⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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People who call our community their own.



Donald Carson gives a happy smile for The Paper after a pleasant breakfast on a beautiful morning. Thank you for your smile, Mr Carson!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Volunteer child advocates from across Indiana will gather at the State House on March 7 at 12 to 1 p.m. for CASA Day. A CASA—or Court Appointed Special Advocate—devotes their time to supporting abused and neglected children whose families are involved with the child welfare system. On CASA Day, advocates will have the chance to interact with legislators and talk about the importance of best interest advocacy for abused and neglected children. They will hear from Chief Justice Loretta Rush, Judge Dana Kenworthy, former foster youth, and others about how CASAs help these children with the issues they face.

Most of us can hold our breath underwater for a max of two minutes or so, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. However, Beth Neale and her fiancé, Miles Cloutier, managed to stay under for four-minutes and six-seconds, the time it took them to steal a prolonged kiss while immersed in a hotel pool in the romantic Maldives Islands. They did it because they are in love, obviously, and because they were intent on breaking the Guinness World Record for the longest underwater kiss.

Anew Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship, a listening ear, and non-clinical assistance to patients both in facilities and their homes. Volunteers experience a rewarding connection and provide invaluable comfort and support to patients and their families. To volunteer, call 317-300-2292 or email volunteers@anewhosp.com.

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Were They Really "The Good Old Days'?



BUTCH DALE Columnist

On a few occasions, after I have told a youngster a funny story about something that happened when I was a little whippersnapper, they will ask, "Mr. Dale, was it really better back in those days?" I would guess that many of you who are over the age of 60 and have grandkids have been asked the same question. When we recall our childhood years, there is a tendency to remember those times through a rose-colored memory lens. We often point out the good times, while selectively dismissing the hurtful or sad memories. However, I can honestly say that there were very few unpleasant memories for those of us who grew up in the 1950s.

During that time period,

America was not at war. Yes, there was the "Cold War" tension between our country and Russia, but my classmates and I were not worried and never discussed it. I knew President Eisenhower would protect me. Besides, I had plenty of things to keep me busy. I was never bored, and could always find something to do all year round. In the summer I played baseball and golf. I made tunnels in the haymow, fished at nearby gravel pits, rode my bike to town and to friends' homes, made things in Dad's toolshed, swam in the horse tank and hog wallow, shot my B-B rifle, explored in the woods, rode my cousin's pony and go-cart, and when I was older...rode my Cushman motor scooter all over the countryside. Of course, it wasn't all play back then either. I helped Dad feed the animals and clean out barns, mowed several yards in town, and sold jars of honey for my neighbor, Mr. Flaningam. I enjoyed working, and I learned the value of a dollar.

In the winter months, I played basketball and attended just about every high school

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Spend Your Time Backyard Birding

In one of my previous articles, I talked about spending 1000 hours outside a year. Now, we have had some warmer weather in February to get a good start for that goal. If you ware wondering how to main-

tain a similar

experienced I

will give you



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some resources to get started or attract more birds to your yard. If you are of the more experienced, please think about participating in the "Great Backyard Bird Count" of 2023. Technically it was Feb. 17-20 but they are still counting until March 1st. If you

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goal of more time spent out of doors, may I suggest back Today is... yard birding. • Fish Fry Day Whether World Bartender Day or not you are new to birding or



What Happened On This Day

• 1989 A Boeing 747 jumbo jet rips open over the Pacific Ocean. United Airlines Flight 811 experienced an explosive decompression, resulting in the death of 9

• 1920 The German nazi party is founded. Adolf Hitler became the party's leader in 1921

passengers





Births On This Day • 1955 Steve Jobs American businessman, co-founded Apple Inc., **Pixar**

• 1956 Judith Butler American philosopher

Deaths On This Day

• 1986 Tommy Douglas Scottish/Canadian minister, politician, 7th Premier of Saskatchewan

• 1990 Malcolm Forbes American publisher

The 2023 Putnam - Montgomery **Nonprofit Learning Series**

Once again, Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) and Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF), along with support from Hoosier Heartland State Bank, are hosting a Nonprofit Learning Series. These educational sessions are a great educational tool for organizations to use in building strength and capacity for their missions.

Effective Strategic Planning

Tuesday, March 14 Are you looking for a road map for your organization? Have you been told you must have a strategic plan? If the answer to these or similar

questions is yes, join us for a training session on effective strategic planning! You'll learn a 4-step process that you can implement on your own, or with a consultant's help. Templates and resources are included to help you create a strategic plan for your organization. Amanda Lopez of **Transform Consulting Group** is the presenter. The session is 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Crawfordsville Country Club. Register at www.pcfoundation.org/npls/ by March 7; the fee is \$30 and includes breakfast.

Compassion Fatigue & Burnout

Tuesday, April 11

This session will discuss the fatigue and emotional exhaustion that can sometimes come from caring too much, for too long. Is there actually such a thing as too much caring? We'll discuss and acknowledge emotions that many individuals feel when working in the non-profit sector, including warning signs, how to address root causes and tips for regaining your balance. Kim Dinwiddie, Purple Ink, is the presenter. The session is 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be held at The Inn at DePauw, Greencastle. Register at www. pcfoundation.org/npls/ by April 4; the fee is \$30 and

⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

Valentine's Day was 10 days ago. How about if we all keep acting like sweethearts? It makes the world a much nicer place.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

For Your Information

includes breakfast.

The Montgomery County Democrat Party will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in Room B of the Crawfordsville Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Hire character. Train skill." Peter Schutz

TODAY'S JOKE

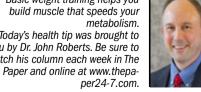
What goes up but never comes

You age. (Just ask your grandparents!)

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Basic weight training helps you build muscle that speeds your Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE

Montgomery County Indiana Beginning 9:00 AM Local Time, April 3, 2023 www.zeusauction.com

Montgomery County
Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Montgomery County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments

when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Montgomery County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3).

The public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10, at the following web site: www.zeusauction.com. The public auction will begin on 04/03/2023 at 9:00 AM local time. The properties in the online auction will commence closing at 4:00 PM local time on 04/03/2023 at www.zeusauction.com.

Each property will have its specific closing time posted on the auction web site.

If you are interested in participating in this public auction, registration information and the procedures you must follow to bid are available online at https:// www.zeusauction.com. In order to participate, you must become a member of the auction web site (www.zeusauction.com). You must read, understand and agree to the rules of sale and payment terms. Once you become a member of the auction web site,

you must register for the Montgomery County auction, specifically.

Please note that in order to bid in the online public auction, you must both complete IRS Form W-9 and agree to the registration statement described at IC 6-1.1-24-5.3(c)electronically, through the auction web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a

Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property lis may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the

certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

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Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments

penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

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Total Number of Properties: 8 I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Montgomery County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.

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House Passes Bill Supporting Parents In Transgender DCS Cases

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

The Indiana House on Wednesday approved a bill banning courts from removing transgender children from their parents based only on parent refusal to seek gender-affirming care or otherwise support transitions.

The legislation centers on one Hoosier family — and its estranged transgender daughter - whose case is still in

"All's I'm trying to do is, in this bill, is to protect parents from government's overreach [in] taking their children from them without having harmed them,' bill author Rep. Dale DeVon, R-Granger, said on the floor.

What the bill does House Bill 1407 includes a quasi-parents bill of rights, declaring that parents have "the fundamental right to direct" how they raise their children. That includes physical and mental health, education, and any other "inalienable rights" not specifically ceded legally. Government, it says, can't "infringe" without a good

And the bill says that parents declining to consent to any form of affirmative care names, pronouns, temporary puberty-blockers, hormone doses, surgical procedures, mental health services or other - doesn't mean children need the Department of Child Services to step in.

The bill doesn't apply in cases of abuse or

DeVon, who chairs the

chamber's families committee, attributed "boys becoming girls and girls becoming boys" to the "breakdown of the family."

But others worried about the consequences.

"This bill will make it harder to protect our children," said Rep. Carolyn Jackson, D-Hammond. "If judges and childcare welfare professionals determine that the environment is putting the child at risk of danger to themselves or to others, it is our responsibility — it is our duty — to get them the care and the health and the assistance that they need.'

Fight in court contin-

At the center of the bill is one Anderson family with a transgender daughter.

Mother Mary Cox claimed in committee this month that DCS removed her child from her home, placing her with an affirming foster home, because she and her husband didn't accept their daughter's gender identity.

Later testimony from Cox's attorney, who represented her in court proceedings against DCS, revealed that the 16-yearold had said she didn't want to return home to her parents – a factor that may be considered by courts in certain types of cases.

"I don't know if this bill is the right answer, but our government took that child away from Mary Cox," DeVon said. "It's not because she harmed the child, or neglected that child. She

loved that child. She was trying to make the best decision for that child."

DCS told the Capital Chronicle that it does not open cases solely because parents don't support transitions.

In Cox's case, DCS removed the child after reports of the parents verbally abusing the child and refusing to treat the child's eating disorder. An October ruling from the Indiana Court of Appeals affirmed DCS' actions.

"The Parents have the right to exercise their religious beliefs, but they do not have the right to exercise them in a manner that causes physical or emotional harm to Child," the court ruled.

The Indiana Supreme Court might also weigh

Bill gets some heat Rep. Wendy Mc-Namara, R-Evansville, said she "wholeheartedly" agreed with the bill's declaration of parental rights, but also expressed misgivings with the bill — the only member of her caucus to do so on the floor Wednesday.

McNamara said she feared some language could limit a judge's ability to make specific decisions and orders, or prevent juvenile courts from appointing guardians ad litem, alongside other concerns.

"I don't think any parents should be separated from their child and have an undue process to be able to recieve that child back," she said. "But I also feel there is a better route and way for this bill to go." "To fix this wrong

[from the Cox case], she added, "it might put in jeopardy hundreds of other kids in our system."

Other lawmakers cautioned that the carveout for transgender children could be harmful.

"The court doesn't worry about whether it's a smart fight [between parent and child], or whether it's right or wrong," said Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis. "The court is worried about that the kid is starving!"

And he forcefully argued that the General Assembly should let the courts finish deciding the pending litigation.

"We are not the Court of Appeals," DeLaney said. "This body is in danger of getting on everybody else's turf. There seems to be no respect for our state institutions."

DeVon pleaded with lawmakers to advance the bill, asking them to "help us move it across the hall" to the Senate, so more people can weigh in, including judges.

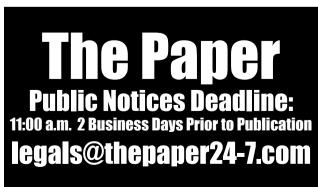
The House passed it 58-33, with mostly Democrats and several Republicans voting against.

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Tips For Nurses Struggling With Their **Mental Health After The Pandemic**







worst of the pandemic is behind us, if you're a nurse, you know its effects live on. Ongoing staffing shortages spurred layoffs and resignations have created conditions in many healthcare settings that are untenable for workers, inspiring nurses in some areas of the country to go on strike.

In this climate of high stress and tension, anxiety, depression and burnout are common, but industry experts say that if you're a nurse experiencing these mental health issues, there are steps you can take to feel better, including rethinking the way you deliver self-care and care for your patients.

"Nursing is largely about caring for others, but it's important to take time each day to focus on your own wellness," says Jennifer Sheets, president and chief executive officer of Interim Healthcare Inc. "While many traditional nursing jobs aren't able to offer the amount of time and space needed to recharge with self-care, careers in the home healthcare industry offer flexibility, good work-life balance and great job satisfaction."

In an Interim Healthcare Inc. survey, 71% of licensed medical professionals reported that the COVID-19 pandemic has led them to consider a career shift to home healthcare as a way to reconnect with why they got into healthcare in the first place. Fortunately for patients and nurses alike, the home healthcare field is growing in size and scope. Once associated primarily with senior care, it now extends to many other facets of care -- from caring for acute illnesses like COVID-19, to complex medical care for children, to specialized care for chronic diseases, dementia and hospice. In fact, much of the technology and clinical capabilities of the hospital are available at home, making home care possible for more patients, and ultimately allowing for more nurses to make the switch. Beyond rethinking

your role in the nursing industry, Sheets offers these additional mental wellness tips:

 Understand the symptoms of mental health issues, like anxiety, depression and burnout. If you are living with these issues, talk to a trusted friend or family member about what you're experiencing and consider addressing your concerns with a mental health professional. Telehealth is making it easier to fit counseling or therapy into a weekly schedule, particularly one that changes from week to week.

 While depression and anxiety can feel lonely, know that you're not alone. Other nurses are feeling the same way right now. Lean on colleagues for support.

• Implement activities around self-care and set aside time for yourself. ameditation and yoga can be powerful stress relievers, and studies consistently show that even just a few minutes of regular

moderate or vigorous exercise can reduce your risk of depression.

 Simplify daily tasks to ease mental health symptoms. Whether it's relying on apps to help you check off items on your to-do list, or being more realistic about the social commitments you make, there are many ways to ensure your life outside of work doesn't unduly add to your stress.

• Look for job opportunities that will make you happier. Those in home healthcare let you make your own schedule, match you with assignments that fit your needs and preferences, and offer variety, support, flexibility and better nurse-to-patient ratios. To explore these benefits, visit careers. interimhealthcare.com.

During the ongoing challenges plaguing the nursing industry, it's important to focus on your wellness. Doing so can help you get back to focusing on making a difference in the lives of your patients.



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Kenny Talks About The Company That We Keep

A wise man once said we are judged by the company we keep.

The good people that determine who gets into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and who doesn't have once again deigned to give Purdue's winningest coach, Gene Keady, a chance to be immortalized.

While joining fellow Purdue legends John Wooden, Ward "Piggy" Lambert and Charles "Stretch" Murphy in Springfield, Mass., would be a great 87th birthday (May 21) present, Keady would add class to a section of the Hall of Fame that at times has dispelled the myth that cheaters never prosper.

Take Larry Brown.
Elected in 2002, Brown
pulled off the triple crown
of violating NCAA rules at
UCLA, Kansas and SMU.
But read his Hall of Fame
biography on the Naismith
website (hoophall.com)
and one would get the
impression winning was
all that mattered and that
Brown was basketball's
gift to coaching.

Here's what you won't read in that biography: Suspended for 30 percent of SMU's games in 2015 and the Mustangs banned from the 2016 NCAA tournament. His actions at UCLA and Kansas also drew postseason bans. But yeah, he's an all-time great.

To his dying day, former Purdue coach Lee Rose was bitter toward Brown for violating NCAA rules to put together the UCLA team that beat him during the 1980 Final Four.

Current Kentucky coach John Calipari also pulled



KEN THOMPSON
Columnist

off a rare feat in NCAA history, coaching not one but two schools (UMass, Memphis) who had their Final Four berths erased due to recruiting violations.

Rick Pitino, whose penchant for cheating extended (embarrassingly in one case) into his personal life, swore he knew nothing about an assistant procuring escorts for recruits and players at Louisville. That fib resulted in the NCAA stripping the Cardinals of their 2012 national championship.

There are other Hall of Fame coaches who had, to be kind, sketchy history with NCAA investigators: Jim Boeheim, Jim Calhoun, Everett Case, Bill Self and Jerry Tarkanian.

Perhaps then it is fitting that the Class of 2023 will be announced on April Fools Day in Houston as part of the NCAA Men's Final Four festivities. It would also be fitting if Keady's protégé, Matt Painter, and the Boilermakers would be there to celebrate (hopefully) his big day.

Keady has been waiting since 2006 for a third chance at election to the Naismith Hall of Fame. Among the competition this time is East Chicago native Gregg Popovich,

a five-time NBA championship coach with the San Antonio Spurs, and women's basketball coaching great Gary Blair, who led Texas A&M to the 2011 title.

Keady's credentials lack a Final Four but he can boast six National Coach of the Year honors (1984, 1988, 1994-96, 2000), six Big Ten titles (1984, 1987-88, 1994-96) and a record seven Big Ten Coach of the Year awards (1984, 1988, 1990, 1994-96, 2000).

Keady isn't the only Purdue legend who has waited too long for enshrinement.

Rick Mount hasn't picked up a basketball professionally since 1975. If I am interpreting the Hall of Fame eligibility rules correctly, the greatest shooter in my lifetime has been waiting more than 40 years for the call.

Caleb Swanigan and Zach Edey are among a select group of Purdue players who have had seasons approaching the career numbers put up by Terry Dischinger in the early 1960s. His career averages were 28.3 points and 13.7 rebounds per game.

Dischinger, also the 1963 NBA Rookie of the Year and a three-time NBA All-Star, is in the Naismith Hall of Fame as a member of the 1960 Olympic gold medal basketball team. But Dischinger deserves a solo plaque like his 1960 teammates Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Jerry Lucas and Walt Bellamy.

Glenn Robinson's case for Hall of Fame enshrinement includes unanimous collegiate player of the year in 1994, national scoring champion that same season and a nearly 21-point scoring average in the NBA. He has been out of basketball since winning an NBA championship ring with San Antonio in 2005.

College basketball's future

Former Purdue star Robbie Hummel and Boilermaker coach Matt Painter are among The Athletic's "20 for the next 20 years of college basketball" who will influence the game.

Hummel came in at No. 6, two spots ahead of his former head coach. After his playing career ended, Hummel has been in demand as a TV analyst. He currently calls games for both ESPN and the Big Ten Network.

"The former Purdue star already has proven to be insightful and intuitive, appreciated for both his understanding of the game and his candor," Dana O'Neil writes. "Analysts are pretty much the sport's megaphone, and Hummel could be the insider voice of the future."

Painter was given a place on the list for more than his coaching acumen.

"Aside from his own staying power, as a perennial March presence, Painter is quietly and unassumingly becoming a powerful voice in college basketball leadership," O'Neil writes. "He sits on a number of NCAA committees and is on the (National Association of Basketball Coaches) board of directors.

"More important than the positions themselves, he wants to roll up his sleeves and take care of the game. Coaches hope that, in the new NCAA structure, there will actually be room at the table for them to share their insights and opinions. If so, seat Painter at the head."

Noteworthy The Purdue men's and

women's basketball teams could have something in common at season's end.

For the first time in school history, each squad could have a 2,000-point career scorer on their roster. However, this statement comes with an asterisk.

Fifth-year senior guard Lasha Petree surpassed the 2,000-point milestone last Sunday in the 83-60 loss at No. 2 Indiana. Her teamhigh 23 points gives her 356 in a Purdue uniform to go with 257 at Rutgers and 1,398 at Bradley for a total of 2,011.

On the men's side, fifthyear senior guard David Jenkins Jr. is 46 points shy of 2,000. His totals include 1,194 at South Dakota State, 399 at UNLV, 264 at Utah and 97 in his role as the backup to Braden Smith at Purdue. ...

Purdue's Matt Painter and Northwestern's Chris Collins are the only Big Ten Conference coaches on the Naismith Coach of the Year late-season watch list.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club placed 15 coaches on the list that includes Randy Bennett of Saint Mary's, Jeff Capel of Pittsburgh, Mick Cronin of UCLA, Dennis Gates of Missouri, Pat Kelsey of College of Charleston, Dusty May of Florida Atlantic, Sean Miller of Xavier, Nate Oats of Alabama, T.J. Otzelberger of Iowa State, Kelvin Sampson of

Houston, Shaka Smart of Marquette, Jerome Tang of Kansas State and Rodney Terry of Texas.

ney Terry of Texas.

The list will be narrowed to 10 semifinalists on March 9 and four

finalists on March 20.

Projected to finish in the middle of the Big Ten pack, Purdue (23-4) leads the league at 12-4. The Boilermakers have spent seven weeks atop The Associated Press poll and are competing for the program's fourth No. 1 NCAA Tournament seed in school history. ...

The Darrell Hazell era at Purdue was one fans would like to forget. But two members of Hazell's staff made news last week.

Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman, the co-defensive coordinator during Hazell's final season in 2016, needed an offensive coordinator after Alabama hired away Tommy Rees this offseason.

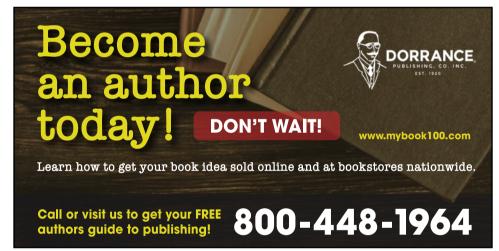
Enter Gerad Parker, the man who served as interim coach at Purdue in 2016 for the final six games after Hazell was dismissed.

Parker was promoted from tight ends coach and earned praise for his development of Mackey Award finalist Michael Mayer.

"I know firsthand the person, teacher, recruiter and innovative football mind he is," Freeman said. "I look forward to watching our offense flourish under Gerad's leadership and direction."

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.





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Anti-Trans Medical Care Bill Passes Senate Committee

By Whitney Downard

A bill banning gender-affirming medical care for minors passed a Senate health committee easily on Wednesday, despite the nonstop chanting and outrage of opponents.

Under the legislation, doctors could no longer provide any "gender transition procedures," which includes surgery which testimony showed isn't happening in Indiana - as well as puberty blockers and hormonal treatments.

The bill's author, Sen. Tyler Johnson, introduced the proposal as a "medical, moral and legal obligation to protect Hoosier children.

The Leo Republican, a physician, said the treatments were irreversible, life-altering and unproven. The higher risk for suicide in gender diverse populations, Johnson said, was likely due to underlying conditions or comorbidities.

"The physical and mental well-being of Hoosier children is a priority of this legislative body," Johnson said. "A child cannot understand the weight and permanency of these decisions... how can a child understand the ramifications of this on the rest of their life?"

Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, questioned Johnson's focus on an estimated 0.4% of those who receive gender-affirming medical care as teenagers and later regret it. The greater portion, 94%, had no issues and another 4% chose to live a nonbinary

Of the remaining 2%, Yoder said that the majority of those choosing to reverse their gender transition were pressured by their friends and families. Just 0.4% regretted it themselves.

Johnson disputed Yoder's reported statistics, though he didn't provide more than anecdotes for his justification.

Testimony in support of trans youth

At times, the testimony against the bill was very emotional and a gathered crowd outside of the Senate Chamber called out "shame on you" and "save trans lives" throughout the two-plus hours of testimony.

Several trans Hoosier youth and their parents said that medical care had saved their lives and denying that care would increase suicide rates among the LGBTQ+ population.

'What you are saying with this bill is that you are okay with kids considering or actually attempting to kill themselves by targeting families and doctors who are trying to save their children's lives," Killian Provence, a 16-year-old transgender boy, said. "We already experience

so much discrimination simply for being who we are... we know that you're trying to eradicate us but no matter how hard you try we're going to be here regardless."

According to The Trevor Project, 59% of transgender boys and men reported considering suicide compared to 28% for their cisgender counterparts in 2022. For transgender girls and women, the rate was 48% compared to 37% for cisgendered girls and women. Having just one supportive adult, including a teacher, made children 40% less likely to report a suicide attempt in the last year.

Numerous medical groups opposed the bill, including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, saying banning such care went against evidence-based

Rachel Katzenellenbogen, a physician with Riley Children's Health who practices in its Gender Health Program, described a lengthy process for evaluating a child that was individualized for each experience.

Generally, the clinic supports social transitions, such as wearing clothes or changing their pronouns, before puberty and at the onset of puberty would discuss treatments to delay puberty, if the child was interested.

Later, hormones may be prescribed at a low dose but only with a parent's consent. For many patients, the doctors said, socially transitioning or using hormones was sufficient but this bill would stop all of that medical care.

"This diagnosis and process is very hard for patients and families. The treatments we offer really improve the lives of youth and their families," Katzenellenbogen said. "Without this program, transgender youth in Indiana will not get the care they need and we fear that this may result in some choosing to take their own life."

Some evidence suggests that hormone replacement therapies may decrease bone density but could be alleviated by the proper diet and exercise. As Yoder noted, the state doesn't ban experimental therapies for cancer or other maladies in minors, though they frequently have less documentation on their long-term

effects. Puberty for many transgender individuals is a stressful time as their body develops secondary sex characteristics that don't match their gender - as detailed in the testimony of older transgender Hoosiers who didn't have the opportunity to transition until adulthood.

Two sets of parents

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pleaded with legislators to defeat the bill, with one father saying his family, which included a young transgender daughter, would leave the state if it passed.

Though their child is now an adult, Krisztina and Ken Inskeep said that gender-affirming medical care saved their son's

"This bill is cruel and arrogant and evil," Ken Inskeep said, fighting his emotions. "It is arrogant because it says that we parents are incompetent and unable to make medical decisions for our kids... it is evil because it sacrifices other people's children on the altar of a culture war.

"Your children, our children, will suffer and die if you pass this bill."

Katie Blair, the Advocacy and Public Policy Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, said her organization stood ready to pursue court action should a ban be enacted.

Misinformation in favor of the bill

Roughly half of those testifying in support of the bill didn't live in Indiana and many were well-known anti-trans activists who travel the country testifying on similar bills before state legislatures.

Proponents described gender-affirming medical care as "snake oil" and transgender acceptance as a "social contagion."

Mikel Kelly, a licensed mental health counselor whose LinkedIn bio describes him as a 'psycho-theological theorist," has a "Christian practice" in Plainfield who treats "transgender disorder."

"The disorder happens to cause the brain to think it is one thing when it is not," Kelly said. "Gender dysphoria comes from a situation where people have experienced some measure of trauma in their life that somehow gets associated with their gender."

Several studies from the 1980s spreading the misinformation related to trauma have subsequently been dismissed, and "no empirical support has been produced" as of

2018. Just one Hoosier, Corinna Cohn, said he regretted his decision to transition, but this bill wouldn't have protected him because his surgical intervention occurred at the age of 19 in Wiscon-

sin. Lawmakers also heard testimony from the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a national Christian legal organization that pushed Indiana's ban on transgender female

athletes last year. Matt Sharp, the attorney with ADF, noted that other states had passed similar laws though most are held up in litigation.

"Parents undoubtedly

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have the right to direct a child's mental and physical healthcare but they do not have the right to demand that doctors perform harmful, unlawful services," Sharp said. "A parent cannot demand that a doctor perform assisted suicide on their child... legislators have a duty to protect children from harmful things that they lack the maturity and experience to handle."

The Southern Poverty Law Center designates ADF as an extremist anti-LGBTQ hate group. The organization also defends the discredited practice of conversion therapy and argues for the criminalization of homosexuality.

One of many national

The bill is one of many introduced in Indiana, and elsewhere, that LGBTQ+ advocates have dubbed a "slate of hate," and youth in Indiana are already feeling ostracized, according to S. Alexander Kemery.

"(The bills are) really sending the message that LBGTQ identities are taboo or controversial. We're telling these youth that who they are is shameful," Kemery said.

Kemery, a professor of nursing with the University of Indianapolis, has a doctorate and specializes in LGBTQ+ health. He notes that puberty blockers are considered to be reversible.

"There have been some studies that link discrimination through things like legislation or just daily acts of discrimination to things like heart disease, diabetes, hypertension - so it's not just the mental health impact," Kemery said. "We know that legislation... that denies access to gender-affirming care is going to increase depression, isolation (and) suicidality."

Only one Republican joined the committee's two Democrats in voting down the bill barring gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth: Sen. Vaneta Becker, of Evansville.

Becker said she had concerns about the bill infringing on the rights of parents, saying "I think decisions like this should be left to the parents."

The bill passed 8-3 and moves to the full Senate Chamber, where the bill must be heard twice more before the end of the month to continue advancing.

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Everything Is Ship Shape

Mary Ellen and I just returned from a wonderful Caribbean cruise. But no one wants to read a humor column about how much fun we had. So instead, I'll put on my grumpy old man hat and describe everything that went wrong.

On our first day, we went snorkeling. It took us about an hour on a catamaran to reach the reef, but the fish in Saint Thomas must have seen us coming, because by the time we put on all of our gear and dove into the bay, there was nary a minnow in sight.

The guide tried to paint a rosy picture of our pricey excursion. "Have you ever seen so many fish?" he asked.

I answered honestly: "Yes, on the wall of Red Lobster." Later, on board the

ship, one of my hearing aids stopped working. "Which one?" asked

Mary Ellen. "Starboard side," I

said.

My wife was impressed that I had adopted the proper nautical terminology. But when I turned around to walk toward the lunch buffet, my broken hearing aid was now on the port side of my head. This created a real problem: Mary Ellen never knew which ear to yell into.

Getting on the elevator required us to scan our room card. I kept swiping but the elevator door didn't open. A fellow passenger walked by. 'You're scanning the hand sanitizer dispenser," he told me.

I complained to the front desk that both pools on the ship lacked a shallow end. They were five feet nine inches deep everywhere, an inch over the top of my head. Who designed these pools? Retired NBA players? "Am I the only person to complain about this?" I asked the cruise director.

"No, Mr. Wolfsie, but you are the tallest.'

One night I carried the TV remote onto the veranda outside our room that overlooke the ocean. The device slipped out of my hand when the ship rocked and it landed in the Atlantic.

"That's never happened before," said the steward. "What were you doing



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when you dropped it?" "I was channel surfing," I told him.

Our room safe required us to choose a security code. I used our old house number. But I must have entered it incorrectly when I programmed it, because I could not unlock it with those same digits later that night. Panicked, I called the security desk. "How did I get locked out of my own safe?"

"Wait a second, aren't you the guy who griped about the snorkeling, swiped the hand sanitizer with his key card, complained that the pool has no shallow end, and lost his remote in the Atlantic? And did you ever get your hearing aid fixed?"

Wow, word travels fast at sea.

On the way home, I went to the deli at the airport to get a bite to eat before boarding the plane. All they had was a stale-looking chicken sandwich with wilted lettuce and slimy American cheese. I bought one along with a bottle of water. Mary Ellen took a pass.

"That will be \$25.00," said the cashier.

"\$25.00? At Costco right here in San Juan, I could get five whole rotisserie chickens for 25.00!

"Good luck fitting them under your seat, sir."

Again, despite what you have read, I had a wonderful time. I especially liked our last glorious day in Puerto Rico. As David Letterman would have said: "It was 75 and sunny. Just like me."

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Finding Savings Where You're Already Spending

(Statepoint) At a time when Americans are keeping a closer eye on their expenses, finding more value where they are already spending on the essentials is more important than ever.

In a recent study from Morgan Stanley, 64% of Americans said they plan to cut back on overall spending in the next six months as inflation continues to rise and impact wallets. And while many are making cuts in their everyday life, wireless shows no sign of being scratched from the monthly budget. With more than 60% of households having cut the cord to their landline, Americans increasingly rely on their mobile connectivity. This may be why that when it comes to prioritizing monthly bills, the same Morgan Stanley study showed that wireless was top ranked alongside other life essentials, with respondents saying that keeping their connectivity was nearly neck in neck with paying their mortgage.

Another survey, by

opinion analytics and research firm CivicScience, had Americans weigh the importance of their wireless service compared to other popular out-ofpocket expenses.

When asked whether they'd rather give up wireless or a video streaming service, 77% said they'd give up streaming and continue binging their mobile connectivity. When it came to choosing mobile service over a food delivery service, 93% said they'd sacrifice food delivery. Even America's favorite pastime was no match against reliable connectivity, with 86% saying they'd gladly give up attending a sporting event rather than part with their wireless service.

So, we know people would sacrifice spending on some of life's little luxuries to stay connected, but do they really have to?

Inflation can be deflating, but you don't need to be powerless against it. Simple money saving techniques can make a difference, and as it

happens, if you have the right wireless service, you may not need to slash spending after all.

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some serious savings. In a time of increasing sacrifice, you can be selective about your wireless phone provider, especially when it offers benefits your family can't afford to live without.

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game, hoping to someday be as good as my heroes on the Darlington team. But I also played board games, practiced my art skills, read books from the library, and watched my favorite TV shows...mostly westerns like Wyatt Earp, the Lone Ranger, and Tales of Wells Fargo, plus the family type shows like Ozzie and Harriet, the Donna Reed Show, and Father Knows Best. I usually watched the Ed Sullivan Show, and I rarely watched the news, except for Walter Cronkite.

There were many "Mom and Pop" businesses in Darlington to visit, but my favorite places were the drug store, which also sold ice cream and candy, and the Sunshine Theater. I also visited the restaurant, Cox's Standard station, barbershop, pool room, and elevator... just to mention a few. I enjoyed listening to the older generation tell stories and jokes...and sometimes play pranks on unsuspecting friends.

One thing that stands out in my mind is that the men were the breadwinners, and most of the women were stay-athome moms. Families seemed to have enough money on a one-person

and the mothers were very involved in their kids' lives and in school and church activities. We ate our meals as a family and very seldom went out to eat. Most all of the kids went to Sunday school, and in the summer...Vacation Bible School. Neighbors were friendly and were considered almost like family, helped each

income in those years,

other, and looked out for one another. If a farmer became injured or sick, nearby farmers took over their chores and helped with the animals and crops until he was back on his feet. That is one aspect of rural Montgomery County life that is still evident today! There was no "social media" and cell phones

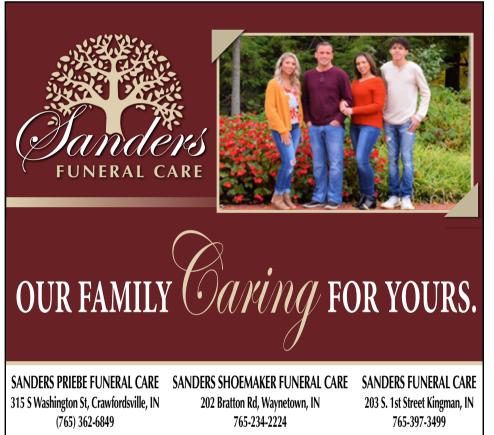
to distract young minds. Heck, we didn't even have a dial phone until 1958! Life was a lot smoother, and people got along. Our folks discussed and debated politics, but they didn't go crazy over it like some do today. Parents disciplined their kids, and teachers took over for the parents at school. School was a place to learn, not just academically, but also socially. And yes, I can certainly remember prayers being

and special events. Another thing that stands out in my mind is that the quality of consumer goods back then was much better. If Damon Warren sold you a Maytag washer and dryer, you knew they would last 25-30 years or more. Furniture, cars, appliances, were made right here in the U.S.A. I don't recall anything that said "Made in China," although I'm sure such things did exist. If something needed repair, the service was excellent and the rates were fair. People didn't try to cheat or scam you out of your money like many frauds

My folks grew up in the 1930s during the Great Depression. They said it was tough going, but the families stuck together and made it through. I grew up in a wonderful time. I wouldn't trade my childhood days for anything. So when a youngster asked me, "Was it really the good ol' days?"...my answer is, "Yes, it sure was!"

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Birdwatching and maintaining an area and feeders for birds can keep you busy yearround. Below I will talk about what steps to take to attract birds to your

yard. First things first, feeders and bird health. Choose feeders that are sturdy and easy to clean. Bird feeders can be a breeding ground for diseases to birds. Seed and suet feeders should be cleaned once every two weeks and hummingbird feeders should be cleaned once a week. Scrub feeders with warm soapy water, followed by a short soak in a 10% bleach solution, then rinsed thoroughly.

Feeders should protect the food from moisture or have drainage holes. Tube feeders typically attract finches, small perches exclude larger birds like grackles and blue jays. Open trays close to the ground atFrom Page A1

tract doves and jays, and squirrels.

said at club gatherings

The next most important thing is that the more diversity you have of native plants in your landscape, the more birds and types of birds you will see. My recommendations: purple coneflower, long headed coneflower, oxeye sunflower, Maximilian sunflower, smooth blue aster, rough blazing star, little blue stem grass bunches, dogwood shrubs, flowering dogwood trees, Virginia creeper, common rush grass, prairie dropseed grass, Oak trees, oak trees, and oak trees.

Water: providing a shallow water source can also attract birds without providing food. Dripping water is especially attractive, and can be as easy as hung up old two-liter or milk jug with a small hole dripping over the bird bath.

Type of food in the feeder: Seeds. Be wary of bird mixes that contain "fillers", they can attract undesirable species of birds. Black-oil sunflower is recommended because it is high quality and attractive to a variety of bird species. Suet attracts woodpeckers and nuthatches. Orioles love oranges and grape jelly. Thistle socks attract goldfinches.

During the spring and summer, don't be surprised if your birds are eating less seeds from the feeders. Birds typically switch to invertebrates as their food source to feed their young. That is where the native plants are essential because they will support the native insect population birds need to feed their young.

Apps to use for birding: ebird Mobile app and Merlin Bird ID to figure out what birds you are seeing AND hearing.

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