple-double by a rookie in WNBA history to help rally Indiana to an 83-78 victory over New York on Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, snapping the Fever's nine-game losing streak to the Liberty.



Clark finished with 19 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds for Indiana (9-13). The No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft was one rebound shy of a triple-double two games ago in an 88-82 road victory over the Phoenix Mercury.

"Obviously, it's really cool," Clark said. "My teammates have been finishing the ball really, really at a high rate. My assist numbers, that's because of them."

Indiana coach Christie Sides was impressed by Clark and the fact that the Fever outscored the Liberty by 12 in the final period.

"Caitlin with a triple-double, my gosh, that's incredible," she said after the game. "Holding New York to 16 points in the fourth quarter, that's huge for us. That's the No. 1 team in the league."

Clark had 11 points in the first quarter, making 3 of 4 from 3-point range. She topped double figures in assists in the third quarter and passed the 10-rebound mark in the fourth.

Clark had a three-point play and Kelsey Mitchell followed with a 3-pointer to tie the game at 75 with 2:31 to go. Aliyah Boston scored off a steal by Mitchell to give Indiana a two-point lead and Lexie Hull's reverse layup increased the lead to 79-75 at the 1:24 mark.

New York's Sabrina Ionescu answered with a 3-pointer but missed one the next time down the court with a chance to give the Liberty the lead. Boston made two free throws with 17 seconds left and Mitchell hit two with 11 seconds remaining to wrap up the upset.

"We defended well the whole game," Boston said. "Those last few minutes, especially those last few possessions, were great for us."

Boston scored 18 points on 8-for-12 shooting and had eight rebounds for the Fever. Mitchell scored 14, topping double figures for the ninth-straight game. NaLyssa

Smith, the second overall pick in the 2022 draft, added 12 points and 11 rebounds for her fifth double-double this season.

Ionescu scored 22 to lead New York (17-4), which had won five straight games. Betnijah Laney-Hamilton finished with 20 points, making four 3-pointers. Breanna Stewart added 14 points, six rebounds and six assists. Jonquel Jones had 12 rebounds to go with six points and three steals.

Clark hit a 3-pointer and followed with a layup to spark Indiana to an 8-0 run to begin the game. She turned a steal into a 3-pointer to give the Fever their biggest lead at 24-12 with 3:04 left in the quarter. Laney-Hamilton hit a jumper with two seconds left as New York scored the final six points to get within six heading to the second period.

Clark's turnaround fadeaway jumper gave the Fever a 31-20 lead with 7:48 left in the second quarter. Jones scored the final five points in a 12-0 run from there and the Liberty took their first lead. Smith answered with a layup to end a scoring drought that reached 5:06 and Indiana regained the lead.

Stewart, who averaged 22.7 points in three earlier wins this season over the Fever, made two free throws in the final minute to get New York within 39-38 at halftime.

Laney-Hamilton hit a go-ahead jumper and Ionescu followed with a basket and a 3-pointer off a steal by Stewart to give New York a 57-50 lead with 4:39 left in the third quarter. Laney-Hamilton hit a pull-up jumper with three seconds left and the Liberty took a 62-55 advantage into the final period.

Clark noted the Fever are learning not to wilt under pressure when things aren't going their way.

"I think the biggest difference has been when teams make runs, we don't crumble," Clark said. "We found a way to stay resilient and kind of close the gap."

New York coach Sandy Brondello wasn't happy with the Liberty's mindset at the start. "I didn't think we came out with the necessary urgency to compete," Brondello said. "They're 6-4 in the last 10 games. They executed better than us down the stretch."

Indiana beat New York for the first time since posting a 92-86 road win on May 13, 2022. The Fever lead the all-time series 50-41.

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BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	4	.810	—
Connecticut	17	4	.810	—
Indiana	9	13	.409	8½
Chicago	8	12	.400	8½
Atlanta	7	13	.350	9½
Washington	5	17	.227	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	14	7	.667	1
Las Vegas	13	7	.650	1½
Phoenix	11	10	.524	4
Los Angeles	5	16	.238	10
Dallas	5	17	.227	10½

Saturday's Games

Indiana 83, New York 78
Minnesota 74, Washington 67
Sunday's Games
Connecticut 80, Atlanta 67
Las Vegas 104, Dallas 85
Seattle 84, Chicago 71
Phoenix 84, Los Angeles 78

Monday's Games

No games scheduled.
Tuesday's Games
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
New York at Connecticut, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 12 p.m.
Las Vegas at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	57	33	.633	—
New York	55	37	.598	3
Boston	49	40	.551	7½
Tampa Bay	44	46	.489	13
Toronto	41	49	.456	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	56	32	.636	—
Minnesota	51	39	.567	6
Kansas City	49	43	.533	9
Detroit	42	48	.467	15
Chicago	26	66	.283	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	49	43	.533	—
Houston	46	44	.511	2
Texas	42	48	.467	6
Los Angeles	37	52	.416	10½
Oakland	34	58	.370	15

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 4
Minnesota 9, Houston 3
L.A. Angels 7, Chicago Cubs 0
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3
Cleveland 5, San Francisco 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	58	32	.644	—
Atlanta	49	39	.557	8
New York	44	44	.500	13
Washington	42	48	.467	16
Miami	32	58	.356	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	38	.582	—
St. Louis	47	42	.528	5
Pittsburgh	42	47	.472	10
Cincinnati	42	48	.467	10½
Chicago	42	49	.462	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	55	36	.604	—
San Diego	49	45	.521	7½
Arizona	45	45	.500	9½
San Francisco	44	47	.484	11
Colorado	32	58	.356	22½

Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels 7, Chicago Cubs 0
Cleveland 5, San Francisco 4
Miami 4, Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 5, Cincinnati 3
Washington 14, St. Louis 6
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 3, Kansas City 1
Arizona 7, San Diego 5, 10 innings

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 0
Cleveland 5, San Francisco 4
Miami 7, Chicago White Sox 4
St. Louis 8, Washington 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Pittsburgh 2
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Angels 0
Kansas City 10, Colorado 1
Arizona 9, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 9, L.A. Dodgers 2

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Scott 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Keller 9-5), 12:35 p.m.
Toronto 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings
Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland (Williams 0-1) at Detroit (Montero 1-2), 6:40 p.m.
Minnesota (TBD) at Chicago White Sox (Flexen 2-7), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Gray 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Daniel 1-1), 9:38 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
Toronto at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.

Midwest League

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East Division
West Michigan 10, 5 .667
x-Lake County 8, 6 .571 1½
Dayton 8, 7 .533 2
Great Lakes 6, 8 .429 3½
Lansing 6, 9 .400 4
Fort Wayne 5, 10 .333 5

West Division

Cedar Rapids 114, 733 —
x-Wisconsin 9, 6 .600 2
Peoria 8, 7 .533 3
Quad Cities 7, 8 .467 4
Beloit 6, 9 .400 5
South Bend 5, 10 .333 6
x - First Half winner

Saturday, July 6

Lake County 3, Dayton 0
West Michigan 2, Great Lakes 0, 8 innings, 1st game
West Michigan 5, Great Lakes 3, 2nd game
Peoria 5, South Bend 2

Sunday, July 7

No games scheduled
Monday, July 8
No games scheduled
Tuesday, July 9
Lansing at Lake County, 6:05 p.m.
South Bend at Dayton, 7:05 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Great Lakes, 7:05 p.m.

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Daily Four-Midday — 08-02-08-01, SB: 00
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Quick Draw Evening — 05-09-12-13-17-19-22-25-26-27-34-35-42-47-51-53-67-75-78-79, BE: 27
Hoosier Lotto — 05-16-31-33-39-43
POWERBALL
05-32-35-39-49; Powerball: 21; Power Play: 2X

Sunday's Drawings HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 10-21-23-28-42
Cash4Life — 03-09-30-47-49, Cash Ball: 01
Quick Draw Midday — 09-10-11-12-16-17-24-27-33-44-45-48-49-52-57-60-66-67-71-74, BE: 60
Daily Three-Midday — 07-06-09, SB: 04
Daily Three-Evening — 07-02-05, SB: 08
Daily Four-Midday — 02-05-05-00, SB: 04
Daily Four-Evening — 07-05-00-03, SB: 08
Quick Draw Evening — 06-11-14-28-29-32-33-43-46-47-48-51-57-62-64-65-68-69-73-77, BE: 32
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