⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

⇒ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Tiffany Cosby smiles brightly on a beautiful Wednesday morning. Thank you for your smile, Tiffany!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Sixty-year-old Floridian Rob Stirling shows that age needn't get you down. Stirling recently contested the Guinness World Record for doing the most pushups in one hour -- 3,264 pushups in sixty minutes, almost 54-and-a-half pushups per minute. Stirling is not done yet. He plans to set a new Guinness record for the most pushups in one minute. The current record holder earned his title by doing 144 pushups in the span of sixty seconds.

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces County Road 100 W. over I-74 will close on or after Monday, March 27 for bridge work, near Crawfordsville. This is about one-mile west of U.S. 231. Crews will also be restricting both driving lanes of I-74 at the bridge. It's expected to reopen after early October, weather permitting. The restrictions are also expected to end after that time. The detour follows U.S. 231 to Co. Rd. 400 N. to Co. Rd. 100 S. to N. 400 N. to U.S. 231 and back to Co. Rd. 100.

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Celebrating Earth Month In Waveland





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Duke Energy and Waveland Library volunteers planted trees and shrubs at Waveland Community Park Saturday April 15 in celebration of Earth Month.

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USA Program. Donations from Duke Energy and Waveland Library made the planting of a Red Oak, Swamp White Oak and Serviceberries possible. Learn more about Right Tree, Right Place by visiting Right Tree Right Place - Duke Energy (duke-energy.com) Pictured, L to R: Christy Roark (Waveland Library Director), Tyler Roark, Sequoia Roark, Sully Roark, Jeff Hagfors (Duke Energy Vegetation Management Program Manager), and Stephanie Acker.

VANCLEAVE SAGA #7 – Ralph B 1784



Ralph Vancleave was the 8th child, fourth son, of Benjamin Samuel and Ruth Munson

KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Vancleave, born in Kentucky the day after St. Pat's day in 1784. In Shelby County where he and his brothers and sisters grew-up, Ralph married Elizabeth (Betsy) Stubbins 25 Feb 1805 she having just had her 16th birthday, Ralph five years older. Toward the end of that same year, their son Jonathan appeared, the first of their 8 children who were all born in Kentucky before they ventured to MoCo (Brown Township). On Oct 21, 1811, his father gave Ralph a tract of land in Shelby County next to his brother Samuel's land on Bullskin Creek. Ralph owned around 80 acres in Kentucky along with (1819 tax list) horses and two slaves. Elizabeth passed on the 23rd of November 1848; buried Old Union Cemetery north of Waveland and near their property. He joined her on 2 Feb 1855. Sue P. did a great deal of work on FAGrave early on; here is her photo of Ralph's grave. His wife is on one end of the greenery and Ralph's on the opposite, both sideways according to

Jonathan above was a December baby born the 13th in 1805

and passed away here 3-5-1900. On April the 6th 1827 in Shelby Co, his uncle, Rev. Samuel Vancleave married he and Elizabeth Vancleave (slightly older than Jon, born Nov 10th 1803 daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Griffin). They were 2nd cousins. Jonathan joined the Indian Creek old Baptist Church in May of 1842 and Elizabeth followed in July. They moved with her father here in the Fall of 1826 and the next fall, he build a cabin where they lived the remainder of their lives. With a "divine calling," Jonathan began preaching in the Indian Creek church in 1848 and was ordained in Nov 1849. From this time on through 1899 he preached in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky and of course Indiana at the Indian Creek Church. He preached his last sermon eight days before Christmas in '99. Never once did he take a salary for preaching (he was also a farmer and a gunsmith) as it was "his calling!" (obit) Buried Old Hickory cemetery in Brown Twp. His children were William (July 19, 1828-Jan 20, 1832 buried Old Hickory). David born Nov 15, 1830 died Sept 9, 1892 in MoCo married Emaline Davis - their children were Keziah (married Albert Martin having 5 children); Amanda (married Shelby Johnson Pickett lived Putnam County - no children). Her life was one of upright love of the Lord and people; after her husband passed, she lived with her brother Manning (Manson whom I believe never

married and lived quite a long life). Son Jonathan H passed away about 5 years old. (Wenzel). Jonathan and Elizabeth also had: Anna; Emily; Lucy; Jane; Ransom; Adam; Aaron and Ralph. I have bits and pieces about all of 'em but not much on Anna and Emily.

In the 1850 census two of Ralph's four girls are not married (Lucy 39 and Emily 25) and living with him. There are three Vancleave young ones with them – Isiah 13; Edwin 8 and Marion 6 who are three of five children of his daughter, Malinda who imagine passed due to childbirth (7th April 1846) with her and John Vancleave's daughter Rebecca born 3 April – she passed the next year in February. Malinda's husband John (10 Sept 1815 Shelby Co KY son of Aaron and Elizabeth Vancleave) had passed the month before. They also lost an Emily but the three boys grew to manhood Emily passed at age 30 here (born 4 October 1822) just three years after the 50 census, dying 9 June 1853 and is buried at Old Union. Edwin was a wellknown local farmer, married to Sarah Hicks for 55 years before his death (Oct 1916) and was an active member in the Indian Creek Baptist Church. He and Sarah had six daughters and one son John Sanford who died at age 20. (Wenzel). Ralph's daughter, Lucy just reached by 4 days 1 April 1810 – 5 April

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset: RISE: 6:57 a.m.

SET: 8:28 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures: High: 82 °F Low: 59 °F

Today is...:

- Chinese Language DayNational D.A.R.E. Day
- National High Five Day

What Happened On This Day:

- 1999 15 die in the Columbine High School massacre.
- 1951 A human organ is surgically replaced for the first time.
- 1902 Pierre and Marie Curie discover the radioactive element radium.

Births On This Day: • 1889 Adolf Hitler Austrian/German pol-

itician, Chancellor of

Germany
• 1808 Napoleon III
French politician, 1st
President of France

Deaths On This Day:

• 1991 Don Siegel American film director

• 1521 Zhengde Emperor

Honoring The Bravery And Sacrifice Of U.S.

(StatePoint) Every year, the United Service Organizations (USO) honors junior enlisted service members who have exhibited a commitment to protecting and serving others both

Service Members

on and off duty.

Nominated by their command leadership, the seven 2022
USO Service Members of the Year come from every military branch, and government officials, military leaders and USO supporters recently celebrated their achievements at the USO's Annual Awards Dinner in Washington DC, hosted by

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⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

When did we go from a basket-ball state to a football one?



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The Montgomery County Democrat Party will meet Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Donnelley Room of the Crawfordsville Public Library, 205 South Washington Street. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the work of the Democrat Party in Montgomery County.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The purpose of a tax cut is to leave more money where it belongs, in the hands of the working men and working women who earned it in the first place." -Bob Dole

⇒ TODAY'S JOKE

How many golfers does it take to change a light bulb? Fore!





OBITUARIES

None



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Photo courtesy of Rep. Baird

Montgomery County resident Nick McManus (right) joins State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) (left) in the House Chamber at the Indiana Statehouse. McManus is interning with the House of Representatives during the 2023 legislative session.

Local Graduate Gains Experience At Statehouse

Southmont High School graduate Nick McManus is gaining experience as an intern with State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) and his fellow members of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2023 legislative

McManus, a Montgomery County resident, is the son of Robert and Kathy McManus. He is currently a senior at Ball State University and majoring in finance.

"Working with elected officials is pretty neat," McManus said. "I enjoy gaining a more thorough understanding of our government and the legislative process.'

As a legislative intern, McManus corresponds with constituents through phone calls, letters and

emails while also staffing committee hearings and floor proceedings.

"During his time at the Statehouse, Nick is learning skills essential to a successful career," Baird said. "Legislative interns help with many tasks throughout session, including helping members prepare for committees and assisting constit-

Each year, the House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law-school students, graduate students and recent college graduates for the duration of each legislative session.

Visit IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/internship for more information about the House Republican internship program.

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Preventing E-Waste And What We Can Do

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Is buying refurbished electronics better for the planet than buying brand new ones?

According to the United **Nations Environment** Programme (UNEP), the world produces some 50 million tons of electronic waste each year, and the figure is increasing. Meanwhile, only 20 percent of this electronic waste is disposed of properly. The remaining 80 percent is either sent to landfills, incinerated or illegally traded, resulting in a host of environmental problems including groundwater pollution, reduced air quality and the depletion of virgin natural resources to replace discarded items. As a result, buying refurbished electronics is a step in the right direction.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that buying refurbished electronics can significantly reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste. The EPA estimates that for every million smartphones that are refurbished and reused, approximately 35,000 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered. This is a considerable number of valuable resources that can be conserved by buying refurbished electronics.

Refurbishing electronics not only conserve resources but also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 50 percent, according to the EPA. This is because the production of new electronics requires a lot of energy, and greenhouse gas emissions are generated during the manufacturing process. "Most of the pollution that's made actually is in the manufacturing of the device, not the use," says Lucas Gutterman of the non-profit public interest group, U.S. PIRG. "So buying refurbished and using things for as long as we possibly can, really helps protect the environment.

Buying refurbished is also good for the pocketbook, given that they cost less. But is the savings worth it? Refurbished items sold by reputable

retailers undergo tests and inspections to ensure that they meet the same quality standards as new items. According to the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), a trade association for the consumer electronics industry, buyers should look for refurbished electronics that come with a warranty that assures that the item has been thoroughly vetted and is of high quality.

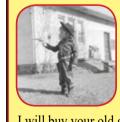
"Some credit card companies will extend coverage on refurbished goods, too, as long as they come with a preexisting warranty," notes Consumer Reports' Yael Grauer. Another smart consumer tip is to always check the return policy on a refurbished item before hitting the "buy" button. "It might take you a little while to notice poor performance and defects in a refurbished product, so it helps to have at least one month to decide whether you want to keep it," adds Grauer.

Apple, Dell, Amazon, Walmart and BestBuy are among the large companies that sell many refurbished electronics with limited warranties and a

return policy. Dozens of other smaller resellers (e.g., Refurb.io, Gazelle, TechForLess, RefurbMe, etc.) also specialize in refurbished products and typically offer similar if not better terms for consumers. "Buying refurbished products positively impacts the environment by boosting the circular economy, lowering the replacement cycle, reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, avoiding additional e-waste, and reducing energy and fuel consumption," says Simo Elali of RefurbMe. "You do this by giving a new life to a pre-owned device."

CONTACTS: U.S. PIRG, pirg.org; Consumer Technology Association, cta.tech; Refurb. io, ca.refurb.io; Gazelle, gazelle.com; TechFor-Less, techforless.com; RefurbMe, refurb.me.

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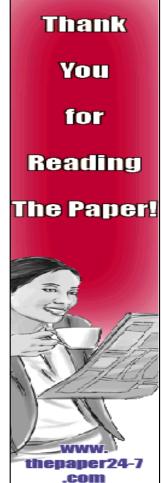


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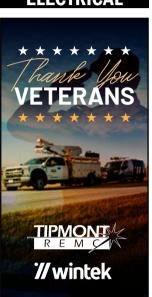


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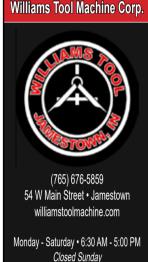
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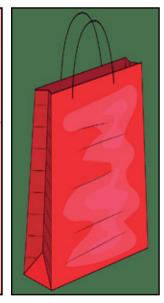
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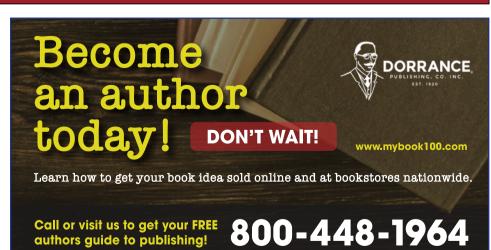
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Is Tesla Really Green As **Green As They Say?**

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Dear EarthTalk: Is Tesla the world's greenest large company given its product line, use of renewable energy and innovations in manufacturing efficiency?

While it's hard to say which large company is the world's "greenest," Tesla, known for its electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy solutions as well as for promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, certainly would be one of the contenders for such a title.

Tesla's product line, which includes electric cars and trucks, energy storage systems, solar panels and roof tiles, and now even green tiny homes, aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation and energy production. By promoting the adoption of EVs, Tesla seeks to contribute to reducing air pollution and addressing climate change.

In addition to its products, Tesla has also made efforts to use renewable energy in its operations. For example, the company has built large-scale solar energy installations and has invested in solar panel manufacturing. Furthermore, Tesla's Gigafactories, which are used for manufacturing batteries and other components for EVs, are powered by

renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

Tesla has also been recognized for its innovations in manufacturing efficiency, such as its use of automated production processes and advanced technologies in its factories. These efforts are aimed at optimizing energy usage, reducing waste, and improving overall environmental sustainabil-

However, it's important to note that sustainability and environmental impact are complex issues, and evaluating the "greenness" of a company requires considering various factors beyond just its product line, use of renewable energy, and manufacturing efficiency. Factors such as the entire supply chain, labor practices, waste management and social impact also play a role in determining a company's overall sustainability performance.

So where exactly does Tesla stack up? The non-profit As You Sow ranks the pioneering EV maker at #5 on Clean200, its global list of large companies ranked according to sustainability criteria. Apple tops the list at #1, with Alphabet (parent company of Google), Deutsche Telekom AG and Verizon filling in the other top spots in front of Tesla. As You Sow updates this list every year based on the most current data on each company's so-called "clean" revenue, that is, income derived

from green, non-polluting sources.

Whether Tesla can rise above #5 next year is anybody's guess, but it's rise on the Clean200 list may be worth betting on given its #9 listing in 2021 followed by #6 in 2022. And this past March, Tesla shocked the business world at its 2023 Investor Day by unveiling not a newer, more affordable Tesla-for-the-masses as expected but instead a master plan to use the company's evolving suite of products and marketing platform to help steer the world away from fossil fuels once and for all.

According to Tesla founder Elon Musk, switching over from fossil fuels to renewable energy globally would cost \$10 trillion, less than the world would spend on fossil fuels over the timeframe it will take to transition. "Earth can and will move to sustainable energy, and it will do so in your lifetime," Musk told investors.

CONTACTS: Tesla, tesla.com; Clean200, asyousow.org/reportpage/2023-clean200-investing-in-a-clean-energyfuture.

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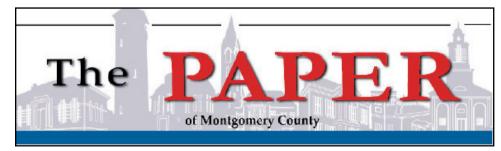
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1884 her 74th birthday. Ralph and Elizabeth also had Cary, just four at the 1823 death. Elizabeth "Jane" (born Valentine's Day 1812) buried Old Union passing 13 July 1846, married Adam Wible and mothered at least William "Milton" (died age 18), and Matilda. Adam remarried Elizabeth Vancleave (daughter of Levi and Matilda Vancleave) and had Martha, Jennie and Matilda although FAGrave doesn't

agree with me. Ralph's son William married (4 Dec 1828 in MoCo) Elizabeth Wilson and they had three sons (Jonathan; William Newton; Robert) and a daughter with an unusual name if I have it right: Monimia. Just 32 at his death, his boys didn't live too much longer than he, but produced several children nonetheless. The boys were carpenters and farmers. Moni married Abner Jarrett here, moved to Minnesota and they were parents of four daughters.

I have one more child for Ralph who is Nancy born in Kentucky in December (16th in 1817). For the longest time, she was my mystery, but eventually discovered her and the hubs (Isiah Boone Wible marr 3-22-1838) in Vermilion County, Illinois. The next year they had Andrew Murray

Wible whom I surprisingly discovered was born in Waveland 7 June 1839 and is buried in the same cemetery (Stearns in Muncie, Ill) as his parents and all but one sibling. Other children for Nancy and Isaiah were: Robert Bruce who served in the 40th Indiana. He did not marry

until he was in his 50s

- no children. Daughter Rebecca Wible also buried in Stearns was 60 at her death and never married. Charlotte died at age 24 Lucy, as Charlotte and Rebecca also did not marry (born when they lived in Iowa shortly 24 March 1856 died in Champaign Co II) 4 August 1930 but buried at Stearns. I assume Nancy and Isaiah's last child, Isaiah C. was also not married as he too is buried with the rest. Oh and on a couple of Ancestry trees there was possibly a William Pinkney born 7 June 1845 in MoCo. So, to my calculations, with six (7)

Well, blessings to Ralph and his clan!

children, there were no

grandkids.

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Drew Carey. "From defending an Air Base to rescuing civilians in accidents and fires, these honorees have performed inspiring acts of heroism, exemplifying the

values of both the USO and the Armed Forces," said USO president and CEO, J.D. Crouch II.

Here's what to know about this year's honor-

- USO Soldier of the Year: Sergeant Erick Ceja was responsible for enabling the first U.S. Patriot missile engagement in combat in more than 19 years after incoming enemy ballistic missiles were identified as threats to the Al Dhafra Air Base. He analyzed the incoming threat, manned his battle station to ensure all launchers were operating properly and led his crew members through a perfect assumption drill. His actions ensured the safety of more than 3,500 service members and Department of Defense civilians.
- USO Airman of the Year: Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant Blake M. Metscher climbed through an overturned minivan to rescue a trapped family suffering from head trauma and lacerations in a multi-vehicle highway accident. His actions were key to the victims' survival and lauded by first responders.
- USO Coast Guardsman of the Year: Maritime Enforcement Specialist Second Class Jacob Flores saved three lives on an uncharted section of the Rio Grande River while operating a Response Boat early one morning. Upon spotting two women and an infant struggling with no life preservers, Flores dove in to pull them from the unforgiving river despite imminent personal danger. His actions ensured the safety of all three victims who received emergency medical care after the rescue.
- USO Marine of the Year: Corporal Alec T. Cruz saved the life of a fellow Marine after

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responding to a 911 call requesting medical assistance for an unconscious service member. He quickly placed her in the recovery position, evaluated her condition, and initiated CPR when her breathing stopped and a pulse could no longer be located. Cruz revived the Marine after two cycles of CPR and provided lifesaving support while awaiting medical care.

- USO Sailor of the Year: While off duty near his home base in Virginia, Cryptologic Petty Officer Third Class Ty Knight responded to the sound of gunshots from a drive-by at a nearby intersection. He and another sailor took action, supported the survivor at the scene and remained with them until emergency officials arrived.
- USO National Guardsman of the Year: Specialist Solomon Doss responded to a fire early one morning while on duty as a police officer in Alabama. He brought an elderly woman who had become incapacitated due to smoke inhalation to safety before the building was engulfed in flames. His composure and rapid response saved her life.
- USO Guardian of the Year: Sergeant Octavio Cesar Castruita was off duty when he witnessed a pregnant woman cry for help as a visibly distraught man attempted to seize her vehicle. He ran to the woman's aid, then detained the offender long enough for emergency responders to take him into police custody. Castruita's rapid response saved the woman and her unborn child from harm.

To learn more about the 2022 USO Service Members of the Year, visit https://www.uso.org, and join the conversation by following the USO on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and using the #BetheForce hashtag.

"America's service members put their lives on the line to keep us safe. That is why it's so vital to honor their service and sacrifice," says Crouch.

Senate Spars Over State-Funded Teacher Gun Training

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Indiana's Senate on Tuesday — after vivid and emotional arguments approved legislation creating a state-funded gun training program for school staff. Lawmakers gave school districts the authority to let their employees carry firearms at school a decade ago, but offered no training protocols.

Legislators have repeatedly tried to mandate gun training, but have failed to overcome fierce resistance.

"This does not go nearly as far as what I wish it did, because I really wish that it were mandatory training," the bill's Senate sponsor Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said on the floor. "But we can't get that done in the General Assembly because I have tried that for the last number of years, and it has failed miserably in the House every time."

"I understand the minority's consternation with the bill, but we take as much ground as we possibly can," Holdman concluded. Democrats have generally argued against firearms in schools, but say that if the program continues, gun training should be mandatory.

House Bill 1177 would let schools with armed staff apply for a new grant - out of Indiana's secured school fund — that can only be used on firearms training. The legislation also establishes a standardized 40-hour curriculum, with instruction on safe handling, carrying and storage.

Instruction must also include firearm maintenance, marksmanship and "dynamic gun drills" recreating high-stress, highly populated environments and more. Staff would also have to learn about the legal consequences and psychological responses to shooting, school shootings, and emergency medicine for at least an hour each.

The bill says instructors must be "qualified" but doesn't specify qualifica-

Making schools safer, or more dangerous?

Lawmakers offered vivid examples of school shootings, gun training and interactions with their own children while arguing for and against the bill Tuesday.

Sen. James Tomes, R-Wadesville, recounted that the year before the deadly 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, university administrators had opposed a state bill outlawing public university bans on concealed carry. Tomes then asked his colleagues to imagine themselves as students in the massacre.

"Put yourself in the shoes of those kids in that classroom. Thirty-two students — let's say you're number 21 in the lineup," Tomes said. "... Would you want somebody else in that room with a gun to stop him? Make up your mind, because ... you're

next up."

Those administrators, he continued, "weren't bragging" about their legislative victory after the shooting.

Tomes also spoke of a school districted that had allowed its staff members to carry, putting them through "demanding" training, a mental health evaluation. The guns, he said, were located in "secure places throughout the school" only known to the participating staff.

Democrats, meanwhile, said the bill wasn't thorough enough because it leaves those details to individual districts.

Sen. Andrea Hunley, D-Indianapolis, noted that amendments on how schools should handle firearm storage and specifying that instructors should be certified failed to advance. Her own amendment requiring that parents be notified if their children's teacher was armed failed Monday.

"If I know that, I'm going to have a conversation with my student," Hunley said at the time. "I'm going to say, 'Baby, when you go to school today, remember that you have math, and remember that ... your math teacher is carrying a firearm. Make sure that you don't make any sudden movements. Make sure that you don't do anything that would get you hurt today at school."

Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, pressed Holdman on why the bill kept participating staff names confidential — arguing that law enforcement should have access to the information to be prepared in case of school shooting.

"If there's a live shooter and the police officers come in, who're they going to shoot? The person with a gun," Taylor remarked.

Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, also called on the chamber to expand background checks, implement a 21-plus age restriction and return permitting processes that lawmakers ditched last year.

What's next After nearly an hour of discussion Tuesday, lawmakers approved the bill in a 42-8 vote. All Republicans voted in support, with Democrats J.D. Ford

of Indianapolis and David

Niezgodski of South Bend ioining.

The bill, which originated in the House, has seen changes during its time in the Senate. House lawmakers must approve the edits or take the bill to a conference committee to work out the differences with their Senate colleagues.

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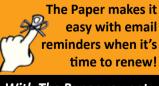
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