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Interstate 65 is void of traffic in downtown Louisville on June 1. A five-mile stretch of I-65 through central Louisville is closed through July 31 for road repairs. More than 100,000 vehicles normally use the I-65 through Louisville each day. MATT STONE/COURIER JOURNAL



How Barr won GOP Senate primary

Money, relationships and hustle played parts

Lucas Aulbach
 Louisville Courier Journal
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As results came in on election night in Kentucky, Rep. Andy Barr gave his victory speech as the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate just after 8 p.m.

The party in Lexington didn't end there. But by sunrise the following morning, he was on a flight back to Washington, D.C. — there was a May 20 vote on the House floor he didn't want to miss.

Barr's supporters and others in his circle will tell you that attitude is how

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Iran suspends talks over Israeli attacks on Lebanon

Christopher Cann
 USA TODAY

Iran halted indirect talks with the United States over Israel's intensifying attacks on Lebanon, according to Iranian media reports, signaling a possible breakdown in diplomatic efforts to end the 3-month-old war.

The Iranian semi-official Tasnim news agency said on June 1 that Tehran's negotiating team would stop communicating with Washington through mediators over Israel's military campaign against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The White House did not immediately comment on reports of a break-

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Drivers deal with rush hour traffic during first day of I-65 closure

Caroline Neal and Leo Bertucci
 Louisville Courier Journal
 USA TODAY NETWORK

Louisville drivers got through their first day of commuting with the Interstate 65 closure after all north and southbound lanes for a five-mile stretch of the highway from Jefferson Street to the Interstate 264 interchange shut down June 1.

The closure is part of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's \$150 million Central Corridor Project, during which crews will replace aging bridges. Traffic will detour onto either westbound I-264 or westbound Interstate 64 until Aug. 1, when the roadway is expected to reopen. Construction work was contracted to Kiewit Infrastructure South Co., a construction and engineering firm.

Though the morning commute was largely unaffected, some drivers experienced delays around 7 a.m. June 1 along Interstate 64 near the Sherman Minton Bridge, drone footage from The Courier Journal shows. Traffic cleared up around an hour later.

TRIMARC data around 7 a.m. showed slower traffic on I-65 northbound from Fern Valley Road to

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Huge steel beams are moved into place on June 1 as construction begins on I-65. The on ramp is at Shelby Street. MICHAEL CLEVINGER/COURIER JOURNAL



Motorists wait in a line on West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, to get onto the ramp to eastbound Interstate 64 near the Sherman Minton Bridge. MATT STONE/COURIER JOURNAL

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