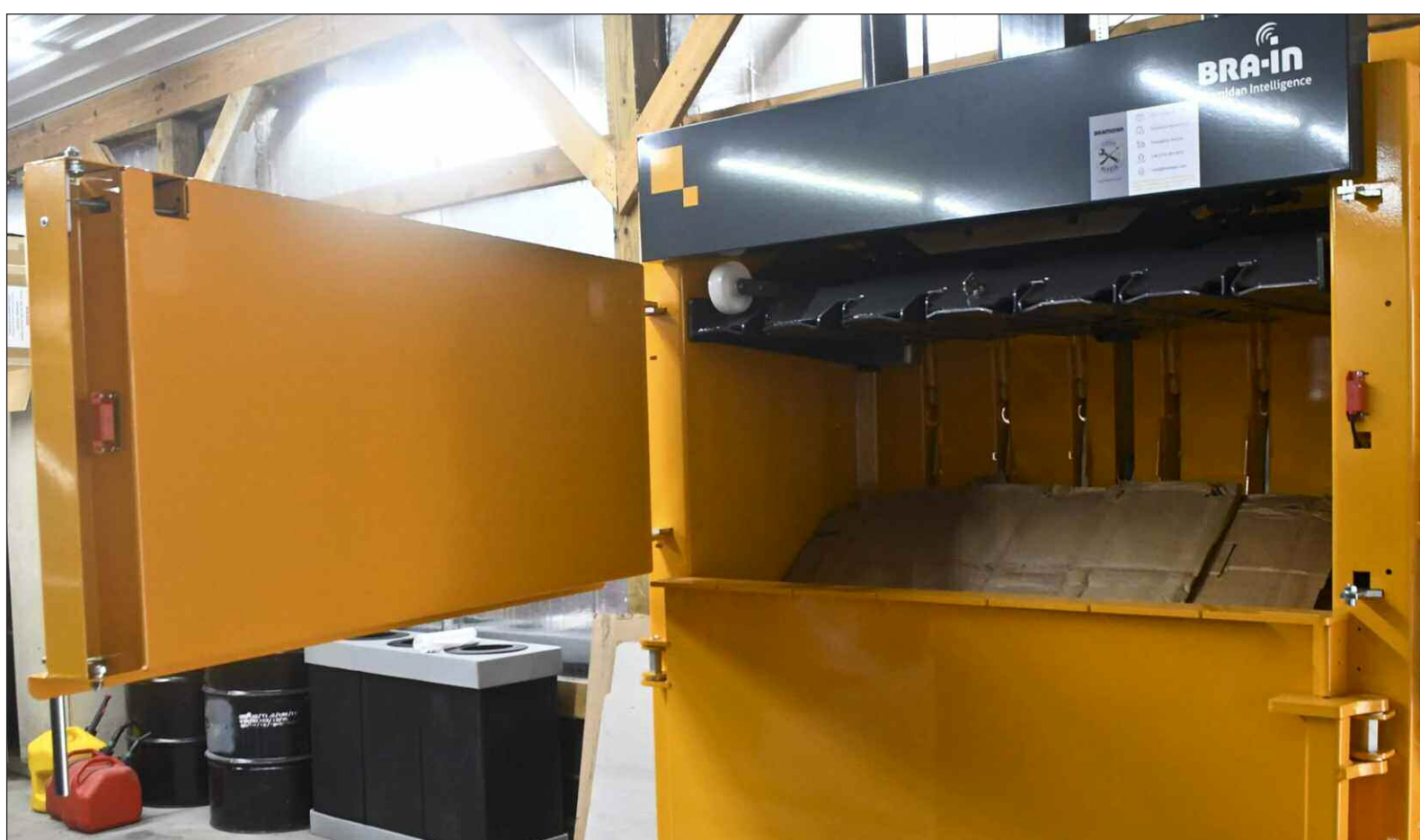


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Jay County Solid Waste Management District received a grant through Indiana Department of Environmental Management to purchase a bailer and other equipment for cardboard recycling. The new program that launched last month is an effort to keep cardboard — it must be dry and clean — out of recycling trailers and save money. Jay County residents and businesses can take their cardboard to the district office at 5948 W. Indiana 67 to be recycled during regular office hours.

## Solid waste district has new programs for shredding and cardboard recycling

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Long-term, there's a goal to develop a recycling center in or near Portland.

In the meantime, the organization has added a couple of recycling programs in hopes of improving efficiency and service.

Jay County Solid Waste Management District last month launched a new cardboard recycling program in addition to the on-site shredding it began offering in the spring.

District director and director George McGinnis explained that the cost of hauling recycling

trailers is continuing to go up, with an estimated increase of nearly 10% in the first year of the new contract when it goes into effect next year.

"So we started trying to figure out a way that we could cut our expenses," said McGinnis. "We're really limited right now with the funding that we have and the programs that we can afford to do."

As part of that process, he began tracking how much of the material that goes into recycling trailers stationed in Portland, Dunkirk, Redkey, Pennville, Bryant and Salamonie was card-

board. The average, he found, was 50%.

Figuring that keeping that cardboard out of the trailers could save money on both hauling (\$225-plus per trailer) and recycling (\$50 per ton) the solid waste management district sought out a grant. It was awarded \$48,528 in funding through Indiana Department of Environmental Management for a Bramidan bailer, Kubota skid loader and advertising for the new service. The new equipment arrived in early July and McGinnis is close to getting his first full bale, which will weigh more than 1,100 to 1,200 pounds. See **Recycling** page 2



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Jay County Solid Waste Management District coordinator and director George McGinnis shows the results of recent shredding at the district office recently. The district is now offering shredding services on a daily basis rather than just a few times a year.

## Budget planned to be \$40.7 million

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The budget will be advertised at an 8.3% increase.

Jay School Board on Monday reviewed Jay School Corporation's proposed 2024 budget and gave business manager Shannon Current permission to advertise it at \$40.73 million.

The budget would represent an increase of \$3.13 million over the current year. (Advertised numbers are typically cut by Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. The 2023 Jay Schools budget was advertised at \$37.9 million and trimmed to \$37.6 million.)

As proposed, the budget includes \$21.9 million in the education fund and \$11 million in the operations fund. Those numbers are up from \$20.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, this year.

Also included in the budget are the debt service fund (\$5.85 million), the rainy day fund (\$1 million) and the pension debt service fund (\$893,902).

The proposed budget lays out a three-year capital projects plan, with roof replacement, as usual, the most costly item each year. Nearly \$545,000 in roof projects are planned for 2024, with \$325,000 in 2025 and \$285,000 in 2026.

Other major projects in 2024 include lights for the baseball field at \$338,200, other lighting at \$155,000 and new vehicles at \$150,000. School security upgrades (\$190,000), softball lights (\$165,000) and parking lot work (\$150,000) is planned for 2025, and parking lot work, new vehicles and grounds equipment are all estimated at \$100,000 in 2026.

See **Budget** page 2

## Myanmar extends state of emergency

By SEBASTIAN STRANGIO

The Diplomat

Myanmar's military junta has extended its state of emergency by a further six months, once again delaying elections that it had vowed to hold by the end of the year.

The country's National Defense and Security Council (NDSC), the junta's top decision-making body, ordered the extension following a meeting yesterday in the capital Naypyidaw. According to the NDSC's announcement of the extension, which was published in the state-run Global New Light of Myanmar, it was necessary to postpone the election for a number of reasons, including "security affairs" and "the destructive actions of the terrorists" opposing its rule.

Over the next six months, the announcement stated, the military administration "needs to carry out the security measures in holding the election to be able to cast votes freely and fairly without fear," the announcement stated. An accompanying report in the Global New Light of Myanmar paraphrased Gen. Soe Win, the deputy commander-in-chief of the armed forces, as emphasizing the army's "need to

take a certain length of time to launch military and security operations for minimizing terror acts" and to "restore perpetual peace across the nation."

Myanmar's Constitution mandates that elections must be held within six months after the lifting of a state of emergency. This would push the junta's elections back to July 2024 at the latest, but even this timeframe looks optimistic.

The extension of the state of emergency — the fourth since it was imposed following the military coup on Feb. 1, 2021 — was a veiled admission that the armed forces do not exercise enough control to prepare for the elections that the junta intends as a transition back to a form of civilianized military rule.

It also speaks to its failures to quell the widespread opposition to military rule. Instead of a smooth transition back to military-dominated rule, the 2021 coup prompted widespread peaceful protests and the emergence of armed resistance, loosely coordinated by the opposition National Unity Government (NUG), which includes ethnic armed groups and civilian militias known as People's Defense Forces.



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## Joining the crowd

Nathan Klatt of My Yellow Rickshaw took his fiddling into the crowd Sunday night during the band's performance as part of the Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts summer concert series at Van Trees Park's Hein Amphitheater. Klatt, a Jay County native, also performed at the Jay County fair a couple of weeks ago and the band will be back in the area next weekend for the Coldwater Picnic.

### Deaths

**James Wood**, 62, Fort Recovery  
**Chad Iliff**, 50, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Monday. The low was 52.  
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the low 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the low 80s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The U.S. Secret Service is hosting "Threat Assessment: A Behavior-Based Approach to Preventing Targeted Violence" on Wednesday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Jay County residents should expect to see an increased law enforcement presence at the school from those attending the seminar.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — A preview of the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition.

**Friday** — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.





# Man disregards complaint

DEAR ABBY: I'm an older woman. My husband and I have been married eight years but were together 15 years prior to our marriage. He is a wonderful, caring man in most ways. But from time to time, he snaps extremely unflattering photos of me, sends them to everyone we know and even orders enlargements made for me.

I have a mouth condition that makes smiling painful, so unless I know a picture is being taken, I look really old and grumpy. I have asked him PLEASE not to do this because it's humiliating when he sends them out to friends and family members. I think it's unkind and disrespectful and have told him so, yet he persists.

I'm to the point that this has become a deal-breaker in our marriage, and he knows it. He claims he loves me and is proud of me. And yes, we have been to counseling about our relationship in general because of the many times he has humiliated me in public. But he won't stop. How can I handle this going forward? — HUMILIATED AND HURTING

**DEAR HUMILIATED:** It appears your "wonderful, caring" husband has a mean streak. He's getting his kicks by embarrassing you. One way to handle it going forward would be to ignore him

Dear Abby



when he does it. It won't be easy, but when he realizes he can't get the desired reaction from you, he may do it less often. Another way to deal with it would be to discuss privately with a licensed therapist whether his behavior really has become a deal-breaker. The choice is yours. ....

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend lives with one of his closest friends, "Bill." I know him well and stay at their apartment often. Over time we have grown pretty close. I listen to Bill talk about his hobbies and problems because his friends get tired of his rambling.

I'm afraid Bill has become too attached to me because of this, because he has started texting me every day, asks me to go places with him and fixates on me whenever I am over there. The last straw was when he called me in the middle of the night, crying about his ex-girlfriend.

In order to preserve his living

situation and their friendship, my boyfriend doesn't want to confront Bill until he crosses a line. I believe he has already violated my boundaries. How do I stop this elephant in the room from growing? — UNSURE IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR UNSURE:** I agree that more than one boundary has been violated. Because your boyfriend is unwilling to draw the line, you will have to. Start by telling Bill that you don't want him calling in the middle of the night or as often as he does. Visit your boyfriend at his shared apartment less often. Take your time responding to Bill's daily texts, and refuse his invitations to go anywhere. It may take a while for him to get the message, so be prepared. ....

DEAR ABBY: What do I do if my wife of 36 years wants to be laid to rest somewhere other than next to me in Hawaii? — WONDERING IN HAWAII

**DEAR WONDERING:** Hope that you outlive her. ....

*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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

# The Blue Leafs perform Sunday

An Ohio band will be playing in Fort Recovery this weekend.

The Blue Leafs, a four-person concert rock band based out of Dayton, will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Hein Amphitheatre in Van Trees Park. The group perform pieces from the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

The show is the last of the Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts' 2023 summer concert series.

## Taking Note

An exhibition from the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum, "Girlhood (It's complicated)," is on display at Minnetrista in Muncie through Sept. 17.

The exhibit showcases how women have been on the front lines of change and how they have made an impact on American life.

## Girlhood exhibit

It's not too late to learn about the history of girlhood.

## Births

### Loesch

Paisley Jo, a daughter, was born to Emily and Gabriel Loesch of Union City at St. Vincent Randolph on July 24.

She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

Her grandparents are Rob and Leslie Loesch and Eric and Tammy Cline, all of Union City.

### Sirk

Hazel Evangeline, a

daughter, was born to Johnathan Sirk and Perla Hernandez of Winchester at St. Vincent Randolph on June 23.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Her grandparents are Luis Hernandez and Crist-ian Maza of Winchester and Shane Sirk and Wendy K. Lee of Shelbyville. Her great-grandparents are Maria Isabel Hernandez of Winchester.

# High heat linked to depression

By CINDY GOODMAN

South Florida Sun Sentinel  
Tribune News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Day after day of unbearable heat, Jan Cox feels herself sinking more into a depression.

"There does not seem to be any relief," said Cox, who has given up gardening and outside activity as the heat index climbs to new records in the Sunshine State.

The 79-year-old Central Florida resident says she has lived in the state all her life, but the unrelenting heat this summer has affected her mental health. "I try not to dwell on it, but the feeling is there," she said.

While health officials issue warnings for physical danger from extreme heat, like heat stroke and heat exhaustion, just as concerning are the links between high temperatures and mental health issues.

Research shows the high temperatures combined with the thick humidity plaguing the state can take a toll on everything from Floridians' day-to-day moods to the potential for a mental health crisis, or self-harm.

"It's been proven that protracted hot weather can make people depressed," said Dr. Charles Raison, who has done research on heat intolerance and summer-related depression. "It seems as if the system that modulates body temp also modulates mood."

Raison, professor of psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, said people with mental illness often have trouble with thermal regulation. "From our data, we know that people with depression tend to run body temperatures higher than average, and they don't sweat as much. So being depressed could set you up to not be able to tolerate heat well."

The correlation between heat and mental health is only beginning to be measured as scientists consider whether Americans have the coping mechanisms to handle heat waves as climate change worsens.

Emergency department doctors like Dr. Brian Drummond in Tucson are seeing patients arrive with manic behavior, rage and severe depression

just as much as with heat stroke this summer. "It's the heat and all the other stressors," he said.

A study of more than 2.2 million people who visited U.S. emergency departments during a 10-year period through 2019 found 8% more visits for men and women for mental health concerns on the hottest days of summer, according to research published in JAMA Psychiatry in February. Earlier research has shown schizophrenia can make people more vulnerable to heat and lead to hospitalizations. And some psychiatric medications can raise body temperature, which can have dangerous effects when coupled with extreme heat.

In Davie, Dr. Johannes Vieweg, dean of the Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University, sees how the daily record high temperatures are affecting students, teachers, drivers and people who work or spend time outdoors. "The chronic heat creates multiple effects on the body," he said. "Whether hormonal or chemical, the stress can manifest through depression."

# Community Calendar

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

## 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the

month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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## Tuesday's Solution

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# Take a trip to California, virtually

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 30, 2008. Jack was a regular as a judge for the California Newspaper Publishers Association journalism contest. Those type of events are great, not so much for winning awards, but for getting together with other journalists to share ideas. Enjoy the trip along with him.*

## Back in the Saddle



By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

Settle in. Take off your shoes. I'm just back from a whirlwind gig in San Francisco and have some images to share.

Think of it as a slide show. Or if you're under 40, think of it as a virtual Powerpoint presentation.

Here goes.  
Click.

That's me, stumbling off the plane. It was about 11:30 p.m. California time when I arrived. If I look a little bleary-eyed, that's because it translates into 2:30 a.m. Indiana time. It was too late to take the BART train into the city, so I was looking for a cab.

Click.  
That's a flaming car. In fact, it's a BMW. From the looks of it,

the car spun and slid into a guard rail beneath an overpass. Both my cabdriver, Vladimir from St. Petersburg, and I gasped as we drove by. It looked like something from a movie. Welcome to California.

Click.  
Okay, it's 8 a.m. Sunday morning and time for work. For something like the sixth or seventh time, I was in San Francisco to help judge the top entries in the California Newspaper Publishers Association journalism contest. It's a pretty good gig; they pay for the flight and the hotel room and a couple of dinners. The trade off, of course, is that it's 8 a.m. on Sunday and I'm getting ready to go to work for eight or more hours.

Click.  
That's the whole bunch of us,

nine judges in all. Folks from Memphis, Seattle, Louisville, Omaha. Reid, the guy on the left who bleeds Republican, is retired from a newspaper in Connecticut. Maura, the woman on the right with the gray hair, is an editorial writer for The New York Times. At this point, we're just one big happy family.

Click.  
Lunch time, and we're at Lefty's. A couple doors down from our hotel is a joint called Lefty O'Doul's, named for a much-beloved baseball player from the old Pacific Coast League. On one side, Lefty's is pretty much a neighborhood bar; on the other side, it's a cafeteria/deli, offering the best and least expensive meal in the area around Union Square.

Click.  
That's me again, sharpening my pencil. I'm not a pencil sort of guy, most of the time. I prefer pens. But every entry must be scored and every entry must have comments from the judges, so pencils make sense. The entries have been pre-screened and pre-judged before we see them. Usually we're seeing the

top four in a given category and circulation division; from that, we're to select first place and second place. Sound easy? It's not.

Click.  
Okay, I admit the view is terrific. Here we are at the top of the Hyatt on Union Square. That's Alcatraz over there and Coit Tower over here. Best news of all? I'm not picking up the tab for this amazing meal.

Click.  
It's 7:45 a.m. Monday. I'm already on my second cup of coffee. Most of the judges got an early start. There's a chance that if we get things wrapped up Tuesday morning we can have some time to enjoy the city.

Click.  
Yeah, that's us again, piling into three cabs. The contest used to be judged in April, but the calendar has been readjusted. There are two results from the change: It's next to impossible to get a ride on the cable cars in July without a long wait because of all the tourists. And it's chilly, actually chillier in July than in April.

Click.  
Okay, finally some down time.

We wrapped up early on Tuesday, so I'm just gallery hopping, looking at art that I can't afford. Much of it doesn't strike a chord anyway. As my brother-in-law would say, I saw no bargains.

Click.  
How's that for a view? That's right. We're at ATT Stadium for a Giants game. I ordered tickets online in advance so I could take my nephew and his fiancée to a game. Yeah, I know, the Giants aren't very good this year; and the team they are playing, the Nationals, are even worse. But check out that view.

Click.  
McCovey Cove on the right, the giant Coke bottle and baseball mitt directly across from us, and the Bay Bridge on the horizon. These aren't the cheap seats. In fact, I don't think there are any cheap seats in San Francisco. The beer you see in my hand cost \$8.50. Yikes.

Click.  
It's early Wednesday morning and time to head for home. Again, the time isn't right to use BART, so I'm taking a cab. The cost: About \$45 including tip. Goodbye San Francisco.

# Schools need a fair process

Tampa Bay Times  
Tribune News Service

Should parents in Pinellas or Hillsborough counties want their child's school books selected by residents of Pahokee or Palatka? Should school superintendents be removing books unilaterally behind closed doors without public input? Should elected school board members wipe their hands of this responsibility and cede these decisions to parents and staff? And should political appointees in Tallahassee be allowed to have the final say?

Of course, the answer to all of these questions is no. But these absurdities are happening, or are poised to, thanks to the circus that Florida Republicans have created out of book bans and local control of the public schools.

School districts across the state are scrambling to inoculate themselves as a small band of parents and conservative activists seek to remove instructional materials they deem objectionable. Their efforts are fueled by new state laws pushed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and the GOP-dominated Legislature that restrict lessons on race, gender identity and sexual orientation, and that look to give parents more control over school operations.

The net effect is that school districts are self-censoring books without cause, due process or public recourse. Pinellas County recently evaluated 87 books selected for review by local educators. While all were approved for use, anticensorship organizations complained the district targeted the materials without having received any objections to them. In Leon County, Superintendent Rocky Hanna removed five titles from schools recently at the urging of the conservative group Moms for Liberty, and his staff has said many books previously used in courses could be reexamined.

Districts are taking widely varying approaches to book bans. Confused over how to interpret Florida's crackdown on certain topics, and fearful of politi-

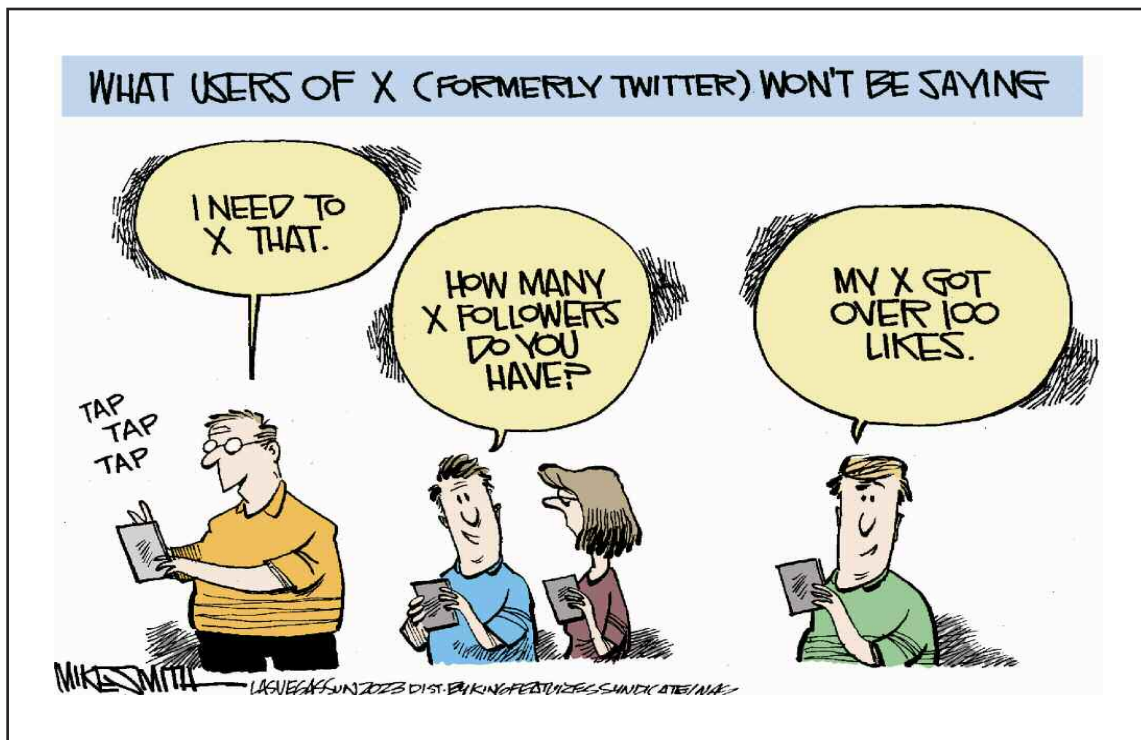
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cal controversy, many elected school boards are targeting books in piecemeal fashion, or opting to pass the responsibility on to staff and parents. The Pinellas School Board said this week that it would leave decisions on books to a committee of parents and staff appointed by the superintendent. The board also agreed that the superintendent and staff would be authorized to remove books from schools regardless of whether any formal objections were filed. By contrast, Hillsborough's board wants more clarity from the state, even though at least one board member, Patti Rendon, has suggested reviewing complaints over books whether a formal challenge was filed or not.

This preemptive rush to appease serves the purpose of removing books from circulation while allowing the governor and his allies to wipe their hands of culpability. And it promises to only get worse; the Department of Education is compiling a list of materials removed statewide for all Florida districts to consider, and lawmakers approved another provision that took effect July 1 that enables parents to appeal a school board's decision on books directly to the state.

School districts need a process that adheres to state law but that also is clear, uniform, methodical and fair. Removing books without a challenge denies everyone the right to defend a title. It invites abuse, prevents a paper trail that makes accountability impossible and weakens a school district's defense that it acted lawfully. The goal here should be keeping, not removing, as much educational material as possible.

Incredible that it needs saying, but that's the whole point of having schools.



# Embrace short-term commitments

By CLAIRE FIDDIAN-GREEN  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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It's no secret Indiana is facing a teacher shortage, with nearly 1,800 vacancies statewide. Many those vacancies are in STEM-related subjects. To address the shortage and encourage more teachers to enter or stay in the profession, state leaders have implemented multiple strategies, from additional funding for K-12 schools to increase teacher salaries to financial incentives for career-changers entering teaching.

While certainly positive steps, they will only take us so far. If we're going to address the gap holistically, we need to go further. That includes embracing a short-term commitment to teaching as a laudable pathway, much like we do with the military, AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and promoting shorter tenures as a viable option for some prospective teachers. This requires accepting that some turnover in a high-demand, essential profession can be tolerated, so long as short-term teachers deliver positive outcomes for students.

This reframing is not meant to minimize the commendable work of long-term educators, who play an irreplaceable role in the teaching profession and serve as pillars of our education system. Rather, it's a pragmatic acceptance that to meet our critical teaching need, our expectations of teachers' commitments to the field and their education requirements must change alongside broader workforce shifts.

Consider that over the last decade, American workers' average job tenure has decreased by 11%, from 4.6 years to 4.1 years. More than 47 million Americans left their jobs in 2021 during the "Great Resignation," and more than half (53%) who left their jobs switched careers.

Those skeptical of a short-term commitment for teachers might

Claire Fiddian-Green



rightfully raise concerns that less experienced teachers or those without an education degree will not serve students well. Evidence from a new study of Teach For America Indianapolis helps allay those concerns. The study was conducted by RAND and commissioned by the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, which has provided grant funding to Teach For America Indianapolis.

Teach For America (TFA) started three decades ago as a means of attracting more talent into high-needs schools. TFA teachers are required to make a two-year commitment to the classroom and are provided with intensive training. The program has been in Indianapolis since 2008, and TFA Indianapolis teachers serve larger percentages of students from low-income households, as well as more students of color, than non-TFA peers. TFA Indianapolis teachers tend to be more racially and ethnically diverse than non-TFA teachers, which is important since increasing teacher diversity has proven to be an effective strategy for improving academic performance among all students. Further, TFA Indy teachers are more likely than non-TFA teachers to teach STEM subjects, allowing them to fill positions that are otherwise difficult to staff.

The study of TFA Indianapolis shows their teachers leave the classroom at much higher rates than their non-TFA counterparts. At year three of teaching, there's a gap of 24 percentage points in retention rates

between TFA and non-TFA teachers, even when adjusted for school conditions.

However, more importantly, the same study also shows student performance improves more with TFA Indianapolis teachers compared to non-TFA teachers, even when the TFA teachers did not have an education degree. On average, the TFA impact is equivalent to an additional 2 percentile-point improvement in math and an additional 1 percentile-point improvement in English language arts when compared to non-TFA teachers. Researchers found larger gains at schools with five or more TFA teachers at the same school, with the most significant being an additional 5 percentile-point gain in math when compared to non-TFA teachers. The study also finds the positive impact of TFA teachers more than offsets the negative impact on student test scores associated with their higher turnover rates.

Even with these strong results, it's clear TFA — or other short-term service programs — should not be the only model for teacher recruitment. Rather, TFA should be considered as one of a variety of reliable pathways for bringing more great teachers into classrooms.

The current teacher shortage, especially in critical STEM subjects, requires new ways of thinking. Considering the acute workforce shortage in a profession as critical as teaching, it's important to be open to approaches that have proven to be a net positive for students.

Fiddian-Green is president and CEO of the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, which has a mission to advance the vitality of Indianapolis and the well-being of its people.

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SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

More than meets the eye

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: A Q 8, J 8, Q 7 5, J 9 6 4 2. WEST: 7 5 2, K 10 7 4 3, 4, Q 10 8 3. EAST: 6, Q 9 6 5, A K J 9 8 3, 7 5. SOUTH: K J 10 9 4 3, A 2, 10 6 2, A K.

The bidding: West Pass, North Pass, East 3 diamonds, South Pass. Opening lead — four of diamonds.

your last trump, and discards his deuce of hearts on the jack of clubs to make the contract. You might go on to the next deal without giving the matter further thought, but the fact remains that you could have stopped South from making his game. Instead of discarding a heart on the third round of diamonds, you should have ruffed your partner's ace and returned a trump!

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



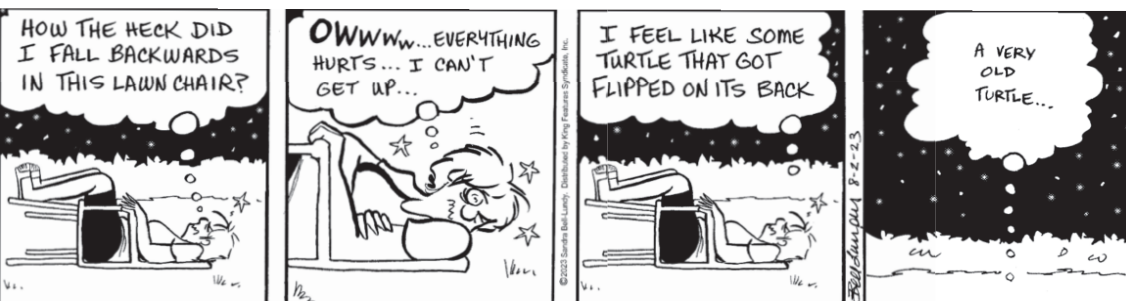
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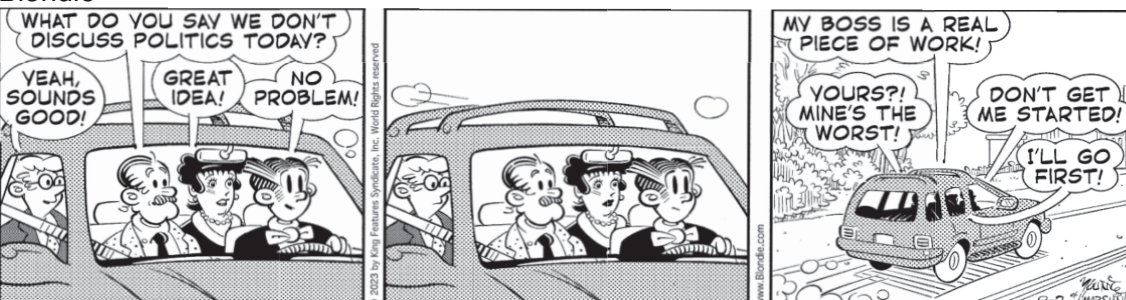
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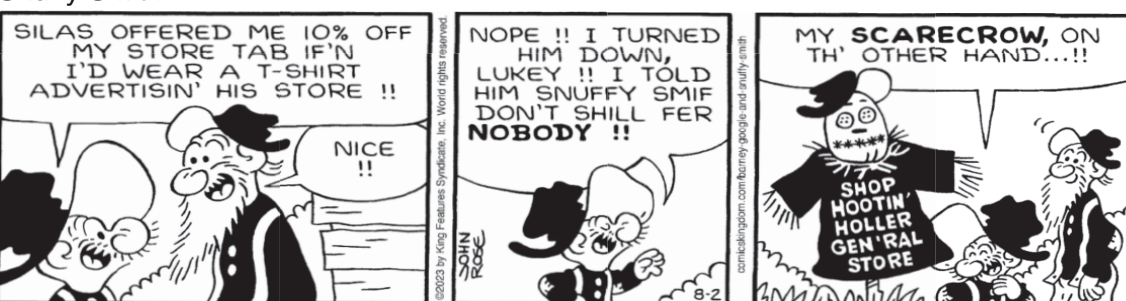
Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



8-2

CRYPTOQUIP

ZBQVD WJD IFK VSSC FDMOOK MAJSFZ WJD WMZC SI VSMWBQR WJD SQBSQ FBQRZ, JD BZ PFDMPBQR AFDMPBQR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINGING CELEBRITY WHO IS CRAZY ABOUT TREES SUCH AS PINE, CEDAR, FIR AND YEW: CONIFER LOPEZ. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 38 Canine greeting, 40 Green shade, 41 Make mittens, 43 Curved line, 45 Home of St. Francis, 47 Mal de mer, 51 Casual shirt, 52 Catch a wave, 54 Evening in Paris, 55 '— a Camera', 56 Fine cotton, 57 Winds up. DOWN: 11 Vittles segment, 20 Invoice fig., 23 Phone bug, 24 — carte relapse, 27 Bond rating, 29 Yucatan 'Bravo!', 30 Museum-funding org., 32 Grads-to-be, 34 Baby-sitter, often, 37 Insult, slangily, 39 Unravel bone, 44 Points section, 46 Anon, 48 Legal action, 49 Singer Franklin, 50 Miles away, 53 Galley item.

Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 8-2

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# Sports

## Colts suffer from more RB drama

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — Zack Moss rose from the turf, took a few steps back toward the line of scrimmage and flung his helmet in the time-honored sign of frustration across the NFL.

Moss then grabbed at his right wrist before disappearing with an athletic trainer through the trees and back to the Indianapolis Colts' medical base at Grand Park on Monday.

A few hours later, the team announced the running back will miss four-to-six weeks with a broken arm.

Such is the current state of the running back room for Indianapolis.

Moss' injury came a little more than 12 hours after the latest spat between the Colts and star running back Jonathan Taylor played out on social media.

It all could be a little overwhelming for first-year head coach Shane Steichen. But he claims to be paying little attention to off-the-field matters as he prepares the team for its season opener Sept. 10 at home against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"My biggest thing is, shoot, I'm here to coach the football team," Steichen said. "That's my job as the head coach, to coach this football team and go from there. I've gotta be on it every single day, and I gotta be on it on the practice field, I gotta be on it in the meeting rooms because I expect these guys to be prepared."

"If I'm not prepared, how do I expect the team to be prepared? So that's my

mindset right now." That's not to say there's any shortage of distractions from the ongoing stand-off with Taylor.

Reports emerged Sunday night from ESPN's Stephen Holder and CBS 4's Mike Chappell that Taylor might be dealing with a back injury suffered during off-season workouts in Arizona and the team is considering placing the running back on the non-football injury list.

That would be a significant move. Taylor would not be paid while he's on the list, and if he missed six games while on the list, his contract would roll over to 2024.

That's a nuclear option unlikely to be used lightly.

In his first comments since training camp began and he was placed on the physically unable to perform list, Taylor took issue with the characterization of his injury in a social media post.

"1.) Never had a back pain," Taylor wrote. "2.) Never reported back pain. Not sure who 'sources' are, but find new ones."

The post also was accompanied by a contemplative emoji and stands as the only public comment from the running back on the matter so far.

Taylor has been a constant presence on the practice field, hanging out near where the running backs are working out at any given moment. And teammate Deon Jackson said the All-Pro running back continues to be an important voice in meeting rooms and inside the locker room.

See **Drama** page 7



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## Taking reps

Ben Crouch receives a ball during the Jay County High School football team's practice on Monday afternoon. The Patriots have a scrimmage at Richmond on Aug. 11 before opening their season at home against the Blackford Bruins Aug. 18.

## Cubs making moves before deadline

By **MEGHAN MONTEMURRO**

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

The Cubs have made their first trade deadline moves.

The organization acquired infielder Jeimer Candelario and a cash consideration from the Washington Nationals two prospects, left-hander DJ Herz and infielder

Kevin Made, before Monday's game.

The switch-hitting Candelario gives the Cubs much-needed power as the best rental bat available on the trade market. In 99 games with the Nationals this year, Candelario, who is a free agent after the season, has hit 30 doubles and 16 home runs with a 128 OPS+.

Although Candelario has predominantly played third base during his eight big-league seasons, he's also started 60 games at first base, most recently for the Tigers in 2020. His defensive flexibility at the corner infield spots can help the Cubs' two weakest offensive positions.

The Cubs have especially struggled with

quality production at first base.

Five players have been used there this year, combining for minus-2.7 Wins Above Replacement with Trey Mancini owning a team-worst minus-1.3 WAR. Candelario's addition to the lineup makes it deeper and gives the Cubs an extra-base threat.

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