



Column: Brandt Snedeker showing he can still show up and compete

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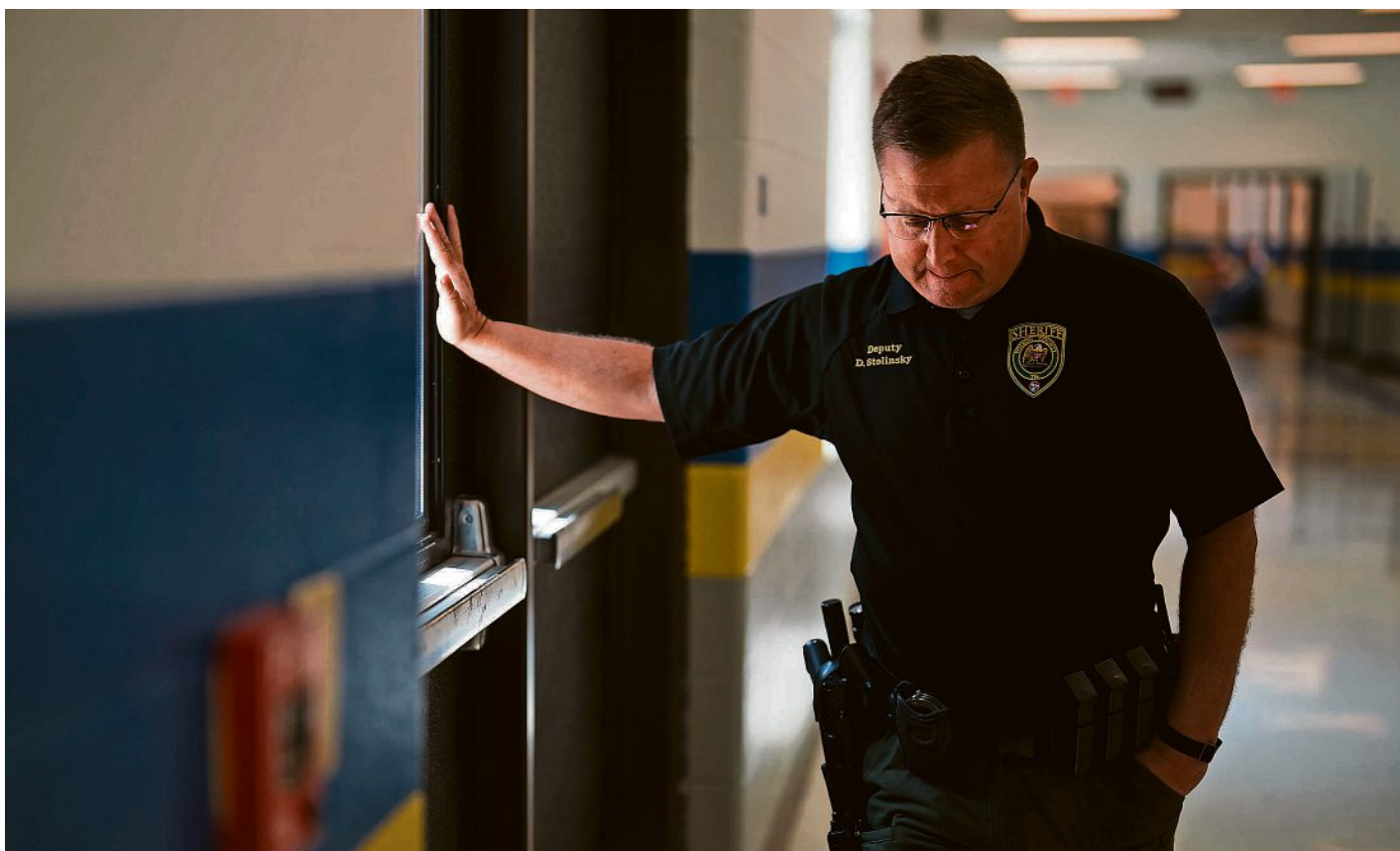
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VIOLENCE IN TENNESSEE SCHOOLS

Threats now common for students and staff



School Resource Officer Deputy David Stolinsky checks to make sure doors are closed and locked at West Wilson Middle School in Mt. Juliet on April 27. The middle school recently had two threats of violence on successive days.

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Several districts see incidents climb well into the hundreds

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Imagine going to school or work under an active threat of violence, even death. • It's become a common reality for many students, teachers and parents, something law enforcement across Tennessee deals with almost constantly. • Some districts and police departments investigate dozens of threats during a school year. Larger departments, like Metro Nashville Police and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, report numbers in the hundreds.

An active threat impacts the school day not only procedurally, but also emotionally with the reality and horror of school violence often making national headlines or the evening news on a regular basis. In the Volunteer State, there have been deadly school shootings in Nashville twice, at the Covenant School in March 2023 and at Antioch High in January 2025.

"Nervous and scared," eighth grader Emerson Littrell said

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Eighth grader Emerson Littrell stands in the hallway at West Wilson Middle School on April 27. Emerson said she was "nervous and scared" about hearing of threats of mass violence at the school on April 1-2.

Dems sue over new map

Federal lawsuit makes multiple arguments

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The Tennessee Democratic Party has shifted its fight against Tennessee's new congressional map into court, hoping to block the map from taking effect before the upcoming midterm elections.

The Democratic Party and candidates and voters in Davidson, Maury and Shelby counties sued the state a day after Gov. Bill Lee signed into law a new map that eliminates Tennessee's only Black-majority district.

The lawsuit, filed May 8 in the U.S. District of Middle Tennessee, seeks an immediate injunction to stop the maps

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DC PRESS GALA SHOOTING

Suspect pleads not guilty

Charges include attempted assassination

Andrew Goudsward

REUTERS

WASHINGTON - The man accused of attempting to assassinate President Donald Trump at a White House reporters' gala in April pleaded not guilty to all charges on May 11.

Cole Allen, 31, of California, did not speak in court as his attorney Tezira Abe entered the plea on his behalf. The charges include attempted assassination of the president, assault on a federal officer and firearms offenses.

Prosecutors allege Allen fired a shotgun at a Secret Service agent and stormed a security checkpoint in a foiled attack on Trump and other members of his administration at the

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