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Bill would pave way to nursing

Bipartisan measure opens LPN program to high school

By ANNA CECIL

TheStatehouseFile.com

A bill that would allow Indiana's high-school students to enroll and participate in a licensed practical nursing (LPN) program before receiving their high-school diploma passed unanimously in the Indiana House Thursday.

Senate Bill 176, authored by Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso, and Sen. Tyler Johnson, R-Leo, aims to tackle the state's shortage of nurses and introduce high-school students to a potential career pathway.

A LPN is essentially an assistant to a registered nurse (RN). Depending on the setting they work in, a LPN may take a patient's vitals, feed and bathe them, administer medication, and communicate with a patient's family and other health-care professionals about treatment plans as well as the patient's needs.

During a House Public Health Committee meeting on March 11, Kimberly Wiegand, assistant vice president for nursing at Ivy Tech Community College, said her school now allows high-school students to enroll in the LPN program. The pilot group for this initiative will begin classes in December on campuses in Sellersburg, Richmond, Evansville and Madison.

Wiegand said earlier enrollment in nursing education could address the need for these types of health-care providers as the demand for them will only increase over time.

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Virtual crash

Fort Recovery High School junior, Autumn Leuthold, 17, gasps after crashing a car in virtual reality Friday during the Save A Life Tour impaired and distracted driving prevention program in the gymnasium. Fort Recovery students tested two simulators, one for impaired driving with a virtual reality headset and another for distracted driving, which required students to drive and text at the same time.

Holcomb takes energy job

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Former Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's first role since leaving state office will be as board director for a Philadelphia-based renewable energy developer.

Doral Renewables LLC announced Holcomb's board appointment on Thursday, less than three months after the two-term Republican governor's tenure came to end.

After eight years in office, Holcomb passed the baton to Gov. Mike Braun in January.

"I couldn't be more

Former governor will serve on board of directors

excited to join the relationship-centric team at Doral Renewables," Holcomb said in a written statement. "Doral's world-class vision and mission are both critically important to meet the communities' needs and provide them with economic opportunities and increased energy demand

we are going to experience in the upcoming years. I look forward to strategically assisting Doral as the months and years unfold."

Holcomb, 56, had previously resisted speculation on where he might go — or what he would do — after completing his role in state government.

He and his wife, Janet, have since moved from the governor's residence to a home just northwest of Indianapolis.

Doral Renewables describes itself as an "an independent power producer" specializing in greenfield development — meaning new construction projects on undeveloped land — of utility-scale renewable energy projects.

The company's 14-gigawatt portfolio includes the 1.3-gigawatt Mammoth Solar complex in Indiana and the 1.2-gigawatt Vista Sands Solar project in Wisconsin.

The Indiana project — which spans 13,000 acres across Starke and Pulaski counties — is expected to power roughly a quarter-million households once complete, according to company officials.

Holcomb cited the project in his 2022 State of the State address, calling it "an incredible investment and confidence in the state of Indiana and its people," and emphasized the significant economic and environmental benefits coming to Northwest Indiana, as a result.

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Russia and U.S. meet

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

U.S. and Russian officials are meeting in Saudi Arabia a day after American and Ukrainian teams held talks, as President Donald Trump pushes for progress in achieving a ceasefire in the war.

The Russian delegation arrived at the venue on Monday for the closed-door talks with the U.S. in the Saudi capital Riyadh, Russia's Tass news service reported. It's led by former Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin and Sergei Beseda, an adviser to the head of the Federal Security Service in Moscow, the agency said.

The discussions with the U.S. on Sunday were "productive and focused," and "addressed key points including energy," Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov said on social media.

The negotiations involving "technical teams" would focus on a potential Black Sea maritime ceasefire, White House National Security Advisor Mike Waltz said Sunday on CBS's Face the Nation. He suggested that would lead into discussions about "the line of control, which is the actual front lines" of the war that started when Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

"That gets into the details of verification mechanisms, peacekeeping, freezing the lines where they are," Waltz said. "And then, of course, the broader and permanent peace" including security guarantees for Ukraine.

The talks follow Trump's separate phone calls last week with

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy, which led to an agreement on a 30-day halt to attacks on energy infrastructure.

Zelenskyy said Sunday that "massive Russian drone attacks" were continuing and he called on U.S. and European allies to put "more pressure on Russia to stop this terror."

Ukraine's state-run railway operator Ukrzaliznytsia said it faced a massive cyberattack hitting most of its online services in a Facebook post on Monday. Train traffic is stable despite the attack, it said.

Previous talks with Ukraine characterized as productive



Tribune News Service/Arthur H. Trickett-Wile

Open session

U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin speaks during an open session at May Farms on Thursday in Sparta, Mich. The event offered Michigan farmers and agriculture industry leaders a chance to speak on issues affecting them, including tariffs, immigration, H5N1 and rural economic development.

Deaths

Lucy Atkinson, 84, Monroe
Marilyn Smith, 93, Portland
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 47 degrees Sunday. The low was 31. There was a tenth of an inch of rain.

The forecast calls for a low in the upper 20s tonight with a chance of rain. Skies will be partly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the upper 40s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Public Library's spring break activities continue with magnetic blocks and straw builders available in the children's area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. There will also be a showing of Disney Pixar's "Cars" movie with snacks and themed activities at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Reporting on next week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Redevelopment Commission meeting.



Obituaries

Lucy Atkinson

July 18, 1940-March 21, 2025
Lucy K. Atkinson, 84, of Monroe, passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne. She was born on July 18, 1940, in Portland, Indiana. On June 11, 1961, she married Larry D. Atkinson, and he preceded her in death on July 11, 2019. She was a member of the Lighthouse Church in Monroe. Lucy had a daycare in her home for over 25 years and loved every child as her own.

She enjoyed birds, flowers and working in her flower garden. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a very special place in her heart. She will be greatly missed but we know she is watching over us every day. She is survived by her son, Jeff (Carrie) Atkinson of Berne; two daughters, Michelle (Ben) Parrish of Decatur and Alissa (Shane) Mountz of Mon-



roe; a brother, Jim Smith of Berne; a half-brother, Steven Brock; six grandchildren, Jared (Megan) Parrish, Brooke (Dustin) Schaefer, Colton Mountz, Scott Atkinson, Shaelyn Mountz and Ethan Mountz; and six great-grandchildren, Parker, Greyson and Lynlee Parrish, Mira and Remington Schaefer, and Jericho Mountz. Lucy was preceded in death by her parents Burnice (Vernie) Williams and Elmer (Lou) Smith. Visitation will be held at Haggard Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home on Wednesday, March

26, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Lighthouse Church in Monroe on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10 a.m. with visitation one hour prior from 9 to 10 a.m. Pastor David Myers will be officiating. Burial will take place at Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery Ohio. Memorials may be made to the Lighthouse Church preschool. Arrangements are entrusted to Haggard-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to hhzfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn J. Smith, Portland, April 20, 1931-March 23, 2025. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. *The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

CR almanac

Wednesday 3/26	Thursday 3/27	Friday 3/28	Saturday 3/29	Sunday 3/30
50/31 Mostly sunny skies on Wednesday when the high will be in the upper 40s.	59/46 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 50s.	73/57 There's a chance of rain Friday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with temperatures in the mid 60s.	68/57 Saturday looks to be rainy with a 50% chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s.	62/40 Sunday has a 70% chance of rain with thunderstorms also possible.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$461 million	16-26-30-35-40-41-45-46-55-56-57-58-59-60-69-73 Cash 5: 3-8-11-17-29 Estimated jackpot: \$206,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$344 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 8-1-7 Pick 4: 2-5-9-3 Pick 5: 9-4-9-3-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-1-3 Pick 4: 0-8-7-6 Pick 5: 2-1-6-2-7 Rolling Cash 5: 3-4-14-20-33 Estimated jackpot: \$245,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 9-0-8 Daily Four: 0-4-2-8 Quick Draw: 4-6-9-10-13-18-22-24-39-41-45-46-47-62-63-69-74-77-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 2-6-1 Daily Four: 7-6-9-4 Quick Draw: 1-4-10-12-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich, near London. She reigned during a period when England became a major power player in Europe.
In 1603, King James VI of Scotland took the throne in England, becoming James I, following the death of Queen Elizabeth I.
In 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burned as a fire started on the factory floor located at the top of the 10-story Asch Building. Textile workers were trapped inside with more than 100 killed.
In 1972, gubernatorial candidate Matthew Welsh spoke to about 250 in attendance at the Jay County Democratic Unity Dinner.

In 1976, Peyton Manning was born in New Orleans. Manning became a star quarterback at the University of Tennessee and won Super Bowls leading the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos.
In 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska, spilling about 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. At that time, it was the largest oil spill in U.S. history.
In 2020, Jay School Corporation rolled out its rural food lunch delivery during the coronavirus pandemic. With school canceled because of the pandemic, food was delivered in bulk — five breakfasts and five lunches in a package — to rural families. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	
Wednesday 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park	

Nursing ...

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A study by the Indiana University School of Medicine found that by 2037, the national supply of LPNs will only suffice for 64% of the demand. "Ensuring an adequate and active supply of licensed practical nurses is essential to meet the growing demands on the Indiana health-care workforce," she told the committee. "The need for LPNs and RNs in long-term services and support settings is expected to rise significantly." Amanda Leffler is the founder of Leffler Academy, a nursing school that allows high schoolers, and other types of nontraditional students to receive a LPN's license or a nursing associate science degree. Right now, Leffler said she can have a high-school student conditionally admitted to her academy, but they can't receive a license or take the licensure exam until they have received their high-school diploma. Leffler said SB 176 clarifies the rules for academies like hers and encourages LPN schools to admit and educate younger students. "When I go in and see my nurse practitioner, I don't ask her how old she is," Leffler said. "I just trust that she's been trained." According to Leffler, her school provides a good entry point for students who might want to pursue nursing further but also equips them to become LPNs, which is a viable career on its own. In Indiana, an LPN could make nearly \$40 an hour. "It's a great place for students to start when they're younger," Leffler said. "Indiana is making a strategic

'Ensuring an adequate and active supply of licensed practical nurses is essential to meet the growing demands on the Indiana health-care workforce.'
—Kimberly Wiegand, Ivy Tech Community College

path ... to the entry point into nursing. They're lifting barriers for students who are ready to achieve higher education to, like I said, get out and have access to gainful employment." Entry-level programs, like Leffler Academy, put students into what Leffler calls a "pipeline," which helps them gradually gain knowledge of the nursing profession and possibly pursue higher education like a bachelor's degree in nursing to become an RN. Although Leffler equips her students to level up as they learn, as a self-proclaimed trailblazer and disruptor of higher education, she said she wants universities to understand that there are other pathways for students than just going straight to college. "I'm paving the way and showing higher institutions that there are nontraditional ways of doing things and having great outcomes," she said. Dr. Caron MacPherson, a nursing

professor at University of Indianapolis, said early access to LPN programs will be good to bring students into the nursing profession as long as they consult experts in the nursing education field when creating accreditation standards for the schools. "Having, you know, people in there who have expertise in order to offer input to ensure that if we are going to have these programs that are developing new nurses to enter practice, then a nurse who has expertise should be involved," MacPherson said. When it comes to maturity and ability to handle the LPN profession, MacPherson said it will be up to the schools themselves to give students that skill. Dr. Tia Bell, dean of nursing at Marian University, echoed MacPherson's sentiment that as long as a student in a LPN program can meet that accredited program's admission requirements, then it is an appropriate next step for them educationally.

Job ...

Continued from page 1
Holcomb, along with leaders of Indiana's Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), held multiple meetings and public engagements with project executives from Doral Renewables in both Indiana and Israel. The U.S.-based developer has roots in Israel and is backed by both Israeli and U.S. investors. "Governor Holcomb brings decades of exceptional experience in policymaking and economic development. His vision

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Felony arrests

Domestic battery
A Dunkirk woman was arrested Saturday for domestic battery. Kelsey L. Johnson, 30, W. North St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. She was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

Reynard, Carolyn: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland

DeWitt, Rebecca: 12 p.m., Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie.

Thursday

Atkinson, Lucy: 10 a.m., Lighthouse Church, 201 S. Van Buren St., Monroe.

Monday

Smith, Marilyn: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Use tips to cope with weather roller coaster

By OLIVIA SMITH
The Commercial Review

It is that time of year for everyone.

The weather is all over the place, tasks are piling up and people are seeming to become more annoying.

Spring is here. After a long, busy winter and an endless to-do list, we all get a burst of energy and hope the second the sun comes out. Campus comes alive like hibernating animals out of their caves. College students are outside tanning, playing games and walking with friends. No matter how much homework there is, life will be OK.

But then the Midwest weather turns, and we are back to cold, dreary and rainy weather. The tasks keep piling up, but there isn't enough time to complete everything.

It isn't just college kids feeling this weather roller coaster, so I have some advice for the second and third winter of the Midwest.

- Write a daily to-do list. I

You're On Your Own, Kid



struggle with thinking too far in advance and end up not getting anything done because I don't know where to start. Look at what is needed by tomorrow and write that down. Don't worry about what is due the day after tomorrow or later until what needs to be done by tomorrow is done.

•Work ahead if possible, but in small amounts. If you have a big project or an exam to study for, do small bits each day instead of doing it all in one day, which takes hours. Study 10 terms or write a paragraph. It helps the stress of not working on it and lets you know what to focus on the day before.

•Give yourself grace. Don't be too hard on yourself if you have a lot to do and haven't done as much as

you should. Being hard on yourself will make the tasks ahead more daunting and seem harder than they actually are.

•Take breaks when you need to. Allow yourself time to recharge and refocus your mind. This could be taking a quick walk, getting some nice cold water, or grabbing food. Give yourself a weekend to do nothing other than nap and read while it rains outside. Taking a break is OK and helps you return to work ready to take it on.

The weather may not seem like a big deal in what we do, but it can make life a bit harder when it's been cold and dreary for this long. The most important thing to remember is that you are not doing this alone.

In stressful times, God reminds us to "be still and know that he is God" (Psalm 46:10).

The Lord will help us through the small assignments and the challenging aspects of life.

You need only to let him.

Mother ready to stop enabling adult son

DEAR ABBY: I have three kids. One of them, "Jake," is in his early 20s. He has medical issues, so he has always been babied to a certain degree. Jake has struggled with jobs, drugs, friends and places to live. Somehow, he always ends up back with me.

I know I'm an enabler. I have kicked him out before, but I never give up on him. I try to be a positive role model because his father has never been in his life.

Due to his past mishaps, Jake has wronged a lot of people who now shun him. I lose quality time with my other kids because they refuse to be around him. I have a soft spot for my "black sheep" because I am the one in my family.

I am pretty much the only one who helps him, and in his eyes, I'm the only one who "cares."

But I have finally reached the point where I feel he needs to grow up and stop jumping from job to job, house to house, friend to friend and calling me for help.

How do I let him know without making him feel he is not wanted? I love him, but I am done being his enabler. — REACHED THE POINT IN FLORIDA

Dear Abby



DEAR REACHED: Tell Jake BEFORE his next crisis that you love him but are done being his enabler. Tell him his persistent problems are self-generated, and from now on he will have to solve them without involving you, which is what adults do, and that you are doing this for his own good. Then stick to it.

To do this may require your talking with a therapist because it is almost guaranteed your son will be back trying to enlist your help. But it was your abundance of help that fostered his being in the situation he's in today.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richards' Restaurant.

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Jay County Historical Society. Contact regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678 for questions.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30

p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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Oversight bill deserves full support

Kokomo Tribune, Ind.
Tribune News Service

Among the crimes that landed him a lengthy prison sentence, former Clark County Sheriff Jamey Noel spent thousands of dollars of jail commissary funds on personal purchases including vehicles.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is attempting to recoup the more than \$400,000 from Noel and others in a civil case, and our state legislature is rightfully attempting to tighten controls over commissary funds.

House Bill 1208, authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, R-Avon, would require the State Board of Accounts to hold reg-

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ular training for the sheriff or the sheriff's designee responsible for overseeing commissary funds. It would also require a sheriff to provide a quarterly record of receipts and disbursements to the county fiscal body, which is typically the county council.

For too long, Indiana sheriffs have been allowed to spend commissary funds with little oversight. These funds, derived

from items sold to inmates, should be used to offset public safety costs or to improve jails. They shouldn't be spent carelessly or without accountability.

Noel proved that even our top law enforcement officials can be corrupt, which is why it's imperative to have a strong system in place to thwart misconduct.

Current Clark County Sheriff Scottie Maples took the initiative to provide detailed accounting of commissary funds following Noel's downfall. If the sheriff overseeing a sizable jail like Clark County's can keep track of receipts and expenses, other sheriffs can do the same. In fact, the Indiana

Sheriffs Association appears to be on board with the legislation.

"We're trying to be very transparent, getting the sheriffs to be proactive," Steve Luce, executive director of the sheriffs association, told the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

HB 1208 passed out of committee and should receive a full Senate and House vote. Our legislators should unanimously support this bill. But it shouldn't stop with one piece of legislation — more attention is needed on Indiana jails and commissary funds.

There should be feasible prices set for any items sold out of a commissary. Sheriffs shouldn't be allowed to grossly

upcharge inmates for purchases, especially hygiene items. Inmates are sent to jail to serve sentences for crimes, not to be cash cows for overzealous sheriffs looking to pad their funding.

If approved, the next step will be for elected officials on county fiscal bodies to make sure they're doing their due diligence in checking commissary records and holding sheriffs accountable.

Noel's corruption left many frustrated, angry and sad, but perhaps his illegal deeds will at least keep similar indiscretions from happening in the future. Legislation like HB 1208 is a step toward ensuring that no one is above the law.

Simpson had spirit we need

By DAVID HILLER
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Our country could use more political leaders like Alan K. Simpson, the former Wyoming U.S. senator who died March 14 at the age of 93.

I got to know Simpson in 1981, during his first term as a senator. I had recently begun working as a special assistant to Attorney General William French Smith at the start of President Ronald Reagan's administration. Immigration was in crisis in the aftermath of the 1980 Mariel boatlift that brought more than 100,000 migrants from Cuba, as well as chronic undocumented migration at the southern border. In addition, more than 200,000 refugees were admitted to the U.S. in 1980, primarily from Vietnam and Cambodia, following the end of the Vietnam War. Facing these pressing issues, Reagan asked Smith to lead the administration's response, and the attorney general asked me to work on it.

Simpson was chair of the immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was a folksy, plain-spoken, sharp-humored lawyer and son of a former Wyoming senator and governor. I was also personally drawn to him as my brother Scott had attended the University of Wyoming where he met his wife, Ruth.

Over the next two years, we worked with Simpson and his staff, as well as his counterpart on the House side, Rep. Romano Mazzoli, a Democrat from Kentucky, to find solutions for our immigration and refugee situation. Simpson and Mazzoli were something of an odd couple: Simpson, a Republican, was tall and slender, gregarious, and even a little corny, whereas Mazzoli, a Democrat, was short and compact, quieter and reserved. But both were known to share an interest in immigration. Mazzoli's father had emigrated from Italy. Simpson, as a Boy Scout in the 1940s, had met Scouts from Japanese American families who were interned at a camp in Wyoming during World War II. (One of the Scouts Simpson met was 12-year-old Norman Mine-ta, who would later become a Democratic congressman and secretary of transportation under President George W. Bush.)

Simpson and Mazzoli's efforts eventually led to the Immigration Control and Reform Act, signed into law by Reagan in 1986. The

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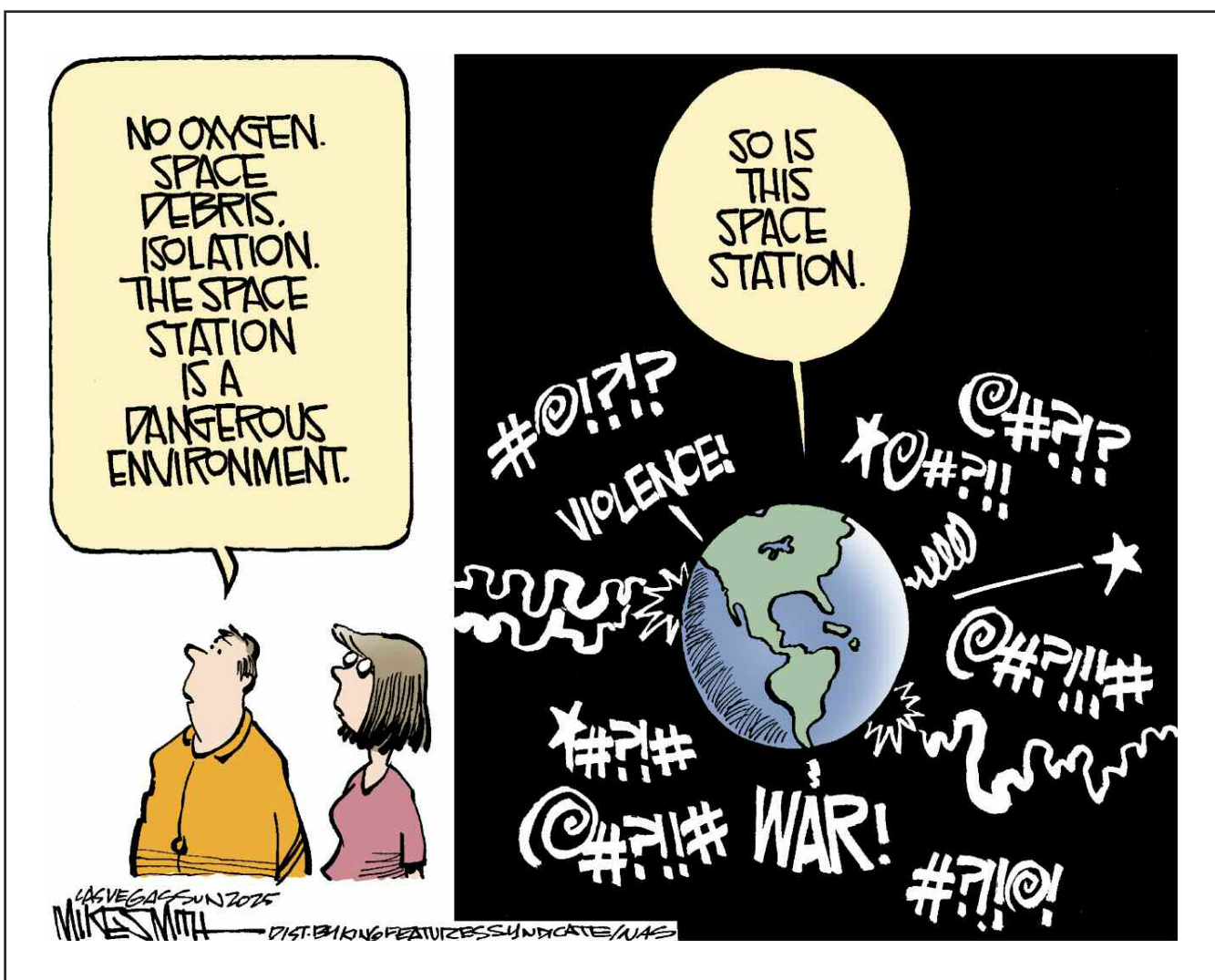
legislative journey was long and uncertain, with the contested bill often viewed as dead. Its ultimate passage owes a lot to the tenacity of Simpson and Mazzoli. We also had a president in Reagan who hailed from a border state, knew both the challenges and the benefits of immigration, and had a track record of working across party lines.

The legislation included the first-ever prohibition on hiring workers without documentation, more border enforcement, expanded visas for needed temporary workers and a path to legal status for longtime undocumented residents. This was the last time there was comprehensive immigration reform in our country. Clearly, the 1986 law did not solve our country's immigration issues for all time. Border enforcement remained too weak, even as the forces propelling migration from Central and South America were exploding. And the need for immigrants in our workforce has never been greater. Nonetheless, repeated efforts to again forge bipartisan solutions have failed in the years since.

Simpson left the Senate after three terms in 1997. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed him and Erskine Bowles, a former chief of staff for President Bill Clinton, to lead a bipartisan commission on strategies to reduce the growing federal deficits and debt level. They came up with bipartisan recommendations for a combined \$4 trillion in spending cuts and tax increases. Legislative efforts to implement some or all of the Simpson-Bowles recommendations have failed several times, facing critics on the left for entitlement spending cuts and critics on the right for tax increases. Federal debt was \$13.5 trillion in 2010. It is now more than \$36 trillion.

Simpson embodied the practical, can-do, bipartisan approach to government that used to be a hallmark of our politics. His passing reminds us of what is possible.

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Secrecy leads to lack of trust

By NIKI KELLY
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Last week was Sunshine Week, which isn't just about journalists. The nonpartisan collaboration of civic, media, education, government and private sectors shines a light on the importance of public records and open government.

And all citizens have a right to both.

Over the years, I have noticed an increase in requests from the public for transparency and accountability. It's worth acknowledging what Indiana mostly does it right. But there is still room for improvement.

Just this week, the Indiana Supreme Court ruled that a college student who sued for voter registration documents is entitled to attorney's fees since he won at least part of his case. Lawmakers want more transparency on health provider ownership and are tightening contracting rules for agencies.

I want to state first that most governments I have covered do a great job at providing records. That doesn't mean we always agree, but they are genuine and forthright in their efforts.

But, lately, it is becoming more difficult. Many

Niki Kelly



state agencies, for example, are pushing even simple requests that can be handled in an email through a formal records request process. They often get lawyers involved for basic things, which simply delays the process for everyone.

An example of this came just this week when the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles initially suggested they could fill a request for data on specialty license plates but later required a formal request that takes much longer.

The state has an amazing transparency portal where you can see what each agency is spending and on what; check payroll of state employees; see what the government owes and even look up how many aircraft the state owns.

It could be improved by adding what bonuses are given to specific employees. When we wrote about spot bonuses, we had to formally ask for the data because it wasn't publicly available. Bonuses shouldn't be treated any

differently than salary in terms of transparency.

Lots of contracts are also in the portal, but some are missing. For instance, in December we were tipped of contracts that Secretary of State Diego Morales had signed with entities that then contributed to his campaign. They weren't posted in the portal, and we had to request them individually.

Those contacts still aren't online, which means Hoosiers can't find out about them without knowing they exist first. In fact, not a single contract is posted since Morales took over in January 2023.

And some agencies haven't added annual reports to their sites in years. The last one posted for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management was 2019.

Sometimes journalists, like the student above, have to sue for records.

That's what the Indianapolis Star did recently, and this week published a blockbuster report showing that county-owned hospitals collected \$5.6 billion in Medicaid dollars for nursing home resident care but diverted about half of the money to the hospitals instead. This came at the same time as many nursing homes

struggled with staffing and quality of care.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle is likewise in litigation to find out what the state spent on pentobarbital to restart executions in the state. Gov. Mike Braun is open to finding a settlement that pleases everyone in that case.

He also plans to appoint a new Public Access Counselor by the end of the month. It's my hope the new counselor will be as vigilant as his or her predecessor. One problem, though, is that lawmakers have taken some teeth out of the office after the issuance of rulings they didn't like.

No one should be afraid of transparency, unless of course they are doing something wrong. And I know the majority of elected officials and government employees I have covered in 30 years aren't. They are upright people serving the public. Secrecy only causes mistrust and casts aspersions on them.

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Fisher honored

Prior to leaving office in January, former Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb presented Ball Brothers Foundation president and CEO Jud Fisher with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. It is one of Indiana's highest honors and is given to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to life in the state. Holcomb noted Fisher's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, commitment to public health and improving quality of life in Indiana, and his spirit of collaboration.

Court rules to keep fed workers

By ZOE TILLMAN
Bloomberg News
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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration must continue to comply with a Maryland judge's order to temporarily reinstate almost 25,000 fired employees at 18 U.S. agencies for at least another week, a federal appeals court held.

The Friday order by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals represents the latest setback for the administration in its push to remove federal workers with what's known as probationary status who started serving in their current roles within the last one or two years, depending on the type of position.

The appeals court panel denied a request by the U.S. Justice Department to immediately pause a Baltimore judge's 14-day reinstatement order and keep the fired employees out of their jobs while the legal fight goes forward.

The three-judge panel didn't address the merits of the fight, saying that it was rejecting the government's request because U.S. District Judge James

Bredar already had scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, March 26, on whether to grant a longer-term injunction, which is the type of ruling that appeals courts prefer to weigh in on.

Judge Allison Jones Rushing, appointed to the 4th Circuit by President Donald Trump, wrote separately Friday to express concern about the scope of Bredar's order, which applied nationwide instead of only to the 19 states and the District of Columbia, whose Democratic attorneys general brought the case. The district judge "lost sight of who the plaintiffs are and what injury they claim," she wrote.

Bredar entered a temporary restraining order on March 13 that required the administration to bring back probationary workers who were fired in mid-February from 18 core U.S. agencies as well as their components, such as the Internal Revenue Service under the Treasury Department and the National Institutes of Health under the Department of Health and Human Services.

Energy-saving tips are offered

CenterPoint Energy is offering energy-saving tips for customers this spring:

- Change or clean filters in furnaces and air conditioners
- Use weatherstripping or caulk in areas where air may escape, such as around windows and doors
- Block the sun during warmer days by keeping window coverings closed
- Use energy-saving showerheads and faucet aerators to reduce hot water use
- Install energy efficient appliances

New VP hired

Bowen Health has hired Edward Gomez as its new vice president of facilities.

Gomez most recently served as system director of environmental care/facilities and construction for a hospital system. He is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

"As our organization continues to grow, so does the need for a strong facilities structure and leadership at the executive level," said Bowen Health chief financial officer Jay Baumgartner in a press release. "Adding the Vice President of Facilities role is a significant step in this process, ensuring we can proactively plan for the future, maintain safe and effective

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spaces, and continue providing high-quality environments for both our patients and staff."

Student events set

A series of events designed to connect local businesses and industries with students will be held next month.

Jay County Junior-Senior High School's career fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Interview day will follow from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, with signing day by appointment.

The events focus on students having the opportunity to meet and interview with local businesses and industries.

For more information, or to be a part of the event, email coordinator Kyle Love at klove@jayschools.k12.in.us

Conference scheduled

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host its 2025 Indiana Workers' Compensation Conference April 23.

The event, which will

include tips on handling claims, controlling insurance costs and mental health, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ritz Charles in Carmel. There are in-person and virtual options available.

For more information, or to register, visit indianachamber.com.

Smart truck added

Ardagh Glass Packaging - South America has added five Smart Trucks to its fleet.

The new trucks can carry 100 pallets, which is 28 more than existing fleet vehicles. Their engines use both diesel and compressed natural gas.

"These state-of-the-art vehicles represent a major leap forward in transportation efficiency and safety for our operations," said Ardagh - Africa CEO Paul Curnow in a press release. "The Smart Trucks feature innovative designs that deliver improved productivity while simultaneously reducing environmental impact and infrastructure wear."

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Papers purchased

Paxton Media Group has purchased the Southern Standard and Smithville Review in

Tennessee from Morris Multimedia.

The purchases were announced last week. The company now owns a dozen newspapers in the state.

Paxton also owns 17 Indiana newspapers, including The Courier-Times (New Castle), The Chronicle-Tribune (Marion), the Huntington Herald Press and the Connersville News-Examiner.

Drug launched

Eli Lilly launched its diabetes and weight-loss drug Mounjara in India on Thursday.

The Indianapolis-based pharmaceuticals firm launched the drug in the country ahead of competitor Novo Nordisk. It is sold under the same name in the U.K., Spain, Germany and Italy. In the U.S., the obesity drug is sold under the name Zepbound.

It is also available in Saudi Arabia and Japan.

New leaders announced

NextEra Energy Resources announced plans for leadership changes following the announcement that president and CEO Rebecca Kujawa will retire May 22.

Following Kujawa's retirement, current executive vice president and chief financial

officer Brian Bolster will become the new president and CEO. Treasurer Mike Dunne will succeed Bolster as executive vice president of finance and chief financial officer.

"Rebecca has had an incredible 18-year career at NextEra Energy and has been a huge part of our success in helping to build an industry-leading business at NextEra Energy Resources," said I would like to thank Rebecca for her friendship, collaboration and many years of dedication and leadership," said NextEra board president John W. Ketchum in a press release. "During her tenure, Rebecca has brought a strong strategic perspective and leadership approach, helping to guide our company through periods of remarkable growth and change."

Drop off food

Menards stores are serving as drop-off sites for food banks from now until the end of March.

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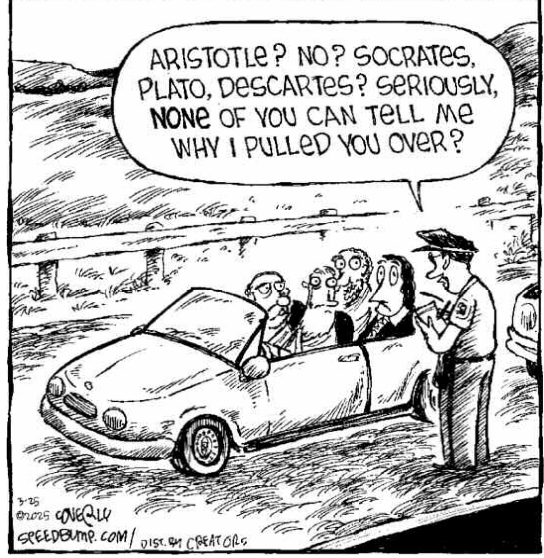
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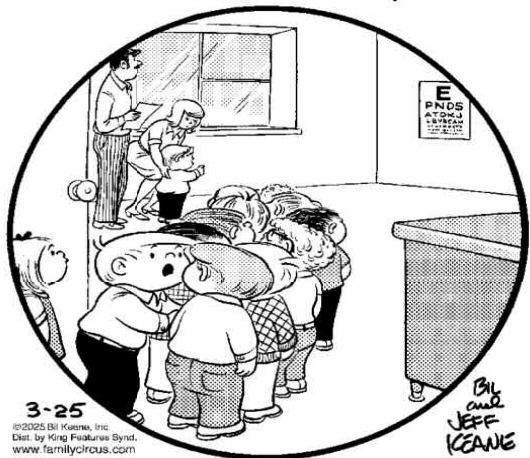
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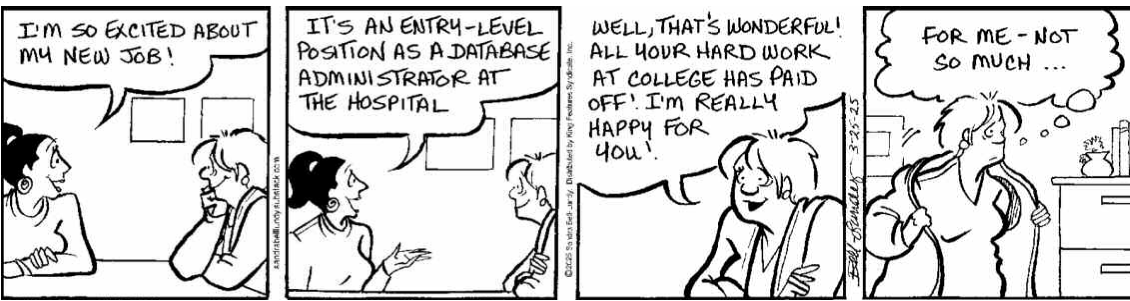
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In chess, there is a play known as a gambit. It usually occurs early in the game, when a player deliberately sacrifices a piece in order to obtain a positional advantage that more than compensates for the loss. The deliberate sacrifice plays a role in many other games and sports as well, and bridge is no exception. Here is a case in point. South is in three notrump, and West leads a club, dummy playing the queen and East the king. It seems normal to take the ace — it would not occur to most players not to do so — but ducking the king is the right play under the circumstances. It is true that South can assure himself of three club tricks by playing the ace, but he should refuse to do that even though doing so reduces him to two club tricks. By ducking, South guarantees making three notrump, while if he takes the ace, he jeopardizes the contract and, in the actual deal, goes down as a result. Let's suppose South takes the ace. If he leads a heart to dummy's king next, West ducks, and South never makes another heart trick. If declarer elects to attack spades instead, either immediately or after the first heart is ducked, he also finds it impossible to make nine tricks. But if South lets East hold the king of clubs at trick one, he is sure to make the contract. No matter how the East-West cards are divided or what East does next, declarer has nine guaranteed tricks. Suppose East returns a club. Declarer wins in dummy and plays the K-10 of hearts, overtaking the 10 with the queen and continuing the suit until the ace is driven out. South still has the club ace as an entry to his hand and so winds up with four hearts, two diamonds, two clubs and a spade trick to make the contract. Tomorrow: Putting it all together. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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DeVries ...

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The Hoosiers haven't made the second week-end since Tom Crean was in charge in 2015-16, the same year they won their last Big Ten title.

But DeVries has a history of turning programs mired in significant short and/or long-term struggles on the basketball court around.

Drake had been to one NCAA Tournament in the last 47 years when he arrived in Des Moines in 2018. He went 24-10 overall in year one, tying for the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship.

DeVries earned conference coach of the year honors for his performance, the first of his two MVC Coach of the Year accolades.

West Virginia went 9-23 in 2023-24 and finished last in the Big 12. DeVries inherited a roster that returned only two players and 2.8 percent of its scoring, but more than doubled its previous season's win total, going 19-13 overall and 10-10 in the Big 12.

The Mountaineers earned a series of signature victories this season, including three wins over top-10 teams (No. 2 Iowa State, No. 3 Gonzaga and No. 7 Kansas).

"We went into this coaching search with some very specific things we were looking for in our next head coach, and Darian emerged as someone who, on paper, met and often exceeded our criteria. Once we had a chance to talk to him, we knew we had the right person," Dolson said.

"Darian has a plan for building a championship culture that can compete at the highest level on a year-in, year-out basis...Finally, he is passionate about the opportunity to lead our program. We are excited to welcome Darian and the entire DeVries family to our Hoosier family."

At Indiana, DeVries will be armed with one of the top NIL payrolls in the country at one of college basketball's historic programs and biggest brands.

There will likely be some roster turnover though. Junior big man Malik Reneau entered the transfer portal on Tuesday after averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game this season.

DeVries' son, Tucker, earned Missouri Valley Player of the Year award in 2023 and 2024 before following him to West Virginia. He played just eight games for the Mountaineers this season before missing the rest of the season with an upper-body injury.

The school is expected to apply for a medical redshirt, which would give him one more year of eligibility, potentially at Indiana with his father.

Other Big Ten programs have recently hired new head coaches as well. After just one season as a Division I coach, Ben McCollum left Drake to take the job at Iowa. Minnesota found its next head coach in Colorado State's Niko Medved.

Both coaches are coming off of NCAA tournament appearances, winning one game before falling in the Round of 32..

Derik Queen (25) of the Maryland Terrapins celebrates with teammates after making a shot to defeat the Colorado State Rams 72-71 during the second half in the second round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament at Climate Pledge Arena on Sunday, March 23, 2025, in Seattle.



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Terps ...

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Trailing 37-30 at half-time, the Terps opened the second half by connecting on three of their first four 3-point attempts — two by Rice and one by Gillespie — to narrow the gap. Five consecutive points by Rice in 24 seconds, including a 3-point play, gave them a 49-47 lead with 13:39 to go — the team's first since 8-6 with 17:25 left in the first half.

But Colorado State responded with a 7-3 spurt capped by four straight points by graduate student guard Bowen Born for a 54-52 lead. After a media timeout,

Miguel nailed a 3-pointer, stole the ball, and slammed home a dunk to return the advantage to Maryland at 57-54 with 11:11 remaining.

The Rams refused to wilt. They scored six straight points in a 2:02 span for a 60-57 lead. But the Terps went on an 11-8 burst for a 68-68 tie.

Two free throws by Reese with 22 seconds to go gave Maryland a 70-68 lead. Colorado State promptly regained the lead on Lake's 3-pointer with six seconds remaining. That set up Queen's drive down the left side of the paint and high shot off the glass that

touched off a raucous celebration.

Unlike Friday's 81-49 romp over No. 13 seed Grand Canyon in first-round action when Maryland dug out of an early 7-2 hole, the team labored in the first half against Colorado State. After assuming an 8-6 lead on Queen's second 3-pointer in as many attempts just 2:35 into the opening frame, the Terps went 4:12 without a point.

That opened the door for the Rams to score eight unanswered points in a 3:24 span to take a 14-8 lead. Even after fifth-year senior small forward Jordan Geronimo

ended Maryland's drought with an emphatic alley-oop dunk, Colorado State ran off another eight points for a 22-10 advantage with 10:29 remaining.

A layup and jumper by Queen kicked off a 16-4 burst for the Terps, who capitalized on a 3:28 rut by the Rams. An offensive rebound and putback by Reese drew Maryland within 28-26 with 4:22 to go.

But the offense slipped into another drought — 3:07 this time — and Colorado State closed out the final 4:02 on a 9-4 spurt to enjoy a 37-30 lead at half-time.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Memorial — 5 p.m.; Baseball scrimmage at Parkway — 5 p.m.

Friday
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Bradford — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Tuesday
2 p.m. — Alpine World Cup: Giant Slalom

(USA)
4 p.m. — College gymnastics: Ohio State at Illinois (BTN)
7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Chattanooga at Bradley (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup Qualification: Trinidad and Tobago at Cuba (FS1)
7 p.m. — TGL golf: Atlanta Drive GC vs. New York Golf Club (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors at Miami Heat (TNT)
9 p.m. — College basketball NIT: North Texas at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup Qualification: Costa Rica at Belize (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Sacramento Kings (TNT)

Wednesday
12:30 a.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Alpine World Cup: Giant Slalom (USA)
3 p.m. — World Figure Skating Championships (USA)
5 p.m. — College basketball CBI championship (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Kent State at Loyola Chicago (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at Chicago Blackhawks (TNT)
9 p.m. — College basketball NIT: UAB at UC Irvine (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)

Local notes

Registration open
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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
2025 TERM
No. 38C01-2502-ES-00002
In the Matter of the Supervised Administration of the Estate of:
Larry M. Nuckols, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Erika Limbert was, on the 13th day of March, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Larry M. Nuckols deceased, who died on January 10, 2025
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, 3/13/2025
Missy Elliott, Clerk Jay County Court
John H. Brooke, #4234-18
112 E Gilbert Street
Muncie, IN 47305
(765) 741-1375
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IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
38C01-2503-EU000007
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JACQUELINE WHITCOMB, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JAY COUNTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Peggy Manor was on the 12th day of March, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Jacqueline Whitcomb deceased, who died on the 25th day of December, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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Sports

Glentzer leads Jay tankers at state meet

INDIANAPOLIS — Four tankers made their way to the state meet and one clawed his way onto the podium.

Cooper Glentzer had the top performance for the Jay County Winter Swim team at the state meet at Natatorium on the campus of Indiana University Indianapolis over the weekend.

Glentzer swam in the maximum of six events. His best race was the 100-yard butterfly, in which he swam a 55.14 second time to earn sixth in the 13-14-year-old age group.

Glentzer also secured a top-10 finish in the 1,000 freestyle, placing 10th in 10 minutes, 56.26 seconds. He also made the finals in the 500 freestyle and 50 freestyle. Glentzer finished 11th (4:59.69) in the former and 15th (23.55) in the latter.

Glentzer didn't make it out of the preliminaries in the 1,650 freestyle or 200 butterfly, finishing 15th and 22nd, respectively.

Competing in the same age group, Grady Wavel's top finish came in the 100 butterfly. He placed 28th with a time of 59.03. He also placed 26th in the 200 butterfly preliminary.

Carsyn Guggenbiller matched Glentzer by swimming six events in the 10-and-younger age group. Her top performance came in the 100 backstroke, finishing 17th in 1:17.05. She finished just one spot back in the 50 breaststroke by completing the race in 40.95 seconds.

Guggenbiller also had top-20 performances in the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley. She finished 20th in each event with times of 2:28.34 and 2:47.30, respectively. She also placed 21st in the 50 freestyle and 22nd in the 100 butterfly.

Addisyn Champ's day ended in the 11-12-year-old prelims, as a career-best 28.50 second time earned her 54th in the 50 freestyle.



Photo provided

Carsyn Guggenbiller swims the 10-and-younger 100-backstroke during the state meet at the Natatorium on the IU campus over the weekend. Guggenbiller finished 17th in the event, which was the highest finish out of her six events.

Indiana hires Darian DeVries to head basketball program

By **BRANDON CHAMPION**
mlive.com
Tribune News Service

Indiana basketball is entering a new era.

Former West Virginia coach Darian DeVries was hired to take over the program, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Scott Dolson announced Tuesday night.

DeVries, 49, replaces Mike Woodson, who coached his final game when the Hoosiers lost to Oregon in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament last week.

DeVries coached at West Virginia this season, a year that

Former West Virginia coach left the Mountaineers after just one season

ended with the Mountaineers becoming one of the biggest snubs in NCAA Tournament history. Before that, he spent seven seasons as head coach at Drake between 2019 and 2024.

He went 150-55 at Drake, winning at least 20 games every sea-

son. The Bulldogs won the Missouri Valley regular-season championship in 2019 and the conference tournament title in 2023 and 2024.

Drake won a First Four game in the 2021 NCAA tournament and lost in the first round to

Miami in 2023 and Washington State in 2024.

"This is unquestionably one of the top jobs in America. As someone who grew up in the Midwest loving the game of basketball, I've always admired the IU Basketball program for its championship-level success, tradition, and fan support," DeVries said.

"There's a passion to succeed at the very highest levels both within the Big Ten and in the NCAA Tournament, and that's a desire that as a coach I share. On top of that, the alignment is there on a department and university level to make that happen. I'm

excited for this opportunity and am ready to work relentlessly to assemble a staff and a roster that competes for championships."

Indiana, with its passionate and sometimes toxic fanbase, boasts one of the richest traditions in college basketball, but the 5-time national champions have struggled to compete at the highest level in recent seasons.

Woodson, a former Indiana captain under Bob Knight, missed the NCAA Tournament in each of the last two seasons. Before that, Archie Miller failed to make the Big Dance in each of his four seasons.

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Tribe throttles Jets in season opener

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Tribe wasted no time picking up its first win of the season, effectively ending the game before its defense even needed to take the field.

The Fort Recovery High School softball team put up 11 runs in the first inning of its 30-2 win over the Franklin Monroe Jets on Saturday.

The game ended after just four innings due to the mercy rule, with the Indians (1-0) putting up at least one run in each

frame. After the 11-run first inning, they scored six times in the second, crossed home 12 times in the third and plated one run in the fourth.

Ella Schoen, Alexis Grisez and Kayla Heitkamp all drove in a team-high four RBIs. Schoen hit a pair of doubles and a single. Heitkamp slashed a triple and a double, while all three of Grisez's hits were singles.

Emma Will, Jenna Homan and Schoen hit

home five times apiece to make up half of Fort Recovery's runs scored. Will also stole three bases.

FRHS ended with 19 hits, including seven doubles and two triples. The Jets (0-1) helped the Tribe out with 13 errors as well.

Freshman Claire Gaerke picked up her first career victory after spending all four innings in the circle. She struck out four batters, while only giving up two hits and two runs, only one of which was earned.

Derik Queen's buzzer-beater sends Terps to the Sweet 16

By **EDWARD LEE**
The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

SEATTLE — Maryland men's basketball's return to College Park will be delayed for a little bit. And that's a good sign.

Derik Queen's running buzzer-beating bank shot allowed the No. 4 seed Terps to remain on the West Coast after edging No. 12 seed Colorado State, 72-71, in an NCAA Tournament second-round game Sunday evening at Climate Pledge Arena.

Instead of flying back east, Maryland (27-8) will travel to San Francisco to participate in its first Sweet 16 since 2016. The team will meet No. 1 seed Florida at Chase Center on Thursday at a time to be announced after the Gators (32-4) evicted two-time reigning national champion Connecticut, 77-75, earlier in the day.

Staying in the Pacific time zone is nothing new for the Terps. They carried out a similar strategy in 2001 when that squad defeated George Mason and Georgia State in Boise, Idaho, before flying to Anaheim, Calif., where they disposed of Georgetown and Stanford before falling to Duke in its first Final Four appearance.

Maryland collected its sixth victory in the past seven games and earned a berth in the third round for the first

time in coach Kevin Willard's three-year tenure.

Queen, the freshman center from Baltimore, amassed a team-high 17 points, six rebounds and two blocks to lead the team. Sophomore shooting guard Rodney Rice scored 13 of his team-high 16 points in the second half and grabbed four rebounds, and senior power forward Julian Reese got his 15th double-double of the season on 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior point guard Ja'Kobi Gillespie and graduate student small forward Selton Miguel scored 11 points each. Gillespie compiled seven assists, four steals and three rebounds, while Miguel added two rebounds.

Playing in the second round for the first time since 2013, the Rams (26-10) missed their first Sweet 16 berth since 1969 and second overall. They fell one win short of matching the program record for victories in a single season and watched an 11-game winning streak end.

Fifth-year senior shooting guard Nique Clifford lived up to the hype by scoring a game-best 21 points and accruing seven rebounds, six assists and two blocks. Senior shooting guard Jalen Lake had 13 points and two rebounds.

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