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Castleman will be sentenced as habitual offender

Jury members hear testimony on Anthony Castleman's pervious charges

By SYDNEY KENT

In just nine minutes, a jury determined that a habitual offender enhancement was appropriate in the sentencing of Anthony Castleman, 38, Markle.

Castleman was found guilty of first-degree murder by the same jury on Thursday evening after 30 minutes of deliberation. The case was filed November 2023 when the body of Castleman's grandmother, Bernice "Dianna" Eubank, was found with significant stab wounds under a pile of debris at her rural Markle home. The two had been living together at the time and Castleman was the last person to see Eubank alive.

Castleman is scheduled for sentencing at 1 p.m. on November 13 in the Huntington Circuit Court.

Throughout the trial, the state presented 26 witnesses, many of whom were various law enforcement officials involved in the investigation. A steady stream of qualified professionals ultimately refuted the defense's claims of "tainted evidence" and human error cultivated into a "conspiracy to frame" Castleman.

Castleman also maintained his claim of innocence as he was escorted from the courthouse, yelling, "I did not do this. I did not commit this crime. Oppression is worse than slaughter."

Friday's proceeding was the final phase in the five-day trial. Huntington County Prosecutor Chris Harvey said the enhancement is a "tool to give to communities" to use with repeat offenders who have not changed their behavior after repeated convictions. A habitual offender enhancement can add up to 20 years to Castleman's sentence, who already faces between 45 years to life in prison under the Indiana code for first-degree murder.

Castleman's criminal history spans several states, counties, and decades — information that was withheld from jurors during the trial due to various state and federal laws.

To obtain the enhancement, the state was required to prove to the jury that Castleman was previously convicted of two separate unrelated cases in addition to his new conviction for murder.

The defense called two law enforcement officials as witnesses, both involved in obtaining or analyzing Castleman's fingerprints. The officers testified that the prints associated with the charges were indeed Castleman's. Jurors also received several documents out-

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Anthony Castleman (center) yells to the press as he left the Huntington County Courthouse on Friday morning. (Photo by Sydney Kent)

Early Voting

Early voting continues and lines reached the parking lot at the Lighted Gardens on Thursday. Early voting today at the Clerk's office is available from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Photo by Jonathan Snyder)

Report: state's average teacher pay tops $60K, but many still make less

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

As Republican state lawmakers applaud a new report showing that, for the first time, Indiana's average annual teacher pay exceeded $60,000, Democratic leaders continue to push for a state salary minimum that would ensure all educators make at least that much from day one.

The average teacher salary in Indiana during the last school year was recorded at $60,557 — up from $58,531 the year prior — according to the 2023-24 state teacher compensation report by the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board (IEERB). Before that, average annual salaries were $56,609 in 2021-2022 and $ 53,991 in 2020-21.

The lowest teacher salary reported was $40,000 — the current state-mandated minimum. The highest was $110,000. Teacher pay is ultimately set by local school districts.

Nearly all — 98% — of Hoosier school districts gave teachers a raise last year, benefitting about 92% of educators statewide, the report indicated.

The IEERB reported that about 32,000 full-time Hoosier teachers earned above the 2023-2023 statewide average, while roughly 31,300 educators still earned below that margin. The report cited 63,462 full-time teachers employed during the academic year.

Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, who chairs the senate education committee, lauded the new salary report in a weekly email to constituents, as did multiple other members of his caucus.

He additionally pointed to a 2023 law he sponsored that ensures at least 62% of schools' state tuition support is used for teacher salaries and benefits.

Raatz emphasized, too, that in 2021, Indiana lawmakers included a provision in the previous state budget that barred schools from

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U.S. employers added 12K jobs as hurricanes, strikes reduce payrolls

By PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's employers added just 12,000 jobs in October, a total that economists say was held down by the effects of strikes and hurricanes that left many workers temporarily off payrolls. The report provided a somewhat blurry view of the job market at the end of a presidential race that has pivoted heavily on voters' feelings about the economy.

Last month's hiring gain was down significantly from the 223,000 jobs that were added in September. But economists have estimated that Hurricanes Helene and Milton, combined with strikes at Boeing and elsewhere, had the effect of pushing down net job growth by tens of thousands of jobs in October.

Friday's report from the Labor Department also showed that the unemployment rate remained at 4.1% last month. The low jobless rate suggests that the labor market is still fundamentally healthy, if not as robust as it was early this year. Combined with an inflation rate that has tumbled from its 2022 peak to near pre-pandemic levels, the overall economy appears to be on solid footing on the eve of Election Day.

The government did not estimate how many jobs were likely removed temporarily from payrolls last month. But economists have said they think the storms and strikes caused up to 100,000 jobs to be dropped. Reflecting the impact of the strikes, factories shed 46,000 positions in October.

In a cautionary sign for future hiring, though, temporary job placement firms lost 49,000 jobs last month. Companies often take on temporary workers before committing to full-time employees. On the other hand, healthcare companies added 52,000 jobs in October, and state and local governments tacked on 39,000.

The employment report for October also revised down the government's estimate of the job gains in August and September by a combined 112,000, indicating that the labor market wasn't quite as robust then as initially thought.

"The big one-off shocks that struck the economy in October make it impossible to know whether the job market was changing direction in the month," Bill Adams, chief economist at Comerica Bank, wrote in a commentary. "But the downward revisions to job growth through September show it was cooling before these shocks struck."

Still, economists have noted that the United States has the strongest of the world's most advanced economies, one that has proved surprisingly durable despite the pressure of high interest rates. This week, for example, the government estimated that the economy expanded at a healthy 2.8% annual rate last quarter, with consumer spending helping drive growth.

Yet as voters choose between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris, large numbers of Americans have said they are unhappy with the state of the economy. Despite the plummeting of inflation, many people are exasperated by high prices, which surged during the recovery from the pandemic recession and remain about 20% higher on average than they were

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State court case mulls if counties can strip health insurance from officials

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Are elected officials entitled to health insurance regardless of the number of hours they work?

That question is before the Indiana Supreme Court, who heard arguments in a Perry County case Thursday that could have statewide implications for local officials.

The case began after the Perry County commissioners discontinued health insurance coverage for certain part-time county employees in June 2023. A Perry County councilman, Keith Huck, sued and sought an injunction to keep his insurance. He works about nine hours a month, according to evidence in the case.

A local judge granted Huck's injunction, but the Indiana Court of Appeals disagreed. The appeal to the Indiana Supreme court is interlocutory, meaning it is occurring while the case is ongoing.

"This court should declare that local unit elected officials who work less than 30 hours a week should be part-time employees for purposes of group health benefits," said attorney Maggie Smith, representing Perry County.

"Exempting all local unit elected officials from being considered part-time employees will have such a drastic fiscal impact on the public's fisc that such an exemption should be the result of a public policy decision of the Legislature, and that has not happened yet," she added.

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Habitual offender

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lining the charges and convictions for each case.

Harvey said that of the two prior convictions, one case was for strangulation against his mother, Tiffanee Cole.

According to a probable cause affidavit, Cole was arguing with Castleman after he grabbed the leg of his teenage sister, dragging her across the floor in anger. He then followed Cole into her bedroom and slammed her head into the wall before strangling her. Cole called for her daughter to call 911, and Castleman reportedly held up two knives threatening to kill himself if she called the police. On the domestic violence lethality sheet from the case, Cole marked that she believed Castleman would try to kill her. Castleman pled guilty to strangulation, domestic battery with bodily injury, and domestic battery in the case.

Harvey also cited a case from 2009 when Castleman was convicted of burglary. His defense attorney, Katrina Lynn, emphasized that the burglary conviction was 14 years ago. Harvey reiterated to the jury that a time limit does not pertain to this case.

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Average teacher pay

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reducing the total amount budgeted for teacher salaries, with limited exceptions.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb and other top state GOP officials have repeatedly said they intend to make teacher pay competitive with surrounding states and get Indiana's average teacher salary up to $60,000. The same increase was recommended by the governor's 2020 Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission.

Democratic lawmakers have made numerous unsuccessful attempts in recent years to pass definitive teacher pay boost legislation. The party's gubernatorial candidate, Jennifer McCormick, specifically said in her platform that she will fight for a minimum base salary of $60,000 for all Hoosier teachers, and adjustments for veteran teachers' salaries "to reflect their non-educator peers."

An education plan released by her GOP competitor, Mike Braun, called for raises to Hoosier teachers' base salaries, and "guaranteed" professional benefits like new parent leave, as well as improved health insurance options. Braun's campaign has not indicated a specific teacher pay minimum, however, nor does it detail how much the proposal would cost overall.

New data shows progress

The IEERB has issued its Collective Bargaining Report each year since 2013. All Hoosier school corporations and employers that bargain with an exclusive representative organization are required to complete the survey.

In the latest analysis, 304 entities submitted data for the latest analysis; 289 were traditional public schools, nine were special education cooperatives, and six were career centers.

Total salary costs for all teachers across Indiana totaled more than $3.8 billion. At least 287 school corporations use federal grants and 52 use property tax referendums to support teacher salaries.

The total compensation for all teachers — which accounts for salaries, benefits, stipends and other supplemental pay — surpassed $5 billion. Including benefits, the average teacher compensation in Indiana is nearly $80,000, per the IEERB numbers.

Indiana's newest teachers — those with just one year of experience — averaged $48,129 per year. Average pay increased with more years spent in the classroom:

- five years of experience: $52,268
- 10 years of experience: $56,993
- 15 years of experience: $62,810
- 20 years of experience: $70,235
- 25 years of experience: $75,215
- 30 or more years of experience: $78,613

During the last school year, the average Indiana teacher had 13 years of experience.

Push for higher pay continues

Nearly 3,600 new-to-teaching hires were also brought into school during 2023-24, according to the report.

Separately, 4,464 full-time teachers who already had classroom experience were hired by districts across the state. Another 1,149 teachers retired.

About as many teachers are being retained. According to the IEERB survey data, 55,971 teachers were retained in 2023-24 from the previous year. That's compared to 55,227, the year before. There were 55,682 teachers who stayed in classrooms in 2021-22, and 56,999 in 2020-21.

Indiana's average teacher salary is ranked 36th in the United States by the National Education Association as of September. The state's average teacher starting salary is ranked 28th.

Hoosier lawmakers will craft the state's next two-year budget during the upcoming 2025 legislative session, during which school funding and teacher pay are expected to be debated.

Health insurance

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She argued that state law gives local units the right to not offer health insurance to part-time employees and that's what Perry County did when facing a fiscal crisis.

The decision impacted 12 of the 21 local elected officials they deemed part-time, including the Perry County commissioners who made the decision.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush pointed out that state law says elected county officials are not required to report hours and can't determine or change compensation based on the number of hours worked. She asked if insurance is part of compensation.

Smith said it isn't part of compensation at the county level and said counties are allowed to exempt part-time employees from health care benefits. She also acknowledged confusion between statutes.

"I agree with you that these statutes, as is sometimes the case, are not the pillar of clarity, but the answer to that in this case is precisely why this court should not create rights that have such a significant financial impact," she said.

Justice Geoffrey Slaughter said county council members on the same board could work different hours and therefore one could be eligible for insurance and the other not. Supreme Court Justice Mark Massa also noted there are elected county prosecutors in smaller communities that might not meet 30 hours a week.

Attorney Robert Burkart, representing Huck, said a county can choose not to offer insurance at all, but if they do, then elected officials have a right to participate.

Slaughter questioned that contention: "Essential to your argument is that the county cannot treat elected officials as part-time employees. But where does it say that?"

Burkart said justices must look at a progression of statutes from 1957 to 1990 and to a non-binding attorney general opinion from 1978.

"Basically, the General Assembly giveth and only the General Assembly can taketh away from elected officials if the insurance is offered," he said.

The court also has to consider whether Huck losing county-paid insurance counts as irreparable harm that would require an injunction. Smith said Huck could have gone on COBRA insurance or bought a plan on the marketplace.

But Burkart said the plans would have different levels of protection and there would be continuity of care issues.

But Slaughter said Huck can receive damages at the end of the case if he wins to cover his losses.

U.S. employers

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before inflation began accelerating in early 2021.

With inflation having significantly cooled, the Fed is set to cut its benchmark interest rate next week for a second time and likely again in December. The Fed's 11 rate hikes in 2022 and 2023 managed to help slow inflation without tipping the economy into a recession. A series of Fed rate cuts should lead, over time, to lower borrowing rates for consumers and businesses.

In the meantime, there have been signs of a slowdown in the job market. This week, the Labor Department reported that employers posted 7.4 million job openings in September. Though that is still more than employers posted on the eve of the 2020 pandemic, it amounted to the fewest openings since January 2021.

And 3.1 million Americans quit their jobs in September, the fewest in more than four years. A drop in quits tends to indicate that more workers are losing confidence in their ability to land a better job elsewhere.

Even so, with the unemployment rate and the number of people seeking unemployment aid each week still uncommonly low, Americans as a whole continue to enjoy unusual job security

"The cooling of the jobs market is still ongoing," said Sarah House, senior economist at Wells Fargo. "Overall, the jobs market — it's not falling apart, but it's too early to say that conditions have stabilized."

For employers, a softer job market is easing the labor shortages that left many of them struggling to find and keep workers over the past few years.

Weather

Saturday, October 2, 2024
(24-hour observations at 10:51 p.m. Friday)
High: 52; **Low:** 37; **Precipitation:** None
Wabash River Level (at the Main Street bridge)**:** 1.05 feet at 9:45 p.m. Friday

Wells County forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 61. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. East wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 40% chance of showers, mainly before 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Monday Night: A 40% chance of showers, mainly after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: Showers, mainly after 8 a.m. High near 75. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Liberty Center Fire Department will host pork chop dinner

The Liberty Center Fire Department will host its second-annual pork chop dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 4-7 p.m. Pork chop meal contains one Ossian Smoke Meats pork chop, applesauce and choice of two: mashed potatoes, green beans or baked beans. Veterans and kids 8 years-old and younger eat free. Come see that station, meet the firefighters, and spend time with the community. Carry-out also available.

Please contact the department to get tickets prior to the event. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Text or call Chase Gents, 765-348-9383, or Susie Gents, 260-417-1350, with questions. The fire department is located at 2600 S 300 W in Liberty Center.

With the general election coming soon I thought it was a good time to share a little about myself.

I've been married to my high school sweetheart, Tim Andrews, for 48 years. We are blessed with 3 daughters & 7 grandkids. I was born & raised on a farm in Southern Wells County to Dean & Pat Mounsey. I previously worked in the Wells County Clerk and Treasurer's Office for 7.5 years and then 22 years at Southern Wells Community School as the Corporation Treasurer.

Community engagement: Southern Wells Community Church, CADA board, Solid Waste Board, Purdue Extension Board, SW Construction Trades board, Junior Achievement, Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board, Wells County Drug Task Force.

My expertise in government budgeting & finance makes me the right choice. Under my tenure, we've achieved significant milestones: new highway garage, jail renovations, and payroll matrix system implementation.

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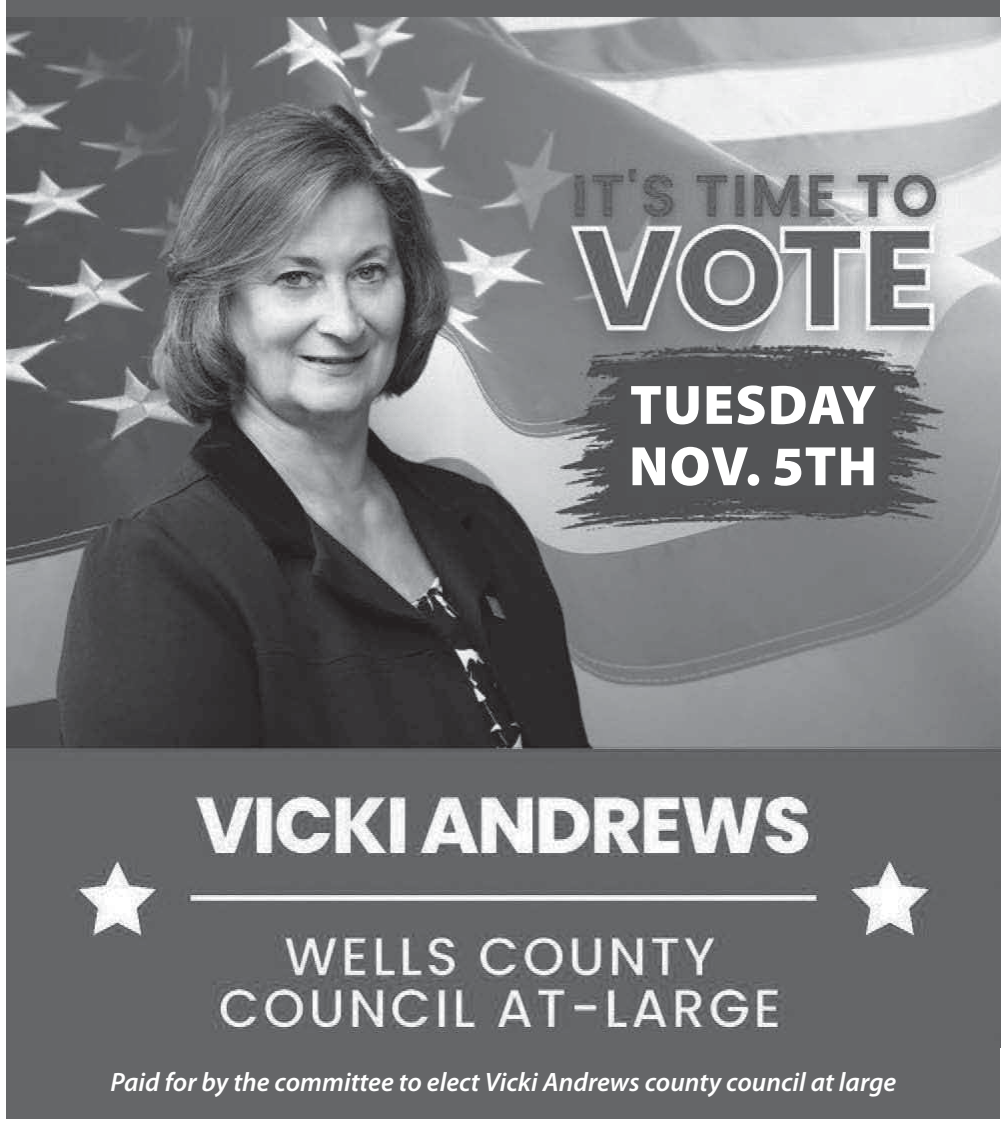

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Local Roundup

County Drainage Board will meet Monday afternoon

The Wells County Drainage Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Consideration of a drainage easement.
- 2025 meeting dates.
- Project updates and miscellaneous drainage matters.

County Commissioners will meet Monday morning

The Wells County Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Department updates.
- Health renewal 2025.
- Small structure inspection agreement.
- Wells County Public Library update.
- Monthly reports and miscellaneous business.
- Right-of-way and utility agreements.
- Economic Development interlocal agreement update.
- Donation contracts.
- ARPA plan update.

Bluffton Board of Works to meet Tuesday afternoon

The Bluffton Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the meeting room on the first floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Financial and personnel matters.

Bluffton Common Council will meet Tuesday evening

The Bluffton Common Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 128 E. Market St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Discussion of Parlor Bluffs Section 2.
- Financial matters.
- Approval of an ordinance regarding a the Harrison Township Park Collaboration Fund.

Visitors Commission will meet Wednesday morning

The Wells County Council will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the conference room of the Wells County Commerce and Visitors Centre, 211 Water St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Financial and project updates.
- Discussion of Make My Move county partnership.
- 2025 budget review.
- Discussion about board appointments.

Wells County Council will meet Wednesday evening

The Wells County Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Financial matters.
- Discussion about a new matrix employee.
- Purdue Contractual Agreement 2025.

Area Plan Commission will meet Thursday evening

The Wells County Area Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in Room 105, the multi-purpose room on the lower level of the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St.

Items on the agenda include:
- Rezoning request from BGC Capital and Minich Enterprises for 1590 W Washington St. and 1600 W Washington St. in Bluffton to change from R-1 to I-1.
- Vacation request from Solid Rock Rentals for Lots 18-25 of Forget-Me-Not Acres along Serenity Trail in Bluffton for a subdivision.
- Community master plan presentation from The Veridus Group.
- Junk violation progress report.
- Proposed 2025 meeting dates.

Bluffton Parks & Rec News & Notes

By Brandy Fiechter

Destination Recreation

Wowza! It sure has been a busy week. We were amazed to have 1,888 come through the city gym in a little over an hour during the Boo in Bluffton on Halloween night. The FREE **Virtual Costume Contest** has started. Visit the Bluffton Parks Facebook page this week to vote for your favorite. Each like counts as a vote, and the photo with the most likes will receive a prize. Also, keep an eye out for Ralph, the Roaming Turkey, who has started appearing in the city parks; if your child finds his paper cutout, drop it off at the park office to claim their prize.

Today is our **WOOF Trail Run** at Ouabache State Park, starting at 9 a.m. If you visit the park, be on the lookout for runners. We are very excited to learn that next year's WOOF race has been selected for the Fort Wayne Track Club point series in 2025. This is a great opportunity to attract visitors to our community and see Bluffton with its beautiful fall foliage.

FREE Open Gym for school-aged kids starts today, Saturday, Nov. 2. Feel free to drop off your kids to enjoy supervised gym time from 3:30-6 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday until mid-March. Parents will need to come in and sign a waiver on the first day the child attends or print one off from the city's website at https://tinyurl.com/2s4d4cau for your child to bring with them.

This Thursday, Nov. 7, will be the FREE **Tot Fire Department Tour**. Bring the little ones to the Bluffton City Gym by 11 a.m., and we will walk over as a group to meet the crew at the fire station and sit inside their fire trucks.

Free Weekday Walking is held until March 29 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Bluffton City Gym 128 E. Market St. Walking is one of the best exercises for all age groups and has many health benefits. Participants can enter through the glass door on the West side of the building and sign in on the wooden door each day they attend. If you are the last to leave the gym, please turn off the light in the southwest corner. 1 Mile = 20 laps

Now is a great time to reserve the pavilion at Washington Park for your winter and spring 2025 parties. The inside pavilion is open year-round and includes a warming kitchen and seating for 120 people. Amenities include a serving window with five dedicated outlets for crockpots/ roasters, a sink, a microwave, a refrigerator, and restroom access. If you want to rent pavilions from May to December 2025, call the park office at 8 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2025. Rental Rates are available at https://in-bluffton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/746.

There is still time to purchase a K-9 Kommons Dog Park key for the remainder of the year. Memberships are only $25. Starting Nov. 11, keys for the 2025 season will be on sale. For more information, click the link: https://tinyurl.com/yekxv4f9.

We would like to send a big thank you to the following groups who recently purchased additional benches for Lancaster Park. Tony Garton with Buckets for Santa, Rick King with Sandy Koufax League, Dale and Pat Krummen (In Loving Memory of Erv and Lavera Krummen), and Gene and Marla (Houtz) Donaghy, Sarah, Renee, Trisha and Allison. Considering the daily attendance of visitors who enjoy the new park, these benches will come in very handy.

Don't forget to change your clocks tomorrow and enjoy the extra hour of rest.

Have a great week!

Officials unveil scenario-based training village at law enforcement academy

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state officials on Wednesday cut the ribbon for part of a new, $70 million addition to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Highlighted at the unveiling was a scenario-based training village that includes a mock liquor store and jail. Timothy Horty, ILEA's director, said small groups of trainees are expected to start using the new facility "in the very near future."

"We try to create a learning environment that is as real for our young police officers as we can possibly make it," Horty said from Plainfield-based training academy. "I think this place will become the envy of law enforcement training around the country."

Also included in the ongoing expansion are updated classrooms and training facilities, Indiana State Police offices, emergency vehicle track and a new dormitory.

Holcomb applauded the training center as a "premier destination" for members of law enforcement to gain "actual immersive experience, education and training." He emphasized, too, that the simulated environment helps officers develop "instinctual" responses for real-life scenarios.

"This is realizing not just a goal, but the mission of the men and women who put on the uniform every day and invest their lives to make sure ours are safe," the governor said.

In 2021, Holcomb approved a proposal from state lawmakers to earmark $70 million in new funding for ILEA. Combined with additional federal funds, the training academy has received $96 million overall to accommodate "greatly needed upgrades," according to the governor's office.

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21st Century Scholars Program doubles following automatic enrollment law

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A record number of Hoosier students have joined Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program, more than doubling enrollment for the 2027 and 2028 cohorts, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education announced Thursday.

More than 90,000 students have joined the program — a statewide grant program that funds lower income student attendance at two- and four-year schools — after a 2023 law allowed qualifying students to be automatically enrolled.

"This legislative change has allowed us to realize the ideals of the 21st Century Scholars Program even more fully — the promise that if your family is low income but you work hard at school, you can attain a debt-free college education and secure a better life for yourself and your family," said Rep. Earl Harris, D-East Chicago, who authored the automatic enrollment legislation.

In the 2028 cohort, more than 50,000 students were initially enrolled, according to CHE. Nearly 46,000 students have additionally enrolled in the 2027 cohort.

State officials said enrollment ranged from 16,000 to 19,000 students per cohort in years prior.

The scholarship fund, created in 1990, covers full tuition and fees at Indiana colleges and universities for low-income students, who enroll in the 8th grade. Lawmakers will have to fund the scholarships in future budgets.

Students who are income-eligible for the National School Lunch Program are automatically enrolled in 21st Century Scholars. They must still meet subsequent requirements but can opt out at any time.

Scholars had an 81% graduation rate in 2021, compared to 30% of their non-scholar, low-income peers, CHE noted. More than 50,000 collegiate degrees have been earned by recipients since the program's inception.

"As the 2027 and 2028 program cohorts move toward high school graduation and college enrollment, I can't wait to see what these students do in their careers and in our state," Harris' statement continued. "The success of 21st Century Scholars shows us that closing the achievement gap for low-income and minority students is possible if the state and state legislature are willing to get it done. I look forward to working on more bipartisan, commonsense education solutions for our state."

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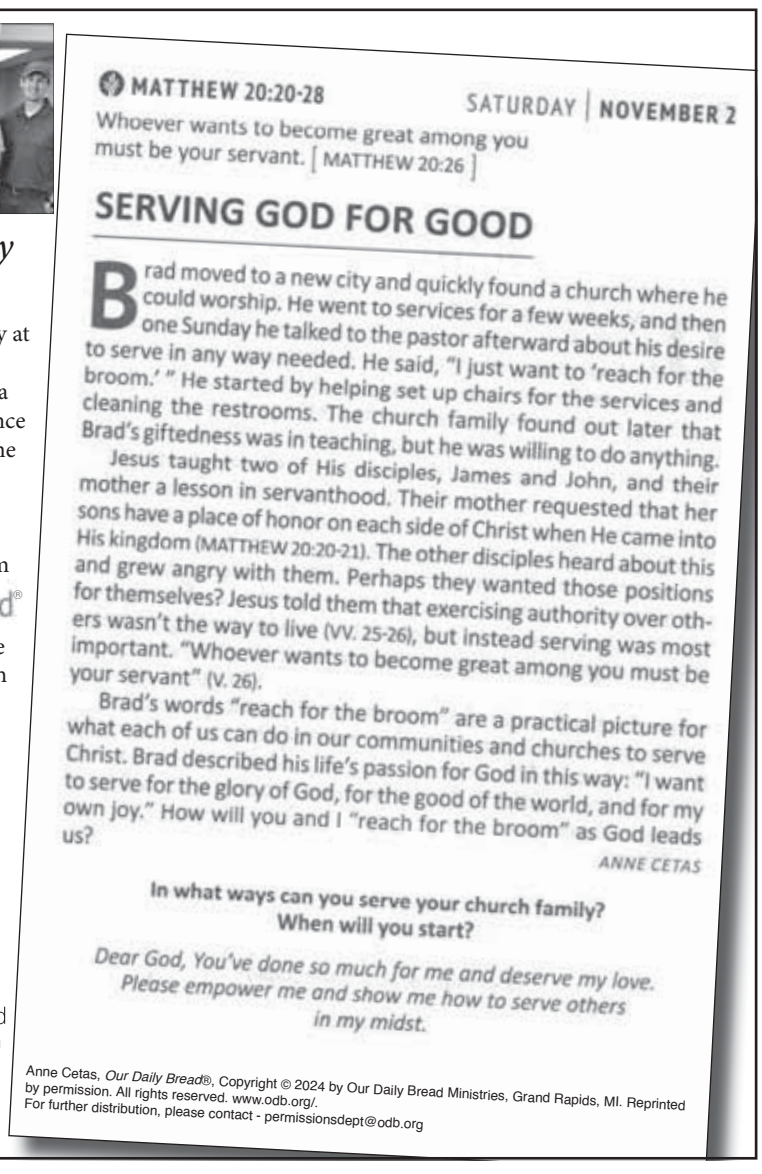

MATTHEW 20:20-28 SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. [MATTHEW 20:26]

SERVING GOD FOR GOOD

Brad moved to a new city and quickly found a church where he could worship. He went to services for a few weeks, and then one Sunday he talked to the pastor afterward about his desire to serve in any way needed. He said, "I just want to 'reach for the broom.' " He started by helping set up chairs for the services and cleaning the restrooms. The church family found out later that Brad's giftedness was in teaching, but he was willing to do anything.

Jesus taught two of His disciples, James and John, and their mother a lesson in servanthood. Their mother requested that her sons have a place of honor on each side of Christ when He came into His kingdom (MATTHEW 20:20-21). The other disciples heard about this and grew angry with them. Perhaps they wanted those positions for themselves? Jesus told them that exercising authority over others wasn't the way to live (VV. 25-26), but instead serving was most important. "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (V. 26).

Brad's words "reach for the broom" are a practical picture for what each of us can do in our communities and churches to serve Christ. Brad described his life's passion for God in this way: "I want to serve for the glory of God, for the good of the world, and for my own joy." How will you and I "reach for the broom" as God leads us?

ANNE CETAS

In what ways can you serve your church family? When will you start?

Dear God, You've done so much for me and deserve my love. Please empower me and show me how to serve others in my midst.

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To endorse or not to endorse, there is no question

Saturday's Sub

Mark Miller

Unless you're a news nerd, you're probably not aware of the brouhaha created by the decision of two major newspapers — The LA Times and The Washington Post — to not endorse any candidates in the race for president.

The screams and hollers are coming from the left, who I am sure feel they've lost a voice, since the two newspapers' editorial-page leanings are both generally to the left. They are blaming the "billionaire owners" for not wanting to alienate Donald Trump.

LA Times owner Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, who made his billions in pharmaceuticals, said his decision "not to offer a recommendation would be less divisive in a tumultuous election year." Three members of his editorial board resigned and "thousands" of readers are reported to have cancelled their subscriptions.

Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos, he of Amazon gazillions, said he is only returning the Post to its roots. The paper had historically not published endorsements until the recent past. But he also cited credibility issues. He wrote a piece to explain:

"Let me give an analogy. Voting machines must meet two requirements. They must count the vote accurately, and people must believe they count the vote accurately. The second requirement is distinct from and just as important as the first.

"Likewise with newspapers. We must be accurate, and we must be believed to be accurate. It's a bitter pill to swallow, but we are failing on the second requirement. Most people believe the media is biased. Anyone who doesn't see this is paying scant attention to reality, and those who fight reality lose. Reality is an undefeated champion. It would be easy to blame others for our long and continuing fall in credibility (and, therefore, decline in impact), but a victim mentality will not help."

To the best of my knowledge, the News-Banner has not endorsed any candidate — local, state or national — at least in recent memory. I could be wrong of course. In my previous life at the Decatur newspaper, Dick Heller felt compelled to share his opinions and, as the chief stockholder, was essentially speaking on behalf of the newspaper as a corporation. That was his prerogative. After he sold out and I was put in charge, I never felt compelled nor was I encouraged one way or the other by the corporate owners.

My personal feeling was — and is — that I just didn't think making a formal endorsement of any candidate was — and is —part of our role. Inform and opine, yes. To speak for a corporation, even if I might be a part-owner, no. It has always seemed presumptuous, perhaps even an abuse of the newspaper's influence, to make a formal recommendation to our readers about who to vote for.

As editor, I sometimes expressed my opinion about a candidate — local, state or national — and we of course publish individual opinions by columnists and readers about political races. Although I'm not familiar with the Times, The Post does a more equitable job of publishing both liberal and conservative opinions than most, including me. But for a company to take a political stance of any kind to me is not an option. When Coca-Cola and Disney executives took some woke stances the past few years, reportedly at least in part to appease some vocal employees, I thought they were way off base not just in what stance they took, but that they took one at all.

So what Bezos is saying is that by endorsing either candidate, any shroud of a curtain or any shred of a doubt about the perceived bias of a media source is removed. Amen.

This has been the subject of Saturday essays before, that it is not an easy thing to keep one's personal biases out of a narrative — the story itself or how a story is treated in a larger or macro sense. But as I wrote a few weeks ago, I believe that most major mainstream news organizations try. Recognizing understandable doubts about the major television networks, I concluded then: "Sorta. For the most part. That's my story and I'm sticking to it."

And I still am, although it is being severely tested as the presidential election winds up. Obviously that all depends on your perspective, which also comes into play as to whether Mr. Bezos and Dr. Soon-Shiong had good motives or bad. Such is the world we all live in — news nerds or not.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Nov. 2, the 307th day of 2024. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today in history: On Nov. 2, 1948, in one of the most unexpected results in U.S. election history, Democratic incumbent Harry S. Truman won the presidential election against the heavily favored Republican governor of New York, Thomas E. Dewey.

Also on this date:

In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln relieved Maj. Gen. John C. Fremont of his command of the Army's Western Department, following Fremont's unauthorized efforts to emancipate slaves in Missouri.

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his Hughes H-4 Hercules, nicknamed the 'Spruce Goose,' on its one and only flight; a massive wooden seaplane with a wingspan longer than a football field, it remained airborne for 26 seconds.

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Lessons from a Congressional Run

Know why you want to vote for a candidate

Grant Bucher

I will be the first to admit, I haven't been Trump's most passionate supporter, and wouldn't identify as a loyalist today, but I am genuinely eager to cast my vote for him. And as uneventful as it may seem, I went from apathetic to enthused while sitting in traffic, staring at the massive USDA building in Washington D.C. In that moment I grasped the magnitude of our federal government, and I was awed that one man could disrupt it so completely.

I am not dismissive of allegations, convictions, and personality concerns towards Trump. If I were in the situations he's been in in life, I am confident that I would have navigated them differently. But to get a better perspective on the rhetoric that's filling the airways leading up to next week's election, we need to take a step back to 2015 and consider that Trump was an outsider who stepped into the public spotlight, on the wrong side of political correctness, challenged the political establishment…and won.

Not only in the 2016 election, but in many, many ways during his presidency. Trump's win from the outside was a win for all of us, whether or not we admire his character. In case you haven't noticed, our federal government is primarily run by individuals who have spent their lives campaigning through the ranks or spent their careers in governmental agencies.

When I ran for Congress on my first foray into politics, I encountered a few individuals who were offended that I had "gone straight to the top" without first "serving the party" and "waiting my turn." Those who weren't offended often thought I was nuts — a sentiment I couldn't fault (I add with a grin). But I had a different outlook. I didn't view it as going straight to the top, I viewed it as going straight to where I could best serve the needs of my neighbors and nation while following a very specific spiritual calling that I knew our family was uniquely prepared to fulfill, should God will it.

Having an outsider like Trump inject himself into a viscous, rotten political system exposed for each of us that this highly polished entity we had in Washington, D.C. was, at its core, a self-serving kakistocracy.

He didn't have the decades of political favors, career ending secrets, donor strings, or consultant talking points to restrain him into political norms. Instead, he broke things. He said what was on his mind, built a team of people who were great at their job, fired a lot of people who deserved it (and some who just crossed him), appointed judges who were good for the health of the nation, inspired a lot of people, enraged a lot of people, improved trade deals with other nations, maintained peace internationally, deterred illegal immigration, and my personal favorite, started to gut the regulation of agencies that are not elected by you and I. Because of it, we all experienced the quality of life that is possible when power is given back to the American people, and I am hopeful for another season of it as he summons in a Government Efficiency Commission and cuts 10 regulations for each new one.

But I recognize that our individual quality of life does not justify a leader's character for many people. And honestly, it shouldn't. If you followed our campaign, you'll recall that I ran primarily on principles, not issues. These principles are: Truth, Accountability, and Unity. I have had to do the hard work of reconciling these principles with how I plan to vote on Tuesday. When I scored each candidate against these principles, the scores were so abysmally low, I had to come up with a different metric to help me sleep well on November 5th. My new metric is: 1 over 346 million to 542.

There is 1 God who is King over all.

There are 346 million people in the United States.

And there are 542 elected officials in our Federal Government.

The first two have far more influence over the trajectory of our nation than the latter. My job this November is to do my part to put in place the 542 individuals who will best delegate authority back to the citizens of the United States while recognizing their own subordination to God. With that end in mind, my choices at the ballot box become much clearer for me.

Please don't mistake me. I do not wish to tell you how to vote. My hope is to inspire you to come up with your own reasons to be confident, not ashamed, by whom you choose to vote for. I am challenging you to not be a closet supporter of any candidate. And I even dare you to tell someone who isn't "safe" who you voted for and why to inspire the dialogue we so desperately need as a nation if we want to move from this tumultuous political season into one of peace — not peace from apathy or surrender to social slides, but of a more perfect union, with virtuous strength that is cultivated in homes and communities.

Vote by Tuesday. And may God continue to find favor with America.

Grant Bucher is a Bluffton native who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the 3rd Congressional seat in the May primary. He wrote this for the News-Banner.

Elections, voting, ballots and ... lawsuits

Mark Franke

Hoosier Opinions

It's just a few days until the election and there are already 165 lawsuits filed according to Bloomberg. The Wall Street Journal reported that the Harris campaign has 400 lawyers drafting legal documents to have ready, with 10,000 lawyers in reserve for election day deployment.

We've come to that. It seems our litigious society prefers to settle things in the courtroom rather than at the ballot box. The Supreme Court justices better gird their constitutional loins for what is no doubt headed their way.

Perhaps people are starting to believe the frequently tossed charge that [insert your most disliked politician's name here] is a threat to democracy should that candidate win a democratic election. Therein lies the root of the problem.

Our republic is founded on democratic principles which are assumed to be universally accepted. One of these assumptions is that our fellow citizens are fundamentally honest and, like us, desire a fair electoral outcome. One building block of fairness is an agreement about the rules of the game with an impartial application of these rules.

This assumption no longer holds. The integrity of elections is being challenged by both parties but for different reasons. Is the problem that too many fraudulent ballots are being counted or that too many eligible voters are being prevented from voting?

My monthly Socratic discussion group took on this issue at its October meeting. This is a group of about a dozen thinking people who choose a contemporary issue and distribute in advance a written provocation and a suggested reading list. We are expected to come prepared.

Even though we are all conservatives of one type or another, our use of the Socratic method prevents the discussion from being a simplistic echo chamber of conventional wisdom. Our assertions and assumptions are challenged by our peers in a carefully structured and moderated format.

We found common ground in developing a list of voting practices that encourage illicit ballots. Ballot harvesting topped the list. Ballots are "harvested" when states allow anyone to bring in anybody else's ballots, frequently in bulk. Twenty states have no restrictions on who can submit a mail-in ballot on behalf of a voter. In these cases it is impossible to verify a valid chain of custody, especially when public drop boxes are used.

Ballot harvesting must be the contemporary incarnation of New York City's 19th century Tammany Hall or Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's political machine in knowing how to get out the vote, one way or another.

We also discussed the issue of citizenship as a qualification for voting. If one follows the news reports on this, one might conclude it is an open question. No, it isn't . . . at least according to the website usa.gov. Citizenship is required for federal, state and most local elections. In Indiana citizenship is self-certified when a prospective voter registers. It isn't checked for native-born citizens but can be through the immigration service for naturalized citizens.

That may be the law on the books but how do election officials enforce it? If there is a national database of citizens, I am not aware of it. The only time I can recall proving citizenship was when I provided birth certificates for my children so that they could be issued Social Security numbers. There is that trust factor again, trust in the system's inherent integrity and in the basic honesty of citizens. Clearly, that trust is being challenged if all that lawyer time mentioned above is any indication.

Most of our time was spent debating a proposal by the Indiana Policy Review Foundation in its "Indiana Mandate: A Return to Founding Principles" to restrict most voting to a single day, albeit with several modifications. The day would be extended to 9 p.m. and Indiana's current absentee ballot procedure would be maintained for those who are unable to come to the polls on election day.

We did not reach consensus on this although most were in favor of single day voting with the accommodations mentioned above. I was one of the few dissenters, convinced that a limited early voting option is a realistic accommodation to the way we live our lives in the 21st century. To my way of thinking, early voting is simply a technologically advanced method of absentee voting without requiring a mail-in paper ballot for those who are capable of traveling to the polling place but not on election day proper.

The cynic in me suggests that early voting's popularity is a reaction to the weariness we all feel as campaigns inundate our mailboxes and television sets with offensive advertising in those last weeks.

But come Nov. 5, you will find me standing outside the local Baptist church at 6 a.m. waiting to vote. There is much to be valued in that ritual.

Mark Franke, an adjunct scholar of the Indiana Policy Review, is formerly an associate vice chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

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Time to Take a Devotional Break

REMEDY FOR DESPAIR

Life is filled with situations beyond our control — the weather, time, even the response of another human being towards something we may say or do. Whether disappointment at canceled plans, frustrations of an aging body, or the heartache of emotional rejection, this world can drain our souls of hope and joy.

by Martha Paxson

Although unable to put it into words, many students I have known believe that the challenges they face in school have entered their lives completely "out of the blue." Seldom does a child being reprimanded see the part their own actions or choices have played in the consequences they now face.

Adults, too, attempt to avoid the ramifications of unwise choices made in a moment of foolishness. Whether intentional or a default internal setting, it is all too easy for human beings to blame someone else for the repercussions of their actions rather than admitting their culpability.

The more we exonerate ourselves from the after-effects of our choices, the more difficult it becomes to make lasting changes to our behavior patterns. Eve began this practice when she blamed the serpent for deceiving her, while Adam ultimately accused God of giving him a wife that led him astray (Genesis 3). However, no matter the argument or excuse, man has been held accountable since that first rebellious decision.

Fortunately, David shared a tried and true method of defeating the spiritual, mental, and emotional wretchedness that befalls a sinful, human soul when he wrote, "How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!" (Psalm 32:1) Subsequent verses clarify that silent unwillingness to acknowledge our inability to meet God's demand of holiness will bring about groaning, heaviness, and diminished vitality and strength (Psalm 32:4-6). However, immediate confession of our sin to God ends our hopelessness and results in His protection and deliverance (verse 7).

Life brings many challenges that we are unable to control. Spiritual despair need not be one of them. Recognize and confess your sin, acknowledge that God alone can restore you to holiness, and then experience His joyous deliverance.

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FBI links false voter faurd video in Georgia to 'Russian influence actors'

By ERIC TUCKER and ALI SWENSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A video purporting to depict voter fraud in Georgia is fake and the work of "Russian influence actors," U.S. intelligence officials said Friday as they warned that foreign efforts to undermine faith in the integrity of next week's elections may persist long after votes have been cast.

The announcement that the video was fake represented an effort by the FBI and other federal agencies, four days before Tuesday's elections, to combat foreign disinformation by calling it out rather than letting it spread for days unchecked. It follows a similar statement last week that also attributed to Russian actors a widely circulated video falsely depicting mail-in ballots for Donald Trump being destroyed in Pennsylvania.

The 20-second video, which began circulating on the social media platform X on Thursday afternoon, shows someone who describes himself as a Haitian immigrant talking about how he's intending to vote multiple times in two Georgia counties for Vice President Kamala Harris.

He flashes several purported Georgia IDs with different names and addresses. An Associated Press analysis of the information on two of the IDs confirms it does not match any registered voters in Gwinnett or Fulton counties, the two counties he mentioned.

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Thursday night that the video is "obviously fake" and likely the product of Russian trolls "attempting to sow discord and chaos on the eve of the election."

Intelligence officials echoed that finding Friday, saying the video was manufactured by "Russian influence actors" and was part of "Moscow's broader effort to raise unfounded questions about the integrity of the U.S. election and stoke divisions among Americans."

The intelligence community expects Russia, in the days before the election and weeks and months after, "to create and release additional media content that seeks to undermine trust in the integrity of the election and divide Americans," said the joint statement from the FBI, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The post that originally popularized the video was no longer available on Friday morning, but copycat versions of the video were still being shared widely with false claims it showed election fraud.

The video in its style and method of dissemination is similar to other videos created by Storm-1516, also known as CopyCop, a known Russian disinformation network that has created several fake videos this election, according to Darren Linvill, co-director of the Media Forensics Hub at Clemson University, who has researched the group.

Also Friday, the agencies attributed to Russia a separate manufactured video falsely accusing "an individual associated with the Democratic presidential ticket of taking a bribe from a U.S. entertainer." They did not elaborate.

Musk tests money in politics with multimillion-dollar effort to back Trump

By BRIAN SLODYSKO, THOMAS BEAUMONT and TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Next week's presidential election isn't just a referendum on Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. It's also a measure of the influence the world's richest man wields over American democracy.

Elon Musk, the South African-born tech and business titan, has spent at least $119 million mobilizing Trump's supporters to back the Republican nominee. His social media platform, X, has become a firehose of pro-Trump propaganda. And he's playing a starring role in Trump-style rallies in critical battleground states.

All the while, he's coming under growing scrutiny. He skipped a hearing on Thursday in a lawsuit over his effort to dole out millions of dollars to registered voters, a giveaway legal experts liken to vote buying. He's being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. And The Wall Street Journal recently reported that Musk regularly communicates with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a potential national security risk because SpaceX, his aerospace company, holds billions of dollars worth of contracts with NASA and the Department of Defense.

Musk is hardly the only person whose megawealth places him at the nexus of politics, business and foreign policy. But few are working so publicly for a single candidate as Musk, whose expansive business ties and growing bravado pose a vexing test of one unelected person's political power. His stature is perhaps one of the most tangible consequence of the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision, which eliminated many limits on political giving.

"This is definitely an election brought to you by Citizens United," said Daniel I. Weiner, the director of elections and government at the Brennan Center for Justice, who added that the phenomenon was bigger that just Musk. "What this is really about is a transformation of our campaign finance system to one in which the wealthiest donors are playing a central role."

Musk did not respond to a request for comment made through his attorney. Tesla, his electric car company, and X did not respond to inquiries. SpaceX disputed parts of The Journal's reporting in a statement and said it continues to work in "close partnership with the U.S. Government."

Musk's recent conversion to 'Dark MAGA'

Musk's conversion to a self-described "Dark MAGA" Trump warrior is a recent one. In the past, he donated modest sums to both Republicans and Democrats, including $5,000 to Hillary Clinton in 2016, records show. He didn't contribute to Trump's political efforts until this year, according to federal campaign finance disclosures.

He was all in once he did.

Musk is now leading America PAC, a super political action committee that is spearheading Trump's get-out-the-vote effort. As a newcomer to politics, there have been growing pains.

Over the summer, America PAC struggled to reach its voter contact goals. Musk brought in a new team of political consultants, Genera Peck and Phil Cox, who worked on Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis ' losing Republican presidential primary bid.

On paper, the numbers have improved. But Republican officials, operatives and activists say in some critical places it's been difficult to tell how active the PAC's ground effort has been.

The PAC's presence is not perceptible in rural Georgia, according to three Republican strategists who are closely monitoring the ground game in the battleground state. For example, America PAC has shown little evidence of leaving literature behind on doorsteps, as is common when a voter is not home, especially in remote places, the three people said.

There are also indicators Musk, a tech innovator, has been taken advantage of at his own game. In Nevada, three other people familiar with America PAC's efforts said hired canvassers paid tech-savvy operatives to digitally manipulate an app used to track their progress — appearing to falsify their data so they could get paid for work that they did not do. Canvassers are typically paid by the number of doors that they knock on.

There are signs the practice wasn't limited to Nevada. One person warned America PAC leadership weeks ago that canvasing data from multiple states showed signs that it had been falsified, but their concerns were not acted on, according to two people with knowledge of the matter.

The individuals, like others who provided details about Musk's political operation, insisted on anonymity to discuss the matter out of fear of retribution.

Musk has become frustrated with his PAC

Musk has become frustrated with the inner workings of his political organization and has brought in private sector associates, including Steve Davis, president of the Boring company, Musk's tunnel building company, according to three people with knowledge of the move. Davis' role with America PAC was first reported by The New York Times.

A person close to the PAC disputed that the group had been taken advantage of, suggesting it was a conspiracy theory based on a poor understanding of how political canvassing works. The person insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the innerworkings of the PAC.

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House Republicans seeking documents regarding Biden's 'garbage' comment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top House Republicans called on the White House to produce all documents and internal communications regarding President Joe Biden's statement earlier this week in which he appeared to take a swipe at supporters of Donald Trump.

White House press officials altered the official transcript of Biden's statement, drawing objections from federal workers who document such remarks for posterity, according to two government officials and an internal email obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The lawmakers said they question whether the decision to create "a false transcript and manipulate or alter the accurate transcript" produced for the National Archives and Records Administration was a violation of federal law.

Rep. James Comer, the Republican chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik demanded the White House produce the records. They're also calling for the White House to make available for a briefing the top supervisor of the White House Stenography's Office.

"The White House cannot simply rewrite President Biden's rhetoric," Comer and Stefanik wrote. "...We are concerned with the latest reporting of the White House's apparent political decision to protect the Biden-Harris Administration, instead of following longstanding and proper protocols."

Biden created an uproar earlier this week with his remarks to Latino activists responding to racist comments at a Trump rally made by the comedian Tony Hinchcliffe, who referred to the U.S. island territory of Puerto Rico as a "floating island of garbage."

Biden, according to a transcript prepared by the official White House stenographers, told the Latino group on a Tuesday evening video call, "The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters — his — his demonization of Latinos is unconscionable, and it's un-American."

The transcript released by the White House press office, however, rendered the quote with an apostrophe, reading "supporter's" rather than "supporters," which aides said pointed to Biden criticizing Hinchcliffe, not the millions of Americans who are supporting Trump for president.

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Trojans end Raiders' season in sectional semifinal

By RYAN WALKER

BOURBON — The football season came to a close for Southern Wells Friday night, dropping 61-6 in the second round of the sectional.

The IHSAA's draw gave the Raiders (0-10) a first-round bye and rewarded them with a long road trip that came up short to a stout Triton Trojans' (8-3) team.

Southern Wells was outdone by size, strength, speed and roster numbers as it has been most of this season. Triton jumped out to an early 21-0 lead after two interceptions and a fumble stalled decent drives from head coach Blake Blaker's unit.

The Raiders received the opening kick and went eight plays, converted two fourth down plays and quarterback Trey Slusher looked sharp. But it was the end of the Raiders' biggest play of the opening drive from Slusher to Leeland Goodnight, who was stripped of the ball and turned it over.

The Trojans took 23 seconds to score on three plays, capping it off on a 31-yard score by Vincent Prater.

Unfortunately, Southern Wells' drives were identical to the first.

Slusher tried to hit a man deep but was picked off for the first time of the night, and two plays later, the Trojans found the pot of gold in the endzone.

The next drive, Slusher hit receiver Levi Blake on a deep seam route on the far right sideline for 27 yards. Slusher then got another three yards on a throw to Clayton Peterson.

On third and seven from their own 46-yard line, Lyrik Maddox took the ball on what was going to be a reverse, then threw the ball down the field for a trick play that was picked off. Again, it led to another Trojan score.

"Physically, they were just better than us," Blaker said. "I'd challenge anybody — go watch the film. We had guys in position, we just can't make the plays because we're just physically not there. In high school football, you can have the best X's and O's, but Jimmy's and Joe's are what win you the game, and (Triton's) Jimmy's and Joe's are just across the board — they're just stronger and faster."

Offensive rhythm was hard to come by in the second quarter for Southern Wells, falling short on four drives with two punts and another interception. They gained just seven yards in the quarter compared to Triton's 128 rushing yards on the ground.

The Trojans put together a 27-point second quarter to lift themselves to a 48-0 march with a running clock in the second half.

The Raiders picked up some steam again in the second half.

Slusher used his arm strength to get a 13-yard strike to Peterson on the first possession of the third quarter, thanks to the defense getting a four-and-out stop.

On a later play, wide receiver Joshua Aulbach cut to his right about 10 yards across the field. Slusher hit him right in the chest and Aulbach turned on the jets to the endzone for a touchdown, Raiders for 33 yards for their only points of the night. Aulbach missed the kick, although with a booming arch over the top of the goalposts.

Blaker felt good about the drives his team had throughout the night, and getting into the endzone was a pleasure, but he certainly thought it should have happened before that.

"Yeah, it felt great to get him a score. It felt great not to get shut out. But we should have been doing that all night," Blaker said. "But we were getting the same looks. We were getting the same things, we just weren't executing."

Triton piled on an extra 13 points in the second half and clinched its spot in the sectional final next week at home against North Miami (9-2).

With the loss, the Raiders went 0-10 in Blaker's first year. The roster numbers went down from last season and the team was not able to retain several senior players from last season.

His offense was implemented and received well by the players, showing signs of improvement in the passing game with Slusher and receivers like Aulbach, Blake, Goodnight and Peterson, who all return next season. But his message was clear after Friday night: his players have to hit the weight room and recruit more athletes to the gridiron to change the culture.

"That's going to be a big thing for us in the off-season," Blaker said. "We have to live and die in the weight room and we've got to be committed. If we have 30 guys on our team, it's got to be 20-25 guys in the weight room. If we only have seven guys in the weight room, we're going to be right back in the same spot next year. It's going to take a lot of commitment and a lot of sacrifice, but that's what we have to do."

The Raiders graduate Bryson Williams, Jackson Collins and Quinten Darling. Darling got a handoff at the end of the game and picked up positive yards to end the season.

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Southern Wells' Levi Blake (left) turns up field as teammate Joshua Aulbach (right) tries to maintain a block on a Triton defender in the first half of Friday night's sectional game in Bourbon. The Raiders fell 62-6 to end their season. (Photos by Chad Kline)

Raiders' receiver Joshua Aulbach (middle) secures the ball as he turns up field following a reception in the first half.

TRITON 61, SOUTHERN WELLS 6
At Triton
Score By Quarters

S. Wells	0	0	6	0	— 6
Triton	21	27	7	6	— 61

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

T—Vincent Prater 31-yard run (Dante Workman kick), 8:02.
T—Workman 18-yard run (Workman kick), 7:07.
T—Ben McFarland20-yard pass to Prater (Workman kick), 2:17.

Second Quarter

T—Ayden Overmyer 35-yard run (Workman kick), 11:05.
T—McFarland 14-yard pass to Tanner Witt-Hoto (Kick failed), 9:26.
T—Overmyer 61-yard run (McFarland kick), 8:11.
T—McFarland one-yard pass to Jaxen Earl (McFarland kick), 3:54.

Third Quarter

SW—Trey Slusher 33-yard pass to Joshua Aulbach (kick failed), 3:38.
T—Ryder Gayheart 17-yard run (McFarland kick), 0:50.

Fourth Quarter

T—Gayheart one-yard run (kick failed), 0:13.

Team Statistics

	SW	TR
First Downs	9	17
Rushes-Yards	19-42	23-340
Yards Passing	112	59
Passing (C-A-I)	13-23-3	5-7-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	2-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Average	2-21	0-00
Time of Possession	27:50	21:04

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Southern Wells: Trey Slusher 8-40, Levi Blake 3-5, Quinten Darling 1-5, Robby Freimuth 1-4, Leeland Goodnight 2-1, Lyrik Maddox 2-(-11). Triton: Jayden Overmyer 7-156, Vincent Prater 5-82, Ryder Gayheart 4-40, Dante Workman 2-24, Jadyn Prater 3-10, Cayden Bradley 3-12, Connor Stetzel 2-2, Gavin Riffle 1-(-3).
Passing: Southern Wells: Trey Slusher 13-22-2 112, Lyrik Maddox 0-1-1 0. Triton: Ben McFarland 4-5-0 37, Gage Riffle 1-1-0 22, Cayden Bradley 0-1-0 0.
Receiving: Southern Wells: Joshua Aulbach 4-48, Levi Blake 3-43, Clayton Peterson 4-15, Leeland Goodnight 1-10.Triton: Gavin Riffle 1-22, Vincent Prater 1-20, Tanner Witt-Hoto 2-16, Jaxen Earl 1-1.

Indiana hires Stephanie White as coach to lead Caitlin Clark and the Fever

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Fever hired Stephanie White as coach on Friday, putting her in charge of a team led by WNBA Rookie of the Year Caitlin Clark.

White spent the past two seasons as head coach of the Connecticut Sun before parting ways with the team earlier this week.

The former star at Purdue served on the Fever coaching staff from 2011-16, including as head coach for the final two of those seasons. The Fever won the WNBA title in 2012 with White on the staff.

"I am incredibly proud and honored to return home to Indiana and lead the Fever during such a pivotal moment in this franchise's history, as well as during such an important time throughout women's athletics," White said in a statement. "This franchise has and always will be committed to winning and I look forward to working every day to help deliver another WNBA title to the greatest basketball fans in the world."

White replaces Christie Sides, who led the Fever to a 20-20 record last season and the franchise's first playoff berth since 2016. The organization announced it was moving on from Sides, who was the head coach for two seasons before being let go last Sunday.

Indiana is the first of seven head coaching vacancies in the league to be filled.

"As we enter this new era of Fever basketball, I am thrilled to welcome Stephanie back to the franchise," Fever president of basketball operations Kelly Krauskopf said. "Stephanie is a part of the fabric of this franchise, both as a former player and as a member of our championship coaching staff."

High School Calendar

SATURDAY, NOV 2
CROSS COUNTRY (co-ed): (state finals) Bluffton at LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course, 12 p.m. for girls, 2:30 p.m. for boys.

MONDAY, NOV 4
No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, NOV 5
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Norwell at Tippecanoe Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Northfield, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 6
No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, NOV 7
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Southern Wells at Cowan, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV 8
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Cathedral at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV 9
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Canterbury at Bluffton, 7:30 p.m.; Warsaw at Norwell, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Wells at Union City, 7:30 p.m.

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Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 48, Ft. Wayne Northrop 18
Ft. Wayne Snider 14, Elkhart 7
Section 3
Westfield 49, Lafayette Harrison 0
Zionsville 29, Carmel 28
Section 4
Fishers 31, Noblesville 21
Hamilton Southeastern 20, Homestead 14
Section 5
Brownsburg 21, Avon 13
Indpls Ben Davis 34, Indpls Pike 24
Section 6
Indpls Cathedral 36, Indpls N. Central 0
Lawrence North 40, Lawrence Central 9
Section 7
Indpls Perry Meridian 42, Southport 12
Warren Central 39, Indpls Tech 0
Section 8
Center Grove 72, Jeffersonville 7
Franklin Central 21, Columbus North 17

Class 5A

Section 9
Hammond Morton 35, Munster 20
Merrillville 63, Hammond Central 6
Section 10
Chesterton 28, Michigan City 21, OT
Valparaiso 35, LaPorte 7
Section 11
Concord 35, Ft. Wayne North 21
Warsaw 52, Goshen 7
Section 12
Kokomo 28, McCutcheon 21
Lafayette Jeff 62, S. Bend Adams 7
Section 13
Decatur Central 28, Whiteland 14
Plainfield 63, Anderson 8
Section 14
E. Central 35, Seymour 0
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Castle 35, Floyd Central 21
Evansville North 42, New Albany 7

Class 4A

Section 17
Hanover Central 42, Kankakee Valley 14
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Batesville 28, Franklin Co. 21
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Section 32
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Heritage Hills 34, Vincennes 14

Class 2A

Section 33
Andrean 19, Wheeler 0
Bremen 38, Rensselaer 7
Section 34
Lafayette Central Catholic High School 28, Western Boone 20
N. Montgomery 48, Cass 47
Section 35
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Section 36
Eastern (Greentown) 28, Rochester 24
Tipton 21, Alexandria 0
Section 37
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Monrovia 42, Covenant Christian High School 0
Section 38
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Triton Central 24, Shenandoah 0
Section 39
Greencastle 50, Brown Co. 24
Linton 38, S. Vermillion 6
Section 40
Brownstown 48, Paoli 25
Tell City 30, Salem 16

Class 1A

Section 41
LaVille 49, N. Newton 0
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Section 42
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Taylor 32, Tri-County 6
Section 43
N. Miami 35, Fremont 7
Triton 61, Southern Wells 6
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New England	2	6	0	.250	124	197
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	6	3	0	.667	201	200
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.500	175	172
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	172	224
Tennessee	1	6	0	.143	120	196
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	187	119
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	242	209
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	195	203
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	138	186
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	7	0	0	1.000	173	123
Denver	5	3	0	.625	173	120
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	132	91
Las Vegas	2	6	0	.250	144	210

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	2	0	.750	236	167
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	171	132
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	150	198
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	117	175
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	194	195
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	235	213
New Orleans	2	6	0	.250	185	206
Carolina	1	7	0	.125	124	271
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Detroit	6	1	0	.857	234	134
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750	216	170
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	188	137
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	163	119
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	178	205
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	210	182
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	190	195
L.A. Rams	3	4	0	.429	144	174

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Jets 21, Houston 13

Sunday's Games
Dallas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Pittsburgh, San Francisco

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10
N.Y. Giants vs Carolina at Munich, DEU, 9:30 a.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Cleveland, Las Vegas, Green Bay, Seattle

Monday, Nov. 11
Miami at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	—
New York	3	2	.600	1½
Brooklyn	3	3	.500	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	3
Toronto	1	5	.167	4
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Orlando	3	3	.500	—
Miami	2	2	.500	—
Washington	2	2	.500	—
Charlotte	2	3	.400	½
Atlanta	2	4	.333	1
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	6	0	1.000	—
Chicago	3	3	.500	3
Indiana	2	4	.333	4
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	4½
Detroit	1	5	.167	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	2	.600	—
Dallas	3	2	.600	—
Memphis	3	3	.500	½
New Orleans	3	3	.500	½
San Antonio	2	3	.400	1
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	5	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	3	2	.600	2
Denver	2	3	.400	3
Portland	2	4	.333	3½
Utah	0	5	.000	5
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Phoenix	4	1	.800	—
Golden State	4	1	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	4	2	.667	½
Sacramento	3	2	.600	1
L.A. Clippers	2	3	.400	2

Thursday's Games
Memphis 122, Milwaukee 99
Houston 108, Dallas 102
San Antonio 106, Utah 88
Phoenix 125, L.A. Clippers 119

Friday's Games
New York 128, Detroit 98
Boston 124, Charlotte 109
Cleveland 120, Orlando 109
Brooklyn 120, Chicago 112
Sacramento 123, Atlanta 115
L.A. Lakers 131, Toronto 125
New Orleans 125, Indiana 118
Minnesota 119, Denver 116
Oklahoma City 137, Portland 114

Saturday's Games
Boston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Washington vs Miami, 9:30 p.m., Mexico City
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:45 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 8:15 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8:45 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Oklahoma City, 9:15 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 9:45 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 10:15 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	12	8	3	1	17	44	39
Tampa Bay	11	7	4	0	14	42	33
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13	36	33
Ottawa	10	5	5	0	10	39	33
Detroit	10	4	5	1	9	27	34
Buffalo	11	4	6	1	9	35	40
Montreal	11	4	6	1	9	32	47
Boston	11	4	6	1	9	29	42
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
New Jersey	14	7	5	2	16	50	42
N.Y. Rangers	10	7	2	1	15	39	22
Washington	9	7	2	0	14	37	27
Carolina	9	7	2	0	14	35	21
Columbus	10	5	4	1	11	37	31
N.Y. Islanders	11	4	5	2	10	26	32
Philadelphia	11	4	6	1	9	31	41
Pittsburgh	12	4	7	1	9	35	49

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	11	10	1	0	20	52	26
Minnesota	10	7	1	2	16	39	27
Dallas	10	7	3	0	14	33	23
Utah	11	5	4	2	12	34	38
Colorado	11	5	6	0	10	38	46
St. Louis	11	5	6	0	10	28	36
Nashville	10	3	6	1	7	24	36
Chicago	11	3	7	1	7	29	36
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	11	7	3	1	15	50	34
Los Angeles	11	6	3	2	14	36	36
Calgary	11	6	4	1	13	33	34
Vancouver	9	4	2	3	11	27	31
Edmonton	11	5	5	1	11	27	36
Seattle	11	5	5	1	11	37	34
Anaheim	10	4	4	2	10	22	27
San Jose	12	3	7	2	8	30	47

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 1
Toronto 4, Seattle 1
Pittsburgh 2, Anaheim 1, OT
Carolina 8, Boston 2
Washington 6, Montreal 3
Edmonton 5, Nashville 1
San Jose 3, Chicago 2

Friday's Games
Florida 6, Dallas 4
Winnipeg 6, Columbus 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, Ottawa 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Buffalo 3
Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 3
Calgary 3, New Jersey 0

Saturday's Games
Dallas vs. Florida at Nokia Arena, 12 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Utah at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 5 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

Williamson has 34 pts, leads Pelicans past Pacers

By BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Zion Williamson had 34 points and 10 assists, Brandon Ingram added 26 points and the New Orleans Pelicans snapped a three-game skid with a 125-118 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Friday night.

Jordan Hawkins scored 23 points for New Orleans and reserve Brandon Boston Jr. added 14 points.

Ben Sheppard hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 points for Indiana, which led by 13 points in the first half but lost two players to injuries.

Nesmith was leading the Pacers with 12 points when he left with a left ankle sprain in the first half. Center Isaiah Jackson, who had six points and eight rebounds, was helped off the court with an apparent right leg injury in the fourth quarter.

Bennedict Mathurin scored 19 points for Indiana. Pascal Siakam had 16 points, and Tyrese Haliburton had 11 points and 11 assists.

KEY MOMENT

Siakam was called for offensive foul, wiping out a fast-break basket for the lead, and coach Rick Carlisle was called for a technical foul. Ingram made the technical free throw and hit a jumper after that to give New Orleans a 109-105 lead with 4:51 to go.

UP NEXT

The Pacers visit Dallas on Monday night. The Pelicans host Atlanta on Sunday night.

Cavaliers improve to 6-0 with win vs. Magic

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

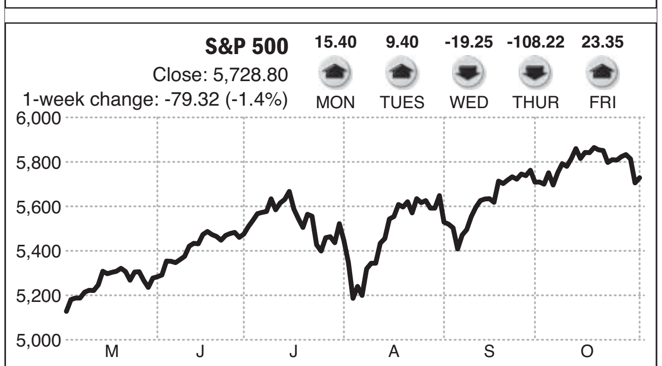
CLEVELAND (AP) — Darius Garland scored 25 points, Donovan Mitchell added 22 and the Cleveland Cavaliers improved to 6-0 with a 120-109 victory Friday night over the Orlando Magic, who played their first game without injured All-Star Paolo Banchero.

The Cavs are the only unbeaten team in the Eastern Conference. The last time Cleveland started 6-0 was in 2016 with LeBron James. The club's best start was 8-0 in 1976.

The early meeting between Orlando and Cleveland was a rematch of last season's tense opening-round playoff series won by the Cavs in seven games.

The Week in Review

Weekly Dow Jones and S&P 500



Stock Market Indexes

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
43,325.09	32,537.54	Dow Jones Industrials	42,052.19	-62.21	-.15	+11.58	+23.46
16,671.23	13,587.49	Dow Jones Transportation	16,351.33	+247.14	+1.53	+2.85	+12.67
1,074.31	808.77	Dow Jones Utilities	1,019.02	-27.97	-2.67	+15.58	+18.48
19,905.65	14,675.78	NYSE Composite	19,253.54	-202.73	-1.04	+14.24	+24.42
18,785.47	12,691.64	Nasdaq Composite	18,239.92	-278.69	-1.50	+21.51	+35.33
5,878.46	4,132.94	S&P 500	5,728.80	-79.32	-1.37	+20.10	+31.44
3,204.68	2,324.98	S&P MidCap	3,102.85	-4.66	-.15	+11.55	+25.20
1,464.59	1,067.67	S&P SmallCap	1,389.31	-1.36	-.10	+5.39	+20.98
58,895.59	41,300.79	Wilshire 5000	57,410.47	-669.95	-1.15	+18.87	+31.10
2,300.00	1,635.41	Russell 2000	2,210.13	+2.14	+.10	+9.03	+25.53

Stock Exchange Highlights

NYSE Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ProtoLabs	38.00	+11.29	+42.3
Reddit	112.98	+31.62	+38.9
FiverrIntl	30.19	+7.76	+34.6
Lemonade	24.15	+5.72	+31.0
Cang Inc	2.85	+.63	+28.4
PaycomSft	210.65	+46.02	+28.0
Unisys	7.19	+1.54	+27.3
VF Corp	21.05	+4.32	+25.8
Ingevity	42.00	+8.35	+24.8
QuadGrph	6.36	+1.25	+24.5

NYSE Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContainSt rs	4.50	-5.07	-53.0
MDU Res	15.10	-13.68	-47.5
CVR Engy	15.97	-7.78	-32.8
SeacrMar	6.17	-2.56	-29.3
Enviri	7.27	-2.75	-27.4
JansIntl	7.35	-2.66	-26.6
HuntgtnIng	189.23	-64.60	-25.5
Stonerdg	6.89	-2.23	-24.5
EsteeLdr	66.58	-20.67	-23.7
DanaInc	7.91	-2.23	-22.0

NYSE Actives ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FordM	4215090	10.22	-.85
NIO	3245693	5.10	-.16
SnapInc A	3126127	12.53	+2.08
Pfizer	2827984	28.09	-.36
AT&T Inc	1965845	22.12	+.29
Boeing	1863024	154.59	-.42
Palantir	1781236	41.92	-2.94
Vale SA	1609446	10.60	-.28
Nu Hldg	1541876	14.34	-.60
BkofAm	1502650	41.76	-.13

Nasdaq Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VastRenw n	4.80	+3.90	+433.3
Root A	71.01	+33.20	+87.8
Triller	4.28	+1.98	+86.1
MontRosa	8.90	+4.01	+82.0
MaxeonS rs	10.33	+4.62	+80.9
RgnclIBio	8.09	+3.44	+74.0
PorchGr	2.21	+.93	+72.7
ChromaDx	5.86	+2.39	+68.9
Eshallgo A n	3.65	+1.32	+56.7
EledonPh	5.30	+1.91	+56.3

Nasdaq Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SupMicC s	26.05	-21.22	-44.9
TMT Acq un	7.30	-5.10	-41.1
Phunware	6.74	-3.86	-36.4
NovaMine n	2.24	-1.27	-36.3
HomeStreet	9.07	-5.01	-35.6
TransMed	82.40	-42.77	-34.2
ATN Intl	20.55	-10.49	-33.8
Anaptys	21.68	-10.35	-32.3
XCHG Ltd n	18.97	-9.03	-32.3
AnikaTh	16.53	-7.79	-32.0

Nasdaq Actives ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nvidia s	9740731	135.40	-6.14
Trump	5668662	30.56	-8.39
SupMicC s	5284355	26.05	-21.22
Intel	4631572	23.20	+.52
SoFiTech	4288827	11.04	+.05
Tesla	3643264	248.98	-20.21
AMD	2814599	141.86	-14.37
Amazon	2747038	197.93	+10.10
LucidGrp	2581641	2.20	-.30
Apple Inc s	2460193	222.91	-8.50

Stocks of Local Interest

Name	Div	Last	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg
AFLAC	2.00	104.71	-5.04	-4.6	+26.9
AT&T Inc	1.11	22.12	+.29	+1.3	+31.8
AMD	1.60	141.86	-14.37	-9.2	-3.8
Alphabt A	.80	171.29	+6.02	+3.6	+22.6
Amazon	...	197.93	+10.10	+5.4	+30.3
AEP	3.72	97.25	-.94	-1.0	+19.7
Apple Inc s	1.00	222.91	-8.50	-3.7	+15.8
ApldMatl	1.60	183.38	-3.14	-1.7	+13.1
AthiraPh	...	.61	+.14	+29.5	-75.1
BP PLC	1.74	29.23	-2.29	-7.3	-17.4
BrMySq	2.40	54.32	+2.40	+4.6	+5.9
CampSp	1.48	46.33	-.74	-1.6	+7.2
Caterpillar	5.64	379.63	-6.34	-1.6	+28.4
Chevron	6.52	153.07	+2.26	+1.5	+2.6
Cisco	1.60	55.50	-.24	-0.4	+9.9
Citigroup	2.24	63.71	+1.95	+3.2	+23.9
CocaCola	1.94	65.01	-1.91	-2.9	+10.3
DxSOXBr rs	...	22.43	+2.25	+11.1	...
DirSPBr	...	6.82	+.28	+4.3	-41.0
DxSOXBl	...	30.83	-4.45	-12.6	-1.8
Disney	.30	95.81	+.78	+0.8	+6.1
Eaton	3.76	335.00	-9.49	-2.8	+39.1
Elevai n	...	.03	-.07	-71.3	-98.4
EliLilly	5.20	818.93	-73.77	-8.3	+40.5
EnsyscBi	...	.65	+.30	+83.6	-38.7
ExxonMbl	3.80	114.95	-4.54	-3.8	+15.0
FordM	.60	10.22	-.85	-7.7	-16.2
FrankElec	1.00	97.50	-4.10	-4.0	+.9
FrptMcM	.30	45.59	-1.01	-2.2	+7.1
GE Aero	1.12	171.70	-7.40	-4.1	+68.7
Globalstar	...	1.38	+.35	+34.0	-28.9
GlycoMim	...	.38	+.21	+121.4	-83.8
HP Inc	1.02	36.28	-.60	-1.6	+20.6
HomeDp	9.00	392.59	-6.32	-1.6	+13.3
iSh20 yrT	3.05	90.84	-1.30	-1.4	-8.1
Intel	.50	23.20	+.52	+2.3	-53.8
IBM	6.64	208.25	-6.42	-3.0	+27.3
Kroger	1.28	56.57	-.80	-1.4	+23.8
Lilium	...	.10	-.05	-34.2	-91.7
LincNat	1.80	33.52	+1.50	+4.7	+24.3
Lowes	4.60	261.94	-5.70	-2.1	+17.7
LucidGrp	...	2.20	-.30	-12.0	-47.7
LuminrTc A	...	.80	-.02	-2.5	-76.4
LuxUrban	...	.04	-.01	-25.0	-99.3
MARA Hldg	...	16.11	-.95	-5.6	-31.4
McDnlds	7.08	295.21	+2.60	+0.9	-.4
Microsoft	3.32	410.37	-17.78	-4.2	+9.1
NIO	...	5.10	-.16	-3.0	-43.8
NL Inds	.32	7.72	-.04	-0.5	+37.6
NiSource	1.06	34.49	-.06	-0.2	+29.9
NorflkSo	5.40	250.09	+.35	+0.1	+5.8
Nucor	2.16	143.56	+2.09	+1.5	-17.5
Nvidia s	.04	135.40	-6.14	-4.3	+173.4
PelotnIntr	...	7.25	+.97	+15.4	+19.0
PepsiCo	5.42	165.59	-6.20	-3.6	-2.5
Pfizer	1.68	28.09	-.36	-1.3	-2.4
PlugPowr h	...	2.09	-.06	-2.8	-53.6
PrUltPQ	...	70.93	-3.81	-5.1	+39.9
PShtQQQ	...	7.44	+.33	+4.6	-44.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98	420.42	-.72	-0.2	+11.6
S&P500ETF	4.13	571.04	-8.00	-1.4	+20.1
SnapInc A	...	12.53	+2.08	+19.9	-26.0
SoFiTech	...	11.04	+.05	+0.5	+11.0
Solidion	...	.43	+.07	+18.1	-94.4
SRIVARU n	...	.03	-.05	-66.2	-93.0
StlDynam	1.84	133.65	+4.07	+3.1	+13.2
SupMicC s	...	26.05	-21.22	-44.9	-8.4
Tesla	...	248.98	-20.21	-7.5	+.2
TopWlth n	...	.48	-.06	-11.5	-75.4
Trump	...	30.56	-8.39	-21.5	+74.6
VCI Glbl	...	.06	-.02	-26.5	-97.3
VerizonCm	2.71	41.36	-.02	...	+9.7
WalMart s	.83	82.19	-.32	-0.4	+56.4
WalgBoots	1.00	9.46	+.20	+2.2	-63.8
WsteMInc	3.00	213.99	+7.19	+3.5	+19.5
WellsFargo	1.60	64.68	+.15	+0.2	+31.4

Money Rates

	Last	Pvs Day
Prime Rate	8.00	8.00
Discount Rate	5.50	5.50
Federal Funds Rate	4.83	4.83
Treasuries		
1-year	4.28	4.27
2-year	4.21	4.18
5-year	4.22	4.15
10-year	4.38	4.29
30-year	4.58	4.48

Currencies

	Last	Pvs Day
Australia	1.5244	1.5208
Britain	1.2927	1.2883
Canada	1.3951	1.3908
Euro	.9226	.9199
Japan	152.98	152.07
Mexico	20.2610	20.0172
Switzerlnd	.8704	.8641

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

Mutual Funds

Name	Obj	Total Assets ($Mlns)	NAV	Total Return/Rank 4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	MA	110,677	35.91	-0.9	+25.4/A	+8.6/B	5.75
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	FG	20,953	57.99	-3.2	+22.2/D	+5.4/C	5.75
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	LB	75,832	85.29	+0.4	+38.2/A	+13.7/C	5.75
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	LG	147,463	77.76	+1.0	+43.5/B	+15.5/C	5.75
American Funds IncAmrcA m	AL	79,649	25.66	-1.1	+23.0/D	+7.5/D	5.75
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	LB	93,130	60.57	+0.2	+38.9/A	+15.1/B	5.75
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	WG	62,933	64.57	-1.4	+31.7/C	+12.2/B	5.75
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	LB	89,085	63.57	-0.9	+31.5/D	+12.9/D	5.75
Davis NYVentureA m	LB	4,797	29.09	+0.6	+36.1/C	+10.9/E	4.75
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	LB	592,668	199.10	+0.4	+37.1/B	+15.1/B	NL
Fidelity Contrafund	LG	136,160	21.16	+1.0	+45.8/B	+18.2/A	NL
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	LB	100,613	158.13	+0.7	+37.2/B	+14.4/C	NL
Fidelity Advisor EquityGrowthA m	LG	2,548	21.70	+1.2	+45.4/B	+19.5/A	5.75
Fidelity Advisor GrowthOppsA m	LG	4,690	169.02	+3.1	+55.1/A	+18.9/A	5.75
George Putnam BalA m	MA	1,454	26.13	-0.9	+27.4/A	+9.6/A	5.75
INVESCO MnStrA m	LB	9,496	60.57	+0.9	+37.6/B	+13.0/D	5.50
PIMCO IncInstl	MU	100,469	10.53	-1.6	+12.3	+3.1	NL
Putnam DiversIncA m	NT	528	5.49	-1.4	+12.6/A	+0.3/D	4.00
Putnam SustLeadersA m	LG	6,130	132.61	-0.5	+39.4/D	+15.0/C	5.75
Putnam TEIncA m	ML	531	7.82	-2.0	+13.1/B	+1.0/C	4.00
Schwab SP500Idx	LB	104,575	88.77	-0.9	+38.0	+15.2	NL
Thornburg IntermMnA m	MI	260	13.18	-1.2	+8.1	+1.1	2.00
Thornburg LtdTrmUSGvtA m	GS	38	11.90	-1.9	+7.9	0.0	2.25
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	LB	552,765	529.06	+0.4	+37.1/B	+15.1/B	NL
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	LG	84,020	198.69	+1.9	+42.9/B	+18.3/A	NL
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	MI	73,965	13.59	-1.5	+8.9/C	+1.4/A	NL
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	LB	73,257	177.80	-1.2	+28.9/E	+13.6/C	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	TG	78,754	20.03	-1.8	+20.1/B	+6.2/B	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	TH	99,058	39.08	-1.8	+22.4/B	+7.1/B	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	TI	104,179	24.61	-1.7	+24.1/D	+7.9/D	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	TJ	93,114	44.12	-2.2	+26.8	+8.9	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	TK	91,013	30.20	-1.5	+27.5/E	+9.6/C	NL
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	TN	77,440	50.67	-2.3	+29.6	+10.0	NL
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	CI	102,378	9.56	-3.1	+9.0/D	-0.3/C	NL
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	FB	79,665	33.27	-4.2	+22.6/B	+5.9/C	NL
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	FB	214,437	19.89	-4.2	+22.5/B	+5.8/C	NL
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	LB	401,694	137.39	+0.6	+37.1/B	+14.4/C	NL
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	MA	100,407	79.04	-0.7	+23.7/B	+8.5/B	NL

CA -Conservative Allocation, CI -Intermediate-Term Bond, FB -Foreign Large Blend, GS -Short Government, IB -World Bond, IH -World Allocation, LB -Large Blend, LG -Large Growth, LV -Large Value, MA -Moderate Allocation, MI -Muni National Intermediate, ML -Muni National Long, NT -Nontraditional Bond, WS -World Stock, Total Return: Chng in NAV with dividends reinvested. Rank: How fund performed vs. others with same objective: A is in top 20%, E in bottom 20%. **Source:** Morningstar.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 1 to 3 p.m., 1009 Summit Ave., Bluffton. Immaculate 1,912 sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch home situated on a spacious corner lot in Riverview addition. Quartz countertops, fireplace, and all appliances stay. Enjoy the large new patio and fire pit area, perfect for entertaining. $274,000. Call 260-820-3982, Kent Lesh, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, for early showings. This is a Must -See!

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COMMUNITY SOUP & sandwich meal Sat., Nov. 9, 4:30-7 p.m., Ossian United Methodist Church, 201 W. Mill Street. Menu: chili soup, potato soup, vegetable soup, hot dog, sloppy Joe, sweet treat. Free will offering. Proceeds to women's missions.

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Lottery Numbers

Friday's Drawings

HOOSIER LOTTERY

Cash 5 — 14-22-37-41-42

Cash4Life — 01-11-21-35-49, Cash Ball: 03

Quick Draw Midday — 01-03-04-05-08-10-15-18-22-25-27-31-42-43-45-48-49-55-56-78, BE: 49

Daily Three-Midday — 05-02-00, SB: 04

Daily Three-Evening — 06-01-01, SB: 05

Daily Four-Midday — 02-04-05-04, SB: 04

Daily Four-Evening — 00-09-02-00, SB: 05

Quick Draw Evening — 02-03-07-15-16-19-21-27-29-35-37-44-46-58-60-62-63-64-67-80, BE: 44

Hoosier Lotto — Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): $27.5 million

MEGA MILLIONS

11-22-42-46-51, Mega Ball: 04, Megaplier: 2X

POWERBALL

Estimated jackpot (for Saturday): $54 million

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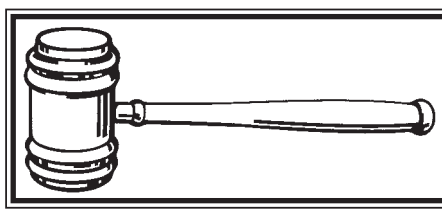

Public Sale Calendar

NOVEMBER 3-10 - (Online Only) - Estate of Elizabeth (Carter) Aeschliman & others, seller. Ladies diamond wedding ring, ladies diamond cluster fashion ring, ladies diamond earrings, Sapphire necklace w/matching earrings, costume jewelry, Howard Miller china cabinet, quality cherry finish china cabinet, 2019 GE window style air conditioner, collectibles, glassware, vintage silverplate flatware sets, numerous collections of marbles, Anri Italy wood carved figurines, home decor, holiday decorations, household. Open house Nov. 7, 3-6 p.m., 117 W. Craig St., Ossian. Sale managers Bobby Perry, 260-273-7260, Patrick Carter, 260-273-8294, *The Steffen Group*, www.steffengrp.com, 260-824-3006.

BIDDING CLOSES NOVEMBER 12 - 6 p.m. Al Grogg's Custom Exhaust Shop, seller. Harley Davidson fully custom Roadster, dirt track race car, paved track race car, Lingenfelter 9:1 racing engine, race car parts, tool cabinets, racing suspension parts, engines, quick change rear end, fuel cells, Snap-On collector clocks, frame straightener, Simplicity 7117 tractor w/ snow blower and weights, Simplicity 4211 hydrostatic, valve grinder, 3 wheel electric convalescent trike (nearly new), tools, vintage auto scanners, oscilloscope, radio and TV signal generators, engine hoists, box grader, race car frame, boat trailer, commemorative clocks, torch sets, more. Full list at Town-countryauctions.com, click Fliers. Preview 1441 W. Lancaster St., Bluffton, daily until auction closes, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-noon, or by appointment, 260-824-4835. Pick up noon-7 p.m. Nov. 14. *Town and Country Auctioneers/Realtors*, 260-223-7352, *Shaw Real Estate & Auction, Inc.*, 260-824-2116.

NOVEMBER 13 - 6:30 p.m. ET - (Live and online) - Gary and Jennifer Weilbaker, farm. American Legion, 118 N. Broadway Street, Butler. Property location: Along and/or near CR 26 and CR 79 in Troy Twp. (Tract 1, North Part Tract 2) and Stafford Twp. (Tracts 2-4). Tracts 5-6 located near CR 20 and CR 27 in Smithfield Township. Adjoining tracts, road access, tile outlets, 264.651+/- acres, 6 tracts, DeKalb Co. Jon Rosen, 260-740-1846, Neal Wolheter, 260-336-2219, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, halderman.com, 800-424-2324.

NOVEMBER 14 - 6 p.m. - Becher Family Farms LLC, sellers. Auction location: Adams Co. 4H Expo Hall, 160 W. Washington St., Monroe, IN. Four tracts, Washington Township, Adams County. Tract 1: 82.88 acres, County Rd. 200 West, Sec 18. Tract 2: 80.2 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 8. Tract 3: 35.05 acres, County Rd. 450 North, Sec 9. Tract 4: 39.97 acres, County Rd. 400 North, Sec 9. *Heartland Auction & Realty, Inc.*, heartlandauctionrealty.com, 260-724-3499.

SOFT CLOSE STARTS NOVEMBER 17 - 6 p.m. - Herman Family farm & Elite Tooling, owner. Online real estate auction. 47+/- acres, log home, machine shop, dog kennel, 2 ponds, CNC lathes, mill, machinist tools, Ferris mower, mowers, skid loader, 1960 Harley Davidson topper. Open house Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m. *Green Auction*, SoldonGreen.com, 260-589-8474.

NOVEMBER 25 - 6 p.m. - Christopher & Kellie Pierce, owner. Held at Krueckeberg Auction Complex, 815 Adams Street, Decatur. Real estate & land auction! Tract 1: 2 bed, 1 bath, 948 sq. foot home, full basement, 40'x90' bank barn, 30'x20' barn, grain bin, wooded, tillable, 6.5+/- acres. Tract 2: 4+/- acres tillable frontage on Hoagland Rd. Tract 3: 4+/- acres tillable frontage on SR 101 & Hoagland Rd. Tract 4: 42.5+/- acres tillable frontage on SR 101 & Hoagland Rd. To be sold in individual tracts or any combinations. Open House Nov. 11, 5-6 p.m., 21015 Hoagland Rd., Monroeville, IN. *Krueckeberg Auction & Realty LLC*, 260-724-7402, Kjauction.com.

DECEMBER 3 - Starts at 6 p.m. - Blackford Golf Club (Lort Services, Inc.), owner. Held at Blackford County Fairgrounds, Hartford City, IN. Online bidding available. 105+/- acres offered in 7 tracts or any combination. Currently a golf course, potential farmland, recreational land, development potential, personal property available, Blackford Co. Inspections Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Nov. 19, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., 1605 W. Water St., Hartford City. Auction mgr. Al Pfister, 260-760-8922, *Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.*, schraderauction.com, 800-451-2709.

DECEMBER 9 - 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. ET - (Online) - Crandall Farm, seller. Property location: Two miles northeast of Gas, IN, near intersection of E 300 S and S 550 E, Mill Township, Grant County. 81.59+/- total acres, tillable, woods, recreational land, potential building sites. Tract 1: 27.59+/- acres, 18.4+/- tillable, 8+/- woods, 1.19+/- non-tillable. Tract 2: 54+/- acres, 28.91+/- tillable, 23.34+/- woods, 1.75+/- non-tillable. Rick Johnloz, 260-827-8181, Emma Barr, 260-494-0992, Jason Johnloz, 260-273-9177, *Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management*, 800-424-2324, halderman.com.

Public Notices

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Wells County, Indiana, in Cause No. 90D01-2312-MF-000035 wherein PHH Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Shanden Sliger; Alfred D. Albers, Jr. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 1:00 PM or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Courthouse

102 W. Market St., 1st Fl. Bluffton, IN 46714, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wells County, Indiana.

The North half of Lot Number 117 as known and designated on the recorded plat of the Town, now City of Bluffton, in the Office of the Recorder of Wells County, Indiana.

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State Parcel No.: 90-08-04-539-370.000-004

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO. 15-23-01778
Codilis Law, LLC
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Merrillville, IN 46410
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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH)

IN THE RANDOLPH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 68C01-2409-JC-000116

IN THE MATTER OF:
JM - DOB 9/8/2024
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
BRANDON RAINEY (ALLEGED FATHER) AND
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Brandon Rainey and
Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court, 100 South Main Street, Winchester, IN 47394 - 765-584-0465 for a(n) Initial/Detention Hearing on 1/7/2025 at 3:00 PM.

At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Melinda Peed
Clerk
Lauren D. Henry, 33788-18
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
325 S. Oak St.
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Decades-long friendship strained by money

Dear Annie
by Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I've been friends with "Martha" for 42 years. I've always considered our friendship volatile, but I've excused her behavior due to her difficult upbringing. As we've grown up, not much has changed. She gets angry over nothing and stops speaking to me for sometimes months at a time. As children, it was about things like me making other friends or taking different classes. In adulthood, it's been more about lifestyle differences, like her changing religions again and again or becoming vegan, and me not cutting ties with people whose views or habits she disagrees with. Despite all this, I've always considered her family.

We are both single mothers and had our youngest children in our 40s; mine is 14 and hers is 11. A few years ago, Martha inherited a large sum of money from a wealthy uncle. At the time, she told me that if the inheritance was significant, she would share some with me because, as she said, "We are family." I thanked her but told her I didn't expect anything.

Unfortunately, we weren't speaking when she got the money because of one of these temporary fallings-out, so I didn't know how much she received, but it was life-changing. She bought herself a house, multiple cars, a condo for her eldest son, and gave her adult children large sums of money. We both have struggled financially, so I was genuinely happy for her and never brought up the offer she had made to give me some of it.

Later, when we started talking again, she told me again that I was family and if I ever needed anything, I should ask. I made it clear I didn't want to ask her for money, but she insisted she loves me, I'm family, and it's what she wanted me to do.

Fast forward to about a year ago, my youngest son became self-conscious about his crooked teeth and basically quit smiling. It broke my heart. I found a company that could help with aligners but I couldn't get the financing. After exhausting all other options, I finally decided to ask Martha for help. It was hard, but she'd repeatedly told me she wanted to be there for me and I stupidly believed her. I asked if I could borrow $2,000 to cover the treatment and promised to repay her. She agreed immediately and told me I didn't have to, saying, "You're family and I'm glad to give it to you." I was overwhelmed with gratitude, literally in tears, and told her I would repay it, but she insisted I didn't need to.

Now, about a year later, she's upset with me over political differences. She recently sent me a hurtful message saying I was selfish and that by asking for that money, I was willing to disrespect her to do something for my "real family." I reminded her of her repeated offers and she said she didn't expect me to actually ask to borrow money and certainly not for so much if I did. She said my request caused her to be $2,000 short of buying another house, which seems unlikely to me, and I believe her anger is more about our political differences.

I'm torn. Part of me wants to sever ties, send her the $2,000 and move on having learned a painful lesson at the cost of a 42-year friendship. But the other part wants to forgive her, repay the money and continue the friendship. I feel sad, ashamed for asking her for help, and like I should have known better. No matter how hard life gets, I never ask for help, and this is a very harsh reminder why. — Conflicted

Dear Conflicted: True, meaningful friendship shouldn't feel like a roller coaster, where kindness is offered one minute and weaponized the next. Even when you and Martha are on "good" terms, it's only a matter of time before the other shoe drops and she becomes angry again.

Send her the money back, if you're financially able to, and distance yourself from this toxicity. Just because you've been friends this long doesn't mean you're obligated to stay and be mistreated.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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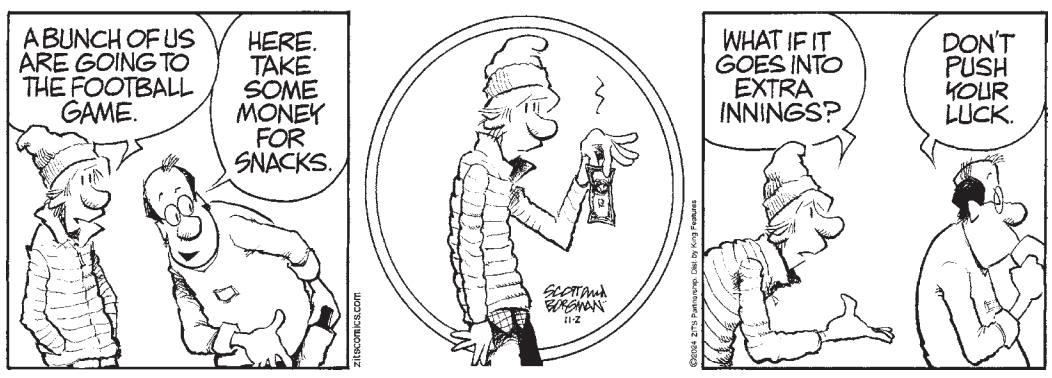

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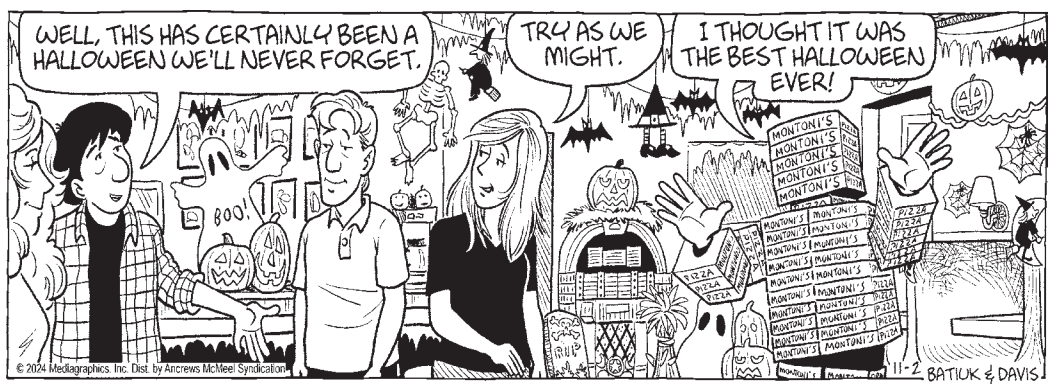
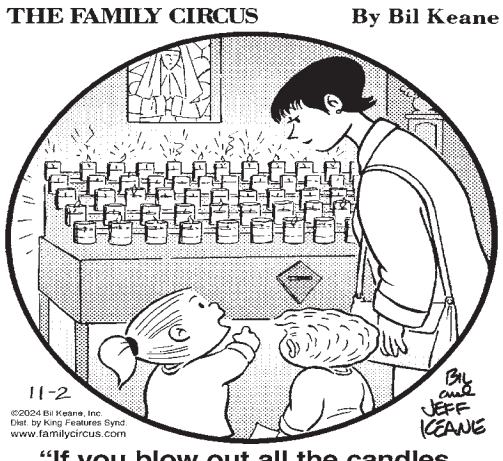


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"If you blow out all the candles, do you get your prayers answered?"

The LOCKHORNS

"LET'S PLAY CONVERSATION... I'LL SAY SOMETHING, AND THEN YOU SAY SOMETHING."

My Answer
By Dr. Billy Graham

The narrow road leads to eternal life

Question: I am always amazed at the emphasis on religion in an election year. In recent years it's been frightening to see how easily people accept any God and any belief system as having authority. Some preach all roads lead to God, but surely it can't mean the one true God, just as one road does not lead north if a person is going south. – A.R.

Answer: Jesus said there are two roads in life, a broad road and a narrow road. The narrow road leads to eternal life; the broad road leads to destruction. Thank God there's the road that takes us through the bewilderments of life.

God has provided a great highway of salvation, and it is a narrow way. Many people don't like that truth. Some are too proud to express their interest in knowing what that narrowness means, but in the quiet moments, in times of loneliness or solitude, people often sense in their hearts the need for a Savior and ask, "What must I do to be saved?"

The great highway of God was built by a cross – the cross of Jesus – when He hung on the cross and died for the sins of mankind. It was there that Christ's blood was shed for the human race. And then – God raised His Son from the dead. The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ is the Good News that God has prepared a highway, a way out of the entanglements of life.

The narrow way must be entered through the narrow gate, the Lord Jesus Christ. The narrow way is through the gate of repentance of sin and coming to faith in Jesus alone (see John 14:6). "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Choose the right road – the only road that leads to life everlasting.

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

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51 Shock partner
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53 Folklore monster
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55 Optimum
56 Faucets

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2 Pianist Gilels
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7 Mull over
8 Pink Floyd's Barrett
9 Mentor
10 Now, in a memo
11 Trails
20 Air show daredevil
22 Event location
24 Old hat
25 White House monogram
26 Mil. address
27 "Sheesh!"
29 Salty expanse
30 Chow down
31 Citric beverage
35 Realm
36 Shoelace hole
39 Smack a baseball
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46 Virgil or Wyatt
47 "— Gotta Have It"
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Yesterday's answer 11-2

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WINM (12)	11	26	63		Music, Moments	Let's Take It Outside	A Fishing Story	Life's Highway	Twin Factor	Off the Co	Divine	Sue Thomas F.B.Eye		Founda-tion	Huckabee		Life	Game Changer	The News on Merit Street	
CBS WANE (15)	2	2	15	15	(3:30) College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (L) (N)				Postgame (L) (N)	Jeopardy!	Matlock "Rome, in a Day"		Tracker "Out of the Past"		48 Hours (N)		Nightcast (N)	(:35) IN Focus (N)	(:05) The Equalizer "No Way Out"	
Antenna WANE-2 (15.2)	106	20			NWSL Soccer Seattle Reign at Orlando Pride From Inter&Co Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (L) (N)				NWSL- Pre (N)	NWSL Soccer Washington Spirit at NC Courage From WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, N.C. (L) (N)				NWSL Soccer Bay FC at Houston Dash From Shell Energy Stadium in Houston. (L) (N)				NWSL-Post (N)	Bull "Uneasy Lies the Crown"	
ABC WPTA (21)	4	3	21	21	(3:30) College Football Florida vs. Georgia (L) (N)			Studio (L) (N)	Studio (L) (N)	College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (L) (N)							ABC21 (N)	Investig-ateTV+ (N)	Seinfeld	Mod Fam "The Cold"
NBC WPTA-2 (21.2)	7	8		14	(3:30) Horse Racing		News (N)	NBC News (N)	Big Ten (L) (N)	College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (L) (N)							News (N)	Saturday Night Live John Mulaney; Chappell Roan (L) (N)		
MNT WPTA-3 (21.3)	10	9	56	34	World Chase Tag		Chicago Fire "Carry Their Legacy"		Chicago Fire "Carry Me"		9-1-1 "Let the Games Begin"		The Rookie "Double Down"		Suits "I Want You to Want Me"		Murdoch "Vengeance Makes the Man"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Lunacy"	
CW WISE (33)	8	4	33	33	(4:00) NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series From Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va.				Friends	Friends	Reagan Archival footage explores how President Reagan navigated the end of the Cold War. (N)				Friends	Friends	TMZ (N)		★★★½ Flatliners ('90) Kiefer Sutherland.	
PBS WFWA (39)	13	5	39	39	Weekend (N)	Plan	Antiques "Vintage Madison 2024 Hour 2"		The Lawrence Welk Show		Doc Martin "Faith"		Keep-Appear	As Time Goes By	Recorded Live at Analog		Austin "Jelly Roll; The War and Treaty" (N)		★★★½ Love Affair ('39) Irene Dunne.	
PBS WIPB (49)	3				(4:00) POV	American Woodshop	Weekend (N)	Joy/Pain-ting	Woodsongs		The Young Vote		Cruise Boom		Who She Is	Caverns	Austin "Jelly Roll; The War and Treaty" (N)		NOVA "Solar System: Wandering Worlds"	
FOX WFFT (55)	6	6	55	55	(3:30) College Football Kansas State at Houston From TDECU Stadium in Houston. (L) (N)				2024 World Series Pregame (L) (N)		MLB New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers Los Angeles hosts New York for a winner-take-all Game 7 of the World Series. (If necessary) (L) (N)						The Floor		TBA	Two and a Half Men
Cable Channels																				
LIFE	23	113	108	252	(4:00) ★½ Stalked by My Amish Boyfriend		★½ Amish Affair (2024, Thriller) Ryan McPartlin, Sebastian Greaves, Mackenzie Cardwell.				★ A Kidnapping in Amish Country ('24) Elise Bauman, Benjamin Sutherland, Jorja Cadence. (P)				(:05) ★½ Secret Life of the Pastor's Wife ('24, Thril) Andrew Fultz, Mike Manning, Jennings Rice.				★½ A Kidnapping in Amish Country	
FX	24	132	136	148	(3:00) ★½ Transformers: Dark of the Mo...		★★★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14) Stanley Tucci, Li Bingbing, Mark Wahlberg.								★★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg.					
TVLAND	25		106	304	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
E!	26	142	114	236	(4:00) ★★★ This Christmas ('07) Idris Elba, Loretta Devine, Delroy Lindo.			★★★ Ocean's 8 (2018, Comedy) Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Sandra Bullock.					★★★ Ocean's 8 (2018, Comedy) Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Sandra Bullock.						★★★ This Christmas ('07) Idris Elba, Loretta Devine, Delroy Lindo.	
PARMT	30		241	241	Yellowstone "No Good Horses"		Yellowstone "The Long Black Train"		Yellowstone "Coming Home"		Yellowstone "The Remembering"		Yellowstone "A Monster Is Among Us"		Yellowstone "The Unravelling: Pt. 1"		Yellowstone "The Unravelling: Pt. 2"		★★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg.	
ESPN	31	50	140	206	(3:30) College Football Texas Tech at Iowa State (L) (N)			College Football Scoreboard (L) (N)		College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (L) (N)						SportsCenter (L) (N)			To Be Announced	
ESPN2	32	54	143	209	(4:00) College Football Navy at Rice (L) (N)				Scoreboard (L) (N)		College Football TCU at Baylor (L) (N)						Football Final (N)		To Be Announced	
FSMW	33		418	671	NASCAR Race Rewind 2023 Xfinity 500		Sports Stars	Pregame (L) (N)	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at St. Louis Blues From Enterprise Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (L) (N)					Blues Post. (L) (N)	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at St. Louis Blues From Enterprise Center in Saint Louis, Mo.					
USA	34	133	105	242	(3:30) ★½ The Fast & the Furious: Tokyo Drift		Horse Racing Breeders' Cup World Championships From Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in Del Mar, Calif.				Chicago Fire "Trapped"		Chicago Fire "The Little Things"		Chicago Fire "On the Hook"		Chicago Fire "All the Dark"		Chicago Fire "Hold on Tight"	
DISC	35	72	182	278	Expedition X "The Beast of Bray Road"		Expedition X "Mexico's Haunted Cenotes"		Expedition Unknown		Expedition "Lost City of the White Jaguar"		Expedition "Hunt for the Secret Seaplane"		Expedition Unknown "Atlantis of the Andes"		Expedition Unknown "Secrets of Shangri-La"		Expedition "Lost City of the White Jaguar"	
TLC	36	73	183	280	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		1000-Lb. Best Friends		Sister Wives (N)		Sister Wives (N)		Sister Wives (N)		1000-Lb. Best Friends		Sister Wives	
HIST	38	77	120	269	Ancient Aliens "The Alien Mountain"		Ancient Aliens "Return to Gobekli Tepe"		Ancient Aliens "City of the Gods"		Aliens "Mystery of the Stone Spheres"		Ancient Aliens "The Whistleblowers"		(:05) Aliens "The Linda Moulton Howe Files"		(:05) Ancient Aliens "The Chosen"		(:05) Aliens "Mystery of the Stone Spheres"	
A&E	39	134	118	265	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HALL	40	117	185	312	(4:00) ★½ Crown for Christmas		★½ A Carol for Two (Romance) Paul Essiembre, John B. Lowe, Stephanie Sy.				★½ Our Holiday Story (2024, Romance) Warren Christie, Sydney Scotia, Nikki DeLoach. (P)				★½ The 5-Year Christmas Party (2024, Romance) Katie Findlay, Jordan Fisher.				★½ Flipping for Christmas	
SYFY	41	135	122	244	(4:40) ★★★ Hulk (2003, Fantasy) Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott, Eric Bana.					(:45) ★★★½ Lethal Weapon (1987, Action) Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Mel Gibson.					(:15) ★★★½ Lethal Weapon 2 (1989, Action) Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Mel Gibson.					(:45) ★½ 10,000 B.C.
TBS	43	130	139	247	(3:30) ★★★ Fred Claus		★★★½ Elf ('03) James Caan, Will Ferrell.							★★ Uncle Buck ('89) Amy Madigan, John Candy.			(:15) ★★★½ Elf ('03) James Caan, Will Ferrell.			(:15) ★★★ Maleficent
TNT	44	131	138	245	(:15) ★★★½ Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett, Chris Hemsworth.						Collision Exciting matches, stories and action featuring the world-class All Elite Wrestling roster.				★★★ Mortal Kombat (2021, Action) Jessica McNamee, Josh Lawson, Lewis Tan.				★★★½ Taken ('08) Liam Neeson.	
AMC	45		131	254	★★★½ Beetlejuice (1988, Comedy) Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Michael Keaton.				★★★½ Batman Begins (2005, Action) Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Christian Bale.						★½ Wrath of the Titans (2012, Fantasy) Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes, Sam Worthington. (P)				(:15) ★★★½ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell.	
COM	47		107	249	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		★★★½ Wedding Crashers ('05) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson.			
FS1	48	64	150	219	(3:30) College Football Arizona at UCF From FBC Mortgage Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (L) (N)				College Football Arizona State at Oklahoma State From Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla. (L) (N)							The Joel Klatt Show	MLB on FS1 Postgame		MLB on FS1 Postgame	
WGN	53			307	NewsNation (L) (N)		NewsNation (L) (N)		NewsNation (L) (N)		Reagan: Portrait of a Presidency				Reagan: Portrait of a Presidency				NewsNation Prime	
WE	57		128	260	NCIS "Prime Suspect"		NCIS "Seek"		NCIS "Squall"		NCIS "Chasing Ghosts"		NCIS "Berlin"		NCIS "Revenge"		NCIS "Double Blind"		NCIS	
FOOD	59	153	110	231	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
BRAVO	60	140	129	237	Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		★★★ F9 The Fast Saga ('21) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel.						★★★ F9 The Fast Saga ('21) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel.					
NICK	68		170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★★★ Hotel Transylvania: Transformania				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
DISN	69	30	172	290	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	★★★ Coco ('17) Anthony Gonzalez.			(:50) Place	(:15) Place	(:40) Primos	(:05) Primos	Primos	Big City	Big City
FREEFORM	70	32	180	311	(:15) ★★★★ Toy Story 2 (1999, Animated) Voices of Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Tom Hanks.				(:20) ★★★ Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Voices of Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Tom Hanks.					(:50) ★★★ Toy Story 4 (2019, Animated) Voices of Tim Allen, Annie Potts, Tom Hanks.					★★★ Peter Pan ('53) Bobby Driscoll.	
HBO	301		300	501	(:15) The Penguin		(:10) ★★★ Eddie the Eagle (2016, Biography) Hugh Jackman, Jo Hartley, Taron Egerton.				★½ Janet Planet (2023, Drama) Zoe Ziegler, Elias Koteas, Julianne Nicholson. (P)				(:55) The Penguin	(:50) The Franchise	(:20) It'	(:50) ★★ X-Men: Apocalypse ('16) Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy.		
MAX	325		310	515	(4:35) ★★★ Another Earth ('11) Brit Marling.		(:05) ★★ Criminal (2016, Action) Gal Gadot, Gary Oldman, Kevin Costner.				★★★ The Revenant (2015, Adventure) Tom Hardy, Domhnall Gleeson, Leonardo DiCaprio.					(:35) ★★★ Parasite (2019, Thriller) Lee Sun-kyun, Jo Yeo-jeong, Song Kang-ho.				(:50) ★½ Bleed for This	
PARSHO	351	851	318	545	(4:20) ★★★ 3:10 to Yuma ('07) Christian Bale, Russell Crowe. (P)			(:25) ★★★ Gladiator (2000, History) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.					★½ The Dead Don't Hurt (2023, Drama) Viggo Mortensen, Solly McLeod, Vicky Krieps. (P)				(:15) ★★★ The Hateful Eight ('15, Western) Kurt Russell, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Samuel L. Jackson.			
TMC	375	859	327	553	(3:35) ★½ Hustle & F...		(:35) ★★★ Flags of Our Fathers (2006, War) Jesse Bradford, Adam Beach, Ryan Phillippe.				★★★ Pearl ('22) David Corenswet, Tandi Wright, Mia Goth.			(:45) ★★ The Last Voyage of the Demeter ('23, Hor) Aisling Franciosi, Javier Botet, Corey Hawkins.				(:45) ★★★ Carrie ('76) Piper Laurie, William Katt, Sissy Spacek. (P)		

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