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Pill OK'd for OTC

and MADISON MULLER

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Perrigo Co.'s Opill received U.S. clearance for over-the-counter making it the first daily oral birth-control product to be available without a prescription in the U.S.

The decision released Thursday by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration widens access to the drug by removing substantial barriers to obtaining oral contraception, such as inability to get a doctor's appointment.

Shares of Perrigo rose as much as 5.8% at the New York market open, the most intraday since May 10.

While Americans have had access to Opill with a prescription since 1973, reproductive rights advocates have long argued that oral contraception should be available over the counter, as is the case in more than 100 countries. The nonprescription version has the potential to allow women to get access to birth control without intervention from potential gatekeepers, like doctors and parents. However, the price of the drug may be an obstacle for some users.

Perrigo said earlier this year it is dedicated to making the drug affordable and is looking into creating a program that would allow some people to get the pill free of charge. In July, a spokesperson for Perrigo said that details of pricing would likely come in the coming months after approval for OTC use, as "the company needs to talk to retailers and build those plans out."

Safety profile

Walgreens **Boots** Alliance Inc, CVS Health Corp. and Rite Aid Corp. immediately respond to emailed questions about whether the drugstore chains plan to carry Opill in their phar-

macies. Despite its strong safety profile, regulators have required a prescription for oral birth control so that doctors can screen patients with medical conditions that may be aggravated by hormones in the drugs. For example, one type of oral birth control contains the estrogen and progestin, hormones associated with side effects such as serious blood clots in certain populations.

Opill contains only progestin and research has shown it doesn't raise clotting risk. It isn't recommended for people with certain conditions like breast cancer or liver disease.

For six years, nonprofit Ibis Reproductive Health and HRA Pharma, a unit of Perrigo, collaborated on research needed to make a case for selling Opill without a prescription.

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2023 Jay County Fair



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Riding and guiding

It was a busy night on the midway Wednesday at the Jay County Fair, and the 4-H horse and pony show followed throughout the day Thursday. Pictured above, Margot Moore, 4, grins at her family Wednesday while riding the Funny Bunny on the midway. At right, Beau Shreeve leads his horse out of the arena Thursday after participating in the junior showmanship portion of the horse and pony show. For more photos from the fair, see page 5 and visit thecr.com.



Basford's goat put on Houdini act

By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

Tuesday was a busy day at the Jay County

There was a pet parade, a magician and extra games for Kids'

A couple of local

musicians held live performances the at

Farmer's Building. There was even a professional bull rider who recently graduated from Jay County High School rodeo that packed the grandstand.

the escape artist that was at the fair Tuesday

as well. For fairgoers who decided to stop by the Show Arena that mornthat competed in a ing, they may have had the opportunity to see the great escape for

Not many knew about themselves when Justin 4-H Dairy Goat Show the goat got loose and bolted for the gate.

While, for many, this was the first time they had witnessed one of Justin's antics, it is far from the first headache the goat has caused.

The 2023 Jay County

was nearing its end. Ty Paxon, Bretton Basford, Easton Siergrist, Joseph Kunk and Ava May all trotted their goats out to be judged in the Class 3 wether com-

petition. See Houdini page 5



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Betty Haffner, right, giggles as Rose Snow tells a story during the Cincinnatus League's Jay County Hall of Fame induction ceremony Wednesday in the Farmer's Building during the Jay County Fair. Six senior citizens are selected annually by the group for their service to the community.

Cincinnatus honors six for their service

The Commercial Review

The Cincinnatus League celebrated six senior citizens Wednesday for their commitment to volunteerism and service during the Jay County Fair.

Those honored were Eric R. Rogers, Randy Miller, Betty Haffner, Tom Dunn, Oma Scruggs and Julia Schwomeyer.

Rose Snow explained social capital — "a set of shared values that allows individuals to work together in a group to enable them to achieve a common purpose" — is something all of Wednesday's honorees have in common.

"Each of these honored here today will tell you that they did-

At the fair

n't set out to promote social capital," she said. "They didn't see what they were doing as anything special, but the fact is, they did (promote social capital). They saw a place where they could help and they

stepped up. Rogers grew up on a dairy farm in rural South Bend. An Indiana University graduate with a bachelor's degree in music piano performance, he worked with Indiana Arts Commission for about a year before settling down in Jay County in 1976.

"I figured out I would really like to go back to a rural community," he said.

See **Honors** page 2

Deaths

Hubert Wayman Jr., 89, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Wednesday. The low was 68.

Tonight's forecast calls for a chance of showers with a low in the upper 60s. Expect partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain Saturday and a high in the low 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Today

1 p.m. — Senior bingo in the Farmer's Building

3 p.m. — Back a 4-Her networking and investment drive in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

5 p.m. — Memory Lane concert in the Farmer's Building 7 p.m. — Scotty McCreery concert at the grandstand

Saturday

11 a.m. — FFA mud volleyball between the horse barns

11 a.m. — Small Business Show in the Women's Building Noon — Rides open on the

6 p.m. — Pie eating contest in the Farmer's Building

5 p.m. — Demolition Derby at the grandstand



Honors

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"I learned that there were three communities in Indiana that wanted to have an executive director as their first staffer, and one of them was in Portland.'

He secured a grant for his first year with what is now Arts Place — at the time, the organization didn't have enough to sustain his salary and he continued as executive director for more than 45 years. Arts Place now has centers in Portland, Hartford City and St. Marys, Ohio. Now retired, Rogers serves as president of Arts Connect and various other arts boards. He also served eight years on Jay School Board. He's a recipient of the Indiana Governor's Arts award, Jay County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award and Selina Roberts Ottum Award for Community Arts Leadership.

head coach and manager, is a 1972 graduate of Portland High part of the group ever since, taking the manager role in 2004. He coached the Rockets when they played at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series tournament in 2012 and 2017. A licensed Indiana High School Athletics Association umpire and referee for football, basketball and baseball, Miller was inducted into the National Semi-Pro



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Pictured above are six senior citizens honored Wednesday at Jay County Fair. Front row, from left, are Betty Haffner, Julia Schwomeyer and Oma Scruggs. In the back row are Tom Dunn, Randy Miller and Eric Rogers.

Fame in 2022.

"Sixty-four years we've rep-School. He joined the Rockets resented amateur baseball and after graduating and has been a semi-pro," said Miller. "Nobody gets paid, it's for the love of the game. We play wood bat baseball, and we dare to be a champion and take on the metropolitans.'

A Jay County native, Haffner has been involved in community activities all her life. She's been a member of Jay County Hospital Auxiliary for eight years and currently serves as treasurer. For more than 20

Miller, the Portland Rockets and Indiana Sports Hall of more than 100 eggs from Minnich Poultry. She served as president of the local bowling league for 35 years and coached junior league bowling. Haffner also drove a bus for Jay School Corporation for 26 years.

Snow pointed out Haffner also drives cancer patients to their treatments.

"Anytime you need a friend, Betty's there," Snow said. "She goes above and beyond, all the time.'

Dunn served in the United States Air Force as a captain for two years. He learned about Indiana University School of Dentistry graduate, Dunn decided to set up his dentistry in Portland.

He practiced dentistry with his son, Tom Dunn II, until retiring in 2001. He served in a variety of roles for the community throughout the years, including on boards for Portland Chamber of Commerce, Jay School Corporation and Arts Place. Dunn helped give Jay Schools teachers access to dental insurance and initiated the fluoridation of the Portland municipal water supply to improve dental health for local children.

Scruggs moved to Jay County from Alabama in 1955. Her father worked for Miller Pipe Line, and they settled in Dunkirk, where she has remained ever since. Scruggs, a former Girl Scout, joined as a leader while her daughters were in the program and volunteered with the organization for about 25 years. An active member in her church, she's involved with Jodell's Closet Clothing Ministry and was a mentor for Kids Hope.

She previously served as a member and president of Dunkirk Park Board, a member of Glass Days committee and chairperson of the Dunkirk 4th of July parade and activities. A member of the Dunkirk Sesquicentennial Committee, Scruggs also created a book compiling the city's history Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011 years, Haffner has delivered Jay County from a classmate from 1985 to 2003, which is

who lived in Decatur. A 1966 available at Jay County Historical Museum.

> Born and raised in Jay County, Schwomeyer taught for 20 years in the local school system, with a dozen years in special education. She's an active member of her church, serving in a variety of roles including on the church choir. She assists with American Red Cross blood drives in Jay County and has been a member of Cincinnatus League for 19 years, serving as the chairperson of the philanthropic committee.

Schwomeyer also serves as president of the American Association of University Women and Portland Foundation Women's Giving Circle, and as moderator of Presbyterian Women.

"I worked with the Women's Giving Circle, and their mission is doing together what you can't do alone, and I think that epitomizes the volunteers in Jay County," she said. "We're very blessed ... to have all the volunteers that work in this community, and that's what makes it what it is."

Cincinnatus League has recognized more than 140 senior citizens since 1993.

For 35 years, the group has provided more than \$240,000 to Jay County civic and charitable organizations.

"Our main purpose is to better Jay County through works designed to strengthen and enrich the quality of life for families and the elderly," said

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod

Funeral home in Portland. Service

will follow at the funeral home at 11

a.m. Burial will be at I.O.O.F Twin

Hill Cemetery in Pennville, Indi-

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Lotteries

Powerball

23-35-45-66-67 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$875 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$560 million

Hoosier

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Daily Three: 7-3-4

Daily Four: 1-6-9-1 Quick Draw: 2-3-4-12-13-18-29-30-35-39-44-47-53-57-60-66-70-74-75-77

Estimated jackpot: \$564,000

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Today in history

hit his 500th career home of 714 home runs.

run. He would go on to ing for the first time, break Babe Ruth's record bringing in an unofficial

In 2007, the Jay Coun-

In 1968, Hank Aaron ty 4-H livestock auction moved into the 4-H Build-

> total of \$95,905. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School Corporation, General Ave., Portland.

City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-Shanks, 414 E. Floral ery School Board, community room, high 5:30 p.m. — Portland school, 400 E. Butler St.

Obituaries

Hubert Wayman Jr.

April 12, 1934-July 9, 2023 Hubert Wayman Jr., age 89, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He

Hubert was born on April 12, 1934, in Albany, Indiana, the son of Hubert and Esther (Croyle) Wayman. He served in the National Guard and worked at Indiana Glass in Dunkirk, Indiana, for over 42 years.

was a former resident of Pennville.

Hubert married Ida Rippy on Nov. 25, 1955.

Survivors include: His wife — Ida Wayman, Portland, Indiana

Son — Rick Way-

man (wife: Sheila), Dunkirk, Indiana William Son

"Bill" Wayman, Montpelier, Indiana Daughter — Joy Ruble, Pennville,

Indiana Nine grandchildren and 16 great-

grandchildren



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Wayman

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,

Visitation will be held on Mon- which are accepted only from funerday from 10 to 11 a.m. at al homes or mortuary services.

Continued from page 1 Perrigo sought FDA approval for an over-thecounter version last summer after the Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, curbing access to abortion in some parts of the coun-

Executive order

"This decision will mean people across the U.S. will have a new and easier way to access oral contraceptives, potentially transforming contraceptive access and reproductive health," Kelly Blanchard, President of Ibis ReproducAgencies had been directed to promote more access

tive Health, which houses Free the Pill, said in a statement.

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Last month, the Biden administration issued new rules to expand and protect the

availability contraception under federal programs. The executive order directed agencies to promote increased access to overthe-counter contraception, while also supporting improved access affordability for people with both private insurance and government coverage through Medicaid and Medicare.

Perrigo's product has the "potential to radically transform women's access to contraception," Chief Executive Officer Patrick Lockwood-Taylor said in a statement announcing the approval.

SERVICES

Saturday Ford, Roby: II a.m., Fellow-

ship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West,, Portland.

Monday

Waymna, Hubert: II a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Depression can vary

Boston Herald Tribune News Service

A new study suggests that depression after traumatic brain injury may not be the same as depression related to other causes, according to researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The study of 273 people found that brain circuits associated with depression were different between people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and those without TBI.

"Our findings help explain how the physical trauma to specific brain circuits can lead to development of depression," said study leader Shan Siddiqi, of the Brigham's Department of Psychiatry and Center for Brain Circuit Therapeutics.

'If we're right, it means that we should be treating depression after TBI like a distinct disease," Siddigi added. "Many clinicians have suspected that this is a clinically distinct disorder with a machine learning algorithm was starting to make progress.

unique pattern of symptoms and used to generate an individualunique treatment response, including poor response to conventional antidepressants — but until now, we didn't have clear physiological evidence to prove this.'

The study included 273 adults with TBI, usually from sports injuries, military injuries, or car accidents. People in this group were compared to other groups who did not have a TBI or depression, people with depression without TBI, and people with post-traumatic stress disorder.

participants through a resting-state functional connectivity MRI, a brain scan that looks at how oxygen is moving in the brain. These scans gave information about oxygenation in up to 200,000 points in the brain at about 1,000 different points in time — leading to about 200 million data points in each person.

ized map of each person's brain.

The location of the brain circuit involved in depression was the same among people with TBI as people without TBI, but the nature of the abnormalities was

Connectivity in this circuit was decreased in depression without TBI and was increased in TBI-associated depression. This implies that TBI-associated depression may be a different disease process, leading the study authors to propose a new name: "TBI affective syndrome."

"I've always suspected it isn't the same as regular major depressive disorder or other mental health conditions that are not related to traumatic brain injury," said David Brody, a co-author of the study and a neurologist at Uniformed Services University. "There's still a lot we Based on this information, a don't understand, but we're

Colleges offer new master's program

Two colleges with local ties have partnered to make earning a master's degree more simple.

Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana Wesleyan University are collaborating to offer students an expedited pathway to the degree, eliminating the need for a bachelor's degree. The program includes receiving an associate's degree from Ivy Tech's Muncie-Henry County campus. Credits will transfer to Indiana Wesleyan University and allow students to bypass a bachelor's degree and instead jump into a master's degree program, according to a press release from the colleges.

The process can be completed in less than four years. It currently focuses on those pursuing degrees tion, information technol-ter or call (260) 726-6477.

Taking Note

ogy management and policy and organizational change management.

For more information, visit ivytech.edu.

Summer day camp

Jay Community Center's summer day camp goes through Aug. 9.

Registration is open to children in kindergarten through seventh grade for the camp. Children attend from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Initial registration costs \$30 per child, with early daily rates at \$13 per

For more information, in business administra- visit the community cen-

In-law appoints herself as person in charge

DEAR ABBY: I have a sisterin-law, "Helen," who has appointed herself as the final word on all family events. No other relative has any input into when, where, what, etc., regarding any family celebration. If it's not her way, it's the highway.

The biggest problem with Helen is she schedules everything on the date that fits her calendar without regard for anyone else's. An example: We once celebrated Christmas in February because that worked best for her. Another time, my wife and I scheduled a complicated vacation around my brother's birthday so we could be there to celebrate with him. Helen moved his birthday party right into the middle of our prepaid vacation.

Dear Abby



ing is celebrated in early December, and other significant dates fall whenever she decides and are subject to change at the last moment at her whim. Complying with Helen's one-sided demands makes planning for everyone else a nightmare.

The control doesn't end there. It also includes the venue, menu and guest list. She even puts place cards on the table designating the seatnegotiable. If not complied about are their aches and their friend list. Bluntly with, the "offender" is subjectof silent treatment and ghosting. How does one deal with this? — CONTROLLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONTROLLED: One deals with this by discussing it with other family members to see if they feel the same as you do and are willing to face the consequences Helen's extended silences, which, from my perspective, might be a relief. (Then pray she doesn't plan your funeral.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a nurse who still works full time. Most of my peers are retired. Sever-

pains, how sick they are and ed to a minimum of six months how mad they are at their kids, siblings or spouse. They aren't just annoyed. They're furious about any real or perceived

I have thought about introducing them all to each other so they could have a group pity party. I have suggested consulting their doctors or trying psychotherapy. I'm just tired of it. I can't stand the negativity or their hypochondria. I feel guilty, but I now dread any phone call, text or invitation to get together. Please help. I don't want to hurt anyone, but I'm worn out. — POSITIVE PERSON IN THE SOUTH

al of them I've started to avoid There comes a time, usually Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at ing arrangements. As with at all costs. Each time I talk to around the age of 50, when www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box More examples: Thanksgiv- everything else, these are NOT them, all they want to talk some folks begin pruning 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

put, this means weeding out sources of constant negativity. Because your former peers drag you down with their family dysfunction and "organ recitals," when they try to make contact, remind them that while they are retired and have free time, you still work and are strapped for it — which is why you can't be involved as often as they want you to be. Being unavailable isn't rude. Sometimes, it's selfdefense.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was **DEAR POSITIVE PERSON:** founded by her mother, Pauline

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub- (260) 766-2006. mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Saturday

a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

Sunday

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N.

Notices will appear in Come early for a meal. For Community Calendar as more information, call

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-ALCOHOLICS ANONY- meet at 7 a.m. for break-MOUS — Will meet at 10 fast 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 A BETTER LIFE – BRI- 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 Meridian St., Portland. Methodist Church, 323 S.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnan-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will cy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian 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 accept-

> BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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.

> NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567. FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

Center St., Dunkirk.

Tuesday

Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924. PREGNANCY CARE Plan now to

We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

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Gramma finds friends everywhere

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

My grandma can make a friend anywhere.

Člaudia Moorman, "Gramma," loves to chat. I spent a weekend with her recently on a trip to Virginia to celebrate a cousin's engagement party.

A 12-hour drive isn't exactly a fun car ride. But as I expected with Gramma, there was never a dull moment. We jumped from subject to subject, talking about our friends, family, work, religion and — much to my chagrin politics. And while I was rocking less than four hours of sleep from the night before, I enjoyed our conversations. It's been years since I last spent that much time with Gramma. Now that her grandchildren are all grown, she's been traveling more with my grandpa.

Gramma's

the Line



with the person sitting next to her on an airplane. (But only if the passenger expresses an interest to talk — she understands not everyone wants to spend their flight gabbing away.) During our drive, she recalled a man who was on his way home after meeting his mother for the first time — a pivotal moment for a stranger that my Gramma never would have known about if she hadn't given more than a simple "hello."

She'll never identify as such, but being able to eek a story out never met a of a stranger like that is the sign stranger. She's the type of person of a journalist. Maybe she's who strikes up a conversation where I get my curiosity from.

Throughout our trip, Gramma continued being her bubbly self.

After spending the night in a hotel, I headed down to the lobby Saturday morning to grab a bite to eat before we left. A few minutes later, I heard a familiar voice echoing off the walls. Gramma appeared around the corner with a taller, younger gentleman, who gave her a smile and parted ways.

We visited a nail salon before the party. At 79 years old, Gramma had never gotten a pedicure until then. I'm sure most of the people in that salon knew that fact by the time we were done there. Gramma chatted away with her nail stylist and the woman seated next to her, learning about their families, hobbies and other idiosyncrasies. While I had my nails painted, the girl seated next to me pointed to Gramma across the salon.

'She's funny," she said, not realizing we came in together.

"That's my grandma," I dated June 14. (The week's frontresponded.

Although our family loves to tease Gramma for her gift of gab, maybe we could learn a thing or two from her social lifestyle.

Halfway through our drive to the "birthplace of a nation," I took over the wheel. We lost cell reception somewhere in the mountains of West Virginia near the Virginia state line. Of course, at that time we were also getting low on gasoline. Fears plagued our minds of the car stopping near shacks in the middle of nowhere and thrusting us into the plot of a horror movie.

About 15 miles later, we found a quaint convenience store with gas pumps nestled along the road. Thank God.

I walked inside to use the restroom and grab a drink. As I waited to pay, my eyes honed in on a newspaper stand. Intrigued, I snagged a copy of West Virginia's weekly "Hampshire Review"

page headlines included a highspeed chase, a judge's suspension and a man charged with impersonating a firefighter.)

As I paid for my items, the words spilled out of me.

"I work for a newspaper in Indiana," I explained to the cashier, who gave me a quick smile.

I thought it would be neat to compare with newspapers from other states, I continued. She nod-

"How much does this copy cost?" I asked. No sooner were the words out of my mouth when I realized she'd already rang it up.

'Oh. Never mind, I see now.' To add insult to injury, she pointed to the \$1.05 marked on the right-hand corner of the front

"Oh. Just like our newspaper," laughed nervously.

She didn't laugh back.

Maybe I'll leave the small talk while traveling to Gramma.

NATO boosted on eve of summit

Star Tribune Tribune News Service

Since Russia's full-scale **Guest** invasion of Ukraine last vear, NATO has been more relevant than ever.

Now, it must be more united than ever. In some respects, it's already heading that way. Especially after Turkey ended its hold on Sweden's bid to join the 31-member alliance on Monday, the eve of a crucial two-day NATO Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Sweden was supposed to join at the same time Finland did this year in a welcome development for the West but a worrying one for Moscow. But its bid had been held up by Turk-Recep ish President Erdogan's demands regarding the extradition of some members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, whom the Turkish government considers terrorists, as well as revulsion over Sweden allowing Qur'an burning at some protests.

objections Ankara's weren't just with Stockholm, however, but with Washington as well. A deal to buy advanced U.S. fighter jets has been held up by Congress because Turkey's previous purchase of a Russian defense system — just one of the many manifestations of what recently has been a too-close Turkey-Russia relationship.

Reports of the accord suggest that Sweden and Turkey will work together on terrorism, that NATO will institute a new "special coordinator for counterterrorism," and that Sweden will help renew Turkey's bid to enter a separate political entity, the European Union. (Hungary, which had also balked at Sweden's ascension, is likely to drop its objections after Turkey made its move.)

"It's a good sign for NATO if, in fact, Erdogan now is trying to recalibrate or rebalance his relations with the West," Thomas Hanson, chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations Minnesota, told an editorial writer on Monday.

However, there's still a key membership question nations: NATO Responding to Ukraine's bid to eventually join the

defense alliance. While Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy seems to understand the reluctance Ukraine to join while com- more relevant.

Editorial

bat is raging — lest NATO find itself at war with Rushe's justifiably looking for a process and a timeline instead of vague promises, as happened in 2008 when the alliance gestured to Georgia and Ukraine that they'd be allowed to join, a signal that seemed to be taken more seriously in Moscow than Washington.

President Joe Biden seems reluctant, a position that might be shared with some alliance members but at odds with front-line countries in the Baltics and Eastern Europe who face Russian revanchism more directly.

more than a worthy Westincredibly intrepid and motivated military and citizenry. As Ukrainians face even more sacrifices in their existential struggle against a ruthless Russian invasion, they deserve clarity on the process for eventual NATO membership.

To its credit, and to Moscow's miscalculation, the alliance rallied around Kyiv and has helped turn would be a rout into a stalemate in the eastern portion of the country, where Ukrainian forces face slow going in their counteroffensive designed to repel troops Russian entrenched positions.

sive is likely to be a miligrind to get NATO nations to reach the requisite 2% of GDP on defense is showing significant progress. out of the 31 members have hit that target (with at least 20% of that total on equipment). While that's still an unacceptably low rate, it's much improved since 2014, defense spending.

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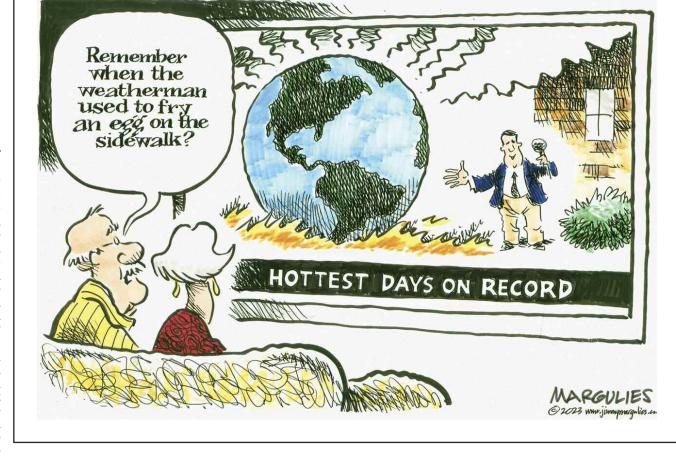
And with that greater allow unity, NATO will be even

Ukraine has proven to be partner, with an

what the Kremlin believed

While the counteroffentary slog, the diplomatic NATO announced that 11 when the Obama administration led an effort to get laggard capitals to increase

concretely on the increased unity within NATO that we've seen since the Russ-Hanson said.



Truth can be GOP's secret weapon

By MARTIN SCHRAM

Tribune News Service Slowly but steadily, the willful selfextermination of the Republican Party is proceeding apace — as most of the famous names of the nolonger-Grand Old Party are still afraid to tell their true believers the truth about their last president's 2020 election lies.

Smiling silently in their parlors, many Democrats are deceiving themselves into thinking this is good news for their party — so it must be good news for their country. It is not.

So today, we are going to propose something that will definitely help those rope-a-doping remnants of Republican leadership rediscover their fountain of fortitude.

Why? Because it may be the only way we can douse the flames of the hate politics that now imperil our two-party system.

Why now? Because, as we watched Wednesday's political TV news bytes from an old-fashioned Republican meet-and-greet at the Sioux City, Iowa, Pizza Ranch, it suddenly seemed clear that we may be silently witnessing the run-up to a pivotal election that could redirect the fate of America's suddenly fragile democra-

The daily campaign trail travails of Mike Pence were on display. This time, it came when a calm but firm woman in a gray shirt waited her turn and then pointed her finger at the former vice president and respectfully blasted him for his Jan. 6 heroics: "If it wasn't for your vote, we would not have Joe Biden in the White House. That was the constitutional right you had to send those votes back to the states.'

Pence launched into his practiced response: "The Constitution affords no authority to the vice president or anyone else to reject votes or return

Martin Schram



votes to the states. I'm sorry, m'am, but that's never been done before, should never be done in the future. ... That's actually what the Constitution says. President Trump was wrong about my authority that day. And he's still wrong.

On MSNBC, journalist Jonathan Lemire cut in to accurately report: 'Pence was correct there." But we know Trump's true believers won't be taking their truth cues from us.

And a day later, we saw that the Iowa woman in the gray shirt, Luann Bertrand, wasn't taking her cues about the U.S. Constitution from Pence either. "I believe he is a good man," she later told a TV reporter. "I love that he is strengthened by his faith. But I really feel like he altered history... He has that one hiccup.'

We were not just discovering yet another Iowa Republican who remains a faith-based true believer of Trump's 2020 election Big Lie. We were also realizing that we could soon be just one more Democratic election muck-up from plunging our democracy into what could end up as an era of American presidential autocracy.

Pence keeps trying to please all of his diverging Republican audiences. But it's not working for him. And it never will. Nor will it work for the self-shattering Republican Party. Not until all the GOP's leaders quit trying to double-speak their way out of the mess their old leader marched them

Trump has seen his support grow at martin.schram@gmail.com.

since he was indicted and arrested. He now has about half the Republican voters, according to polls that are way-too-early-to-be-trusted. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is already unimpressing and slipping. Pence and the pack are in single digits.

It is way past time for all Republican leaders who still put patriotism and the Constitution first to unite in a new and different crusade: The Republican Famous Names should form a Truth Squad — so they can finally tell the truth and rescue their party from its life as the embodiment of the Trumped up Big Lie.

This Republican Truth Squad needs to include not just some, but all of the most prominent Senate Republicans' famous names. Especially Iowa's Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst — they're long missing in action. (Maybe their courage will inspire House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to re-insert the steel that's missing from his spine.)

Let small delegations of Republican Truth Squad members begin spreading the 2020 Truth to Trump's Make America Great Again believers in each 2024 primary and caucus state. And let them start yesterday. Each Republican who was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 knows the truth about that day — and the peril that the politics of hate it perpetuated will inflict upon the future of our suddenly shaky democracy.

Let America's Republican leaders rise above themselves. By leading at last, they may be their OP's best and last hope for finally putting their missing "G" back where it needs to

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Monstrous energy

The Jay County Fair had another big day Wednesday as the grandstand was packed for Full Throttle Monster Trucks. The day also included the 4-H sheep show, multiple concerts in the Farmer's Building and plenty of food. And activities resumed with the 4-H horse and pony show Thursday morning. Pictured, clockwise from left, Nancy Franks bites into an ear of corn Wednesday while sitting at the bingo stand operated by American Legion Riders; Jay County's own VanSkyock drives Dalton Stomper in the wheelie competition Wednesday evening during the monster truck show at the grandstand; Breanna Faith, a singer from Indianapolis, performs Wednesday at the Farmer's Building; Madi Paxson, Ayden Spadlin, Tinley Walker and Carter Link display their animals to the judge during the sheep show Wednesday; and Veronica Dirksen, 11, washes a cow Thursday morning.



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Bretton Basford finishes showing Justin the goat after his escape Tuesday during the Jay County 4-H Meat Goat Show in the Show Arena at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Houdini

Continued from page 1 As the judge was beginning to wrap up, disaster struck for Bretton. One of the links on the goat collar snapped, allowing Justin to scamper away from him.

At first, the goat moved to the northeast corner of the arena, where a few of the volunteers moved in to try to corner him. Despite being on a supplement to calm show animals, Justin was able to juke Bretton and got to the northwest corner, where he was able to escape through the open gate and bolt down the corridor to the hog barn.

"As soon as my collar snapped, you want to talk about a sinking feeling, I swear everything was slow," Bretton said. "Three openings in that gate and I knew he was gone. I didn't think anyone was going to catch him ...

"First thing I thought was that I was going to see this walking through campers for the rest of the week. I was putting my money

that no one was catching Luckily for Bretton, his

The escape was preceded by another the previous night when Justin escaped from Bretton's mom, Jennifer, and future-brother-in-law, Clay Ebbinghouse, as they were taking him for a short stroll.

They were able to easily capture him, but that hasn't always been the case.

Back when the Basfords first got Justin, he set the tone from day No. 1 on how things were going to go.

As the other wether was being unloaded out of the popper (a metal enclosure for the tailgate of a truck), Justin was able to jump past Bretton's sister, Eden, kicking her in the head and escaping.

Justin made his way into the Basfords' pond, swimming to avoid being caught for nearly 45 minutes.

"From that and the time we first got him, we knew things were going to go downhill,"

Bretton said. The athletic performance that Justin put on that day

earned him the nickname 'Gazelle.' Just two weeks later, Justin escaped again, jumping

ferent gates to get out. "It was like some really Houdini stuff," Eden said.

After escaping, Justin was loose for more than three days, running around the woods that surrounds the Basfords' land.

The incident even caused some animosity and the first large fight for Eden and Clav - they had recently gotten engaged.

"He's out there trying to catch it and I'm out there screaming at him with some very kind words about how he's done and how it's not going to work," Eden said.

Ultimately, Justin came back to the barn a few days later in perfect health, just looking a little hungry.

"I'm just surprised that he survived the wilderness ...' Eden said. "It was a good season of 'Survivor' at the Basford house.'

Following the fair, Justin will be sold to a meat market. He will leave behind a legacy with the Basfords of being a unique and crazy goat, no matter how much effort they put into him.

"I've led him and led him and tried to make him a little bit better but there is no fixing Justin. He is simply crazy down to the bone," Bretton said. "I don't think I'm going to miss him.'

aunt, Kathy Siergrist, was able to corner Justin in the through the bars of two difhog barn, catch him and get him back to the Show Arena.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane 7-14

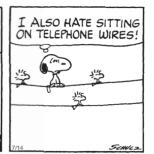
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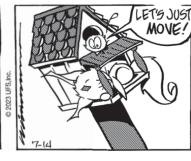


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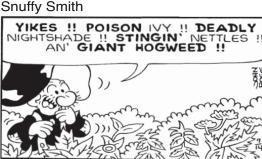




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Bidding quiz answer to No.4). A one-over-one bid after an opposing takeout dou-ble suggests a hand in the six- to

nine-point range

By Steve Becker

4. Redouble. A redouble shows 10

points or more in high cards and

does not necessarily guarantee sup-port for opener's suit. Usually, the

opener passes at his next turn to allow the redoubler a chance to bid

over whatever action the opponents

have taken. The essential message of the redouble is that the opener's

side has the balance of strength and must therefore either buy the

contract or double the opponents for penalties.

5. Two diamonds. Similar to No.3.

After a double, this indicates a After a double, this indicates a strong suit and not much else, and is not forcing. Note that if Easte had not doubled, you would not have enough points to bid two dia-

monds (you would have had to bid

6. Pass. This diamond suit is not

good enough to bid on the two-level. If partner has a really good hand, he will indicate it at his next

turn, and you can then take what-

7. One notrump. In general, the one notrump bid over a double

indicates seven to nine points and balanced distribution

what you have. Concealing your values by passing could lead to a difficult bidding problem later on.

ever action you feel is appropriate

one notrump instead).

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone
North East South Dble

Contract

Bridge

What would you bid with each of the following hands? 1. ★ 752 ♥ KJ64 ♦ Q10873 ♣ 10

2. ♠ 83 ♥ K862 ♦ 763 ♠ Q954 3. ♠ KQ984 ♥ 73 ♦ 952 ♠ J86 5. ♣ Q984 ¥ 7.5 ¥ 9.2 ₹ 3.8 4 4. ♠ AJ7 ¥ Q92 ♦ J843 ♠ A73 5. ♠ 832 ▼ 10 ♦ AQJ872 ♣ 964 6. ♠ 965 ▼ 85 ♦ AJ954 ♣ J72 7. ♠ Q953 ▼ J6 ♦ K743 ♠ QJ4

1. Three hearts. The usual rules that govern responses to an open-ing bid are suspended when an opponent intervenes with a takeout double. The guiding principle is that most responses that would have been forcing without the double are not forcing after the double.

Accordingly, the recommended three-heart bid — which for some

would be game-forcing, and invitational for those who play limit raises becomes pre-emptive. Partner goes on to game only when he holds

well above minimum strength.

2. Two hearts. This shows a weak hand with moderate trump support, but lacking the distributional features that a three-heart bid would imply.

3. One spade. This tells partner

you have a five-card suit (or a very strong four-card suit) and that you lack the values for a redouble (see

7-14

Tomorrow: A sure-fire proposition **CRYPTOQUIP**

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8 Wild

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M QUITE CERTAIN THAT FOR VICTORY IN TENNIS MATCHES, LOVE DEFINITELY DOES NOT CONQUER ALL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 7-14

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Sports/Classifieds

Taylor

Continued from page 8 Sanders still was plenty productive with 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns while averaging 4.9 yards per carry. Hurts added 760 yards and 13 scores while averaging 4.6 yards per attempt.

With Indianapolis rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson consistently drawing com-

parisons to Hurts, it's safe to assume he'll at least somewhat significantly cut into Taylor's touches if he's named the starter.

All of which Taylor has indicated he's fine with as long as it helps the team score.

There's a lot of change behind Taylor on the depth chart.

season in encouraging fashion after arriving in a November trade that sent fan favorite Nyheim Hines to the Buffalo Bills. Over the final four weeks, Moss rushed for 334 yards and averaged 4.8 yards per carry.

He'll start the season as the

tle looming at No. 3.

Deon Jackson appeared in 16 games last season and received carries in 10 of them, rushing for 236 yards on just 3.5 yards per carry and catching 30 passes for 209 yards with two total touchdowns.

He'll compete with rookie roster spot.

Zack Moss finished the 2022 No. 2 rusher with a likely bat- Evan Hull — who caught 94 passes out of the backfield at Northwestern — and 25-year-old Jake Funk — who received some reps with the first team this spring with Taylor out rehabbing from surgery and Moss attending the birth of his child - for what could be just a single



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Joel Kennedy tags Brayden Foltz out as he runs to first base on Wednesday night during the Portland Rockets' 7-3 loss to the Muncie Chiefs. The loss evened the series between the two team this season at a 1-1.

Quieted

Continued from page 8 He induced a fielder's choice on the first pitch that rolled to first base where Kennedy threw the ball to second base for the out. Reynolds followed up with a four-pitch strikeout to get out of the inning with only five pitches thrown.

The Chiefs got the better of Portland by chipping away in the final four innings to score six runs via small ball.

Blevins worked a walk from Smith in the sixth before Furnish drove him in to chip away at the lead. Smith also gave up the tying run when Dudley hit a single and marched around bases on a stolen base, throwing error and sacrifice fly. Sheets

Trevor also struggled to keep the Chiefs quiet offensively. He struck out Blevins to begin the eighth but Gavin Walter hit an infield-single and stole second so that Furnish's double would drive him in. Holley was able to cut off the bleeding in the inning by executing a SportsCenter-highlightdiving catch to save a run and allow another runner into scoring position.

"I was just thinking to myself 'that is staying up for a minute. I may be able to get to it," Holley said. "I was ready to just full on dive for it. A full on sprint is all you can do.

Sheets would also surrender two more runs in the ninth when he walked a pair before giving up a single and a double. He suffered the loss

Box score

Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs

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after giving up four runs over the two innings.

Furnish finished as the top hitter between the two teams, tallying three hits including a double and a triple while also driving in three runs.

Local schedule

TodayPortland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Renegades - 7:15 p.m.

TV sports

Today 8:15 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon

- WNBA Kia Skills Competition (ESPN)

- MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana) - NBA Summer League: Boston Celtics vs. New York Knicks

(ESPN) - NBA Summer League: 11 p.m. Utah Jazz vs. Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

9 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN) 1:30 p.m. — Global Jam: Africa vs. United State (CBSSN)

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at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana) 7 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at

Philadelphia Phillies (NBC) 7:30 p.m. - MLS: Orlando City at Atlanta United (FS1)

8 p.m. — WNBA All-Star Game (ABC) 11:45 p.m. — UFC: Holly Holm vs. Mayra Bueno Silva (ESPN)

Local notes

Hunt applications open The Indiana Department of Natural

Resources is accepting applications for

Applications can be made for dove, deer, squirrel, teal and goose hunts. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing.

To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The deadline is Aug. 6.

5K circuit continues July 22 The next race in the Jay County 5K

Circuit is scheduled for July 22. The Bonus 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. July 22. The race will be at the IU

Health Jay trail. Registration is \$20.

The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions. For more information, visit runjay-

JC season tickets on sale Jay County Junior-Senior High School

will begin selling season tickets for the 2023-24 season on Monday, July 17. Tickets will be available for purchase Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. After Monday, tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to

Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot

Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

Also available are super tickets High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45.

A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be purchased for \$50 as well.

Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respec-

Swiss Days race set Registration is open for the 50th

annual Swiss Days Race. The event is scheduled for July 29 with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at

Awards will be presented to the top

10 in each age group and there will be refreshments for all participants To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com

Chamber outing scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf outing July 21.

The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at

Registration is \$250 per team and

is open now by emailing tabby@jay-countychamber.com or visiting the chamber office at 118 S. Meridian St. Portland. The event is limited to 20 teams and the deadline is July 10. For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

Flag football registration open

Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now

The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more informa tion, visit jaycc.org.

Soccer sign-ups available now Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now

The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7

at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, August 5, 2023 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 9660 W 300 S Dunkirk, IN Open House Sunday,

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Portland Rockets' left fielder Dakota Durick prepares to field in their 7-3 loss against the Muncie Chiefs on Wednesday night at Runkle-Miller Field. The Rockets struggled to support a strong start from Sam Dunlavy as the Chiefs slowly chipped away.

Rockets' offense quieted while fanning eight Rocket bat-

Dunlavy threw five strong innings, but offense can't get going to back up his performance

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review The Rockets got off to a nice

start against the Chiefs. A trio of errors and a pair of extra-base-hits helped the Rockets to an early 3-1 lead.

All they needed to do was wait for a big offensive inning so they could put Muncie away.

They waited and waited for that inning, but it never came.

The lack of offense got to the Portland Rockets, as they fell to the Muncie Chiefs 7-3 on Wednesday at Runkle-Miller Field.

The two teams previously met June 27 when the Rockets walked away with a 7-4 victory. With Wednesday's loss and June 13

being rained out, the Rockets split the series with the Chiefs this sea-

son.
"The offense kind of just went stagnant." manager Randy Miller said. "I think we can do better. ... I just thought we could hit our way out of any trouble but that just didn't work today."

Over half of the Rockets' (15-11) baserunners reached in the first three innings.

Dakota Durick and Zach Tanner both reached base on errors. Joel Kennedy then attacked the first pitch that he sent over Gavin Lash's head in center field to score both runners.

Two batters drew walks in the second inning, but were left stranded.

Jared Holley led off the third inning with a single that got past Lash, allowing him to run around to third base. Tanner immediately blasted a double to center to push Holley home. Kennedy again reached base, this time on an error by Dax Dudley at third.

Gavin Noble pitched those first three innings before Gaise Winchester came in to pitch the fourth

through ninth innings. Winchester would only allow three more runners – only one was Reynolds.

a hit coming from Crosby Heniser

"We were just a little shaky on defense in that first inning but I thought after that we did a good job of keeping the ball in front of us and making plays," Chiefs manager Ken Zvokel said. "We had good pitching tonight so that helped.

Despite the poor offensive performance, the Rockets got some strong innings out of starting pitcher Sam Dunlavy and Tyler Reynolds.

The Chiefs were able to score off of Dunlavy in the first inning after Daniel Blevins reached base on an infield single and scored on Jackson Furnish's triple. After that, Dunlavy locked Muncie down, giving up three more hits in the next four innings without allowing a run to score.

"Everything was working," Dunlavy said. "I was hitting my spots and all my stuff was moving so I just felt good today.

Reynolds didn't get nearly as much work in, but came up huge to get the Rockets out of a jam.

In the top of the seventh, Peyton Smith had already given up the tving run and walked two batters before Miller gave the ball to

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JT looks to bounce back

By GEORGE BREMER The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS

There are far more questions at the running back position this summer than anyone associated with the Indianapolis Colts could have expected a year ago.

Almost all of them cenaround all-pro Jonathan Taylor.

Last season, the 24-year-old faced true on-field adversity for the first time in his NFL career — if not his football life.

Injuries limited him to 11 games, he often failed to find his top form even when he was healthy enough to play and he got little assistance from a struggling offensive line and an ineffective passing

As a result, Taylor rushed for nearly 1,000 fewer yards than he accumulated during his recordshattering 2021 campaign.

After rewriting the Indianapolis history books with 1,811 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns during his second full season, Tay lor managed just 861 yards and four scores in 2022. The ankle injury that

caused the majority of his issues has been corrected through offseason surgery, and the former Wisconsin star is confident he can bounce back this fall.

Against this backdrop plays out the Colts' most intriguing contract negotiation of the offseason.

Taylor has made it clear he wants to remain in Indianapolis, and general manager Chris Ballard has gone on record with his love for the running back. But talks for a new deal are complicated by more than Taylor's downturn last season.

Running backs have been devalued across the league, and teams that have signed players at that position to lucrative longterm deals have often released those players with several years remaining on the contract.

Minnesota Former Vikings star Dalvin Cook remains on the free agent market after released in June with two years remaining on a fiveyear, \$63 million deal. Likewise, former Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott remains unsigned after being designated as a post-June 1 release in March with two years left on a sixyear, \$90 million contract.

Saquon Barkley remains with the New York Giants but has declined to sign the franchise tender as he seeks long-term security after rushing for 4,249 yards and 29 touchdowns over five sometimes injury-affected NFL seasons.

Taylor will earn the highest base salary of his career — a little more than \$4.3 million — this season under the final year of his rookie contract after being selected in the second round in 2020.

The running back feels he's earned an extension because of his production on the field and his positive work in the community off the field. He's watched teammates like Ryan Kelly, Braden Smith, Shaquille Leonard and Quenton Nelson recent high-market extensions and wants to be next

While all of this plays out behind the scenes, Taylor will learn a new offense during training camp. First-year head coach Shane Steichen is promising a high-octane passing attack and comes from a Philadelphia Eagles offense that featured a running game by committee.

The Eagles ranked fifth in the NFL in 2022 with 2,509 rushing yards, but the running game was split between running back Miles Sanders and quarterback Jalen Hurts.

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Yankees add sponsor patch

Fans frustrated after Yankees use advertisment

By PETER SBLENDORIO

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — The Yankees are adding a patch to their pinstripes.

Beginning July 21, the Yankees' home and away jerseys will feature a Starr Insurance patch on their left sleeves, marking the first time the team's famed uniform has incorporated such an advertisement.

The Yankees announced the move Wednesday by releasing images of Aaron Judge and Gerrit Cole in the new-look threads.

The news elicited a anymore.'

strong reaction from Yankees fans, many of whom bemoaned baseball's mostvaluable team tinkering with their classic look.

"Yes, you need even more money," Twitter user Gerry DeFilippo wrote. "The best revenue generating team in the league needs to put a small patch on their jersey to make just a little more money.'

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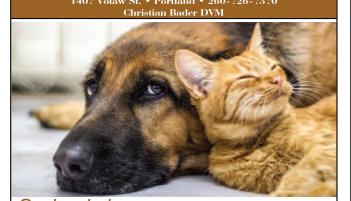
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