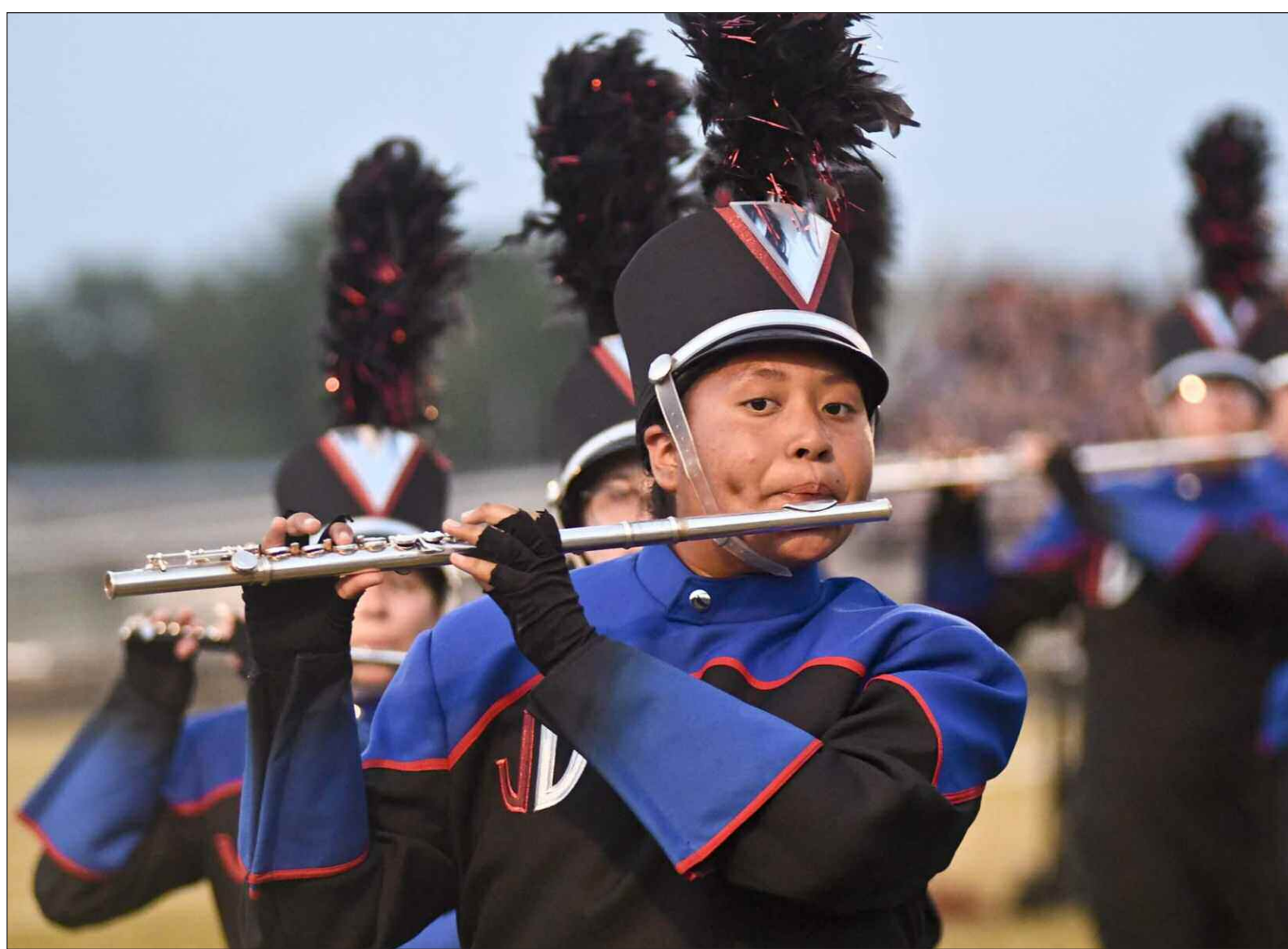


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Spirited third

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed third Saturday at the Muncie Spirit of Sound band contest at Southside Middle School. Pictured, Angel Navarro-Garcia plays the flute during the JCHS performance. The Marching Patriots totaled 69.825 points to trail defending Indiana State Fair champion Kokomo (74.250) and host Muncie Central (73.875).

Group asks for funding support

Baseball club plans to buy barn to renovate

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A local club has submitted an official funding request to the county for a new sports facility.

Jay County Baseball Club members Josh Atkinson and Todd Farr asked Jay County Commissioners for \$250,000 to go toward converting a building into its new facility during a meeting Monday. Commissioners recommended the group begin fundraising for the project before the county contributes toward its campaign.

Atkinson explained the group has moved forward with buying a barn on county road 500 West. The purchase comes to \$575,000. That doesn't include estimated costs for renovations and to retrofit the structure with nets, turf, equipment and golf simulators, which in total comes to just under \$320,000. He pointed out some amenities may vary depending on how much the organization can raise.

Atkinson noted the savings with purchasing an existing structure, pointing out the last quote they had seen for constructing a new building came to around \$1.4 million.

"That's just not economically feasible at this time," noted Atkinson.

The building has three areas, with the largest portion at 60 feet by 90 feet, the middle section at 27 feet by 60 feet and the planned office space at 30 feet by 40 feet. It also comes with a concrete parking lot and septic system, and it's zoned as commercial property.

Jay County Baseball Club plans to officially purchase the building in September.

See **Funding** page 2

BP considering Indiana investment

By ANDREW STEELE
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

PORTAGE — Energy giant BP is continuing its work to determine whether Indiana is a good place to invest some of the billions of dollars businesses and governments are putting into capturing and sequestering carbon, one of its executives told the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission last week.

Indiana has the necessary geology, BP Vice President for U.S. Low Carbon Ventures Damian Bilbao told commission members, and the potential for the Whiting refinery to separate natural gas' hydrogen and carbon — the former to be used for fuel and the latter to be sequestered deep underground — may make

Company is studying feasibility of state for carbon capture

investment here a good business model for the company.

Bilbao also said Indiana has the laws in place to encourage the possibility.

"It's something we believe Indiana is uniquely positioned for," Bilbao said.

He said the sequestration would be 80 to 100 miles south of the Region. It would be stored indefinitely 4,000 to 7,000 feet underground. The company is current-

ly negotiating with landowners for rights to pump the carbon under their properties.

BP also is continuing to gather subsurface information to determine whether and where sandstone is appropriate for permanent carbon storage.

If Indiana were to be chosen for carbon capture and sequestration, it would have an economic impact of \$10 billion, Bilbao said, with 10,000 to 12,000 construction

jobs and 2,000 to 2,200 permanent jobs.

Sequestration would not begin before 2030, he estimated.

"All of that is success case," Bilbao said. Executives leading the Indiana project "need to compete internally (at BP) for capital."

Commission members, all local elected officials, questioned Bilbao on how the liquefied carbon dioxide would be sent to the sequestration sites — by pipeline, he answered — and whether there was potential harm to groundwater. Bilbao said water in the areas in question is within 500 feet of the surface, well above the depth the carbon would be stored.

Bilbao said the main criticism BP has heard regarding carbon capture is that it extends the life of the fossil fuel industry.

See **Considering** page 6

No majority in Spanish election

By ALONSO SOTO,
CLARA HERNANZ LIZARRAGA
and LAURA MILLAN

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez boosted his support during the final days of the election campaign to deny his right-wing opponents a majority in parliament.

While the center-right People's Party won the most seats, with 136, the right-wing bloc got only 170 in total, with 96% of the ballots counted. Sanchez's Socialists returned 122 deputies and, with a wider range of potential partners, could potentially muster 172 votes.

That result leaves neither one of the main parties able to reach the 176 votes needed for an outright majority in the 350-strong chamber and potentially leaves a Catalan separatist group with a key role to play.

Sanchez could squeak through in a vote of confidence if Junts per Catalunya chose to abstain but Spain is most likely heading for an extended period of gridlock.

"Sanchez, ever the political survivor, lives to fight another day," Federico Santi, an analyst at Eurasia Group, said in an interview. "Neither the right nor the left have a clear path to a majority. Currently, the most logical conclusion seems to be repeat elections."

PP leader Alberto Nunez Feijoo had looked set to oust the 51-year-old Socialist when a polling blackout began on Tuesday, with the final surveys suggesting the right-wing bloc would win as many as 180 seats.

Speaking from a stage outside the Socialists headquarters in Madrid, Sanchez said the right-wing bloc had been defeated.

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Thomas tosses

Bob Thomas, a member of the inaugural Portland Rockets team in 1959, throws out the first pitch prior to Sunday's doubleheader against the South Bend Royals at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. The team played its final home games of the season Sunday. For more on the games, see page 10.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60s with a 20% chance of rain. Expect partly

cloudy skies Wednesday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Conditions will be humid with a high in the upper 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery High School will host its marching band ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. The band will debut its 2023 show at 6 p.m.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Saturday — Photos from the Anderson Tartan Tournament of Bands.



Funding ...

Continued from page 1
Atkinson visited commissioners June 26 explaining plans to purchase a building and convert it into an outdoor sports facility to be used by the organization as well as community members.
He noted Monday the group has not yet officially started its capital campaign for the project, although so far \$120,000 has been committed.

"We're optimistic that this will be fully funded by the end of the year," said Atkinson. "County support is vital to this."
Commissioner Brian McGalliard asked if there are fees to be a part of the club. Atkinson confirmed there are costs — he noted they split the cost into three payments — that are largely dependent on tourna-

ment fees. They also include gear and uniforms.
McGalliard asked if there would be training or other opportunities for families who may not be able to afford travel baseball fees. Atkinson pointed out the club has considered an idea to start a group called "Patriot Academy" with nominal fees. He said the initial idea covered 7-year-old children and younger,

but pointed out it could extend to older children and teens.
Commissioner Chad Aker noted other organizations, such as Jay County 4-H, have been asked previously to begin fundraising efforts before requesting money from the county. He suggested Jay County Baseball Club raise some funding before county officials consider a contribution.

McGalliard and Jay County Council member Harold Towell, who was in the audience, both also suggested Atkinson visit council in August to touch base about the project.
"I think it's great you guys are taking the bull by the horns and creating something that's going to be useful to Jay County," said Aker. "It can bring people in here. It keeps our youth interested."

CR almanac

Wednesday 7/26	Thursday 7/27	Friday 7/28	Saturday 7/29	Sunday 7/30
88/71 Winds may reach as high as 20 mph on Wednesday with a chance of thunderstorms.	91/74 There's a 20% chance of showers Thursday under mostly sunny skies.	93/72 Friday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain with the high in the low 90s.	87/67 Mostly sunny skies Saturday with a chance of rain throughout the day.	85/61 Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of showers.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$28 million	55-58-72-75-76-77-79 Cash 5: 4-7-17-31-32 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$820 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 2-6-4 Pick 4: 2-3-5-4 Pick 5: 5-2-3-8-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-3-3 Pick 4: 1-2-3-4 Pick 5: 2-5-4-6-9 Rolling Cash 5: 16-20-21-22-32 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 6-6-5 Daily Four: 3-4-4-1 Evening Daily Three: 1-5-9 Daily Four: 1-4-5-7 Quick Draw: 1-8-9-10-18-26-27-30-32-39-40-44-51-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.21 Oct. corn5.46 Wheat6.78	Aug. beans.....14.98 Wheat 7.21
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Today in history

In 1788, New York ratified the U.S. Constitution. It became the 11th of the original 13 colonies to join the union.

In 1847, Joseph Jenkins Roberts declared Liberia an independent republic. It was established by the American Colonization Society in 1821 on land acquired for freed U.S. slaves.

In 1939, prime minister John Howard of Australia was born in Sydney, New South Wales. He served as prime minister from 1996 through 2007 after previously holding roles as minister for business and consumer affairs and federal treasurer.

In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration, which detailed the terms of surrender for Japan after World War II, was signed by the United States, United Kingdom and China.

In 1948, President Harry Truman signed an executive order calling for the end of discrimination and segregation in the U.S. armed forces.

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser seized control of the Suez Canal.

In 1964, actress Sandra Bullock was born in Arlington, Virginia. She won the Academy Award for best actress for "The Blind Side" and also starred in "Speed" and "Miss Congeniality."

In 2005, Jay School Board named Mike Crull as the new principal of West Jay Middle School. Cruss had been named Indiana Geography Teacher of the Year in 2002 and was a finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year in 2003-04.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be lead the presidential ticket for a major U.S. party when she was nominated at the Democratic National Convention.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved an application for an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant to pave all of Broad, Johnson and 5th streets and parts of Ohio, Shatto and High streets.

In 2022, 13-year-old Daryll E. Bledsoe Jr. drowned in a rural Pennington pond when he tried to retrieve a lure while fishing.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.	Wednesday 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St., Dunkirk.
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Foundation donation

Jay School Corporation last week accepted a \$35,000 donation from the Don Wood Foundation. It will be used to purchase a laser engraver, two 3D printers, a Glowforge and other materials for Jay County Alternative School. Pictured, from left, are Jay County Junior-Senior High School principal Chad Dodd, Area 18 career and technical education director Brittany Kloer and assistant principal James Myers.

Felony arrests

Drug possession
Two Portland residents were arrested recently for drug possession.
Nathan L. Scott, 34, 6769 W. 400 South, was arrested Monday. Scott is charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Holly M. De Morrow, 39, 5543 S. 500 East, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Capsule Reports

Driving fast
A Portland man lost control of the vehicle he was driving and hit a Beech Grove woman's car at the intersection of county road 400 South and Indiana 67 about 10:41 p.m. Saturday.
Hector De Leon, 25, was driving his 2018 Dodge Challenger east on county road 400 South in Jay County. He admitted to police he was speeding and wasn't able to stop at its intersection with Indiana 67, causing him to continue through a grassy area — there is a fork in the road prior to the stop sign — and strike a southbound 2012 Chevrolet Suburban driven by 62-year-old Linda G. Carton.
Hector De Leon was cited with infractions for driving with a suspended license, disregarding a stop sign and operating a vehicle without financial responsibility. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Turning accident
A semi truck hit a Richmond man's vehicle while attempting to turn at the intersection of Lincoln and Meridian streets in Portland about 5:24 p.m. July 17.
Ryan R. Houck, 51, Portland, told police he was attempting to turn east from Meridian Street onto Lincoln Street. He was driving a 2013 Freightliner Cascadia and tried to make a wide turn when he hit a 2014 Ford Fusion driven by 74-year-old William L. Davis of Richmond. Davis told police he wasn't aware Houck was turning and tried to drive around the truck in the center lane going south on Meridian Street, causing Houck's vehicle to strike Davis' car.
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The semi truck is registered to Pioneer Packaging of Portland.

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Tuesday

Roosa, Christina: 11 a.m., Tribute Funeral Homes, Greenville Campus, 1000 N. Broadway St., Greenville, Ohio.

Loper, William: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Rogers, David: 5 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Aug. 4

Steverson, Mark: 11 a.m., Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, Montana.

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Things will get done in their time

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review
It was a nice weekend, not too hot and not too cold. There was just enough rain for the plants and not enough to cause any problems.

As I See It



to anyone but me whether the swing gets painted or not.

In addition to not painting, the other thing I haven't done is to continue tossing out things that I will never use again. This is made more difficult because much of what I choose to keep is tied up with memories. I have boxes of embroi-

dered dresser scarves. They are beautifully done. There is only one problem. We don't currently use a dresser for our things. The walk-in closet holds all of what used to be stored in a dresser or chest of drawers, making the dresser scarves obsolete. I can't throw them away or give them away as they were sewn by my mom or my grandmother. Keeping them is my way of keeping in touch with them.

Then there are books. They are in almost every room of the house. They are even more difficult to throw away. When I pick

them up I inevitably open them. Reading a page or two leads to reading for the next hour or so. It is like reconnecting with an old friend.

It doesn't matter if the pages are yellow or white. I may not see them often, but when I do it is hard to let them go again. I think that a sign of a good book is the ability to draw in a reader years after it was read for the first time.

One of these days it will be my relatives going through stuff. I'm sure that they will toss many of the things I hold dear, just like I did when my mom died. I wish I had

saved more of her things, but at the end I couldn't bear hauling one more thing home.

In addition to the usual miscellany, there are envelopes upon envelopes of pictures. Unlike storing photographs on computers, printed pictures don't disappear when programs change. The worst that happens is that the pictures can darken over time. I can get lost in old pictures as easily as I get lost in a book.

I try to make sure that most of the pictures are labeled. One of the best things I ever did was spending afternoons

going through old pictures with my mom. She knew who was in most of them. If she didn't remember them the first time, she might remember them the next time.

Sometimes I wonder if life would be easier with less stuff. The proliferation of storage units tells me that I am not the only one with too much stuff. Would our ancestors be surprised at the sheer amount of possessions we have today?

One of these days I will get the amount of possessions under control. Until then, I have a swing to paint.

Son's insecurity exacerbated by absent dad

DEAR ABBY: My teenage son has a difficult relationship with his dad. They talk roughly once a week, but his dad hasn't exercised visitation rights in nearly four years. He's retired, very well off and has the time and resources to utilize spending time with our son; he simply chooses not to.

My son has some very understandable negative feelings about this. He's in counseling and is now recognizing he has the power and responsibility to set boundaries for his own well-being. However, he struggles with deep insecurities. Despite having other male role models (grandpa, coaches, neighbors) who model positive behavior, share time, give advice and support him, he struggles to trust that he is deserving of it.

I regularly point out the wonderful male influences in his life and provide resources for him to spend enjoying activities with them. This helps, but it doesn't seem to overcome my son's deep sense of rejection and insecurities in peer-to-peer male relationships.

Boundaries are necessary in life. Embracing the good in our

Dear Abby



out about a year ago. I would call it an unfortunate misunderstanding, and as a result, we are no longer friends. Having said that, I wish nothing but the best for her.

Many years ago, when I was sick with cancer, she gifted me a painting she created. She's a talented artist, and I know she spent many hours working on it. I recently moved and I can't bring myself to display the artwork because it is now a painful reminder that our friendship is over.

I have thought about returning it to her with a brief note, but I don't know if that would be in bad taste. I certainly don't want to create any hurt feelings. However, I'm wondering if she might want her painting back because she put so much effort into it. Your opinion, please? — REMINDED IN IOWA

DEAR REMINDED: Write your former friend an email explaining that you have moved (if she doesn't already know) and will no longer be able to display her painting. Ask if she would like to have it back in light of the fact that she devoted

so much time to creating it. If she wants it, send it to her. If she doesn't, sell it, donate it or stick it in a closet.

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DEAR ABBY: I play pickleball with a nice group of people. Partners normally split after each game. One day, however, a woman told me I was her favorite partner. From that day on, she played with me as often as possible, even though she could have chosen partners who were better players than me, and won more games.

Abby, she is the most attractive woman I have ever met, and not just physically — she's smart, friendly, athletic, caring, supportive and really fun to play with. I'm not used to having women like her pay attention to me, and it feels great. She's married, but I can't help having a crush on her, a feeling I'm pretty sure is not mutual — and therefore not appropriate — yet I think about her all the time.

How can I get over this feeling? Should I tell her I have a crush on her, which would probably drive her away? Should I quit being her part-

ner? Or should I just keep everything the same and hope the attraction gradually fades? I love playing with her, and I don't want to stop. — BIG CRUSH IN NEW YORK

DEAR CRUSH: What if you tell this woman you have a crush on her and she responds by telling you she also has a crush on you? Where would that lead? She's married. Clearly, there is a mutual attraction, and it isn't based on how well you play the game of pickleball. Maybe you are easy to be around, or she likes your sense of humor.

Your crush may or may not fade with time. Because you enjoy the contact you have with her, continue being her partner unless it progresses to something that makes either of you uncomfortable. (Or too comfortable.)

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in help-

ing with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.



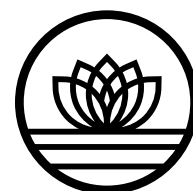
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Heed study about voting behavior

Enid News & Eagle (Oklahoma)
Tribune News Service

Coverage of new election laws instituted across several states has been big news since the 2020 tumultuous presidential election. In recent years, U.S. politics has been consumed by partisan fights over election policies.

However, a new study released by two political scientists has found that changes to election laws — both those that tighten election rules and those that loosen rules — have had almost “no impact” on which side wins. “Contemporary election

Guest Editorial

reforms that are purported to increase or decrease turnout tend to have negligible effects on election outcomes” write the authors, Justin Grimmer and Eitan Hersh, of Stanford University and Tufts University, respectively.

Many election advocates will

certainly be perplexed at this information. While some say the issue of election access is above partisanship, the laws being written or advanced in several states are highly partisan.

In fact, heated debate is flaring again in Congress as Republican lawmakers have unveiled the American Confidence in Elections Act, new legislation that would tighten voting rules in numerous ways.

As the news of this study comes out, many advocates on both partisan sides of the issue say that while the study may be

“interesting” to academics, they don’t solve the problem of issues of voter access and registration difficulties.

However, according to a State Newsroom article, the recent study’s finding syncs with existing research on the issue. Scholars have struggled to find evidence that changes like early voting and election-day registration have significantly boosted turnout. One possible exception is mail voting, where one study did find some impacts.

This study indicates a couple of things. First is, motivated voters vote. Informed voters

vote. Those who are targeted with programs based solely on their demographics in the hopes of one partisan group or another to boost their participation are likely to not change their behavior when it comes to participating at the ballot box.

Partisan groups and national media seem to be trying to ramp up more fear of voting irregularities in the upcoming 2024 presidential election. Perhaps if they take some time to digest this study, the temperature on this issue can start to come down, and we can tone down the rhetoric on this issue.

Recognize housing as a human right

By FARRAH HASSEN
OtherWords

In the wealthiest country on the planet, too many people still lack access to housing.

The pandemic revealed the full extent of the U.S. housing crisis. Where were the roughly 580,000 people living unhoused in 2020 to go under “stay at home” orders? And what about those facing eviction?

At the same time, the pandemic proved that federal intervention could ease the crisis. Eviction moratoria and unemployment relief helped keep more people housed, fed, and secure. But these initiatives ended too quickly.

Lifting federal pandemic eviction protections in 2021 put as many as 17 million people at risk of becoming unhoused. And last year, the number of unsheltered individuals increased by 3.4 percent from 2020 — and many times that in some areas.

There’s a misconception that homelessness is primarily caused by addiction and mental illness. But a new study in California — where over 171,000 people experience homelessness every day — found that poverty and high housing costs are the driving forces.

The median monthly income for people who became homeless was just \$960, the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) report found. Prior evictions, poor credit history, and systemic discrimination further prevent people from re-entering housing — and even shorten their life expectancy.

These are national problems. Nearly half of all tenants now spend 30 percent or more of their income on rent, which has risen 18 percent nationally over the past five years.

Housing is fundamental to every person’s life, health, and security. We need to recognize it as a human right and transform our country’s approach. While this may sound lofty, it’s not as far-fetched as it seems.

International law already treats housing as a human right.

The 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights codified housing as essential to human dignity and an adequate standard of living. The covenant doesn’t guarantee that everyone will have access to housing immediately, but it does obligate countries to work progressively toward that goal.

The U.S. signed this binding treaty but never joined with 171 countries in ratifying it. Still, the

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“right to housing” movement is deeply rooted here. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged Congress to adopt a second Bill of Rights focused on economic rights, including housing.

The movement has regained momentum since the pandemic. The “Housing is a Human Right Act of 2023” introduced in Congress this past March would provide over \$300 billion for housing infrastructure and combating homelessness. And California could become the first state to legally recognize a right to housing.

Critics often invoke the high cost of building affordable housing. But during a time of extreme wealth inequality, as Institute for Policy Studies expert Chuck Collins has argued, the problem isn’t supply — it’s who owns that supply.

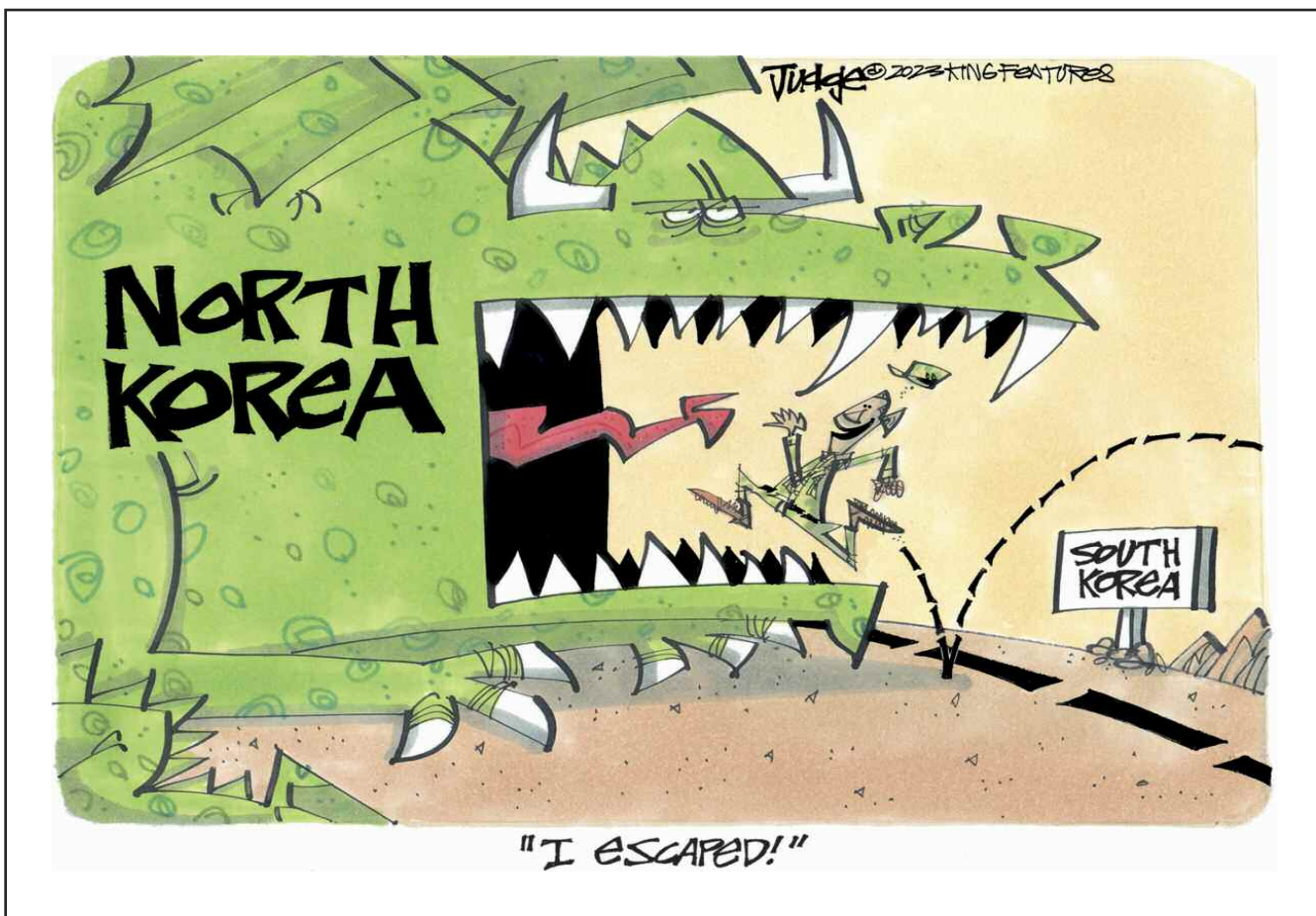
Large corporations and private equity firms like Blackstone have been buying millions of units, including single-family homes, driving up both rents and home prices. Other investors have converted units into short-term rentals, which removes them from the market and drives rents higher for everyone else.

Reforms like rent control and eviction moratoria can help, but ultimately we need local homeownership and permanently affordable rental housing. Housing should belong to families, nonprofit groups, and community housing authorities — not Wall Street banks and real estate speculators. A right to housing could help rein in third-party profiteers and hold governments accountable for housing failures.

Housing is more than a roof over our heads. It determines our ability to stay healthy, get an education, build wealth, and live longer. It is not merely a luxury commodity limited to those who can afford it. It is a right — and our government should start recognizing and treating it as such.

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Make meds more accessible

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Dying younger. Living harder. Going broke. It is difficult to overstate the longitudinal effects of excess weight in America.

An estimated seven in 10 Americans are overweight or obese. The combination, according to the National Institutes of Health, results in an estimated 300,000 preventable deaths per year with extreme obesity lowering life expectancy by 14 years on average.

Added weight not only makes everyday life more difficult, but it also produces serious health consequences that include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, musculoskeletal disorders and cancer. In total, obesity costs an estimated \$260 billion annually in inpatient and outpatient care.

Whether weight gain is caused primarily by genetics, societal influences or individual will, scientists aren’t altogether sure. What’s clear, however, is that most efforts to lose weight ultimately fail.

Ozempic, one of a new class of medications, has been shown in studies to spur significant weight loss. The others include Mounjaro, Rybelsus and Wegovy with several new (and convenient, pill-based) options in development.

Last year, more than 5 million Americans were prescribed one of these drugs for weight reduction.

The annual price of treatment ranges from \$12,000 (Mounjaro) to upwards of \$16,000 per year (Wegovy). As a result, most users are either wealthy or have generous health-insurance coverage.

But as more Americans seek these medications for moderate weight loss, not diabetes, insurers have started clamping down. They’ve issued threatening letters to doctors, warning they’ll be referred to state regulatory boards for writing “off-label” prescriptions.

Ozempic and other medications that help with weight loss are part of an ongoing national debate in which two competing truths collide.

The first truth is that these drugs work, leading to significant and sustained weight reduction: 14 to 25

Robert Pearl



pounds per individual on average during the medication course. And while they’re not a replacement for proper nutrition, exercise or healthier living, they do reduce the likelihood of heart attack, stroke and cancer.

Second, despite the medical opportunity at hand, making these drugs available to all 100 million obese American adults would prove cost prohibitive for businesses, private insurers and the government.

This means that the medications could drastically rollback the nation’s \$260 billion in obesity-related medical expenses each year, but prescribing them at today’s prices would cost more than \$1.5 trillion annually — increasing national health care expenditures by as much as 25%.

What’s more, these medications are considered “forever drugs,” requiring users to either maintain their dosage or regain most of the weight they lost.

Insurers are eager to draw a line between those seeking prescriptions for appearance’s sake and those at heightened risk of disease or death. They’re happy to cover the latter but, as with cosmetic surgery, insurers believe patients should foot the bill for the former.

Lost in this debate is an important question: Why not figure out how to make these lifesaving drugs broadly available and affordable?

With hundreds of thousands of obesity-related deaths each year, the magnitude of the problem qualifies as an “epidemic” and justifies forceful government intervention.

The current administration, with congressional approval, could initiate a nationwide campaign to fight obesity, similar to Operation Warp Speed. The program, with a \$10 billion upfront investment, led to the speedy development of a safe and

effective coronavirus vaccine. The government then was able to purchase more than 1 billion doses at one-third the cost of the vaccine’s current list price.

Here’s how the administration could replicate Operation Warp Speed to fight the obesity epidemic without breaking the bank.

The government would invest \$4 billion up front—twice the average R&D cost to bring a new drug to market.

In return for funding and a 10-year contract, the first drugmaker to develop a safe and effective weight-loss drug would be required to sell that medication back to the government at \$40 per dose (or \$2,000 per patient/year), significantly below the retail price of Ozempic and similar drugs. The winning pharma company would benefit financially, earning up to \$1.2 trillion in sales over the contract’s lifetime without having to shoulder R&D costs.

With the new medication in hand, government-sponsored health programs, Medicaid and Medicare, would make it available to all obese enrollees (roughly 60 million people) for the next decade.

And by providing the drug to more than half of all obese adults, the government would reduce medical expenses by up to \$130 billion annually or \$1.3 trillion over 10 years, making the effort cost-neutral for American taxpayers.

The only financial risk to the government (outside of defending likely lawsuits) would be failing in its search for a new drug, thus wasting the \$4 billion of taxpayer money. But that’s a relatively insignificant sum compared to the potential health care benefits.

The role of government is to protect the health and financial well-being of the nation. Fulfilling that function led to a lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine. Doing so again is the best option our nation has to address America’s growing obesity epidemic.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Hardwick named to Indiana 250

A Jay County High School graduate is considered one of the most influential individuals in the state.

Mark Hardwick was selected as part of IBJ Media's Indiana 250 when the list was announced Thursday.

The second annual version of the list recognizes the state's "most influential and impactful business and community leaders, representing public and private companies, law firms, universities, not-for-profits, government and community organizations."

"Our 2023 Indiana 250 list is chock full of private- and public-sector leaders who are making big impacts in their communities, in our state and even in our nation," said IBJ Media CEO Nate Feltman. "We chose these leaders because they are doing inspiring work, and we want to share their stories so others can be inspired, too."

Hardwick, a Dunkirk native and 1989 JCHS graduate, is CEO of First Merchants Coproration, which operates in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. He also serves on the Ball State University Board of Trustees.

He has been with First Merchants since 1997 and was promoted to CEO in 2021. He was honored as

Business roundup

IBJ's Chief Financial Officer of the Year in 2012.

IBJ Media publishes the Indianapolis Business Journal, Inside Indiana Business and Indiana Lawyer.

Giving away

The Cellular Connection will hold its School Rocks Backpack Giveaway at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Backpacks will be filled with supplies for the coming school year. They will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Portland's TCC location is at 922 N. Meridian St.

"The School Rocks Backpack Giveaway is our company's cornerstone annual event, and I couldn't be more thankful for our store locations, employees and customers for helping us continue to do good in the thousands of communities we operate in," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room. "The start of the school year is an exciting time for many, and we look forward each and every year to make school supplies more accessible for

students so they can thrive in the classroom."

Collaborating

Ardagh Group recently announced the launch of the Splendor Water glass bottles.

Ardagh is manufacturing the indigo glass bottles for Splendor, which previously only offered its products in plastic bottles.

"Ardagh Glass Packaging enjoys collaborating with brands such as SPLENDOR Water to launch products in unique, 100 percent recyclable glass packaging," said Rashmi Markan, Ardagh vice president for beer and beverage. "The premium water bottles for SPLENDOR Water signify the brand's reputation for quality and sustainability, while also protecting the integrity of the product and providing excellent shelf appeal."

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Ward is new director

Shafer Leadership Academy on Friday announced C. Ted Ward II as its new membership director.

Ward is the CEO of Achieve Onward, which offers personalized coaching. He has been a leadership coach for Shafer. "Ted brings a unique

combination of skills and qualities to the membership director position, with proven experience, including growing membership for the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana," said Shafer executive director Mitch Isaacs in a press release. "Ted has facilitated many Shafer Leadership Academy programs, he owns his own leadership coaching business, and he has a longtime commitment to and connections in the region."

Kirby named

CVS Health recently named Scott Kirby to its board of directors.

Kirby has been CEO of United Airlines since 2020. He previously served as the company's president.

He will take over his seat on the CVS board Oct. 1.

"Scott is a strategic leader adept at innovating through technology in a highly regulated, consumer driven industry," said CVS Health president and CEO Karen S. Lynch. "His insights will be a tremendous asset to our Board and will help us advance our technology-forward approach to improving consumer health."

Workshops available

The Institute of Workforce Excellence is offering

free workshops for employers.

The workshops, scheduled for 1 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 14, are designed to teach about skills-based practices for improving the hiring process. They are open to anyone involved in hiring for their business.

For more information, email institute@indianachamber.com.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is also offering 10- and 30-hour safety courses. The cost is \$649 and \$1,149, respectively, with a \$100 discount for chamber members.

For more information, email events@indianachamber.com or call (800) 824-6885.

Startups awarded

Purdue Innovates Start-up Foundry last week awarded \$100,000 each to Aerovy Mobility and Uniform Sierra Aerospace through its Black and Gold Awards pitch competition. (Aerovy also received \$40,000 from the New Venture Challenge pitch competition.) Both are Purdue-affiliated start-ups.

Aerovy provides cloud solutions for airlines and airports electronic aviation. Uniform Sierra Aerospace manufactures drones for public safety departments.

"These investments can

move a startup forward by funding product-market fit and hiring first employees, but their impact goes beyond that," said Tyler Mantel, director of Startup Foundry. "Initial investments are a sign to other prospective investors that these companies are investment-worthy, which could lead to follow-on investments and growth."

In violation

The National Labor Relations Board last week ruled that Dollar General violated federal labor law and "clearly intended to interfere" with worker rights in putting down an effort to unionize a Connecticut store.

Violations included fire an employee and making a threat, according to the National Labor Relations Board decision. Employees were also required to attend meetings that encouraged them to vote against unionizing, National Labor Relations Board judge Arthur J. Amchan said.

"The unfair labor practices herein involve individuals at the highest levels of Dolgen management," he added. "They were also committed pursuant to a corporate policy as to how to deal with organizing efforts by Dollar General employees."



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Donations made

Dunn Family Dentistry recently made a donation toward installing new batting cages for the Portland Rockets. Pictured from left are Dr. Thomas Dunn II holding Thomas E. Dunn IV and Dr. Thomas Dunn with Rockets manager Randy Miller.

Pilots secure a new contract

By ALEXANDRA SKORES

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

DALLAS — American Airlines' pilots union has landed a new \$9 billion contract after United Airlines pilots secured a deal that set new industry standards for pay and other benefits.

The new deal matches pay increases at United and includes a ratification bonus, among other benefits like extended sick bank, increased life insurance and a medical privacy clause. The future wage increases were also pushed to take effect every January 1, matching its competitor. Chicago-based United Airlines reached an agreement in principle with its company, raising pay by up to 40% over four years this month.

The revised deal adds about \$1 billion in costs for American over the four-year contract.

The board of the Allied Pilots Association, which represents American's 15,000 pilots, will determine "whether management's comprehensive proposal is worthy of a mem-

bership vote," according to a memo sent to pilots from Ed Sicher, president of the Allied Pilots Association. The union was prepared to open voting on its tentative agreement to members on July 24.

"I'm really proud of the agreement our negotiating committees reached and APA's board approved for a ratification vote, but the United deal changed the landscape," said Robert Isom, CEO of American Airlines to pilots on Friday. "The United TA includes wages that are higher than those in our TA and additional retro pay."

This week, American reported a record total revenue of \$14.1 billion in its second quarter, the highest quarterly revenue in the airline's history. Under the new deal, airfares could go up at American, but that's the same story with every major airline readying for new pilot contracts with similar wage increases.

Isom reiterated to pilots that he plans to maintain a target of an August ratification and have a "new quality of life" to pilots by Labor Day.

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Strong start

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots had a strong start to the Central Indiana Track Show Association schedule, finishing in the top three at both of their contests over the weekend. They were the runners-up Friday as they hosted the Jay County Lions Band Contest at Jay County Fairgrounds and then finished third behind Kokomo and Muncie Central on Saturday in the Muncie Spirit of Sound contest at Southside Middle School. Pictured above, Lilly Craig of the color guard waves her flag above her head during Saturday's performance. At right, Emma Ransom plays the clarinet.



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New swine barn opens

By NIKI KELLY
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State and agriculture officials gathered last week to officially open the long-awaited renovation of the century-old swine barn.

Now called the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion, the barn and public safety center at the Indiana State Fairgrounds underwent a \$50 million dollar renovation through the last 18-months and will host its first event at the 2023 Indiana State Fair.

Gov. Eric Holcomb called the facility world-class and said while 4-H competitions are the heart of the building, it goes far beyond that.

For instance, the building was designed to host indoor track and field events. A portable 200-meter, banked track will be installed annually to host local, regional, national and international events. The new building is already slated to host the 2025 NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships.

"This was a bold vision but it keeps the foundation of who we are

Building can host a variety of events

and what we are about," said Cindy Hoye, executive director of the Indiana State Fair Commission.

Livestock will no longer have to swelter in the heat in the building, which originally opened in 1923. The new pavilion is a 196,000 square foot facility with 118,000 square feet of show floor, a 14,000 square foot north lobby, 80,000 square feet of clear-span space in the center of the building, with 25-foot ceiling height and complete restoration of the historic 1923 north facade.

Other events that could come to the facility include cheerleading competitions, concerts and more.

Over the years, Democrats balked at the \$50 million cash price tag for a swine barn — often pointing out

other state needs the money could go for. But Holcomb had no such qualms.

"This is one of the few buildings that Hoosiers from all 92 counties will be walking through this door on an annual basis, year in and year out and so it was money well invested. We're not just celebrating the fact that we cut a ribbon today but celebrating the fact that our students are going to be able to learn and grow and develop here and a lot of memories will be made along the way," he said.

"I think we got our money's worth out of the first 100 years and now we have ... the best world-class, multi-use, year-round facility in the United States."

The new facility has won the bid to host the nation's largest swine show, The Exposition, produced by the National Swine Registry in 2024 and 2025.

The public can see the new pavilion during the 2023 Indiana State Fair, which runs July 28 through August 20.

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The company's counter argument is that "there is no way to achieve decarbonization objectives without carbon capture."

Bilbao's appearance was at the invitation of commission member Lake County Surveyor Bill Emerson in light of a series of public

hearings BP held this year on carbon capture.

After those sessions, a BP spokesperson told The Times the twin tasks of determining Indiana's viability and convincing company leadership to make the investment put the project in its early phase.

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Milk factory on fire

By DANI MESSICK

Goshen News
Tribune News Service

GOSHEN — Goshen Fire Department battled a fire Monday at Dairy Farms of America.

The call came into the emergency services at 5:55 a.m. for a fire at 1110 S. Ninth St., amid the factory's shift change.

"The entire filtration system is on fire," Goshen Fire Chief Dan Sink explained.

Dairy Farms of America manufactures milk products for the industry, most notable is the dry milk. Goshen Fire Department was working with Dairy Farms of America's technical team.

Israel OKs law to weaken judiciary

By **GWEN ACKERMAN**
and **ETHAN BRONNER**
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Israel's parliament on Monday approved a law that will curb the oversight powers of the courts, a measure that has divided the nation, prompted mass protests and drawn rare U.S. criticism.

The shekel fell — recording the biggest daily loss among a basket of major currencies tracked by Bloomberg — while tens of thousands of protesters converged on the Knesset building where the session took place. Opposition lawmakers boycotted the vote, allowing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition to pass the bill with 64 votes to 0.

Advocates of the measure, which curtails the ability of the courts to overrule government decisions and appointments on the grounds of reasonableness, argue that the judiciary has grown too powerful and is controlled by the left.

But the plan has drawn fierce opposition from a broad swath of Israel's establishment, from tech entrepreneurs to CEOs and military reservists. They say it'll undermine the country's democratic checks, the rule of law and the economy.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Amir Levy

Protesters and Israeli police officers clash during a demonstration near the Israeli Knesset on Monday in Jerusalem, Israel. Some 20,000 anti-government protestors marched from Tel Aviv and converged in Jerusalem outside the parliament as the contested bill is voted, after weeks of protest against the government's plans to restrain the judiciary.

On Monday reports of a potential compromise strengthened the shekel, but those gains reversed after the vote. The currency fell 1.1% to 3.67 per dollar as of 5:50 p.m. local time.

Think tanks have warned that the government's approach risks damaging Israel's ties with U.S. President Joe Biden's administration, which had urged it to take time and build consensus.

"It is unfortunate that the vote today took place with the slimmest possible majority," said White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, adding that the administration supports efforts to reach a

broader consensus through dialogue.

The unprecedented standoff over a single piece of legislation has come to represent a broader battle over Israel's identity and what it means to be a Jewish democracy. Opponents fear the law is the first step toward a religious autocracy, while supporters see it as permitting their once-marginalized voices to be heard.

There was little sign that Monday's vote would end the crisis. The government, the most right-wing in Israeli history, has indicated it will push ahead with a broader package of changes that have alarmed foreign investors and secular Israelis.

"This is the first step in a historical process," said Justice Minister Yariv Levin, the architect of the judicial overhaul.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid said he planned to appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn the law. The Movement for Quality Government in Israel, a watchdog, tweeted that it had already filed a petition. More appeals are expected in the coming days.

"The battle isn't over, it is only beginning," Lapid said. "This is the greatest and most dangerous national crisis that we have ever had to deal with."

Election ...

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"We had to decide whether to go forward or backward, as the PP was proposing," he said, dressed in jeans and a denim shirt. "Those who want Spain to go forward are many more."

His supporters chanted "no pasaran" — "they shall not pass" — a republican slogan of resistance from Spain's civil war.

JPMorgan analyst Marco Protopapa wrote in a note last week that an inconclusive result "could be the least market and growth friendly outcome for the additional uncertainty it would trigger."

Across town, the mood was more subdued outside the PP's offices as conservatives tried to put a brave face on a victory that fell short of their expectations. Vox's leader Santiago Abascal accused the PP of complacency and said Sanchez is now in position to stay in power.

The shock result vindicates Sanchez's high-risk decision to call an early election after his party was given a kicking by voters in May's regional elections.

Sanchez has led an economic rebound that pushed employment to its highest ever and eased double-digit inflation. All the same, the surge in prices over the past two years have left Spaniards with one of the sharpest drops in real income in Europe and some people are struggling to repay mortgages as market rates surge.

The premier has promised relief to mortgage holders by extending home loan in order to reduce monthly payments.

Miriam Nogueras, a lawmaker for Junts, said

the party will demand the returned of exiled Carles Puigdemont, the exiled former president of Catalonia who has been living in Belgium since the failed attempt to break away from Spain in 2017. The group will also ask for a referendum on independence, she said.

"We will not make Sanchez premier in exchange for nothing," she said.

Sanchez and his advisers spent the final days of the campaign focused on persuading Socialist supporters to turn up at the polls. The prime minister gave a string of interviews, including with journalists who he had avoided for years for considering them too critical.

One driving force to mobilize hard-core voters turned out to be the former prime minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who spent days in rallies and doing interviews, convincing voters of the necessity to turn up to stop the right wing bloc from winning. Zapatero belongs to the more left-leaning side of the Socialist Party, and has strong ties with parts of Sumar, the far-left party that is set to be Sanchez's coalition partner if he manages to govern again.

Sanchez's surge also relied heavily on strong showings in Catalonia and Andalusia, the Socialist party's two traditional core constituencies and the two most populous regions in Spain. The result in Andalusia was all the more surprising, as the party had been losing support there ever since being kicked out of government in early 2019. But on Sunday, the Socialists were neck-in-neck with the PP.

HEALTHCARE

Potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription meds

Medications improve the lives of billions of people across the globe every day. Without access to medication, millions may die while countless others would experience a dramatic decline in their quality of life.

Though there's no denying the positive effects of medication, the efficacy of herbal supplements and prescription drugs does not mean each are risk-free. Risks may even be compounded when individuals take herbal supplements and prescription medications concurrently. According to the Mayo Clinic, herbal supplements do not always interact well with prescription medications. For example, herbal supplements can interact with medicines utilized to treat issues affected the heart and blood vessels. That includes conditions like high blood pressure, which estimates from the World Health Organization indicate affects nearly 1.3 billion adults between the ages of 30 and 79.



Mixing medications has always been risky, but a growing reliance on herbal medicines has potentially elevated that risk. That's perhaps due to perceptions of herbal supplements as wholly natural, leading some to conclude that a substance that's wholly natural cannot jeopardize the human body. However, an analysis published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology detailed more than a dozen instances of adverse drug reactions affecting individuals who took herbal medicines alongside various prescription medications. The medications

taken, some of which were antidepressants, were prescribed to treat various conditions, including HIV, epilepsy and heart disease.

The potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription medications underscore the need to engage in honest and open discussions with a physician before taking any herbal or prescription medications. Individuals currently taking a prescription medication should consult with their physician before taking any herbal supplements, while those who take herbal medicines and supplements should bring that up with their physicians if

they are prescribed a new medication.

What are some symptoms of herbal and prescription interactions?

The Mayo Clinic notes that a fast heartbeat and changes in blood pressure are two indicators of drug interactions. But many additional side effects can indicate a potentially dangerous or unhealthy interaction is taking place. For example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notes that increased dryness or irritation of skin when taking more than one topical acne drug at the same time indicates an unhealthy interaction is taking place.

Herbal and prescription medication interactions can be dangerous. Individuals are urged to contact their physicians before combining medications and to bring up their existing medication regimen whenever they are issued a new prescription.

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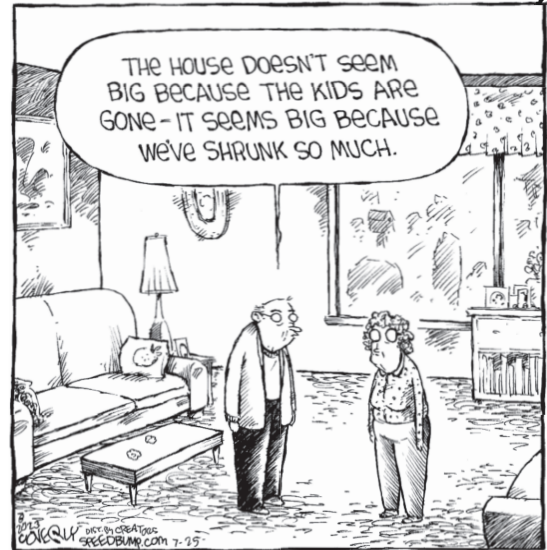
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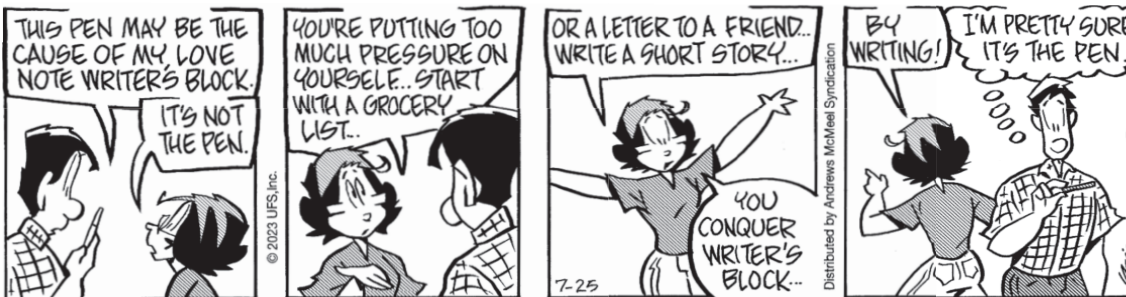
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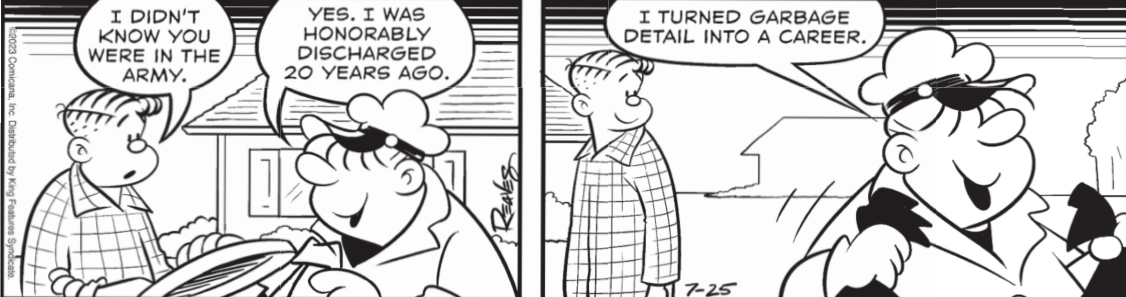
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U.S. team tops Vietnam in opener

By KEVIN BAXTER

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — When Vlatko Andonovski left Eden Park stadium after his team's first World Cup game Saturday, he was seated in the left front seat of a red U.S. Soccer minivan. In the States, that would be the driver's seat. But in New Zealand, cars drive on the left-hand side of the road, so Andonovski was just a passenger.

It's an apt metaphor because how far the coach and his U.S. team go in this Women's World Cup will largely be determined by a half-dozen young players who are untested on this stage; Andonovski is just along for the ride.

So far, the kids are all right. With Sophia Smith scoring twice in the first half of her World Cup debut, then assisting on another goal in the second half, the U.S. pushed aside Vietnam, 3-0, in an opening performance that was more clumsy than clinical, more sloppy than sensational.

"It's always great to get a win," Andonovski said. "Obviously we came here to win the game. And we did that. Unfortunately, we didn't capitalize on all the opportunities, great opportunities, that we created. And that's something that we're certainly going to focus on."

Clearly this trip is going to be a bumpy one.

Although the U.S. outshot

'It's always great to get a win ... Unfortunately, we didn't capitalize on all the opportunities, great opportunities, that we created.'

—Vlatko Andonovski

Vietnam 28-0, it put just seven of those tries on target, sending many of the rest over, around and off the goal frame. Alex Morgan even sent one into the goalkeeper's legs in the first half, failing to capitalize on a penalty shot for the first time in her international career.

And while that was good enough to beat a Vietnamese team making its first World Cup appearance, it likely won't be good enough to beat the Netherlands in the second group-stage game on Wednesday. And it certainly won't be good enough to go far in the deepest, most competitive Women's World Cup field in history.

Yet Morgan, playing in this tournament for the fourth time, isn't worried.

"The way the first World Cup game goes is not the way the last one is going to go," she said. "Teams need to have time to get into the World Cup. Hav-

ing so many players who had their first World Cup experience, it was a good start for us.

"Could we have scored more goals? Of course. But we had a lot of players that played extremely well, we had a lot of players who this was their first time playing in a World Cup. We're going to build on that."

In many ways, Saturday's game unfolded just how Andonovski hoped it would. He pushed midfielder Julie Ertz to the back line, where she hadn't started since the last World Cup opener four years ago, and she responded with the best afternoon of the four U.S. defenders. He wanted to give some playing time to veterans Megan Rapinoe and Rose Lavelle, who have been sidelined with injuries, and each went 28 minutes. And he especially wanted to test his young players, giving starts to six World Cup rookies and bringing two others off the bench.

All had stout games, especially Smith and USC grad Savannah DeMelo, who contributed mightily on both sides of the ball.

"It was good to just get a game under my belt," Smith said. "I was feeling all the emotions going into it, not really knowing what to expect. I don't usually get nervous, but I was nervous before this game. I mean, it's a World Cup."

Expected to be the breakout star of this tournament, Smith opened the scoring in the 14th minute. The sequence started with Lindsey Horan sending a ball forward for Morgan, whose back-heel pass found Smith in full sprint up the left wing. She then outran a pair of defenders before grounding a left-footed shot through the legs of Vietnamese keeper Than Thi Kim Thanh.

Smith doubled the lead in the dying moment of first-half stoppage time, left-footing a shot through traffic and again through the keeper's legs. But her most impressive play of the day was the pass that sent up the final goal in the 77th minute. After driving toward the end line, drawing the attention of a couple defenders and Thanh, the keeper, Smith sent a right-footed pass from a difficult angle to a lonely Horan, who had nothing but open net to shoot at from the center of the box.

"It's always great to have the first game to really calm everyone's nerves and get the three

points and then we progress from there," said Horan, the team's captain. "You get the win, the three goals were great. But we could have finished a lot more of our opportunities."

"It is what it is. We'll go back and look to see what we could have done better."

Maybe. But reviewing that game film will likely leave Andonovski with more questions than answers. Although the U.S. spent most of the game in Vietnam's end, players were far too unselfish, passing up clear shots in an effort to set up a teammate. At least a dozen times that resulted in an errant cross into a crowded penalty area while Morgan, Rapinoe and Horan combined for 12 shots from the run of play, but only put one on frame. They won't get away with wasting that many chances against a good team.

"We needed to be a little bit better with the final shot," Andonovski said. "Usually it's the final pass. I would say now it was the final shot."

Before climbing into the passenger seat of the minivan for the ride to the team hotel, the coach flashed a wan smile. He wasn't sure how long the ride would take or how bumpy it was going to be, but at least he knew where he was headed and who was driving. The same could be said about his team.

"I don't think anyone on the staff is worried, actually," he said. "We're very, very encouraged."

New ...

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On the field goal and extra point side, hurried kicks affect a kicker's balance and mechanics and can lead to off-target attempts.

Mason will bring that philosophy to Indianapolis with a host of new faces in the mix.

Mainstays E.J. Speed, Ashton Dulin and Grant Stuard remain critical elements of the coverage teams, but the most high-profile roles will include a lot of fresh blood.

Most notably, fifth-year veteran Matt Gay takes over the place-kicking duties on a healthy four-

year, \$22.5 million free agent deal.

Gay has connected on 87.8% of his career field goal attempts, and that number jumped to 92.5% over the past three years with the Los Angeles Rams. Similarly, he's been true on 95.2% of his career point-after tries and 97.9% of his attempts over the past three seasons.

Gay's tenure in L.A. included a Super Bowl championship following the 2021 season, and he's expected to stabilize a position that's been in flux for the Colts at least since future Hall of Famer

Adam Vinatieri's retirement following the 2019 season.

"We're really excited to get a dependable, proven kicker like Matt Gay, who's done it at the highest level, performed under pressure the last few years, has been over 90% making field goals including in a run to the Super Bowl," Mason told Colts.com in April. "We're just really excited to be able to bring him into our specialists room and our special teams units and to be able to lean on him in some big moments."

The punting game also should get a boost from the

return of Rigoberto Sanchez, who excels at directional kicks and limiting return opportunities. Sanchez has placed 38.5% of his career attempts inside the opponents' 20-yard line, and he's topped the 40% mark in three of his five NFL seasons.

A torn Achilles' tendon on the final day of training camp last year cost him the entire 2022 season, but he's expected to be ready to go by the start of the regular season in September.

There could be ample competition for the return roles.

Dallis Flowers made a

splash last season as an undrafted rookie by averaging 31.1 yards on 23 kickoff returns.

But the new fair catch rule — allowing teams to start at the 25-yard line by fair catching any kick inside that marker — might further limit the significance of the kick-off return role. And Flowers is expected to compete for a starting cornerback job, which could significantly limit the coaching staff's desire to keep him in a return role.

Dulin also has kickoff experience with a career average of 25.8 yards on 17 returns.

The punt return duties had been handled in recent seasons by running back Nyheim Hines, but he was dealt to the Buffalo Bills at the trade deadline last October.

Wide receiver Keke Coutee took the reins following Hines' departure, but he was not re-signed during the offseason.

Wide receiver Isaiah McKenzie has averaged 8.9 yards on 58 career returns for the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos. His competitor for the slot receiver role, rookie Josh Downs, also could enter the punt-return conversation.

Sports on tap

TV sports

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1:30 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Philippines vs. New Zealand (FS1)
4 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Norway vs. Switzerland (FS1)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Atlanta Dream (ESPN)
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1 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Costa Rica vs. Japan (FS1)
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Sports

New look for Colts' special teams

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

INDIANAPOLIS — For the first time since 2018, the Indianapolis Colts' special teams will have a significantly new look this fall.

Bubba Ventrone — the highly respected coordinator under former head coach Frank Reich — is now with the Cleveland Browns, and Zionsville native Brian Mason will run the unit in his debut NFL season.

Mason grew up as a fan of the Peyton Manning-era Colts and has remarked several times on the emotional pull of wearing the horseshoe logo on a daily basis.

But it's his 13 years as a coach at the college level that proved to Indianapolis he's the right man for the job.

Mason spent the past five seasons as special teams coordinator first at Cincinnati (2018-21) under former Bearcats head coach Luke Fickell and then at Notre Dame during Marcus Freeman's first season as head coach of the Fighting Irish.

His units were noted for their aggressive style.

Mason believes putting pressure on opposing punters and kickers can be nearly as impactful as blocking kicks.

A shanked punt has obvious advantages, and a rushed attempt that fails to get full hang time can lead to better return opportunities.

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Jacob Barr fields a ground ball at first base Sunday during the Portland Rockets' doubleheader against the South Bend Royals. The Rockets dropped both games with scores of 11-5, 14-0.

Royals stifle Rockets' bats

The Rockets have been sliding heading into the postseason.

They needed to win at least one game to finish .500 in the regular season.

It wasn't to be. The Portland Rockets couldn't silence the South Bend Royals on Sunday, as they dropped the doubleheader at Runkle-Miller Field 11-5, 14-0. The loss will put them on an eight-game losing streak going into the playoffs.

The Royals jumped on top of Tyler Reynolds early, scoring nine runs over the first three innings in the first game. He finished the game with eight earned runs on nine hits, getting pulled from the game in the middle of the second inning.

Portland (15-17) retaliated with a two-run home run by Joel Kennedy in the bottom of the first inning, but could not keep up after that, only scoring three more runs in the game. Crosby Heniser drove in two of the runs with a double in the bottom of the fourth.

Chaz Bellman and Derek Grabner led the Royals offense with three RBIs apiece.

The Rockets had a similar poor start to game two, when Garrison Brege gave up six runs in the first inning, and two more over the next two.

Heniser would give up another six-run inning in the fourth to the Royals.

The Rockets could never get their bats

Local roundup

going, amounting only four hits in the game.

Will Swisher led the way for South Bend with four RBIs while CJ Schwartz dominated on the mound.

Academic all-state

Two Jay County High School graduates were recognized for their play on the baseball field and work in the classroom this past school year.

Earlier this month, the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association named Patriots Josh Dowlen and Dusty Pearson to the 2023 Academic All-State Team.

Dowlen led Jay County in runs scored, crossing home plate 32 times during the season and patrolled center field for the Patriots.

After missing the first half of the season with an injury, Pearson came back to finish the season with a .270 batting average.

The list of over 200 high school baseball players from all four classes includes four more players from the Allen County Athletic Conference. Those players are Ryan Black (Adams Central), Dalton J. White (Heritage), Kedrik Sonnigsen (Southern Wells) and Austin Snyder (Woodlan).

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