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School section reopens

Students returned to the junior high and Instructional Media Center (library) wing of Jay County Junior-Senior High School on Monday for the first time since the September 2024 tornado. Pictured, librarian Cathy Fugiett reviews progress with students who are taking courses for college credit.

Board gives OK to raises

Teachers get average increase of 4.5%

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Raises and other contract changes for teachers, administrators and support staff are in place.
Jay School Board approved an agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association as well as updates for other employees during its special meeting Monday.
“I thought the contract work went well,” said board president Ron Laux. “I appreciate all of those involved ... I really do appreciate all the efforts ... It shows collective agreement ...”
The agreement, which the teachers association previously approved unanimously, calls for an average raise of 4.5% and a base salary of \$47,503 for first-year teachers. Those with a literacy endorsement would get an additional \$500.
The raises are broken down by evaluation (\$1,500 for those who receive a rating above “ineffective”), experience (\$800 for those who worked 120 days or more in the previous school year) and education (\$200 for those with a master’s degree). Teachers with 30 years or more of experience are guaranteed a raise of \$2,300 for those with a bachelor’s degree and \$2,500 for those with a master’s degree.
See **Raises** page 2

Properties transferred to DIDC

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
County officials are working on development opportunities in Dunkirk.
Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to transfer 19 properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation.
Jay County Development Corporation executive director Ceann Bales explained the 19 properties in Dunkirk were up for tax sale, with four of them including houses. The hope is to remove the existing structures and look for private developers to build.
For lots that may not have the capacity for construction, they could be offered to adjoining property owners.
In order to move forward with those plans, Bales suggested commissioners transfer the properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation.
“That’s my pitch to you, to say,

Goal is to remove dilapidated structures and seek developers

give up the county’s income of this, the potential sale of these properties with the risk of, and the investment in and the potential of, flipping these lots and building new homes at a smaller scale within the City of Dunkirk.”
There are currently 30 properties that have not sold in the last two tax sales. More than \$150,600 in back taxes are owed on those properties. Dunkirk makes up the largest portion of the list with 19 properties, for a total of just over \$96,000 in back taxes owed.
See **Transferred** page 2

Dunkirk to seek grant

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
DUNKIRK — With one set of street paving recently completed, the city is looking ahead to more for next year.
Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins told the city council during its brief meeting Monday that plans are to apply for grant funding to help pay for paving seven streets in 2026.
Robbins said Choice One Engineering will help the city prepare its applications for a Community Crossings grant through Indiana Department of Transportation. The city hopes to pave all of Rick Drive, Second Street, Walnut Street and Harold Avenue, Blackford Avenue between Meridian and Main streets, Commerce Street between Main and Broad streets, and Meridian Street from the railroad tracks to Blackford Avenue.

City hopes to pave seven streets in 2026

The grants require a 20% match from the city.
Streets paved this year in Dunkirk with the help of a \$143,126.25 Community Crossings grant were Pleasant Street on the west side of the city, Fourth Street, D Street and Lincoln Avenue between Main and Angle streets.
In other business, council members Jesse Bivens, Donna Revolt, Randy Murphy, Christy Curts and Dan Watson:
•Approved the following: an additional appropriation of \$37,200 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds; a \$100 sponsorship for Youth Service Bureau; and payment of claims totaling \$585,042.67.
•Heard from Bivens that Jay County Commissioners agreed to deed 19 properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation (see related story).
•Learned from Revolt that the park board is working on updating its rules, policies and bylaws.
•Heard from Bivens that most new fire hydrants have been installed, with only two remaining.
•Received a thank you card from Jay County Cancer Society for its sponsorship.



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Costume parade

The Fort Recovery High School marching band, led by drum major Elisa Evers, performs in the village’s Halloween parade on Sunday. The parade ran from the high school to Van Trees Park, where there was a costume contest.

Deaths

Debra Ford, 72, rural Portland
Ervin Braner, 70, Winchester
Nancy Monesmith, 89, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 62 degrees Monday. The low was 38.
Wednesday night’s forecast calls for a low in the lower 40s with a 25% chance of rain and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Thursday will be windy as well with more rain possible. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 31, at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Thursday — Details from this week’s Redkey Town Council meeting.
Friday — Coverage of Fort Recovery volleyball’s regional semifinal match.
Saturday — Photos from Friday night’s Halloween-related activities.

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Obituaries

Debra Ford

March 6, 1953-Aug. 30, 2025
Debra L. Ford, 72, of rural Portland, passed away Saturday morning, Aug. 30, at her home with her family at her side.
Born March 6, 1953, to Keith and Joan Stein in Jay County, she married Dennis Ford on Oct. 21, 1973, who survives.
Also surviving are three children, Kerry Ann Guerrero (husband: Mike) of Oviedo, Florida, Christopher Stein Ford (wife: Mabel) of Celina, Texas, and Audrea Lynne Cayetano (husband: Nick) of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Olivia Guerrero and Grayson and Luke Ford; two sisters, Connie Jarrell of Kokomo and Cindy Tedder of Columbia, South Carolina.



Ford

Debra graduated from Portland High School Class of 1972 and was a proud member of the Marching Grenadier Guard Band. Debra worked several jobs after high school including CTS and Berco of Berne and up until last fall she and her mother cleaned several houses. She and her husband were also custodians of the First Presbyterian Church. But her favorite was being one of the ECE teachers at the First Presbyterian Church Preschool for many years.
Debra was also very involved with the church, being a long-time Sunday School teacher, where she had been a member since 1982. She kept her church decorated for each season. Debra will be greatly missed by her family and by her church family and friends.
A memorial service celebrating Debra's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 402 N. Ship St., Port-

land, on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.
Donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Jay County Cancer Society and Jay County Humane Shelter.
Arrangements are being handled by the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
Ervin Braner
Sept. 30, 1955-Oct. 24, 2025
Ervin Dean Braner, 70, of Winchester, passed away on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.
Ervin was born on Sept. 30, 1955, in Bluffton, Indiana. He was a 1973 graduate of Pennville High School.
Ervin worked as an automo-

tive painter for many years. He attended Spartanburg Christian Church. He loved the outdoors, traveling and working on his yard.
Ervin is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Joy Braner; his grandson that he raised, Jesse Cheney; four stepchildren, Jennifer Cheney, James Cheney (Kim), Josette Byal (Nick) and Zach Cheney (Tabatha); two brothers, Leonard Braner (Kathy) and Mike Braner (Mary); two step-sisters, Sue Hanlin (Patrick) and Reta Crispin (Richard); several step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
Ervin was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Edwards; father Ellis Braner; and step-mother Joyce Braner.
Ervin's family will hold a



Braner

memorial service for Ervin at the Spartanburg Christian Church at a later date.
Memorial contributions may be given in care of Joy Braner to aid the family in final expenses.
Share a memory and leave your condolences at walker-swinchester.com
Nancy L. Moneysmith, Fort Recovery, died Sunday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery.
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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.

CR almanac				
Thursday 10/30	Friday 10/31	Saturday 11/1	Sunday 11/2	Monday 11/3
53/38 There's a 50% chance of showers Thursday with 10 to 15 mph winds.	55/37 Mostly cloudy skies are expected Friday when winds may reach 10 to 20 mph.	52/33 Mostly cloudy skies are expected Saturday, when the low may dip around freezing.	54/38 Partly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the low to mid 50s.	61/33 Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday when the high will be around 61.

Lotteries	
Powerball Monday 17-39-43-51-66 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$376 million	Daily Four: 0-9-0-5 Quick Draw: 6-12-16-19-27-28-29-33-34-35-36-37-41-46-47-53-66-67-73-80 Cash 5: 2-8-21-40-43 Estimated jackpot: \$85,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$714 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-4-8 Pick 4: 3-6-2-0 Pick 5: 5-6-4-3-2 Evening Pick 3: 5-9-8 Pick 4: 2-7-4-4 Pick 5: 1-4-7-3-4 Rolling Cash: 2-7-22-38-39 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-3-7 Daily Four: 1-2-6-6 Quick Draw: 5-8-10-12-13-26-32-33-34-42-44-46-48-49-52-58-61-66-68-79 Evening Daily Three: 5-5-2	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.30 Nov. corn.....4.32 Dec. corn.....4.40	Nov. beans10.91 Wheat 4.89
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.30 Nov. corn.....4.35 Dec. corn.....4.45	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.22 Nov. corn4.25 Beans10.66 Nov. beans10.71 Wheat5.24
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Today in history

In 1837, Harriet Powers, an African-American folk artist, was born in rural Georgia.
In 1929, 16 million shares of U.S. stock were sold on what became known as “Black Tuesday.” It came five days after 13 million shares had been sold in a single day and led to the Great Depression.
In 1975, 1-year-old Douglas Snow and 2-year-old Deborah Snow of Bryant were killed in a house fire. Their mother, Virginia Snow, was able to alert her oldest son, 5-year-old Phillip, but Douglas and Deborah’s bedroom was engulfed in flames when she reached it.
In 2021, Portland Redevelopment Commission voted to seek approval from Portland City Council to establish a “riverfront” district in the city. Council later gave its approval for the district, which allows communities to provide additional liquor licenses, at a lower cost, beyond the standard cap in order to spur restaurant development.
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Citizen’s calendar	
Today 9 a.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4:15 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Raises ...

Continued from page 1
Salary increases are also slated for several teachers because of their “invaluable contributions to Jay School Corporation.”
The agreement also adds a weight room supervisor position while eliminating several adviser positions for clubs that are no longer active.
Teachers association negotiator Paul Szymczak noted another change that vests teachers in the retirement plan if they can no longer teach because of disability or death, provided they meet requirements for age and years of service. Previously, retirement was required to collect benefits.
“Recognizing that there could be the potential for death or permanent disability ... this still allows them to take their funds with them,” said Szymczak, who concurred with Laux about the cooperative nature of the negotiations. “It’s a benefit we never want to be able to benefit from, but that to me ... was a big one. Because you never know. You would hate somebody who’s in the worst time of their life ... to all of a sudden realize there’s however many thousands of dollars out the door ... when they might need it the most.”
Gulley proposed raises of 3.3% for administrators and 50 cents per hour for support staff up to 3.3%. Those increases push salaries to \$155,375 for the superintendent, \$103,246 for the assistant superintendent, \$128,748 for the junior-senior high principal and \$102,325 for elementary school principals.
All staff will see increases in contributions to health insurance of \$800 to \$8,000 for single plans and \$17,200 for family plans. They will also

Employees also receive increases in insurance, retirement contributions

all see an increase of 0.25 percentage points in the school corporation’s contributions to their retirement plans.
“I think it’s good for morale that we’re seeing all groups move, not singling any group out,” said Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley.
Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Marcie Vormohr, Chip Phillips, Aaron Clark and Chad Towell, with Jon Eads absent, unanimously approved the agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association and the administrator and support staff compensation updates.
Also Monday, the board increased substitute rates to \$119 per day for certified teachers and \$100 for non-certified teachers. Transportation trip rates were increased to \$28 for the first and second hours and \$15.50 for the third hour and beyond, with a minimum of \$62.
The board’s next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17, will include a vote on the proposed school calendar for 2026-27. It calls for a start date of Wednesday, Aug. 12, and an end date of May 26, the Wednesday before Memorial Day.

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Affolder, Twila: noon, Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Friday
Timmerman, Bernard: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.
Saturday
Ford, Debra: 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 402 N. Ship St., Portland.

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Trustworthy students

East Elementary School recognized first graders for demonstrating trustworthiness. Pictured above in the front row from left are Hensley Samm, Jackson Nietfeld and Nathaly Gradiz-Sanchez. In the back row are Rebel Weatherhead, Jordan Lloyd, Logan Rohrer and Charlotte Huntsman.

Lie told years ago remains barrier

DEAR ABBY: I met this guy at work and fell in love. We started going out, and he asked me to be his girlfriend. We moved in together pretty quickly, and I got pregnant. Three months later, I saw a text on his phone from a female co-worker. The first message said, "This is 'Brianne'" and the second was work-related.

Everyone in the facility had to have his phone number, as his position required him to be called during the day. I know from others who worked there that Brianne had a crush on him. He deleted the first message that identified who it was from, but not the second one that was work-related. When I asked whose number it was, he lied and said he didn't know. It led to a big argument, and he told me he lied because he didn't want us to fight.

Eventually, we moved on to different jobs outside the company and got married. We have had no more issues in our relationship since then. It has been years, but I have never been able to completely trust him. I have tried to forget this but because of it, my trust in him is gone. Am I wrong for that? — CAN'T FORGET IN FLORIDA

Dear Abby



DEAR CAN'T FORGET: I understand why you feel the way you do. Your boyfriend (now husband) shouldn't have lied to you. However, you state that your marriage has been on an even keel since your baby was born. If you want a happier marriage, start talking about this with a licensed counselor and ask what it will take for you to regain your trust in your spouse. People who focus on looking backward instead of the path ahead have been known to trip themselves up.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating on and off for five years. Two years ago, we got engaged but — for many reasons — broke things off a month before the wedding. A few months later, we started

talking again and have since built a stronger relationship. Our love is probably a hundred times stronger now, and we are again talking about marriage. The problem is that we live two hours apart. Due to our careers, we see each other only about once a month. We tried counseling, but it was difficult to find a time that worked for both of us.

While we are crazy in love, I am very nervous. I don't believe in living together prior to marriage for religious and cultural reasons. He has shared a home with prior girlfriends. We come from different cultures, there's a 12-year age difference and we've spent more time apart than near each other. We are beyond amazing when we are together and when we go on mini-trips. Abby, is this normal? Am I having "cold feet"? What can I do to get over my anxiety? — NERVOUS IN LOVE

DEAR NERVOUS: It is important that you get to the root of what may be causing the anxiety you are experiencing. Some sessions on your own with a licensed counselor may help you to do that. I hope you will give it consideration.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@theccr.com.

Today

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. 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.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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.

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.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.



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Shocking scenes just aren’t scary

Editor’s note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 28, 2015. Jack spent some time 10 years ago reminiscing about the scary movies of years past. Like many, he found the unseen to be more frightening than the “jump scare” moments that became popular later.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Halloween is on the horizon, and the cable TV stations have blood and gore available with a click of the remote. But while a good chunk of those movies are repulsive, few of them are really scary. To qualify as really scary — back in the day — a movie had to either be shown at a Saturday matinee, at a midnight screening at the Hines or be televised on late-night TV after your parents had gone to bed and when you shouldn’t have been watching.

Back in the Saddle



For kids growing up in Jay County in the 1960s, that meant movies shown by hosts like Selwyn or Sammy Terry, easily parodied characters who were often working double-time as the station’s weatherman or sports guy but donned makeup and a goofy accent to try to fill the breaks and introduce the commercials. (Count Floyd on SCTV was the best send-up of these guys.) The movies themselves came almost exclusively from Universal’s library of B-pictures:

“Dracula,” “Frankenstein,” “Bride of Frankenstein,” “Creature from the Black Lagoon” and more of that ilk. At the movie theatre — the Hines in Portland, the Main in Dunkirk or the Key in Redkey — you’d encounter more recent issues. There, the focus was often on outer space and the effects of radiation — something we’d all read about and heard about and didn’t understand — on the human body. So one week we’d encounter poor old Glen transformed into “The Amazing Colossal Man” because he witnessed an A-bomb test and wasn’t properly protected. Then the next week we’d encounter “The Incredible Shrinking Man,” who grew tinier and tinier after becoming engulfed in some sort of mysterious cloud that was presumed to have been caused by one

atomic experiment or another. Another week would pass and it might be “The Attack of the 50-Foot Woman,” whose actual size seemed to change a bit because the special effects people weren’t sticklers when it came to detail. At its best, Hollywood might offer you something like “Forbidden Planet,” which I vividly recall watching at the Sky-Vue Drive-In, which actually had echoes of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest.” At its worst, it might be something from Castle Films, like “The Tinger” or “Dr. Sardonicus.” But always, whether it was late-night TV or the movies, the scare was there. The difference is, there was just enough scare. And what you didn’t see was scarier than what you did see.

I’m not sure when that changed. I was a movie critic for a time in the 1970s, and I think that’s about the time the line was crossed. I’ll never forget watching “The Exorcist” in a screening. It scared my socks off. But about a year later, I found myself watching an aging Vincent Price in a gory, crappy, pointless shock-fest. There was nothing scary about it. It was just stupid. Showing the horror — with fake blood and special effects — had far less impact than making us imagine the horror. And something was lost. It’s enough to make me nostalgic for our old buddy, the Creature from the Black Lagoon. Now, there was a guy who knew what Halloween is all about.

There are better ways to assist with Argentina

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

The White House is lining up \$40 billion to help Argentina’s president, Javier Milei, stabilize his country’s finances ahead of midterm elections on Oct. 26. There’s a plausible case for intervention. Collapsing confidence and a familiar combination of peso crisis and inflation don’t just threaten Milei’s fiscal reforms: If the economy crashes, the damage is sure to spread. Unfortunately, Washington’s approach could prove to be self-defeating. Milei entered office in 2023 promising to restore fiscal discipline and free up the economy. To almost everybody’s surprise, he delivered — mostly. He slashed out-of-control public spending and stopped printing money to finance deficits. As a result, inflation fell sharply.

Yet he failed to confront Argentina’s chronic peso problem. During his campaign, Milei said he’d scrap the currency altogether and fully dollarize Argentina’s already semi-dollarized economy. When that proved too difficult, he pegged the currency to the dollar instead of letting it float. The result of this well-intended compromise is the current mess.

The difficulty of defending a currency peg in the face of collapsing confidence is well known. Given his background, U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent should need no instruction on the matter. In 1992, he was a key member of the hedge-fund team that bet against the sterling’s peg to the euro and “broke the Bank of England.” Now he leads the team that is proposing to supply dollars to defend the currency of a country that has needed nearly two dozen bailouts since 1958.

In addition to buying the currency directly, the Treasury has set up a \$20 billion swap arrangement using its Exchange Stabilization Fund, allowing Argentina to buy pesos with dollars and hence defend the peg. Bessent says a further \$20 billion in private financing may be available to help Argentina meet its debt obligations. The terms of this assistance — including who bears the costs if the plan should flop — aren’t clear. U.S. interventions of

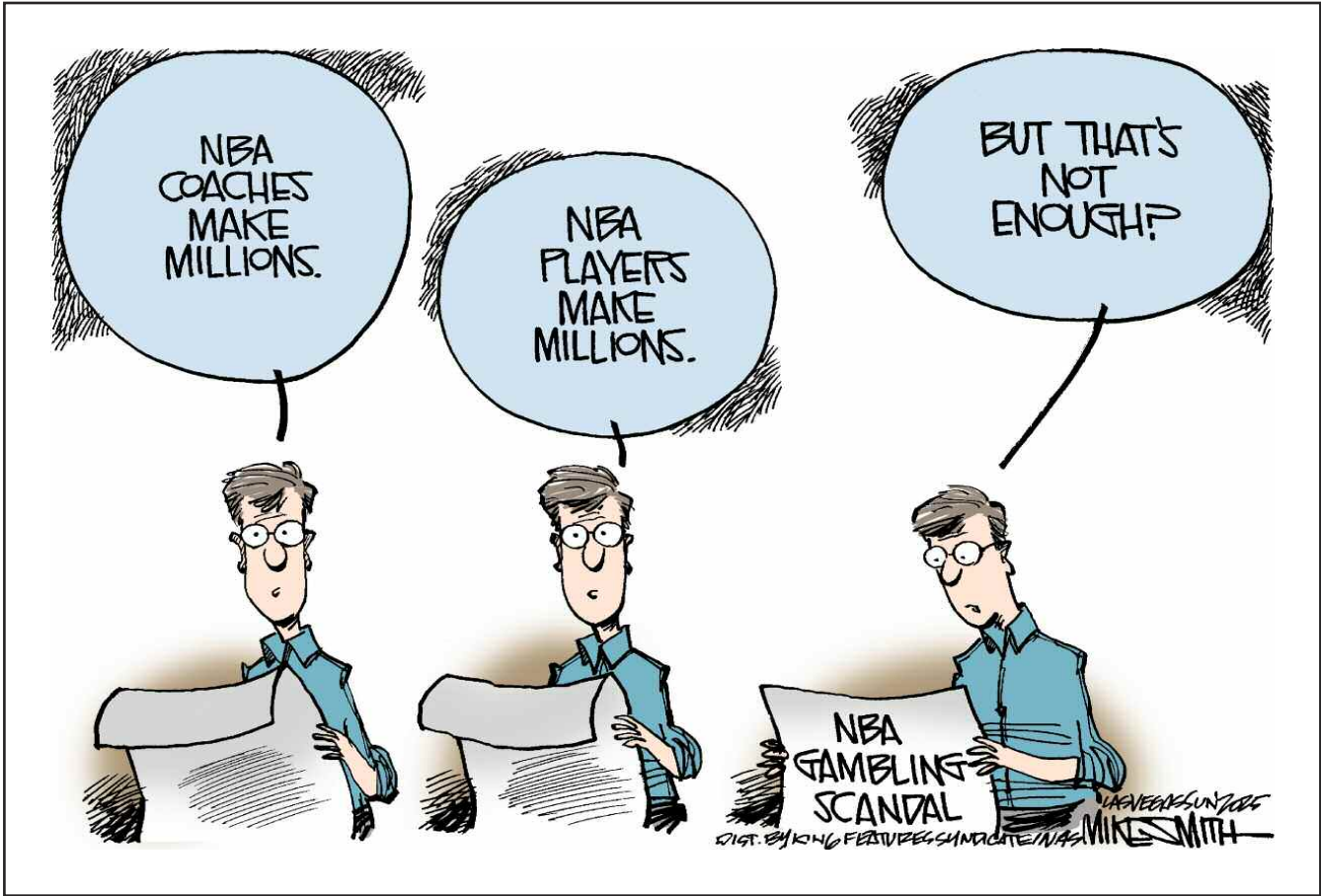
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this kind aren’t unheard of — and they aren’t doomed to fail. A similarly large-scale deployment of the stabilization fund, used to support Mexico during its own peso crisis in 1995, was widely deemed a success. It worked partly because the assistance arrived after Mexico had given up defending its currency, and partly because Washington’s commitment to the endeavor was credible: The U.S. had an urgent and undeniable interest in stabilizing its neighbor’s economy.

Note the differences. Argentina is still defending the peso. (A big devaluation and a surge of expected inflation right before the election wouldn’t help Milei.) And the promise of U.S. support is far more ambiguous. After the swap line was announced, the peso rallied. Yet pressure on the currency quickly resumed when the White House suggested its backing was contingent on Milei’s party prevailing in the election. Evidently, investors suspect that the U.S. is helping Argentina for short-term political reasons, not because it’s committed to a longer-term revival.

It would’ve been better from the outset if the U.S., working with partners, had enabled the International Monetary Fund to recast its existing program for Argentina — offering sufficient additional support on the condition that its government (whoever leads it) submits to monitoring, presses forward with economic reform and floats its currency. This would’ve made success more likely and, in the end, less expensive. But such a strategy demanded orderly international cooperation under U.S. leadership — an approach that this administration has largely renounced.

One hopes it isn’t too late to go this route. Otherwise, prepare to see Argentina sink back into failure, with the U.S. on the hook.



NCAA should ban bets again

By LZ GRANDERSON
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The NCAA picked a hell of a week to get into the gambling business, didn’t it?

Within 24 hours of approving a rule change that will allow student athletes and athletic department staff to bet only on professional sports, the FBI arrested more than 30 people in connection with a major sports gambling and betting scheme. The level of sophistication alleged in one 22-page indictment reads like a Scorsese script with four New York Mafia families, a current NBA player and a head coach all allegedly involved.

For Adam Silver, commissioner of the NBA, the news and arrests are a public relations nightmare.

But for the NCAA, it’s a warning. Since a 2018 Supreme Court ruling paved the way for sports betting, more than 35 states have legalized it, so I understand why the industry no longer feels dirty. But the governing body for more than half a million young athletes must remember nothing will ever sanitize that industry.

A century ago, the Black Sox scandal nearly destroyed baseball in America. Fast forward a hundred years and we find out 16 professional tennis players — including a U.S. Open champion — were fixing matches for gambling syndicates in Russia and Italy. In between, Pete “Charlie Hustle” Rose received a lifetime ban for betting on baseball games as a manager and Tim Donaghy, an NBA referee, is busted for betting on games. Last year, former NBA player Jontay Porter was found to have placed several bets on games using another person’s account. We call him “former” because the league banned him for life.

So, if NCAA officials believe it is too cumbersome to enforce its current gambling ban (it is investigating multiple violations across several

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schools), imagine what life inside the organization would be like without some sort of deterrent.

In fact, no imagination is required. Just read the indictment filed by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The FBI alleges the gambling scheme began in 2019, operated across 11 states and involved crime families with origins that date back more than a century.

According to documents, hidden cameras, programmable card shuffling machines and X-ray tables were among the pieces of technology used to steal tens of millions from victims during rigged poker games. Those allegedly involved in the scheme included Chauncey Billups — a Hall of Fame player and head coach of the Portland Trailblazers. Authorities said Billups, who led the Detroit Pistons to the 2004 championship, used his celebrity to lure in victims. In addition, the FBI said Damon Jones, a former player and assistant coach for the Lakers, shared inside information about the health of LeBron James with bettors back in 2023. Terry Rozier, an active NBA player on a \$100-million contract, was also arrested.

Now consider this: There are roughly 40,000 young men and women who play NCAA basketball and about 8,000 head and assistant coaches leading teams. How confident are you that March Madness won’t take on a different meaning if coaches and players are allowed to bet on games and find themselves underwater? A recent UC San Diego study found

internet searches seeking help with gambling addiction increased 23% between 2018 and June 2024.

And while it’s true, the new rule maintains a ban against student athletes and coaches betting on college sports — so there are some guardrails against fixing games — but tilting outcomes is only one possible harm from gambling. The International Tennis Federation found that angry gamblers accounted for 40% of social media attacks aimed at players, with several threats credible enough to be submitted to the FBI. And there is already evidence that college students who aren’t athletes are using student loan money to place bets, and a 2023 NCAA survey found that 14% of U.S. 18- to 22-year-olds bet at least a few times a week.

Another 16% use a bookie. I repeat: a bookie. This just feels like a tragedy we can all see coming.

And we’re to believe the NCAA will be equipped to protect student athletes from predators when the Mafia is said to be using professional athletes and X-ray machines to steal from card players who are supposed to know better? The decision-making process for the human brain isn’t fully developed until a person is 25, and the NCAA just voted to let 18-year-olds with “name, image, likeness” money go in the deep water with sharks.

Given what just unfolded in the NBA this week the responsible move for the NCAA would be to pause the rule change — which is to take effect Nov. 1 — and reassess the risks. It’s one thing for sports gambling to cost a pro athlete to lose his career. It would be worse to see addiction or debt obligations steal a young person’s future before it begins.

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Per Indiana law, after the properties go through two tax sales with no buyer, they are acquired by commissioners and may be transferred through a certificate sale for redevelopment.

“I mean, it’s sitting here with this balance, it’s like EMS, they bill for something, and they may never get paid for it,” said commissioners president Chad Aker. “And, we may never collect taxes on this and it just sits here, at least this gives the potential for these (nonprofit organizations) to come in and maybe get these properties back on the tax rolls where we can start collecting tax on this, not to mention additional housing.”

“It’s an investment, in my opinion, and maybe get these back on the tax rolls, and also clean up the properties, clean up the cities, clean up the towns,” he added.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur recalled Dunkirk’s work with an Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs grant program that allowed the city to tear down dilapidated houses and sell the properties at low prices to encourage development.

“We’ve had a lot of success with that in Dunkirk over the last 10 years of doing it this way,” he said.

Bales noted JCDC would work with Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation throughout the process, including looking for developers. She said she also plans to approach the City of Portland to gauge its interest in such a program. (Four properties in Portland are on the list, with a total of \$45,200 in back taxes owed.)

Commissioners then agreed to transfer the properties to Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation.

Also Monday, commissioners signed a letter indicating plans to provide incentive pay to Jay County Country Living employees.

The living facility is on track to close by the end of the year, according to director Stacey Johnson. Plans are to offer incentive pay to staff to continue working through the next few months as residents are transitioned to new homes.

If the facility closes by Dec. 31, employees will receive the equivalent of four months’ worth of additional pay. If it remains open past the end of the year and closes in 2026, employees will instead receive the equivalent of two months’ worth of additional pay.

Per the letter, employees must have worked at least one shift during the two-week pay period immediately prior to the

final day of operation at the facility and must not have resigned or been terminated prior to the final day of operation.

The letter also stipulates plans for employees to sign a nondisclosure agreement, with commissioners and county attorney Wes Schemenaur noting employees’ salaries are public information. Johnson shared concerns about protecting residents’ confidentiality. While he said nondisclosure agreements are typically written for private entities, Schemenaur agreed there could be a nondisclosure agreement regarding residents’ medical information.

Commissioners recommended moving forward with the incentive pay earlier this month. Jay County Council will review the commissioners’ recommendation and letter — it goes along with the salary ordinance for next year — at its meeting in November.

Commissioners also took no action on a proposed burn ordinance.

Commissioners Doug Horn and Duane Monroe voiced concerns about the legislation, with Horn pointing out the ordinance requires folks to stay near fires until they’re extinguished. Horn argued it’s not realistic, saying some brush

piles will burn for days. Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel pointed out that the guideline in question is an existing state rule enforced by Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Weitzel and Aker argued in favor of the ordinance, both saying it would help prevent area fire departments from responding to controlled fires.

Per the ordinance, open burning allowed in the county would include the burning of charcoal, clean, untreated wood and other cooking fuels used in outdoor grills, cooking devices or campfires. Fires used for recreational or ceremonial purposes — the ordinance lists school pep rallies and scouting activities as examples — would be allowed as long as they adhere to a list of criteria. Jay County 911 Dispatch Center must be notified before lighting piles more than 125 cubic feet.

In other business, commissioners Monroe, Horn and Aker:

- Approved the following: a debris management plan detailing how to handle debris in the event of an emergency situation as presented by Jay County Emergency Management Agency; granting a stormwater retention variance during the drainage board meeting to Jay County REMC for building

expansion plans; an \$18,500 project with NuFlow Indy for installing water lining in Jay County Courthouse; a \$5,500 contract with CSI for Jay County Recorder’s Office; and the 2026 county calendar.

- OK’d Jay Emergency Medical Service to purchase four new video laryngoscopes estimated between \$3,000 and \$3,600 apiece, with the cost to come out of the department’s budget.
- Heard the county’s health insurance annual premium for next year through Physicians Health Plan increased by 5%.
- OneDigital representative Jessica Clayton shared an overview of the proposed plan, with the cost projected to be \$1.65 million. Commissioners agreed to review the information and make a decision at a special meeting at 4 p.m. today.
- Signed a resolution during the drainage board meeting raising the assessment on the Darst watershed, located along Indiana 26 near the state line, to \$1 an acre or a minimum of \$10 per parcel.
- Heard a monthly financial breakdown from Jay Emergency Medical Service director Gary Barnett. It had \$139,322.24 in expenses and \$90,938.91 in income in September. It also made 139 ambulance runs to hospitals, approximately 67 of which were to IU Health Jay.

Upcoming pause intensifies fight

Food benefits set to end Nov. 1

By ARIANA FIGUEROA and JENNIFER SHUTT
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WASHINGTON — The stakes of the ongoing government shutdown rose Monday as the U.S. Department of Agriculture doubled down on its position that food benefits for November could not be paid and a union for federal workers implored lawmakers to pass a stopgap measure.

As the government shutdown entered day 27, President Donald Trump’s administration sought to add pressure on U.S. Senate Democrats to approve the House Republicans’ stopgap government funding bill by refusing to use USDA resources to stretch critical food assistance benefits to the most vulnerable Americans.

USDA confirmed over the weekend it will not follow its own contingency plan — which the department has removed from its website — to tap into its multi-year contingency fund to cover food assistance for more than 42 million people for November.

The department also

pinned a fiery message to its website blaming Democrats for the lapse in benefits and U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson called on Democrats to approve a stopgap funding measure to restore food assistance.

Democrats have voted against the GOP short-term spending bill to draw attention to and force negotiations on tax credits that will expire at the end of the year for people who buy their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace.

“Bottom line, the well has run dry,” according to the banner across USDA’s website. “At this time, there will be no benefits issued November 1. We are approaching an inflection point for Senate Democrats.”

The banner falsely indicated that Democrats’ sole goal was to provide health insurance to immigrants in the country without legal authorization and transgender patients.

But the move represents a reversal from the administration’s own policy, laid out in a Sept. 30 contingency plan on the eve of the shutdown that States Newsroom reported Friday.

The plan detailed how the agency would use the contingency fund provided by Congress to continue benefits. The fund holds roughly \$6 billion, about two-thirds of a month of SNAP benefits, meaning USDA would still have to reshuffle an additional \$3 billion to cover the remainder for November.

Capsule Reports

Recycling paused

Jay County Solid Waste Management District has paused its lightbulb recycling program.

District director George McGinnis explained Monday during a Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board meeting that the district’s process for disposing light bulbs has changed.

McGinnis recalled when the district received a grant nearly six years ago to purchase a light bulb crusher and start a recycling program. Jay County Solid Waste Management District had been working with former vendor Nu Genesis of Mooresville — it also handled waste removal for years with Jay County Tox Away Day — to recycle the light bulbs. He explained the company was purchased in May by Caldwell Environmental. The new company has told the district it needs to become certified through the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency as a small quantity generator of hazardous waste in order to crush light bulbs. With the ongoing federal government shutdown, McGinnis said, he hasn’t been able to discuss the matter with Environmental Protection Agency yet.

Turning accident

A Muncie man crashed his truck into the back of a Hartford City woman’s vehicle as she was turning into a driveway along U.S. 27 in Jay County about 4:15 p.m. Monday.

Travies L. Twilley, 29, was driving his 2004 Dodge Ram north on the highway. He told police he didn’t see the 2018 Jeep Wrangler in front of him turning into a driveway at 3386 N. U.S. 27, Portland. He crashed into the back of the vehicle driven by 55-year-old Tammie S. Micheau.

Twilley’s vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

HEALTHCARE

The basics of breast cancer

Breast cancer is a formidable disease that affects millions of individuals each year. Data from the World Health Organization indicates 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, when it was the most common form of the disease in 157 of 185 countries across the globe.

The impact of breast cancer goes beyond those diagnosed with the disease, affecting friends, family members, professional colleagues, and others as well. That far-reaching impact means everyone has a vested interest in learning about breast cancer.

What is breast cancer?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast grow out of control. The breast is made up of three main parts known as the lobules, ducts and connective tissue, and which type of breast cancer a person has depends on which cells in the breast turn into cancer.

Is there a typical breast cancer?

No two individuals diagnosed with breast cancer will have the same experience after being diagnosed. However, the CDC notes that most breast cancers begin in the ducts or lobules. The ducts are tubes that carry milk to the nipple and the lobules are the glands that produce milk.

What are some common risk factors for breast cancer?

The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. notes gender is the foremost risk factor for breast cancer; as the WHO reports that 99 percent of breast cancers occur in women. Additional



risk factors for breast cancer include age, with two out of three women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer being older than 55, and race, as the disease affects more Caucasian women than women of other races. The NBCF also notes that women who have dense breast tissue may be at greater risk for breast cancer because such tissue can make it harder to detect lumps.

What causes breast cancer?

The NBCF notes that most women who have breast cancer will never be able to identify an exact cause behind their disease. Common risk factors like gender and age are beyond women’s control, but there are some controllable risk factors that can be avoided. The WHO notes that overconsumption of alcohol and tobacco use are two such factors.

How important is early detection?

The American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rate for breast cancers discovered in the localized stage is 99 percent. That underscores the significance of early detection. The NBCF notes monthly breast self-exams and routine clinical exams increase the likelihood of early detection. Women are urged to speak with their physicians regarding how frequently they should be tested, as recommendations vary depending on each individual and their respective family histories.

The basics of breast cancer provide insight into the disease and what women can do to reduce their risk of developing it.

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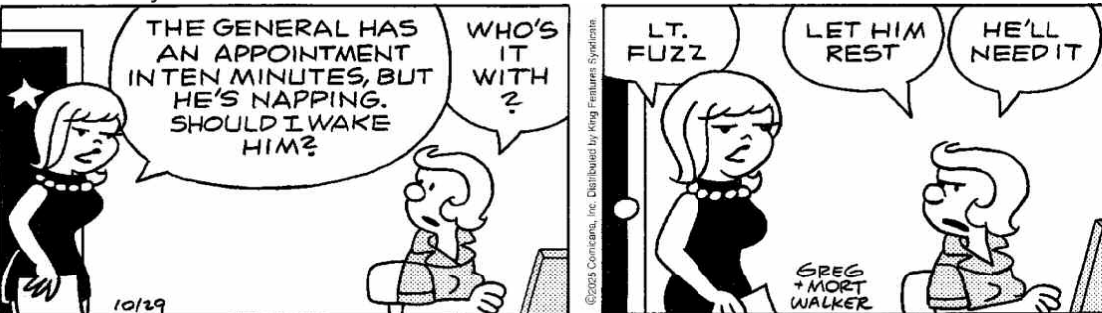
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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Both sides vulnerable.

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EAST			
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The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads a heart. You win East's jack with the queen, and the question is how to continue.

There is a strong temptation to try a club finesse at this point, hoping to find West with the king. If he has it, you're sure to wind up with at least 10 tricks.

But since the contract is certain to make whenever West has the king of clubs, you should start thinking about what you can do if East has the king.

In that case, if you lost an early

club finesse, you could duck East's heart return, but a third heart would then drive out your ace. Since you would have only eight sure tricks at that point, you would eventually have to try a diamond finesse. If it lost and West started with five hearts — as in the actual deal — you'd go down one.

For this reason, the correct play — strange as it may seem — is to lead the diamond jack at trick two! This insures the contract against any distribution of the adverse cards (assuming West started with at least four hearts).

If the jack holds, you next try the club finesse, guaranteeing nine tricks even if the finesse fails. If the diamond jack loses, you duck the heart return before taking the ace and then attempt the club finesse.

If the finesse wins, you have at least 10 tricks. If it loses and East has no more hearts, you're also home. And if East has a heart, which means the suit was originally divided 4-4, nine tricks are again assured.

The recommended approach to the play defuses the lone danger to the contract — the possibility that West has a long heart suit and a side entry. Since that entry can only be the king of diamonds, you must deprive him of that card before it can be used to defeat you.

Tomorrow: Discovery play.
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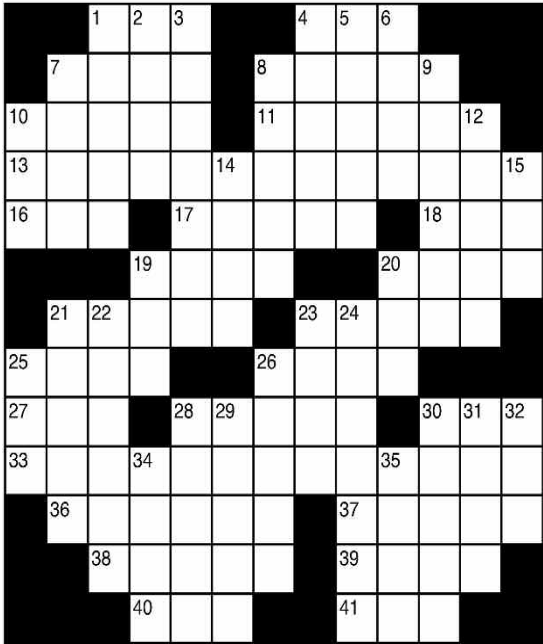
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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It was a heroic performance for a 25-year-old who has been traded twice this year. The Athletics dealt him to the Seattle Mariners in January, and the Mariners shipped him to the Dodgers in June. Since then, he'd been bouncing between Triple-A and the majors, far from the spotlight.

Until Monday night, when he earned the admiration of all his teammates. Even first baseman Freddie Freeman — who hit the game-winning walk-off homer — called Klein the MVP of the game.

“Just to go out there and to be that sharp every inning and not really seem to lose any-

‘What he did tonight, above and beyond what anybody can expect out of something like this. Literally never done that before. So all the respect and credit in the world for him to keep going out there and putting up zeros.’

—Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers starting pitcher

thing, it was incredible,” starting pitcher Tyler Glasnow said. “Just to see him go out and do that was huge.”

Klein was the star on a night

when the entire bullpen performed well.

The Dodgers’ bullpen had been identified as the team’s weakness throughout the last

month of the regular season, and a few rough moments in October did little to change the narrative.

When the Blue Jays scored six runs against Dodgers relievers in Game 1, it caused further concern. So their prospects of winning Game 3 took a hit when Glasnow was pulled in the fifth inning with the Dodgers trailing.

The Dodgers ended up using every reliever they had, and they combined to allow one run in 13⅓ innings.

“It feels amazing,” said right-hander Emmett Sheehan, who worked 2⅔ scoreless innings. “It’s a great, great time to show up as a group and

to show what we can do. That’s who the bullpen is, I think. We haven’t always showed it, but we showed it tonight.”

One of the biggest outs came from future Hall of Famer Clayton Kershaw, who was summoned to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the 12th.

Afterward, the soon-to-retire Kershaw wanted to talk about Klein.

“What he did tonight, above and beyond what anybody can expect out of something like this,” he said. “Literally never done that before. So all the respect and credit in the world for him to keep going out there putting up zeros.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule	opening round at Cincinnati College Prep – 7 p.m.	8 p.m. — MLB World Series: Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)	State at Ohio State (BTN)	Local notes	There will be age groups from 9-and-younger to 60-and-older. Awards will be handed out to the top female and male from each age group.
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	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL 1000.31900.00000.0161	\$127,200.00
Courthouse- Maintenance Supervisor	\$5,200.00
1000.38300.00000.0161	
Courthouse- Repair Furniture & Equipment	\$40,000.00
1000.14502.00000.0622	
Retirement Center-Incentive Pay	\$82,000.00
RETIREMENT CENTER DONATIONS	\$4,894.87
4102.31102.00000.0000 Resident Activities	\$4,894.87
BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT	\$1,361.73
4903.31601.00000.0000 Surveyor Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
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INFRASTRUCTURE	\$7,500.00
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Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.	
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Homan hits

Fort Recovery High School's Bridget Homan swings at a ball while Houston's Brylee Breeze (7) and Elizabeth Pollock (13) try to put a block on it. Homan led the Indians with 11 kills as they beat Houston 25-11, 25-12, 25-14 for the district title.

Indiana native lifts Dodgers in Game No. 3

By JEFF FLETCHER
The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — For most of the month, Will Klein was in Arizona, working out with other Dodgers minor leaguers and reserves, staying fresh ... just in case they needed him.

Did they ever need him.

Klein, who was one of two pitchers added to the World Series roster, was the last man standing in the Dodgers' bullpen for their 18-inning, 6-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 3 of the World Series on Monday night at Dodger Stadium.

Klein is a native of Bloomington and his mother, Brittney Klein, is a 1990 Jay County High School graduate.

Klein tossed four scoreless innings on 72 pitches. The most pitches he'd ever thrown in any major-league game was 36. The most pitches he'd thrown in the minors was 56, when he was a starter in Class-A in 2021.

"We weren't losing that game," Klein said. "And so I had to keep going back out there. I was going to keep doing that and doing all I could to put up a zero and sit back down and go do it again."

With no one behind Klein among the Dodgers' relievers, starter Yoshinobu Yamamoto was beginning to loosen, just two days after he pitched

Will Klein tossed the final four innings with no runs in 6-5 victory

a complete game in a Game 2 victory.

"It just speaks to guys will do anything to win a championship and they're laying it out there," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said.

Klein faced 15 batters and he retired 12 of them, allowing just a hit and two walks.

His toughest jam came in the 18th, when he issued both walks. The two runners each moved up on a wild pitch, putting runners and second and third. Klein threw a 3-and-2 curveball that catcher Tyler Heineman swung through, for the third out.

"I started to feel it," Klein said. "There were times when you're starting to feel down and, like, you feel your legs aren't there or your arm's not there, and you just got to be like, 'Well, who else is going to come save me, you know? So I had to dig deep, do it myself.'"

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Patriot softball wins holiday tournament

MIDDLETOWN — The Patriots played two games on Oct. 18, but poor weather delayed the semifinal and championship matchups until over a week later. When the time came, the Patriots played like they never left the field.

The 12-and-younger Lady Patriots Softball team cleanly won the Shenandoah Halloween Tournament on Sunday with a 3-1 record.

Jay County beat the

Selma Bluebirds 17-1 in the championship game. Ellie Wiggins pitched all three innings, giving up three hits and one earned run.

Audrey Miller led the offense with five RBIs on two doubles and a single. Emme Theurer and Maggie Westgerdes followed with three RBIs apiece, while Addison Champ drove two runs in.

Earlier in the day, the Patriots took down

Shenandoah 11-2 in the semifinal.

Wiggins tossed all four innings, giving up four hits and two runs while striking out eight batters.

Theurer's offensive performance led the way with a trio of RBIs on three hits. Kynlee Homan also drove in multiple runs with a single.

Champ, Westgerdes, Wiggins and Kali Conatser also had an RBI in the semifinal.

Titans trade away McCreary

By ADAM GROSBOARD
The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service

Eight days ahead of the NFL trade deadline, the Los Angeles Rams made a move to shore up their secondary, trading for Tennessee Titans cornerback Roger McCreary on Monday.

The Rams will send the Titans their own fifth-round pick while getting a sixth rounder in return for McCreary, a former second-round pick who is in the final year of his rookie contract.

"We were looking to be able to add some depth," Rams head coach Sean McVay said over Zoom on Monday. "We're excited to get him in. ... Just talked to him, we'll get him packed and get him out here, then see what it looks like."

The Rams have some familiarity with McCreary after cornerbacks coach Aubrey Pleasant coached him at the Senior Bowl in 2022. They see him as a versatile piece who can play both inside and outside, despite his use almost exclusively at slot corner this season for the Titans.

"I like him for his versatility," McVay said, quickly adding how happy the Rams have been with safety Quentin Lake in the slot role this year. "But there's not a whole lot of depth behind [Lake]. So Roger comes in. ... We had a like for the football player in terms of his body of work, even when he was coming out of Auburn."

The Rams will wait until they have McCreary in the building and on the practice field before determining how to use him, but McVay said he gained respect for McCreary after preparing to play against him in the Rams' Week 2 win over the Titans.

"I think just the competitiveness,"

McVay said. "I saw a competitive player on tape, played big at the point of attack, could get his face dirty if he was involved in the run fit. They could blitz him internally, externally. So we just saw a good player."

The Rams also saw a need on their own roster. Starting outside cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon will be sidelined until at least December with a broken clavicle. And veteran corner Darious Williams, who has four pass breakups in the last two games, suffered what McVay described as an "abnormal" injury against the Jaguars prior to the Rams' bye that is acting like a shoulder and lateral sprain.

Williams has a chance to play this weekend against the New Orleans Saints, but if he is ruled out, McVay said he expects it to just be a one-game absence.

"Part of [the trade] was more a result of just some of the current circumstances of our backend and our corner position in particular," McVay said.

Nacua, Havenstein expected back

Rams wide receiver Puka Nacua is expected to return to practice Wednesday and play against the Saints after missing the win over the Jaguars with an ankle sprain.

"We expect him to be ready to go," McVay said. "[We] do expect him to be back on Wednesday, and do expect him to be back this week unless there's setbacks."

Nacua missed just one game with his ankle sprain. Despite missing the game and last week's bye, the third-year receiver is still third in the NFL with 54 receptions and fourth with 616 receiving yards.

McVay also said that starting right tackle Rob Havenstein (ankle) is expected to practice this week and play against the Saints after a three-game absence.



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