

Police investigating kidnapping

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Police are looking for two men after they allegedly abducted a woman in Portland.

Jay County Sheriff's Office issued a press release Wednesday morning regarding the incident, saying the woman was found safely and the incident remains under investigation.

According to police, a 21-year-old woman was cleaning a home on Race Street in Portland at about 5:30 p.m. Monday when she noticed two males outside. They followed her as she drove away from the property and cut her off on the street. The men allegedly

Woman was taken Monday evening, located unharmed a few hours later

forced her to get into a vehicle with them and drove away.

Jay County Sheriff's Office received a call about the alleged abduction about 6 p.m. Monday. The woman initially contacted her family via phone and stopped responding soon after, the sheriff's office said.

Police began tracking her phone, pinged her location in Darke County, Ohio. According to sheriff's office officials, the men drove around the area for at least three hours, allegedly keeping the woman in the vehicle with them.

She called her brother at about 8:30 p.m. to say she had been dropped off on State Line Road. Jay County Sheriff's Office deputies responded and located her walking along the road.

She was unharmed.

"This poor girl, she was just scared to death," said sheriff's

office investigator Tony Lennartz.

Jay County Sheriff's Office posted a release Wednesday morning on Facebook regarding the incident.

"The case only involved persons in the Hispanic community and was an isolated incident," the release says. "There is no one else targeted and fortunately the girl involved was found safe and fine a couple hours later."

Jay County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are looking into the case. Police plan to share more information with the public when the investigation is complete.



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In the field

Staff from Miller Farms was working Wednesday morning to harvest corn from a field on the east side of county road 300 East between county roads 100 North and 200 North. The Commercial Review's Harvest special section, which features a local column and a story about a new product from Fort Recovery's J&M Manufacturing, ran in Wednesday's newspaper and can also be viewed online at thecr.com.

DNR awards grant to Bryant fire department

A Jay County fire department is receiving state grant funding.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry announced Tuesday that it has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

The grant is part of more than \$450,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance Capacity awards to 100 fire departments across the state.

The grants can be used for training, radios, or to purchase necessary firefighting equipment and gear to combat wildland fires. They are administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources through funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Bryant's funding was awarded for water handling.

Other fire departments receiving grant funding in the region were Montpelier (\$5,000 for wildland firefighting assistance), Albany-Delaware Township (\$5,000 for water handling), Daleville (\$5,000 for water handling), Lynn (\$4,850 for safety gear) and Saratoga Ward (\$5,000 for organization).

Grant recipients were selected based on population density, acres of land protected and wildland fire reporting.

Tax credits could benefit rural counties

Law allows funding for railroad improvements

By MITZI S. MORRIS
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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State tax credits for qualified rail expenditures on improvements and new infrastructure are expected to help short line railroads compete with other modes of freight transportation and spur economic development in rural Indiana.

House Enrolled Act 1461 allows short line railroads and businesses investing in rail maintenance, track expansion, and new projects in rural counties with populations under

300,000 to receive up to 50% in state tax credits.

Adam Robillard — general manager of Madison Railroad — is also chairman of Railroads of Indiana (ROI) and a staunch supporter of the legislation. He is raising awareness about the tax credits since lawmakers passed the law in April.

"We're working by word of mouth, trying to get it out to all the economic development agencies and communities who can benefit and even educating the other small railroads who may not be as familiar or don't have the resources to understand how this works," he said.

Robillard believes the state tax credits will increase rail infrastructure safety while encouraging the growth of Class II and Class III railroads. Mickelson and Company, a tax credit advisory firm, now highlights Indiana as one of the states with a railroad tax credit program on its website.

See Credits page 2

Headless Huffman

Emma Huffman, 8, Montpelier, participates in the costume contest Saturday at the Pennville Pumpkin Festival. The event included a 5K race, a parade, vendors, a car show and a skillet-throwing contest.



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Deaths	Weather	In review	Coming up
Rodney Renbarger , 71, Portland Details on page 2.	Jay County had a high temperature of 66 degrees Tuesday. The low was 48. Tonight's low will be in the lower 30s. Widespread frost is expected Friday morning followed by mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.	Jay School Board has scheduled an executive session for 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, followed by a special meeting at 5 p.m. Also, Portland Historic Preservation Commission has scheduled a meeting for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Friday — Details from Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting. Saturday — Results from the Jay County football team's sectional game at Bellmont. Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.





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Library friends week

Friends of Jay County Public Library celebrated plans Tuesday for the third week of October to be proclaimed as Friends of Libraries Week in Portland. Members of the group enjoyed refreshments together in the library’s Community Room.

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Friday 10/24	Saturday 10/25	Sunday 10/26	Monday 10/27	Tuesday 10/28
57/33	60/38	59/39	59/43	58/42
Mostly sunny on Friday. Temperatures may dip into the 30s at night.	Mostly cloudy, with the low hitting the upper 30s. The high may hit 60.	Sunday's weather shows mostly cloudy skies with a high around 59.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday when the low may hit 43.	There's a 40% chance of showers on Tuesday with a low around 42 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$680 million	Daily Three: 9-5-0 Daily Four: 4-1-3-3 Quick Draw: 6-8-9-23-24-26-28-30-33-35-37-39-43-50-54-55-60-61-62-71
Mega Millions 32-38-66-67-69 Mega Ball: 19 Estimated jackpot: \$320 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 2-7-6 Pick 4: 7-4-5-9 Pick 5: 1-1-7-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 0-0-3 Pick 4: 4-5-0-3 Pick 5: 7-3-6-3-8 Rolling Cash: 15-17-22-28-39 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 5-5-5 Daily Four: 0-1-9-3 Quick Draw: 16-22-24-29-34-35-36-39-42-48-49-58-59-60-62-63-72-74-78-79 Evening	

Markets

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Today in history

In 2009, Jay County High School’s football team lost 28-10 to New Haven in the quarterfinal round of the Class 4A sectional tournament. The Patriots held a 3-0 lead for most of the first half because of a 32-yard Colton Prescott field goal. New Haven took the lead when Frank Lloyd broke a 47-yard reverse around the left end for a touchdown with four minutes left before half-time, and turnovers quickly sent the game spiraling in the Bulldogs’ favor.

In 1941, Disney’s animated film, “Dumbo” was released. The classic movie follows a baby circus elephant who learns to fly using his large ears.

In 2001, the iPod was introduced by Apple. The portable media player became a success, leading to various models over the years.

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Citizen’s calendar

Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, district office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Obituaries

Rodney Renbarger
Feb. 26, 1954-Oct. 18, 2025
Rodney Renbarger, age 71, of Portland passed away on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He was born in Portland on Feb. 26, 1954, the son of Richard and Betty (Longnecker) Renbarger. Rodney graduated from Portland High School in 1972 and was manager of Tom and Rod’s and

Stables Taverns in Portland. Surviving are his mother and stepfather Tom and Betty Meyers of Celina, Ohio. Private services will be held. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.



Renbarger

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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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.

Credits ...

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“All the states that have a history of this have shown significant improvements in rail infrastructure: safety derailment declines, grade crossing improvements. There are so many benefits that have been proven over and over again,” Robillard said.

Joe Gioe — president and CEO of Indiana Rail Road — sees the law’s economic potential for small railroads evolving through the cultivation of customer relationships. “The better our railroad is, the more our customers will have confidence in us because we’ll be reliable. Then, ultimately, they’ll want to do more business with us,” said Gioe.

One railroad expenditure element of the legislation is a \$3,500 tax credit per mile for existing rail infrastructure improvements up to \$9.5 million each fiscal year. Unlike other modes of freight transportation that benefit from taxpayer-funded infrastructure, Robillard pointed out that small railroads primarily pay to maintain their privately-owned tracks.

“Trying to direct some kind of support to these small businesses, nearly 50 of them in the state, small railroads, which for the most part are for-profit railroads, that receive no direct funding and are also a direct competitor with publicly subsidized interstate highways, airways and waterways,” he said.

The rail improvement tax credit will allow small railroads to reinvest money previously allocated for maintenance into growing their businesses, according to Robillard.

“It offsets the need even slightly from having to commit all of their resources to just a maintenance capital to a growth capital and developing business and working with customers and communi-

ties, economic development agencies, and such to invest in growth. And that’s something that our industry in this state has never been able to do properly,” he said.

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Jay County Highway Department is seeking someone to fill a Mechanic Position. Candidate must be 18 years of age or older, possess a High School Diploma or GED, and an Indiana Driver’s License plus Class B CDL w/air brake endorsement. Candidate must have the ability to meet all County hiring requirements including the passage of a medical exam and drug test.

- Must have a working knowledge of trucks, vehicles and equipment and be able to complete related maintenance and safety measures including preventive maintenance
- Must have the ability to operate a variety of machinery, equipment, and tools
- Must have the ability to occasionally work extended hours, evenings, and/or weekends
- Must have the ability to occasionally serve on-call and respond to emergencies from an off-duty status
- Must be able to comply with all employer and Department policies, procedures, and rules
- Must have the ability to effectively communicate with co-workers and other county departments

Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Jay County Highway Department located at 1035 E 200 N, Portland, IN 47371 Mon-Thur 6:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.
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Cornwall-based musician to play at The 615

A musician from rural England will perform in Portland this month.

Sarah McQuaid of West Cornwall, England, will play at The 615, 615 N. Williams St., starting at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

McQuaid, born in Spain and raised in Chicago, holds dual Irish and American citizenship. She brings her eclectic background to her songwriting, performing a wide range of material across genres.

Taking Note

She released “Walking Into White Live in Rapid City” in May, an album that includes a solo performance of “Crow Coyote Bufalo” with Zoë Pollock — the writer and performer

of 1991 hit single “Sunshine On A Rainy Day” — under the band name Mama. It's available to purchase a download via Bandcamp. McQuaid's stop through Jay County is a part of her two-month tour through the United States, with plans to perform in Carmel and Warsaw later this month. Suggested donations are \$20.

Pumpkin decorating
It's the last day to turn in

pumpkin creations. Jay County Public Library is hosting a family pumpkin decorating contest this month.

Pumpkins are available to pick up at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Families may decorate and return their gourd to the library by today. Participants must use pumpkins provided by the library, and the pumpkins can't be cut or punctured. Decorations must be family

friendly. Submissions will be on display from Monday through Oct. 31 for library patrons to cast their votes. The winners will be contacted the following week and receive a gift basket.

Sunset stroll
Lumberlost State Historic Site in Geneva will host Loblolly Sunset Stroll from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Guided by the historic site's naturalist, visitors

can explore the Loblolly Marsh during golden hour to discover what plants and animals live in the marsh. After the sun goes down, attendees will finish the evening making s'mores by the campfire. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth.

Visit IndianaMuseum.org to purchase tickets and find more information about all the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites events and locations.

Sister expresses jealousy over name picked for son

DEAR ABBY: I am pregnant with the first-born grandson on both sides. My husband and I plan to use my husband's middle name for our son's first name and my father's middle name for his middle name. My father is “the III” but has no sons, so we thought this would be a way to honor him and represent my side of the family.

My sister is the first person we shared our son's name with. The following day, she

Dear Abby



n't think using it as a middle name would be an issue. Additionally, she's younger than I am, unmarried and childless. She was so upset with me that I had to end the phone call because it escalated to yelling.

During the call, she suggested I forgo using the name but honor our father by changing the baby's middle name to our father's first name (which my husband and I don't think flows well) or use my maiden

name for my son's middle name. Must I change my son's intended name because my sister wants to be the first to use our father's middle name for a potential future son? — PICKING A NAME IN THE EAST

DEAR PICKING: How your sister got into the middle of what you and your husband decide about your baby's name is beyond me. Of course you don't have to alter your plans to suit your

sister. Stop being a people-pleaser, particularly where your offspring is concerned. Name your baby boy what you think is best, and do not look back.

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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 DearAbby.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
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.

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.

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. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

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, Oct. 26
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'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 ANONYMOUS — 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 the club meeting. 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.

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.

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.



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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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9	4	2	6	3	5	7	1	8
5	7	1	8	4	9	6	2	3
1	2	4	9	8	3	5	7	6
7	9	3	4	5	6	1	8	2
8	6	5	1	2	7	3	9	4

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Look to farmers to save the river

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A new study reveals that programs intended to reduce agriculture water use are the most effective means of stretching the Colorado River's scarce resources. This should be self-evident but tends to get lost amid rhetoric about urban water consumption.

The analysis, by the Journal of the American Water Resources Association, examined more than \$1 billion in spending covering scores of federal conservation efforts over the past two decades. The cost of saving an acre-foot of water in agriculture was as low as \$70, while the price tag for new reservoirs or waste-

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water treatment plants intended to pad municipal supplies can be more than \$2,000 per acre-foot.

"We want the dollars to deliver us the maximum water savings," said Mehdi Nemati, one of the study's authors and a professor at the University of California, Riverside. "This should be a little bit of a guide as to where we can save water with the lowest amount of money."

The study reflects common sense. Agricultural interests use about 80% of the water drawn from the Colorado. Experts estimate that 56% of river water is used to grow water-intensive crops such as almonds and alfalfa, which is then used to feed cattle. A 2024 study by researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and UC Santa Barbara found that switching to less thirsty crops in California could cut the state's water consumption by 93%.

That won't happen given economic reality. Yet the researchers also concluded, CalMatters reported, that up to 20% savings could be realized by simply following a small

number of fields currently growing water-intensive crops and switching half the farms to crops that use an average amount of water.

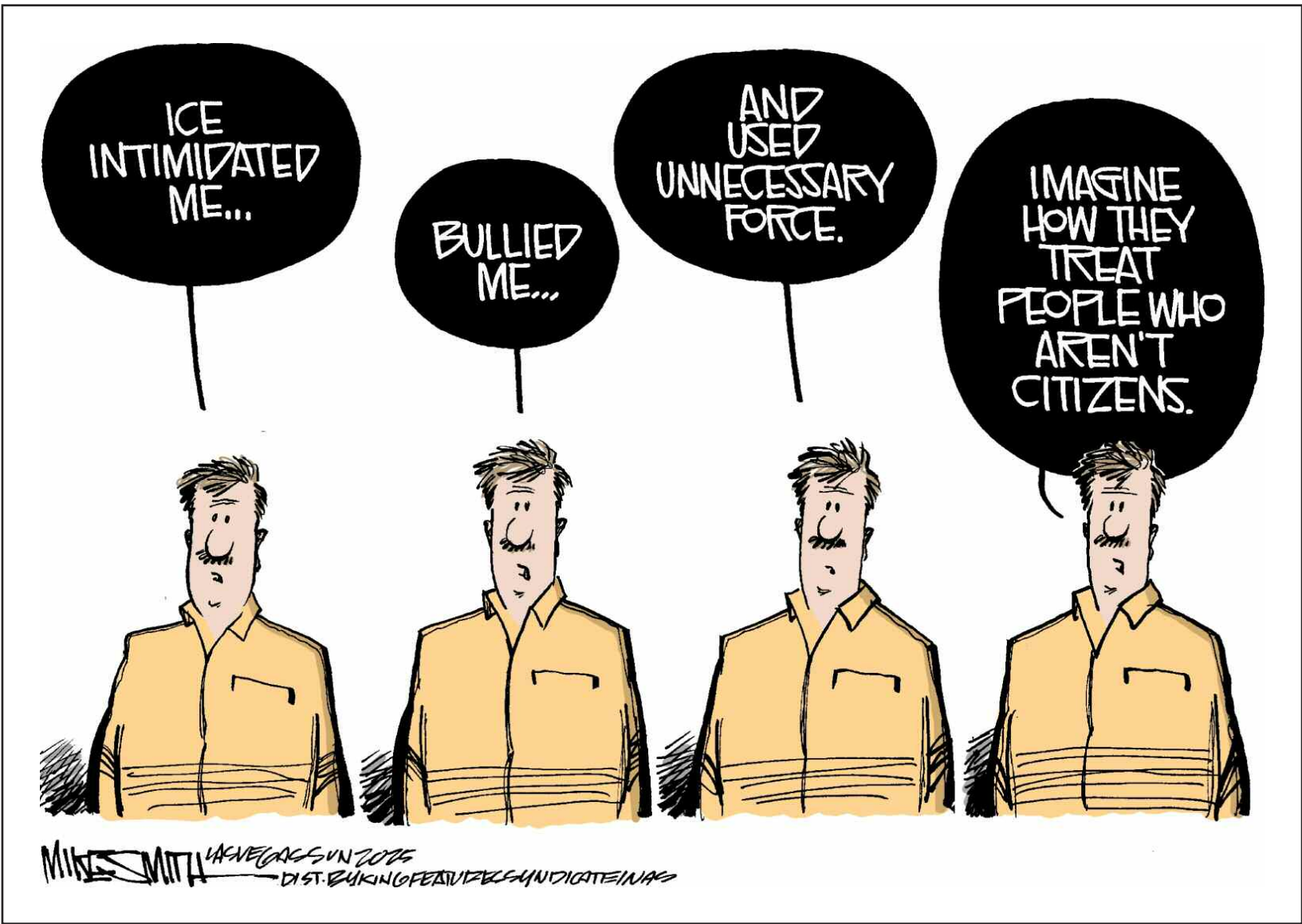
"We potentially don't need to be as extreme with our changes in order to save water in agriculture as we originally thought," one of the study's authors told the newspaper.

This highlights the problem with the common narrative that urban growth has led to the Southwest's strained water supplies.

The Colorado River was severely over-allocated from the moment the seven-state compact governing water usage was implemented in 1922. Recent drought has fur-

ther hampered supply. But pointing fingers at development in Las Vegas or Phoenix avoids the crux of the issue: agricultural uses of the Colorado and the ramifications of growing water-intensive crops in the desert.

Southern Nevada has made massive strides in water conservation in recent decades and now uses less water annually than it did two decades ago despite healthy population growth. While municipalities must continue to make improvements, any realistic plan for the Colorado moving forward must address the fact that farmers — not growing urban areas — devour most of what the river has to offer.



What's going on with the economy?

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

A close observer of the economy might be tempted to ask, "What is going on?"

The stock market continues to do well (subject to day-to-day presidential musings) and GDP growth is strong, while nearly every other measure of economic activity has stagnated or is in deep decline. Why? I have a three-part answer.

First, tariffs continue to see-saw the U.S. economy.

Since President Donald Trump's Liberation Day, manufacturing has lost 42,000 jobs nationwide. At the same time, manufacturing GDP rebounded from its first-quarter decline. Most of that growth appears to be due to accelerated production in advance of tariff price increases.

The strongest evidence for the "beat the tariff" economy comes from the enormous spike in imports by large manufacturing states. Indiana, the most manufacturing-intensive state, saw imports double from the previous record in January and February, then jump to almost four times the previous record in March. As of July, they were back to mid-2023 levels.

This import spike meant manufacturers could stockpile as much as eight months' worth of production before the tariffs came due. This would explain why the sector is now shedding jobs at what appears through murky data as an accelerating rate. It also explains why tariff-related price increases appear

Michael J. Hicks



most heavily in wholesale prices on products not yet at stores.

So, the economic drag of tariffs is just starting and will take many more months to be felt in full.

Second, the stock market continues to grow.

Most Americans, or at least the 62% who own stocks, have been pleasantly surprised over the last year at the sustained growth of their portfolios. But, if you look under the hood, the growth offers some room for worry. Since the public release of the ChatGPT artificial intelligence platform in late 2022, 7 out of 10 dollars of stock growth have come from a handful of AI-related firms — maybe 10% of the S&P 500.

At the same time, nearly all the business investment this year has been concentrated in AI infrastructure (primarily data centers). This investment might be warranted for a number of reasons. There may be a huge advantage to a single business that builds a breakout AI technology that crushes the others. If so, investors may be smart to make broad investments.

Likewise, most of us who have worked with AI believe that it

will have enormous long-term productivity benefits to the global economy. At the same time, most of us have seen some real current limitations that temper the most optimistic claims of productivity growth.

Still, the most immediate way to think about AI is not the bullish stocks of AI producers, but whether AI-consuming firms are seeing growth in their valuation. That is not happening. Neither are job losses occurring in occupations in AI-using firms, or among workers with a college degree, who are expected to be most at risk of AI job losses.

Since January, the unemployment rate of high school graduates spiked from 5.1% to 6.7%, while college grads saw their unemployment rate rise from 2.3% to 2.7%. That is not the AI revolution coming for white-collar jobs. It is tariffs.

The third piece of the puzzle is putting this all together in the GDP data.

The AI investment has fueled stock growth and, at the same time, is propping up GDP growth. Household consumption is up, but half of all the growth is fueled by the richest 10% of Americans. This is almost certainly the wealth effect of higher stock holdings allowing more affluent families to buy before tariffs. At the same time, more than 90% of business fixed investment is in AI-related infrastructure.

So, the strong GDP growth is partially from the pre-tariff purchase effect, but most of it

comes from the AI boom — through either business investment or folks spending more due to stock market gains.

I have seen much speculation that the AI boom is a bubble. It may be, but I don't know and neither does anyone else.

There could be vast over-investment in AI infrastructure, which would lead to numerous bankruptcies and business failures. Or, the exuberance surrounding the short-term effect of AI could be wholly rational, leading to vast economic gains as our economy grows quickly.

There's just no analytically effective way to make that prediction with confidence, though that hasn't stopped lots of folks from trying. As for me, I would be unsurprised if the AI infrastructure boom, and stock boom, continued at a high pace for many months or longer. I would be equally unsurprised if we saw investment in new data centers slow to a crawl and AI stock valuations drop by one-third in the coming weeks.

There is an analytically effective way to evaluate the effect of tariffs on the U.S. economy. We've had lots of tariff shenanigans in the past, though none carry the deep uncertainty of this one. Those experiences have ranged from mildly bad to very bad. We are in the very bad range right now.

It is altogether possible that AI investment will continue to keep the U.S. economy from the recession that tariffs promise, at least for a few more months. It is

equally likely that investors will flee from AI stocks and lenders will become much more wary of data centers and their associated energy and broadband infrastructure.

What is clear is that without the AI boom, the U.S. economy would be in recession right now, and it may be anyway. We don't feel it yet. The jobs numbers weren't released in October and price increases aren't yet broadly apparent in stores.

In many ways, this moment feels much like late 2007 and early 2008. The economy appeared to be stable, even as we entered recession. Labor markets slowed less than today, but consumption continued robustly for months into a recession. Some major stock indices continued to rise more than six months into the Great Recession.

I'm not predicting a Great Recession redux, or even a stock bubble. But, it is important to make clear that nearly all the obvious economic risks are on the downside of economic performance. This would be an ideal time to end tariffs, carefully trim regulations and hope for a healthy 2026. That seems vanishingly unlikely.

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asburyministries.org

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susan.duroveyantrim@inumc.org

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christchapelfr.com

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
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930 W. Main St., Portland
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(260) 726-4844
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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Kids vision and teen ministries: 6 p.m. Wendesday
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
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100 W. Line St., Geneva
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Mount Tabor Community Church
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Scott McClain
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Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
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New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
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Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
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Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
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Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
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Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
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(260) 202-9732
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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RedkeyFaith.org

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Fred Stevens
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redkeynaz.org
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River of Life
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The ROCK
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(260) 726-7474
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matt@therockjc.org

Salamonia Church of Christ
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Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
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Second Chance at Life Ministries
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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
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templebaptistin.com

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Gil Alicea
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westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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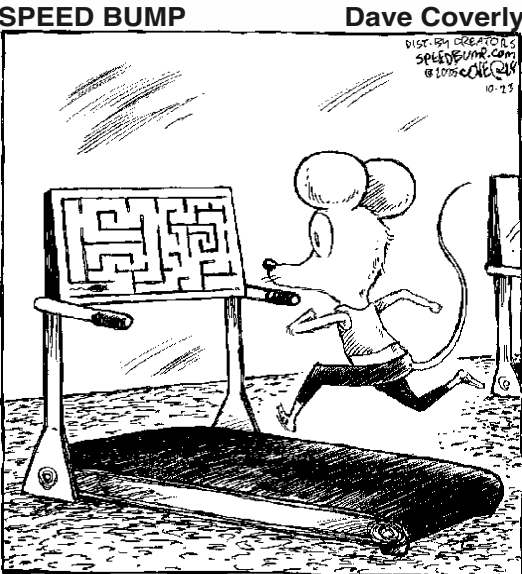
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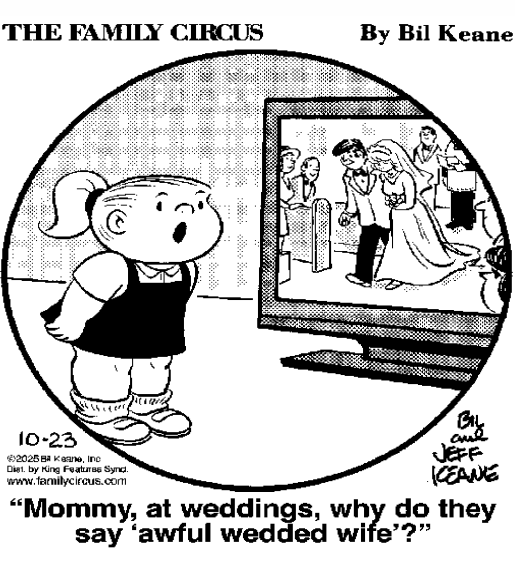

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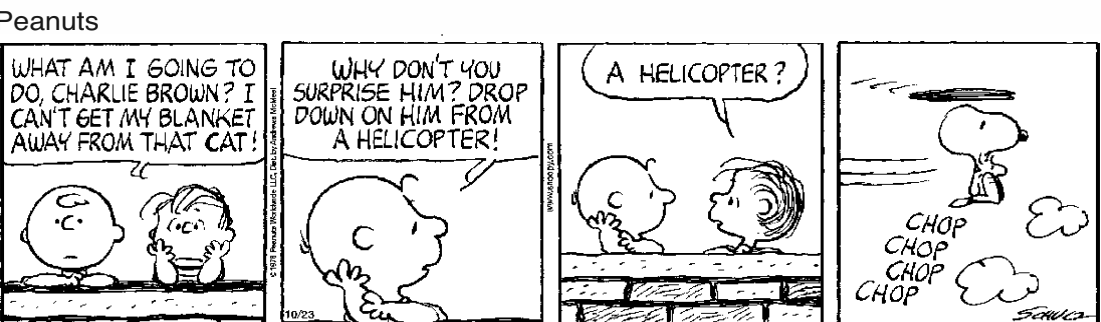
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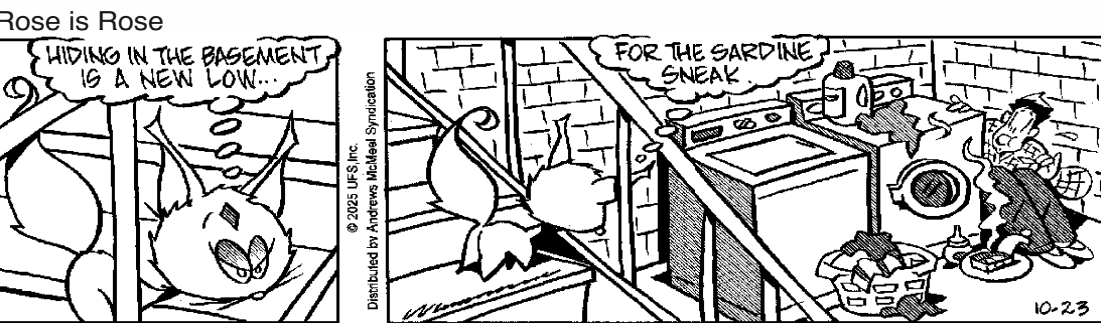
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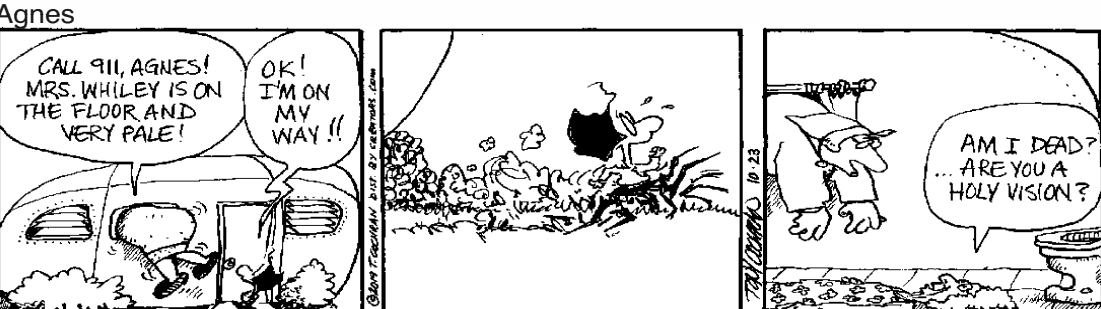
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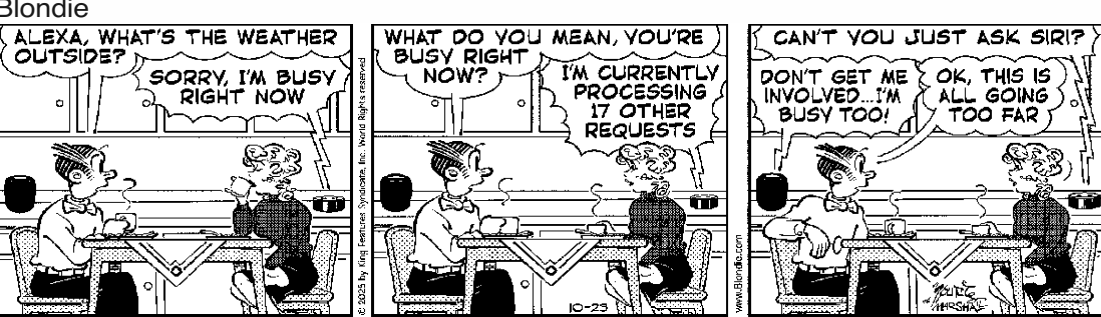
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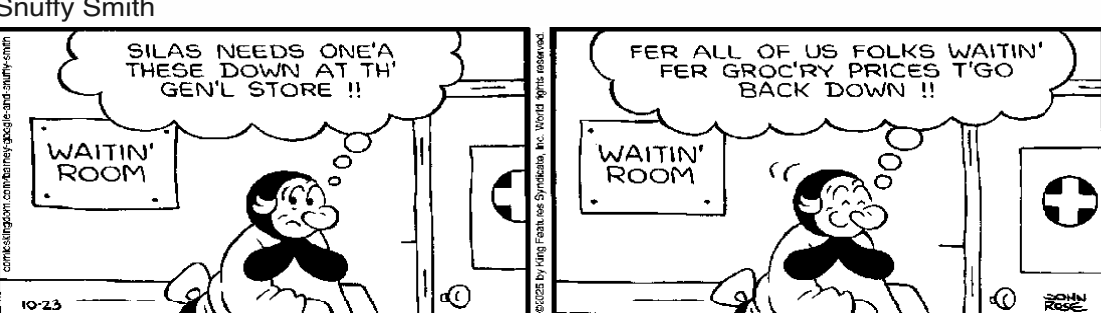
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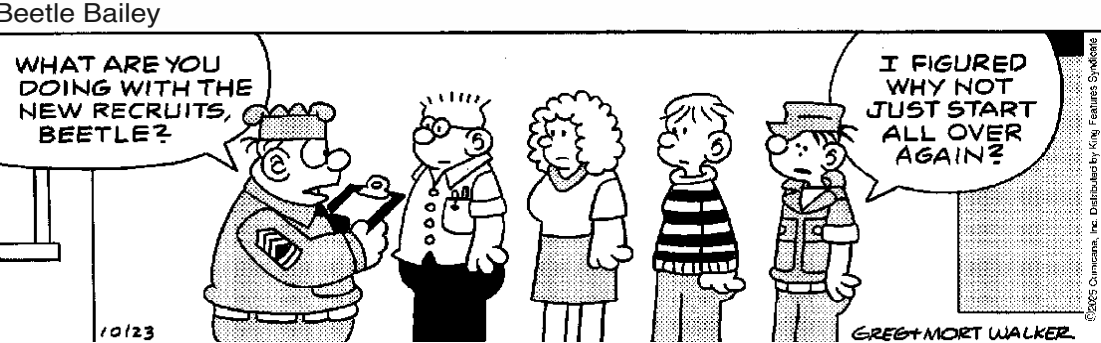
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28 Spill the beans
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Jay County Patriots

Portland, 3-6

Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Heritage: The Patriots were down but made a final drive that included a 5-yard touch-down pass from Nick Laux to Aiden Phillips and a Laux 2-point conversion run to take a 15-14 lead with seven seconds remaining. Leighton Brown scored the opening touchdown as JCHS picked up a win before the playoffs.

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux – 69-of-121 for 741 yards and seven touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown – 122 carries for 631 yards and five touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore – 20 catches for 270 yards and three touchdowns.



VS.

Bellmont Braves

Decatur, 0-9

Coach: Nick Hall, sixth year

Conference: Northeast 8

Last week at East Noble: The Braves managed only one score on a pass from Charlie Faurote to Mason White in a 60-7 loss to close the regular season. The Knights threw for 318 yards and seven touchdowns in the win.

Season leaders: Passing — Charlie Faurote – 97-of-207 for 951 yards and four touchdowns. Rushing — Jason Lykins – 77 carries for 218 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Jason Lykins – 22 catches for 225 yards and two touchdowns. Defense — Grady Baker – 72 tackles and two sacks.



Last season: The Patriots ran amok on Bellmont with four rushing touchdowns in a 42-7 sectional victory last year. Jay County got started strong with a pair of punch ins by A.J. Myers and Leighton Brown in the opening period before adding two more TDs from Sean Bailey and Benson Ward in the second. JCHS added two more scores on another Bailey run and a 25-yard interception by Austin Schoenlein.

Game notes: The Patriots have faced Bellmont nine times and hold a 7-2 advantage in the series, including a 3-2 record in the postseason ... JCHS and the Braves have only played twice in the 21st century, both games going to the Patriots ... Jay County snapped a six-year drought without a sectional win by beating BHS 42-7 last year ... Bellmont has dropped 41 consecutive games with its last win coming in 2021 ... The Braves last won a sectional game in 2018 with a 16-6 victory over Garrett ... Jay County has a 39.85 Sagarin rating, which is 196th overall and 35th in Class 3A. Bellmont's 23.27 rating is 258th overall and 54th in Class 3A ... John Harrell projects Jay County to win 35-21.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Moving along

Jay County High School senior Max Klopfenstein runs alongside Wapahani's Kason Thrasher during Saturday's sectional meet at Taylor University. Klopfenstein placed 30th in the race in 18 minutes, 18.9 seconds, to earn a regional berth. In the background is fellow Patriot Grant Glentzer. Caleb Garringer, Klopfenstein, Glentzer and the entire JCHS girls team will compete in the regional meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Huntington University.

Praises ...

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“That’s always part of me; I’ve been brainwashed that way, to be honest with you,” Skipper said. “But, yeah, I mean, to me, once the whistle blows, it’s just us against you. I mean, it’s time to go. Let’s see who had the better week of practice, let’s see who’s more prepared, let’s see who wants this thing. So that’s how I see it. We’re going to kick it off, we’re going to have to be ready to strain for every inch and let’s see what happens.”

Asked to assess Indiana, Skipper heaped praise upon a team that is among the best in the nation in almost every major statistical category.

“I am still trying to identify weaknesses,” Skipper said. “Like, it is crazy how disciplined they are.”

UCLA last beat a team ranked as high as Indiana in a game that many Bruins fans will forever cherish — their 13-9 triumph over No. 2 USC in 2006 at the Rose Bowl.

A recruiting win

At a time of great uncertainty, when it would be easy for UCLA's staff to worry more about their own futures than those of high school prospects who may never play for them, the Bruins have continued to recruit.

They landed another verbal commitment Monday from Travis Robertson, an offensive tackle from West Bloomfield, Mich., who was previously committed to Bowling Green.

“They have shown me that no matter what situation they are in,” Robertson told The Los Angeles Times, “they will always get the job done with the coaching staff and players. And I’m rooting for this staff 100%.”

UCLA's staff has also continued to pursue recruits who have backed out of their verbal commitments, including Cooper Javorsky, an offensive lineman from San Juan Hills High who spent time visiting with offensive line coach Andy Kwon before

the Bruins’ game against Maryland last weekend.

“We’re grinding over here, we’re not letting anything go to waste or not giving effort in one area or another,” Skipper said of his staff’s recruiting efforts. “It’s full speed in everything that we’re doing.”

UCLA's 2026 recruiting class is currently ranked No. 78 nationally by 247Sports.com, with 12 players committed.

Injury updates

Three days after his right knee was driven into the Rose Bowl grass late in the Bruins’ game against Maryland, forcing him to leave the field with assistance before returning for the game-winning drive, quarterback Nico Iamaleava practiced without a limp or any sort of protective equipment on his knee.

Running backs Anthony Woods and Jaivian Thomas also practiced Tuesday after they were sidelined late in the game against the Terrapins when “both guys kind of got rolled up on,” Skipper said.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Friday
Jay County — Football sectional quarterfinal at Bellmont — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Minster — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross country regional at Huntington North — 10:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy — 10 a.m.; Volleyball district championship vs. Houston at Fairmont — 10 a.m.; JV football at Minster — 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
5 a.m. — Amateur golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College hockey: Western Michigan at Michigan (BTN)
7 p.m. — International Friendly women's soccer: United States at Portugal (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Minnesota Vikings at Los Angeles Chargers (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Friday
5 a.m. — Amateur golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at West Ham United (USA)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Slim Jim 200 (FS1)
7 p.m. — College football: North Texas at Charlotte (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Cal at Virginia Tech (ESPN)

8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)
8 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at New Orleans Pelicans (CBS)
8 p.m. — MLS: Inter Miami at Nashville SC (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Washington Wizards at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Montana at Sacramento State (ESPN2)

Trot 5K benefitting EverHeart Hospice on Nov. 1.
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Sophomore steps up

Easton tallies 29 assists in first career start to take down Jets in three sets

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

PLEASANT HILL, Ohio — The Indians have been tested throughout the season as they played seven teams that are currently ranked in their respective top 10s, including two defending state champions.

But when they faced the Jets, they had a different challenge due to a last-minute injury to the starting setter.

A sophomore setter stepped up to fill the void.

Hailey Easton ran the offense with ease in her first varsity start as No. 2 seed Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team picked up a 25-11, 25-14, 25-16 victory over the 12th seeded Northeastern Jets in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 3 District semifinal match on Tuesday hosted by Newton Local.

With the win, the Tribe moves on to face sixth-seeded Houston, which upset No. 3 seed Triad in its semifinal match, in Saturday's district championship at 10 a.m. at Fairmont.

"I'm happy," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "It's a win in the tournament. That means you're moving on, you get a few more days and that makes me excited going into the district finals."

"I'm proud of how my girls faced the adversity they had to deal with today. Yesterday, our setter seemed perfectly fine and this morning she wakes up with a swollen knee, so we just sat her out today to keep her safe. Our JV setter did a nice job, stepping in and playing up."

"I thought we felt some tension, but I felt like we handled it very well today."

Fort Recovery's starting setter, Kayden Ranly, had started the previous 23 matches, totaling 561 assists for 7.4 assists per set. Easton smoothly filled the role on Tuesday.

"The experience was awesome," Easton said. "The girls make such a good team. I think we played well and we came out strong."

She managed to connect with her teammates to exemplify their strengths such as getting Alexis Grisez the ball in the middle, finding Brynn Willmann for slide kills, setting



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Hailey Easton of the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team sets a ball during the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 3 district semifinal against Northeastern on Tuesday. Easton notched her first career start and recorded 29 assists as the second-seeded Tribe took down the Jets 25-11, 25-14, 25-16.

Cameron Muhlenkamp — she led FRHS with 12 kills — for hard swings across the court and placing the ball for Bridget Homan out of the back row.

"I felt like our setter-hitter connections were very there," said Easton, who had 12 assists on the season prior to the match.

Despite the tension, the Indians (12-12) developed an early lead. They were up 13-8 before rattling off nine straight points. Willmann sparked the run with

a kill, then proceeded to serve the ball and continuously put the Jets (5-16) in a bind to get them out of system.

"Brynn's actually one of our best servers," Guggenbiller said. "It's not an ace necessarily, but she gets them out of system. Then it's not a great pass on their end and that allows us to set up our defense."

Along with getting Northeastern out of system, she dropped in two aces to match Muhlenkamp and Homan for the team high.

Fort Recovery cruised through the rest of the set, finishing the match off quickly after the 9-0 run.

The second set started off closer with Northeastern even tying the Tribe at 6-6 before the Indians eventually took control with a 7-1 run.

The Jets actually took a one-point lead three different times in the third set, but Guggenbiller kept faith in his players and decided not to call a timeout. Northeastern used both of its timeouts in all three sets, while Guggenbiller held off and let the girls work through things themselves.

"I was nervous the whole time, but I had to keep my poise," Guggenbiller said. "So I didn't want to call a timeout and cause tension either. I would have called it if we needed to, but I thought, 'These girls are handling it well. I can tell on the court I've got some upperclassmen starting to take some leadership roles ... there's communication, so I was like, I'm going to keep the trust in their hands.'"

The Tribe will look to play a cleaner match against Houston on Saturday. While the two teams did not face off in the regular season, Fort Recovery boasts a 6-3 record against common opponents, while the Wildcats finished 3-8 against those teams.

"Going in we know we're going to have to be cleaner," Guggenbiller said. "More of those points are going to have to be earned. ... But I'm expecting us to come out with less tension and more excitement on Saturday."

Indiana's Cignetti praises UCLA during surge

By BEN BOLCH
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — As UCLA prepared to try to topple its highest-ranked opponent in nearly two decades, one coach talked about the challenges of beating an undefeated team, of stopping its vaunted rushing attack, of halting its quick starts. The coach was Curt Cignetti.

His team just happened to be No. 2 Indiana, the pop-up juggernaut that the Bruins will try to take down on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

"We're playing a 3-0 football team that's undefeated, that's 3-0 in the conference since they have retooled their staff," Cignetti told reporters. "Very impressive football team."

So startling is the transformation that the Bruins have made since their winless start that they are the ones now being praised by the coach of one of the nation's top teams.

Surging UCLA (3-4 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) is only the third Big Ten team to lose its first four games and win its next three, joining 1963 Indiana and 2001 Penn State.

Of course, the Bruins hope the parallels end there given that those Hoosiers went on to lose their final two games and those Nittany Lions finished with a losing record.

Cignetti made the 2025 Bruins sound like a team for the ages, pointing out that they were averaging 233 yards rushing per game over the last three games while dominating

the time of possession battle and outscoring opponents 58-17 in the first half over that same span.

UCLA will head into a nationally televised "Big Noon" showdown against Indiana (7-0, 4-0) having already taken down a top-10 team this season, though their 42-37 victory over then-No. 7 Penn State earlier this month has lost

considerable luster given the Nittany Lions' ensuing free fall.

Fortunately for the Bruins, interim coach Tim Skipper played for Pat Hill at Fresno State, meaning he embraces the "Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere" mindset that made the scrappy Bulldogs a national phenomenon because of their fearlessness.

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