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FBI looking into local robbery

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Federal authorities are investigating a recent ATM robbery in Portland.

Police suspect the crime is connected to a series of ATM robberies across the nation.

Three men broke into the CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union main branch ATM, 1102 W. Votaw St., just before 4 a.m. Nov. 11.

The robbery itself occurred in just over one minute, explained Portland police investigator Jeff Hopkins. An undisclosed amount of cash was removed from the ATM.

Portland Police Department received a call about 6:23 a.m. Nov. 11 about the ATM, which had been "torn apart" with "parts everywhere," according to a report from the department.

Similar methods used to break into the ATM in Portland have been used in other robberies across the U.S., including the August robbery of the Heritage Federal Credit Union ATM in Evansville.

Detectives from Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office traveled to Georgia and Louisiana to conduct interviews with suspects arrested Oct. 7 who were "caught in the act of stealing an ATM in the same manner the ATM in Evansville was robbed," according to a press release from Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office. Their investigation led to the Nov. 20 arrest of Dmyree Martin, 21, Katy, Texas, who is a suspect in the case.

Martin was recently charged in Vanderburgh Superior Court with a Level 5 felony for the crime. He was being held in Fort Bend Jail in Richmond, Texas, while waiting to be transported to Vanderburgh County, the press release says.

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Producing 'Midnight'

Portland native working on musical based on Berendt book

By LOUISE RONALD
The Commercial Review

At Portland High School, Craig Haffner was a benchwarmer for the football team, played ice hockey whenever he got the chance, dabbled in writing poetry, sang in the choir, performed in plays and discovered his dream career.

"I found that I loved being in the environment of the theater and theater people," he said in a recent phone interview. "I thoroughly enjoyed the whole process."

Upon graduating in 1970, Haffner studied at Indiana University in Bloomington with a double major in theater arts and mass communication. He decided early on that "acting was way too tenuous" a profession for someone like himself who had no show business connections. Instead, he focused on "the other side of it, which was the writing/directing/producing area." When he left Indiana University in 1974, his hope was to go to New York and try his luck on Broadway.

Life had other plans. Haffner ended up in California and the television industry, where he racked up credits as a writer and producer — he even got an Emmy — but continued to dream of more.

"The original idea was theater," he said.

So in 2009, when a friend asked for his help with a production of a revival of "Ragtime," a musical based on the book of the same name by E.L. Doctorow, he jumped at the chance. It was "my first Broadway credit as a co-producer."

On the night of the premier, Haffner had a fateful conversation with John Berendt, author of "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

It was Nov. 15, 2009.

"I suggested to John that we should think about 'Midnight' as a Broadway musical," said Haffner. "That's the night the seed was planted."

Now that seed is ready to bear fruit.

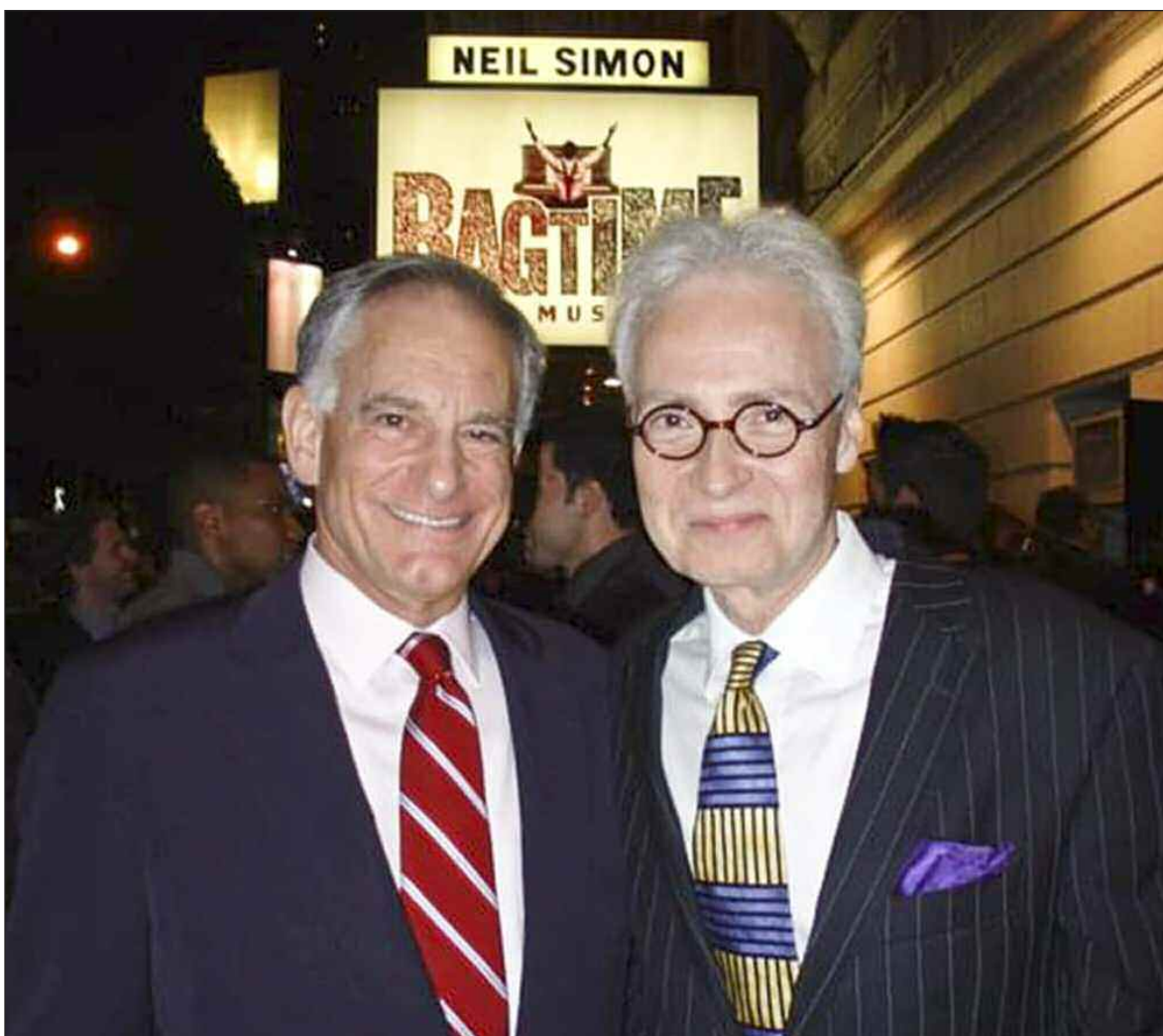


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"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" author John Berendt, left, and Craig Haffner on the opening night of "Ragtime," a Broadway musical revival co-produced by Haffner. Next year, Haffner will produce a musical based on Berendt's book with a preview scheduled for June 25 through Aug. 11 in Chicago.

Rehearsals are set to begin May 7 for a preview of the show at Chicago's Goodman Theatre from June 25 to Aug. 11.

"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" was published in 1994. The story of people and places related to a 1980s murder trial in Savannah, Georgia, is based on real life but reads more like fiction. Wikipedia classifies the book as a "non-fiction novel."

The Clint Eastwood movie version starring Kevin Spacey and John Cusack came out in 1997. Berendt had sold the book's movie rights to make that possible but kept the stage rights thinking that it could someday become a play. Haffner said he seemed surprised by the idea of turning it into a musical.

"I said, 'Look at what's been done (in "Ragtime") with Doctorow's multiple stories. ... It's really a type of opera, and that's really — to me — what your

Savannah and all of those characters are."

For most of the past 15 years, Haffner's primary focus has been elsewhere. He and production partners Sherry Wright and Hal Luftig have had numerous credits and Tony nominations, but until about 10 months ago, the Berendt project was on the back burner.

"Broadway musicals take a while to find themselves," said Haffner.

Now, however, it occupies most of his time.

"I'm living 'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil' 22 of the 24 hours in a day," he said. "There are a lot of moving parts."

Haffner describes himself as a creative producer — as opposed to primarily an investor. He likens his role to that of being a parent.

"That means you initiate the

project and you do everything that you have to do to grow it. You have to bring the creative team together," he said. "You have to manage the creative team. You have to put the business part together. You have to raise the money. You have to find the locations. It involves every facet of the business. ... You are responsible for everything."

And, of course, it's risky.

"There is no financial reward for a Broadway producer until they actually get the show up and get it to break even," he said. "So it's really a test to see how much you believe in a project, how steady you are tightrope walking without a net. And it takes years."

Haffner credits his parents and his Portland upbringing with giving him the even temperament needed to navigate this kind of work successfully.

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Retrospect

Ceremony celebrated Meridian Street project



The Commercial Review/Jack Ronald

Portland Mayor Maxine Lewis cuts a ceremonial ribbon on Meridian Street on Nov. 21, 1998, to dedicate the \$8.4 million infrastructure improvement and beautification project.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Portland was celebrating the completion of a street project.

The Nov. 23, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of 16 months of construction on Meridian Street.

A crowd of about 300 attended the ceremony for the \$8.46 million project. The bulk of the work was paid for via state and federal sources, with the city contributing \$951,311.

Don Kissling of Bonar Group, the consulting firm involved in the project, credited Portland Water Department with helping to save about \$40,000 on the project.

"They were able to shut off the water where we would have normally had to do live water

taps costing \$2,000 each," he said. As a result, the cost of the taps dipped to about \$250 apiece.

The project included paving, new storm sewers, modernized traffic signals and new trees, benches, trash cans and lighting. Other work involved utility wiring being moved from overhead to underground as well as brick accents on sidewalks and curb ramps.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony featured various speakers including advisory committee member Neil Habegger, city council president Bob McCreery and Portland Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Vicki Tague.

"I've learned a lot more about water mains, drains, concrete and cement than anyone should have to know in a year," said Habegger, who was presented

with a certificate from Portland Mayor Maxine Lewis for his work on the project.

Lewis thanked all those involved in the project, including local business owners who adjusted when the street was closed.

"We appreciated that fact that everyone has been inconvenienced ... Merchants did a good job by planning ahead and advertising the use of back doors," she said.

The project had been in the planning stages since 1984, when a Portland 2000 committee meeting focused on Meridian Street rehabilitation. Bonar Group was hired in 1993 to complete a beautification study and identify potential funding sources.

Deaths

Lee Newman, 74, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 36 degrees Friday in Jay County.

Expect skies to clear as today goes on with a high around 40. The low tonight will be in the mid 20s. Skies will be cloudy Sunday with a high in the upper 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball home opener.

Wednesday — Photos from Dunkirk's Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration.



Obituaries

Lee Newman

Nov. 6, 1949-Nov. 22, 2023
M. Lee Newman, age 74, of Portland passed away at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023.
Lee was born in Peru, Indiana, on Nov. 6, 1949, the son of M.K. and Carol A. Newman. He was married on July 3, 1976, to Sharon Lee who survives.
He graduated from Hobart High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Indiana University - Northwest and Purdue

University. He was an administrator in the Jay School Corporation for 37 years. He served as principal at Judge Haynes Elementary, East Jay Elementary and East Jay Middle School.
Lee was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee chairman and sang in the choir. He was also a member and on the board of directors of the



Portland Morning Optimist Club.
He was currently serving on the Portland Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and board of the Jay Community Center.
Survivors include his wife Sharon and daughter Rebecca, both of Portland; two sisters, Nancy Owens of Oregon, Wisconsin, and Katrina Rogan of Valparaiso, Indiana; a brother, Roger Newman of Munster, Indiana; four nieces; five nephews; two great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents M.K. and Carol Newman; a brother, Mark Newman; a sister, Diane Donovan; and his in-laws Ed and Lucille Lee.
Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Asbury United Methodist Church with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Visitation will also be Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the DeVerter Funeral Home in Cayuga, Indiana, with burial to follow in the Thomas Cemetery in Newport, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Sunday 11/26	Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30
40/25	32/18	34/20	40/23	45/30

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 6-6-2
Daily Four: 0-1-9-5
Quick Draw: 2-5-8-9-10-11-21-30-32-33-38-41-42-44-46-54-55-58-66-67
Pick 5: 5-4-4-6-3
Evening
Rolling Cash 5: 9-13-22-25-35
Jackpot: \$130,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$340 million

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 8-6-3
Pick 4: 4-8-5-4
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$308 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.33 Dec. corn.....4.43 Wheat4.97	Dec. beans13.06 Wheat5.09
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.29 Dec. corn.....4.44 Late Dec. corn.....4.59	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.08 Dec. corn.....4.37 Beans12.90 Dec. beans13.05 Wheat5.08
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.08 Dec. corn4.38 Beans12.81	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.23 Dec. corn.....4.33 Beans12.76 Dec. beans12.81 Wheat4.79

Today in history

In 1120, duke of Normandy William the Aetheling died in a shipwreck on his way to England.
In 1277, Nicholas III was elected pope.
In 1849, Franklin A. Buck wrote to his sister to indicate that he would not be returning home from California. At 20 years old, he was one of 40,000 who traveled west during the gold rush that year.
In 1863, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's troops in the Battle of Missionary Ridge during the Civil War.
In 1914, Joe DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California. He played 13 seasons for the New York Yankees — interrupted by three years of service in World War II — and won batting titles in 1939 and 1940. He holds the Major League Baseball record with a 56-game hitting streak.
In 1942, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was chosen by Leslie Groves and J. Robert Oppenheimer as the site of Project Y, which led to the develop-

ment of the first atomic bomb.
In 1970, Members of the Shield Society, led by novelist Mishima Yukio, seized a Tokyo military headquarters. The group was formed in an effort to preserve Japan's martial spirit.
In 1975, Suriname became independent from the Netherlands.
In 2002, the Agatha Christie play "The Mousetrap" was thrown a royal gala to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening.
In 2013, the Jay County High School girls swim team rolled to a 135-45 destruction of Adams Central. Winning events for the Patriots were Caitlin Mark, Jamie Valentine, Katy Smeltzer, Anne Vormohr, Sophie Bader, Ashley Mark, Taylor Campbell and Sydney Mathias.
In 2019, Jay County Commissioners decided to ask Jay County Plan Commission to significantly scale back proposed setbacks for solar arrays and make a change in the setbacks for new wind farms.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Producing ...

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And he credits the experience gained during his many years in the television industry.
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Haffner's first job in California was as a page for CBS.
In that era, he explained, the three big networks — CBS, NBC and ABC — had page programs "which were in essence kind of an initiation process to sift through college graduates who knew nobody but were willing to work 25 hours a day and nine days a week." The challenge was to work oneself out of the program by getting hired within the industry or get kicked out after 18 months.
Most of Haffner's time as a page was spent with MTM Enterprises, the company

that produced "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "The Bob Newhart Show," "Rhoda" and "Phyllis," all for CBS.
"It was a very, very open time," he remembers.
Pages could submit scripts, so Haffner and his writing partner did so.
"My first professional writing credit was with The Mary Tyler Moore Show in December of 1975."
He continued doing freelance writing for situation comedies but was looking for something steadier. While still in his 20s, he landed a job as a writer/producer/director for on-air promotions and advertising for CBS.
In the early 1980s, Haffner was offered a job in programming at KABC in Los Angeles, where he eventu-

ally became head of programming.
"I really considered that my true master's and doctorate," he said.
Programmers were given a budget and "allowed to do pretty much what we wanted as long as we didn't go over budget and were No. 1 in the ratings. ... It wasn't just creative. You had to understand the business part of it too, which was very appealing to me."
At the same time, "the business overall was changing" with the advent of basic cable.
In April 1987, Haffner started Greystone Television and Films, which supplied programs for the new cable network A&E and other studios. Because of his experience at KABC, "Greystone got out in front

of everyone else as a supplier because we didn't have a learning curve."
He was involved in writing, directing and/or producing "The Real West," a series of stories of the American West hosted by Kenny Rogers, fresh from the success of "The Gambler"; "Civil War Journal," hosted by Danny Glover; co-star of the "Lethal Weapon" movie franchise; "Brute Force" about military machinery, hosted by George C. Scott of "Patton" fame; and "Remembering World War II," hosted by Edward Woodward from the original series of "The Equalizer." (Haffner's father was a World War II veteran)
The last earned Emmy awards for both Haffner and Woodward.

FBI ...

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In Indiana, robbing an ATM is classified as theft. If the value of the property is at least \$50,000, the charge is filed as a Level 5 felony.
Although the ATM robbery in Portland was caught on camera, the perpetrators wore masks, gloves and other items to conceal their identities. They stole a truck from a residence south of Portland, using the vehicle to drive up to the ATM and

abandoning it at Canterbury Apartments. The truck was retrieved by police about 9 a.m. Nov. 11 and later returned to its owner. Two other vehicles are suspected to be involved in the robbery.
A Federal Bureau of Investigation task force is looking into the case.
Hopkins requested those with security cameras in the area to review their footage from midnight

Nov. 10 to about 5 a.m. Nov. 11 and share any suspicious activity with police.
CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union's branch on Votaw Street didn't open Nov. 11. As of Wednesday, the ATM was closed to the public. CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union clients are able to utilize services at the branch on Meridian Street, or at branches in Dunkirk or Winchester.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after an Ohio man drove in front of oncoming traffic and caused a collision at the intersection of Como Road and county road 800 South about 11:16 a.m. Friday.
Rupp J. Eli, 34, Delta, was driving a 2009 Dodge Ram east on county road 800 South and stopped at its intersection with Como Road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He told police he looked both ways before proceeding into the intersection. Eli said he didn't notice a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 33-year-old Jessica R. Ervin of Albany driving toward him.
Ervin's vehicle struck Eli's truck, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in estimated damage.
Ervin's truck was towed.



Our Christmas Greetings issue will appear in The Commercial Review, The News-Gazette, The News Times and The News and Sun the week of Dec. 18.

Ads 15 inches or larger may include a photo of your staff. For those who provide their own photo, the fee will be \$20. (The fee will be waived if you get your photo to us by Nov. 30.) If you'd like us to come take your picture, the fee will be \$50.

Deadline for all ads & photos is December 8th!

We try hard not to miss anyone who wants to be in this issue.

If you do not get contacted and would like to be in our Christmas Greetings special section, please email ads@thecr.com or call (260) 726-8141.

SERVICES

Today
Grabau, Jerry: 3 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 1217 Clark St., Berne.

Tuesday
Osborne, Dorothy: 11 a.m., Cornerstone Church of Pennville, 190 W. Main St., Pennville.

Wednesday
Newman, Lee: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

December 6
Rains, Paula: 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

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NEWSPAPERS



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FFA Degrees

Seven Fort Recovery FFA members received their American FFA Degrees — it's the highest degree a member can achieve — at the National FFA Convention this month. Pictured above, the recipients are, front row, Macy Brunswick, Olivia Hawk and Makayla Kaffenberger, and in the back row are Ben Wellman, Marcus Gaerke, Kalib Post and Logan Hartnagel.

Siblings learn they can't be roommates

DEAR ABBY: I'm 20, and I recently moved into an apartment with my 19-year-old sister. I thought it would be a great idea because we'd get to see each other more often and we'd be more comfortable living together than with strangers. Recently, however, she has gotten a new boyfriend she brings over all the time.

I don't like people. Having him in my home makes me feel threatened for some reason I can't figure out, especially because he hasn't done anything. I acknowledge that fact, and I try not to be nasty to him because of it. The problem is, he comes over during the day, and my sister also has him sneak out of his parents' house at 2 a.m. so he can sleep here with her.

This happens almost every night, and I'm usually awake and hear them. I have told my sister I don't like it and asked her not to do those things when I'm home, but she won't listen. She gets upset and defensive and tries to take the blame off of herself by saying there's nothing else they can do because I am always home.

I go to work and school most days, but at night there's nowhere for me to be but in my bed. I'm not sure what to do. I don't want to put up with this anymore, but I can't decide if

Dear Abby



I'm making it worse like she says.

I'm thinking about moving out and finding her a new roommate, but I don't want to offend her because I like being able to see her. What should I do? — TROUBLED SISTER IN IDAHO

DEAR SISTER: Face it: Your idea of living with your sister was a dud. Your sister is immature and unwilling to compromise. If she wants a future with this boyfriend, encouraging him to sneak out of his parents' home to sleep with her won't endear her to them when they catch on, which they will eventually.

It should not offend her if you explain calmly that your lifestyles are polar opposites, so you will be finding another place to live. Offering to help her find another roommate would be generous and should not offend her, but that responsibility should be hers.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

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 Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

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 helping 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.

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.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

PARKE COUNTY CHRISTMAS
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Schools Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Monday: Main Entrees: Whole grain waffles, turkey sausage link, syrup **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Soft whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned black beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken alfredo sauce, seasoned rotini pasta **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Roasted broccoli

Thursday: Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, dinner roll **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken salad with cheese, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

5	4	1	7	8	3	2	6	9
6	2	8	5	1	9	4	3	7
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8	6	4	2	3	5	9	7	1
7	3	9	8	4	1	5	2	6
2	1	5	9	6	7	8	4	3
3	5	2	1	9	6	7	8	4
4	9	7	3	5	8	6	1	2
1	8	6	4	7	2	3	9	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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Carter made world a better place

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Rosalynn Carter spent four years in the White House, and will forever be remembered as a former first lady. She was so much more than that lofty title, however.

As remembrances pour in for Carter, who died last weekend at the age of 96, many have emphasized the substantial legacy she leaves behind as a humanitarian and champion of a wide range of causes — perhaps none greater than her work advocating for mental health care.

“Besides being a loving mother and extraordinary First Lady, my mother was a great humanitarian in her own

Guest Editorial

right,” son Chip Carter said in a statement released by the Carter Center, the non-profit that she and her husband, former President Jimmy Carter, created after his presidency. “Her life of service and compassion was an example for all Americans. She will be sorely missed not only by our family but by the many people who have better mental health care and access to resources for caregiving today.”

Former President Carter remains in hospice care at home in Georgia. In his own statement, he called Rosalynn his “equal partner in every-

thing I ever accomplished.” They were married 77 years.

“She gave me wise guidance and encouragement when I needed it,” Jimmy Carter continued in his statement. “As long as Rosalynn was in the world, I always knew somebody loved and supported me.”

And that support extended to the rest of the world, too. As her many mourners have made clear, Rosalynn Carter used her platform and skills to improve lives across the globe.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said she had an “indelible impact on our state and nation.” Former First Lady Michelle Obama said Carter’s life “is a reminder that no matter who we are, our legacies are best measured not in awards or accolades, but in the lives we touch.”

Maine Gov. Janet Mills also issued a statement mourning Carter.

“Few people have impacted as

many lives as Rosalynn Carter. Rising from humble roots in Plains, Georgia, Mrs. Carter redefined the role of First Lady and used her platform to champion mental health and the performing arts,” Mills said in her statement. “After leaving the White House, Mrs. Carter co-founded the Carter Center with her husband. Together, as full partners, they improved public health, eradicated disease, and strengthened freedom and democracy across the globe. Mrs. Carter’s extraordinary legacy will live on through the millions of lives she touched and all who will grow up in a safer, healthier, and freer world. On behalf of the people of Maine, I extend my deepest sympathies to President Carter and the Carter family.”

The outpouring of condolences and appreciation for her impact could fill many pages. Rather than share more examples from that expanding library of state-

ments, we’ll leave you with some of Rosalynn Carter’s own words, as highlighted on the Carter Center’s website:

“Do what you can to show you care about others, and you will make our world a better place.”

“Mental illnesses are diseases like any other. They can be diagnosed and treated, and the majority of people who have them can lead fulfilling lives, working, going to school, and being productive members of their community.”

“Each one of us can make a difference. It doesn’t take a former first lady or a former president of the United States to make a difference in our communities.”

Rosalynn Carter made a difference, again and again. We hope her words and example will continue to have an impact — by inspiring others to constantly show that they care about each other, and to always endeavor to make our world a better place.

Without PEPFAR lives will be at risk

By GABRIEL SALGUERO

Miami Herald Tribune News Service

Twenty-one years ago, President George W. Bush stood in the White House Rose Garden to make an announcement that was nothing short of visionary at the time: to save the lives of millions of children around the world, his administration would put \$500 million toward preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

At the time, many countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, were being ravaged by HIV. As Bush pointed out, the disease had already killed 20 million people and was poised to take many millions more.

He noted that globally, close to 2,000 babies were being infected with HIV every day — either during pregnancy, birth or through breast feeding. This tragedy could not be allowed to continue, at least not on America’s watch.

And it didn’t. Bush would go on to launch the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history.

Since its creation, it has saved 25 million lives, rates of mother-to-child transmission have plummeted and 5.5 million babies have been born free of HIV who otherwise would have been infected. Some countries have even eliminated mother-to-child transmission altogether.

PEPFAR’s success is nothing short of breathtaking — but the program needs to be reauthorized by Congress. If our lawmakers don’t act soon, children’s lives could be at risk.

The gospel of Luke says that to whom much is given, much will be required. We are a tremendously blessed nation, and we have a responsibility to those around the world who are less fortunate.

PEPFAR helps HIV-positive pregnant mothers give birth to healthy babies who can survive and thrive in dignity throughout a long and full life. It helps HIV-positive children get life-sav-

Gabriel Salguero



ing treatment. It has provided care for more than 7 million orphans and vulnerable children.

PEPFAR is currently required to allocate a certain amount of money to children impacted by HIV, but if it is not reauthorized, those legal provisions would end, putting lives at risk. Furthermore, PEPFAR’s shining example of American leadership would see its light dimmed, signaling to the world that ending HIV is no longer a priority, that millions of innocent children and babies no longer are a priority. This is unacceptable.

The morals around this are crystal clear. But for those concerned about spending on foreign aid, the United States typically spends less than 1% of its total budget on foreign aid.

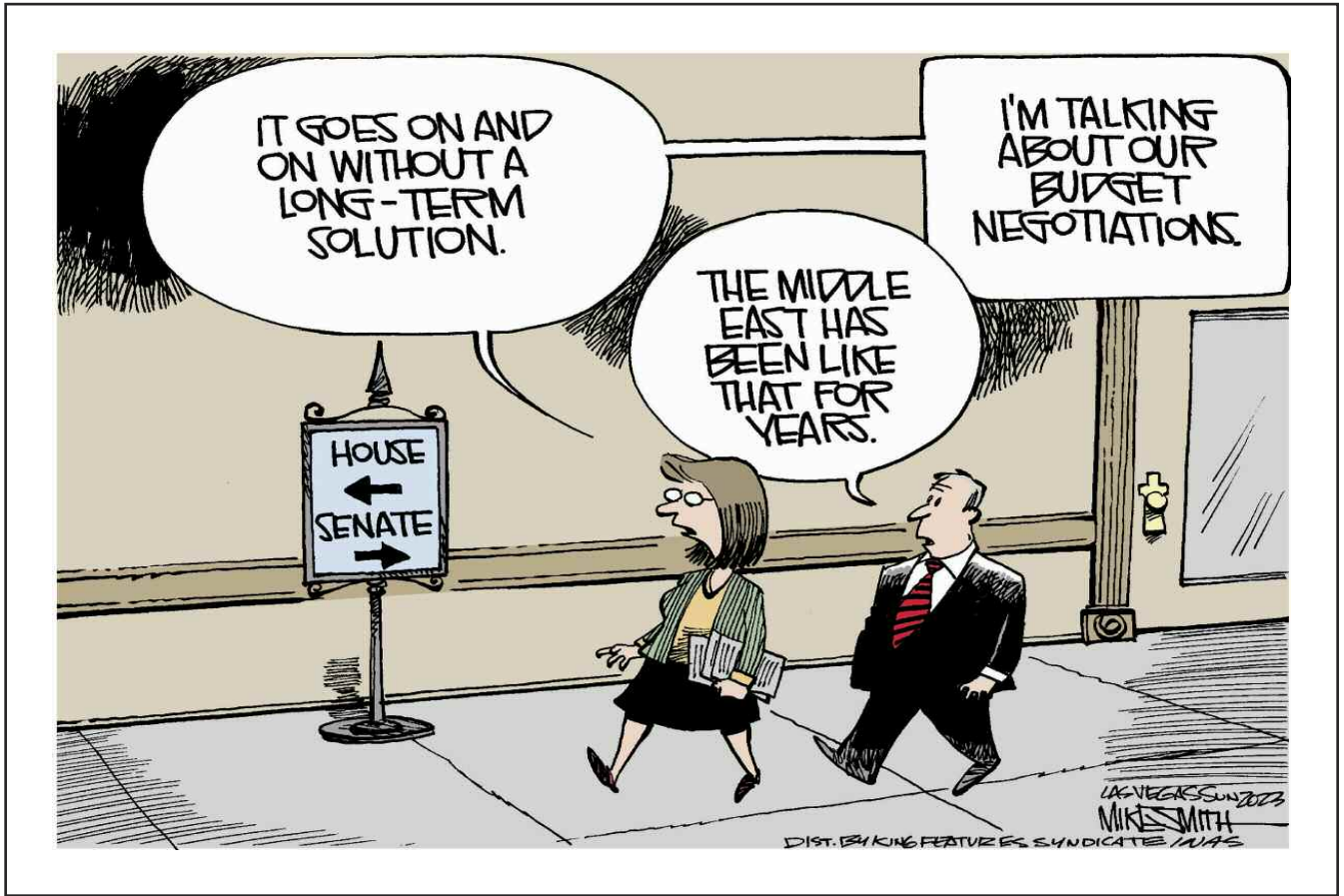
It’s our duty to use that relatively tiny bucket of funds as wisely and impactfully as possible. And the dollars spent fighting global HIV had an outside impact — and continue to do so today.

PEPFAR embodies the Christian values that we hold dear, particularly generosity, love and compassion. Creating PEPFAR was an act of compassion by a Republican president. It debunked the idea that some problems are too big and too expensive to solve. It rejected the notion that some lives aren’t worth saving. It projected American leadership and moral authority on the world stage.

PEPFAR has been an extraordinary success and continues to save millions of lives.

Congress must reauthorize it now.

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Trauma will last generations

By ELLIOT KUKLA

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Nearly 82 years ago, my father was born in Nazi-occupied Belgium. When he was only 3 weeks old, his own father, Max, was captured and murdered by Nazis; my dad survived because he was hidden by a series of Christian foster homes. I was born in a peaceful time and place — Victoria, Canada, in 1974 — but my own life was shaped by those events that happened decades before my birth.

As I write this, more than 11,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, including 4,000 children. According to Save the Children, more children have been killed in Gaza over the last few weeks than were killed in global conflicts in the last three years combined. I know firsthand that atrocities like this tear a hole through history that will take more than one generation to heal.

My father still ran our family as if we were fleeing from the Gestapo. We lived in tents without running water, and moved every six months. As an adult, I was diagnosed with a neurological form of lupus, a disabling autoimmune disease connected to early trauma. Women with PTSD have been found to be nearly three times as likely to develop this disease than those without significant trauma. I was susceptible, in part, because of my chaotic childhood.

There is also epigenetic evidence that mass traumas like the Holocaust affect the genes of the children and grandchildren of survivors on a cellular level, leaving us predisposed to chronic disease. Political violence is a disability justice issue because it leads to physical and psychological disabilities immediately, and will continue to seed them for generations to come.

In Gaza, sick and disabled people, including children, are at the front

lines of attacks. Hussam Abu Safyiaa, a pediatrician in Gaza, writes: “Without an urgent resupply of fuel, the lights will go out permanently, and our hospital could turn into a morgue.”

My father was also deprived of medical care as a child, and that legacy scarred him for life physically and psychologically. While he was in hiding, he got sick with whooping cough; the sound of his coughing threatened his own life and the life of the family who sheltered him from Nazis. To spare everyone, he was taken to a Catholic orphanage in the countryside of Belgium.

There, nuns cared for him without medicine. When he recovered, a young nun returned him in the dead of night to the doorstep of his foster family. By then, he was permanently left with respiratory issues and chronic bronchitis. His other wounds were harder to measure, but just as real. As a parent, my dad was hilarious, brilliant and emotionally distant; he had terrifying rages, and little notion of what it meant to shelter children from danger.

My dad was one of the lucky ones. He survived, and at 9 years old he was reunited with his mother and new stepfather in Los Angeles. He went on to Fairfax High, a historically majority-Jewish school. His classmates included the children of Hollywood writers and actors who had been blacklisted by McCarthyism. In 1967, the Summer of Love, he met my mother at a party in the Hollywood

Elliot Kukla



Hills. They became ardent anti-Vietnam war protesters, along with a number of other Jewish radicals.

Growing up, this was what Judaism meant to me: intellectual dissent and peace activism. In rabbinical school, I learned that according to ancient Jewish holy texts, saving a single life is the same as saving a whole world, because each of us contains distinctive cities of relationships, irreplaceable geographies of passions, and deep oceans of memories.

That is one reason more than 140 of my colleagues and I are calling for peace as a part of Rabbis for Cease-fire, along with a swelling Jewish peace movement. However, most major American Jewish organizations support this invasion. It is a profound moral injury for me that the community that taught me to value resistance, peace and the sanctity of each human life is supporting violence and silencing dissent. Many rabbis and other Jewish professionals I know are afraid to speak out for peace and risk being ostracized from family or synagogues or lose funding for their nonprofit organizations.

Now as Gaza is being bombed into a place of dust and ashes, my father is entering the last phase of his life in a hospital room in Toronto. My dad’s life once again has tapered to living only within a narrow room, while atrocities swirl outside. However, this time, unlike those who are gravely ill in Gaza, my dad is well cared for. He is warm and dry, held and loved. When the time comes, there is enough fuel and food to ensure that he dies with dignity and ease. My dad didn’t enter the world being treated like a person, but he is leaving it being cared for with humanity. Everyone deserves this.

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From hostels to 'hero'

Viral video launched Rife to immediate stardom

By CHARLIE VARGAS
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Just two years ago, comedian Matt Rife was sleeping in hostels, La Quinta Inn hotels and any other inexpensive spots he could set up camp in between stand-up performances.

Despite putting incredible effort into touring, booking shows, starring in MTV's "Wild 'N Out," a reboot of "TRL" and making cameos in television shows "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" and "Fresh Off the Boat," success was slow.

Then he went viral. "It's a blessing and a curse," Rife said during a recent phone interview. "You're used to the 11 years of not having any work at all, and nobody wanted to give you shows or would come to your shows. So obviously, when something like this happens, you say 'Yes, yes, yes.' Now we're breaking records, and I'm grateful to travel around the world, make people laugh and sell tickets around the world, (which) is insane to me. But it's also exhausting. We do 10 shows a week, five nights a week, two shows a night and then two days off. Or you are traveling across the country for meetings or whatever it may be. I don't have any downtime, but it's a life-changing opportunity."



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Shot to stardom

The viral boost came courtesy of a clip of Rife posted on TikTok of himself doing crowd work that was dubbed "The Lazy Hero" during a show in July 2022. One click to upload and his career took off. He gained millions of followers, his club shows started selling out and earlier this year, all 260 dates of his Problematic World Tour in North America, Europe and Australia sold out just 48 hours after it went on sale. The demand was so high that it crashed the Ticketmaster website.

The shows follow the debut of his Netflix special, "Matt Rife: Natural Selection," which hit the streaming platform on Nov. 15. Despite the numerous videos of his popular crowd work being shared on social media sites, he advises fans not to get their hopes up for those specific bits when attending his upcoming performances.

"I don't do a lot of crowd work, he said. "I only maybe do five to 10 minutes of it a show, and that's after I've done an hour-long set. I never plan to do crowd work, and I always emphasize that if you're coming to my show exclusively to see that, don't come. I'm not a jukebox. You can't expect a certain song for me to come and play. But, if you're patient, good and fun, it'll probably happen naturally."

Rife grew up in a small Ohio town and said Columbus was the only major city he had really ever experienced. Later in his career, he visited Los Angeles with his previous manager and fell in love with the city. He made the move since it provided more opportunity for his comedy career. He found it breathtaking, at least at the beginning.

"When I first moved out here, I was astonished," he recalled. "I

Matt Rife co-hosts the 2023 Adult Video News Awards at Resorts World Las Vegas on Jan. 7 in Las Vegas. His career got a viral boost from a clip dubbed "The Lazy Hero" that was posted on TikTok.

would drive around, and you could see the Hollywood Hills in front of you and the Hollywood sign, and it really hits you like, 'Oh my goodness, I'm here.' Then, a couple of years into it, you go, 'OK, this place is actually kind of self-absorbed. These are not typically people I would normally hang out with.' I think one of the toughest things has been finding my people, and I've been so lucky to find my core group who have been through similar experiences, come from similar backgrounds and have the same views on the city and lifestyle going on."

Being TikTok famous

He began performing at 15 and had an affinity for comedy and the laughs that came with it. Rife told the New York Times in July that his first comedy show was going to watch Dane Cook with his grandfather in the mid-aughts.

The comparison between Cook and Rife is made often, primarily because of the internet's role in their careers. In a 2006 interview with the Associated Press, Cook told the news outlet that he spent \$25,000 on creating his own webpage, DaneCook.com (still active today) and had garnered 1.5 million friends on the now mostly defunct Myspace social media site. It's a fair comparison, given Rife has built his own empire of fans with 17.8 million followers now on TikTok.

Social media has undoubtedly changed how people consume content and Rife understood that.

Before the internet and social media apps, the content was produced and curated by established

studios, whether it was news content or comedy specials on cable and more recently streaming networks. That model, for better or for worse, is declining, and there is a rise of independent content creators who can now skip the network or studio process. With the help of social media, creators can now directly appeal to an audience and even hit the jackpot by going viral. Rather than wait for his big break to get his first stand-up special on a studio or streaming service, Rife independently released "Only Fans," "Matthew Steven Rife" and "Walking Red Flags" on YouTube.

"If you want to do something, sometimes you just have to do it on your own," Rife said in the opening of his "Only Fans" special, which was released on Dec. 17, 2021. "That's exactly what we did with this special. I called in all the favors from my very talented friends and support from my fans and followers, and we made this happen. We made a special produced by us, directed by us, by the fans for the fans because nobody believed in us. No one wanted to take a chance on this special. No one thought we could do it. No one wanted to put it on their platform."

Still, Rife, a viral TikTok star, understands that there are constraints on social media despite how much it has boosted his career and visibility as a performer. Now that he is debuting his first Netflix special, he feels a sense of validation that social media, although it helped propel him and helps feed his fan base, can't offer.

"Even if you have success on a

platform, like YouTube, Instagram or whatever it may be, it's just not as glorified or well respected as an official streaming service, network, or a studio," Rife said. "For me personally, it does make me feel like I got let into this club of entertainment of a certain tier. I feel like a lot of people who never heard of me or just didn't take me seriously now see the cosign by Netflix and go, 'OK, well, if Netflix thinks he's good enough, maybe I'll tune in to check this out.' But also, I'm just excited that I now have an opportunity to reach a much wider fan base, with Netflix being a global platform."

Anti-cancel culture

The comedian's material in his specials often includes personal anecdotes, his takes on pop culture and current events. He's also openly expressed his opposition to cancel culture and political correctness, which is part of a broader cultural trend in comedy challenging the conventions of what's off limits to joke about. Several long-time comedians have stayed consistent in how they've joked. In contrast, others have adapted to change with what's currently socially acceptable, but to Rife, it just boils down to intention.

"The intention never changed. The jokes you see in a movie that might be risky now were still intended as a joke back then," he said. "So, nothing to me has changed. I don't think there's anything you can't joke about as long as it's coming from a good place. All you're trying to do is make people laugh about a sub-

ject that may be risky to them, or they deem insensitive, but it's up to them to decide how that will affect them. If you have an opportunity to shine a light on that rather than it be some sensitive, depressing subject in your mind, why wouldn't you choose the happier route?"

When it comes to cancel culture, Rife doesn't have a purist approach and cites the #MeToo movement as an example of justly holding people accountable for horrendous acts. He said the caveat is when canceling is used for personal reasons, and when it gets oversaturated, out of hand and focused on people making jokes rather than using that focus to face more serious issues such as war. Rife believes that people are generally tired of hearing others complain, fueling more support against political correctness and cancel culture.

"I think we're all tired of it," Rife said. "The most prominent compliment I get after shows is, 'I love how you don't hold back, and you're not afraid to make jokes about certain things.' That's such a weird thing to be considered brave for. I'm just making jokes. But people are so afraid of getting in trouble that they hold all of this within them. They can't even say how they really feel about certain things, and then they just internalize it. That just boils inside you and makes you hate things more because you can't express it, and you have to live a lie (where) you're lying to everybody. I'd rather have somebody telling the truth and being disrespectful than dealing with a liar."

Stones announce '24 tour

By GEORGE VARGA
The San Diego Union-Tribune
Tribune News Service

The Rolling Stones are wasting little time hitting the road to promote "Hackney Diamonds," the legendary English band's first album of new songs since 2005's "A Bigger

Bang" — and its first since the 2021 death of the group's drummer, Charlie Watts.

Billed as the Rolling Stones Tour 2024 Hackney Diamonds, the 16-city North American concert trek was announced Tuesday morning, just one

month after the acclaimed album's Oct. 20 release. The tour will open with an April 28 concert at NRG Stadium in Houston and conclude with a July 17 performance near San Francisco at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

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TXGP HKGG ONKUH GOJK
YTDBMXDNH, AIBKGH IXY

WMKKQOTH: MTGK LTTYH.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY BATHTUB GOT COMPLETELY CLOGGED, SO I CALLED A PLUMBER AND ASKED "CAN I GET A DRAIN CHECK?"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals F

Trivial Review
(Celestial queries)
1) The name for what bright event comes from the Latin meaning "northern dawn"?
2) Phobos is one of two moons that orbit what planet?

11-27 CRYPTOQUIP

FWQPL QN NQL LKLH VFLF
EZLFL NVEAMWQS RAWSEF
NR FELUF, W FVUUNFL EZLM

YHL KYPYQE FEYWHF.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: OFFBEAT MARKET WHICH WILL ONLY SELL ITEMS LIKE DOUGHNUTS, BAGELS AND CHEERIOS: HOLE FOODS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals S

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!
A. 6 20 11 1 24 25
B. 12 3 6 26 24 11 19 17 12
C. 26 5 23 19 4 3 25
D. 6 26 3 17 1 2 20 23

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Thanksgiving.
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kids' corner
Colorful graphic with a laptop and paper.

BODY FACT:
HIKING EXPOSES A PERSON TO PLENTY OF SUNSHINE, WHICH HELPS BOOST THE PRODUCTION OF THIS VITAMIN IN THE BODY.

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Picture A: Hikers on a mountain peak.
Picture B: Hikers on a mountain peak with a taller tree.

THIS DAY IN...
25 HISTORY
1874: THE UNITED STATES GREENBACK PARTY IS ESTABLISHED AS A POLITICAL PARTY MADE UP OF MOSTLY FARMERS.
1915: ALBERT EINSTEIN PRESENTS THE FIELD EQUATIONS OF GENERAL RELATIVITY TO THE PRUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
1984: MUSICIANS RECORD "DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS?" FOR FAMINE RELIEF.

New word
BACKCOUNTRY
sparsely inhabited rural areas

TURKEY DAY WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
APPLE PIE, BISCUITS, BRINE, CASSEROLE, CIDER, CORNBREAD, CORNUCOPIA, DINNER, ENTERTAIN, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FULL, GRACIOUS, GRATITUDE, GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, HOLIDAY, MEAL, OVEN, SOUP, STUFFING, THANKSGIVING, TURKEY, YAMS

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Hike
SPANISH: Caminata
ITALIAN: Escursione
FRENCH: Randonnée
GERMAN: Wanderung

Did You Know?
HIKING BECAME A LEISURE ACTIVITY IN EUROPE IN THE 1700S. BEFORE THEN, WALKING WAS ASSOCIATED WITH POVERTY.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: HIKING BACKPACK

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Caustic cleaner, 38 —, 6 "The Moines Goodbye Girl" actress Mason, 12 Sadness, 13 Flared skirts, 14 Indira of India, 15 Engines, 16 Genealogy chart, 17 Sound of an air kiss, 19 Tri-umphed, 20 Astronauts' org., 22 Priestly garment, 24 Trail the pack, 27 Moth variety, 29 Sunrise direction, 32 Busy places during the holidays, 35 Surrealist Salvador, 36 Olympian Lipinski.
DOWN 1 Sow's mate, 2 Sea eagle, 3 "As You Like It" setting, 4 Drama with masks, 5 Beach attire, 6 Family matriarch, often, 7 Oahu welcome, 8 Dye brand, 9 Winter projectile, 10 Medal earner, 11 Org. camp VIP, 18 Hopeful, 21 Swiss peak, 23 Salonga of "Miss Saigon", 24 Leary's drug, 25 "Caught ya!", 26 Klondike event, 28 Going along, 30 Devious, 31 Mao —, 33 Diner dessert, 34 Fannie —, 39 Moonshine maker, 41 Copy, for short, 42 Neatnik's nightmare, 43 Pool division, 45 Obey, 47 Yin counterpart, 48 Yale students, 49 Narc's org., 51 — Dawn Chong, 53 Scratch.
Solution time: 26 mins.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A step-by-step process
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: A 9 3 2, A 3 2, 10, K 10 8 6 2
WEST: K 10 6 4, 10 6 4, Q J 9 7 4, 4
EAST: 7 5, Q J 8 7, 8 5 3 2, Q 7 3
SOUTH: Q J 8, K 9 5, A K 6, A J 9 5
The bidding: South 1♣, West Pass, North 1♠, East Pass, 2 NT, Pass, 6♣.
Opening lead: diamond queen.
A declarer must feel his way cautiously in some hands, especially when faced with a choice of how to play a key suit. Consider this deal from a multiple team match where, at all five tables, the final contract was six clubs and where every declarer missed the target. In each case, South cashed the A-K of trump early in the play and later lost a spade and a trump to go down one.
But the slam could — and should — have been made if declarer had postponed his trump leads until he was in a better position to judge how to tackle the suit.
Best play is to win the diamond lead and return the jack of spades. Let's assume West ducks — his play doesn't matter in which case the jack wins. South then cashes the king of diamonds, discarding a heart from dummy, ruffs a diamond, cashes the A-K of hearts and ruffs a heart to produce this position:
North: A 9 3, K 10 8
West: K 10 6, J 9, 4
East: 7, Q, 8, Q 7 3
South: Q 8, A J 9 5
Now declarer cashes the king of clubs and continues by finessing against East for the missing queen, confident of making the slam whether or not the finesse succeeds.
If West produces the queen, he is endplayed, as he must either lead a spade from the king or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning some other suit. And if the trump finesse succeeds, South is equally sure of the slam.

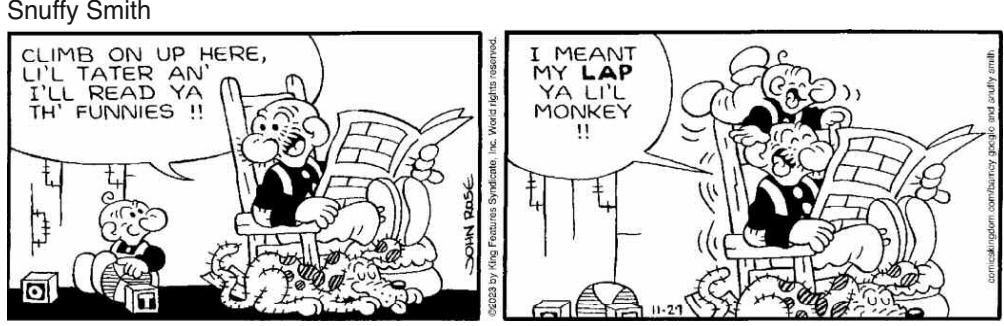
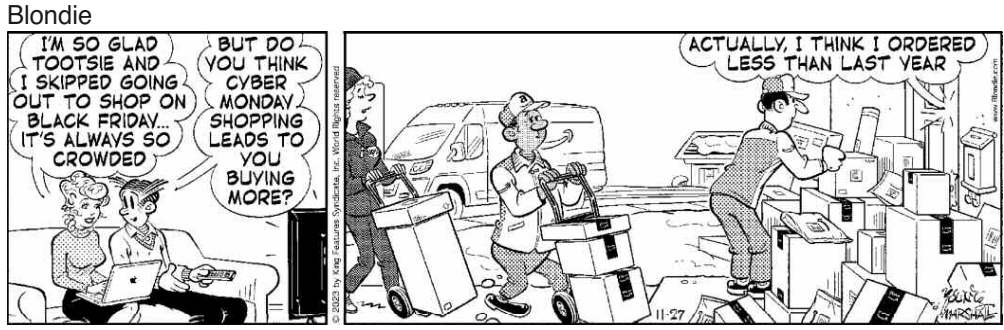
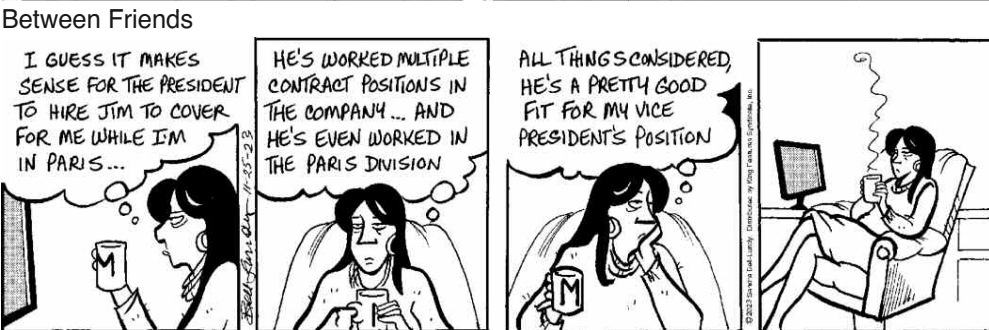
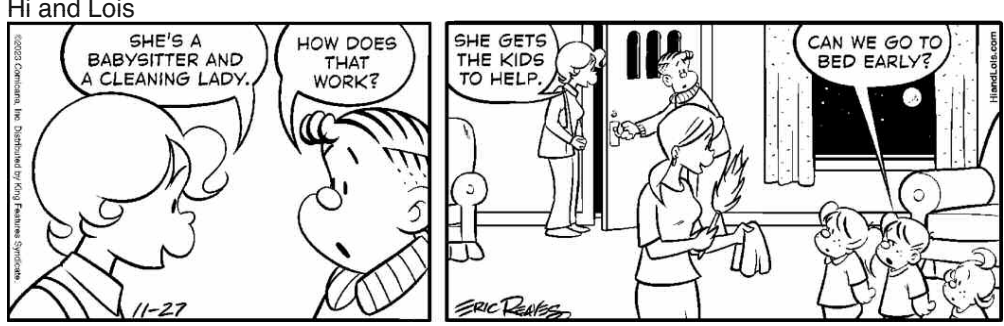
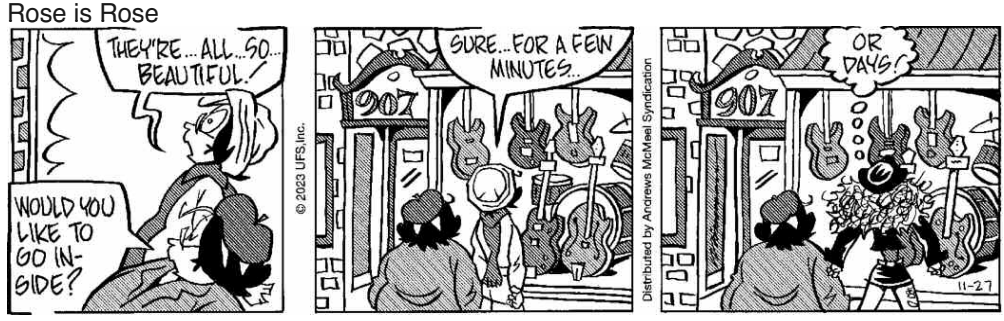
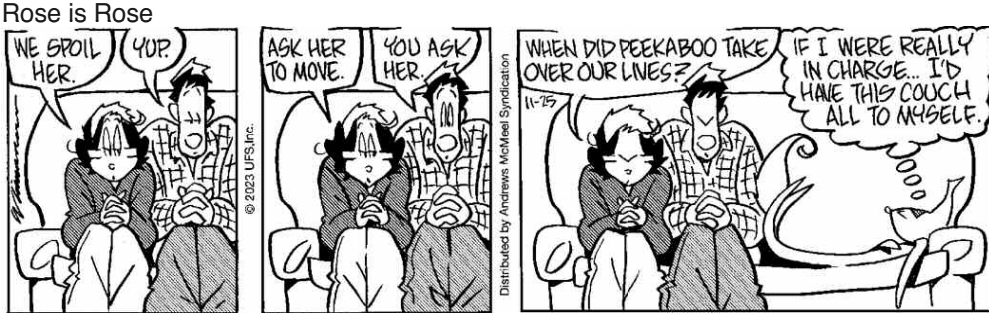
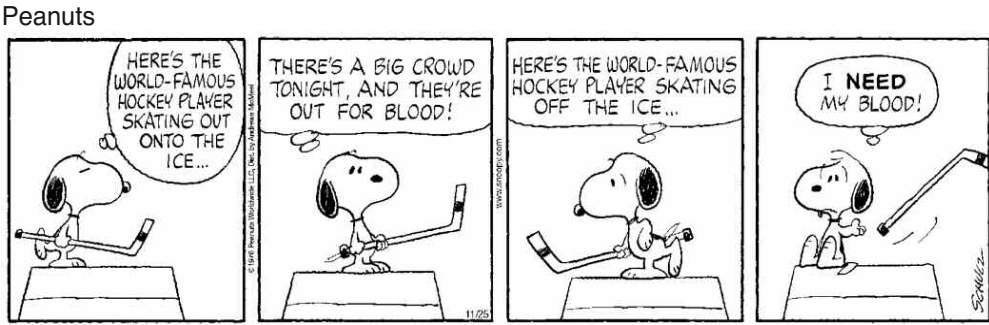
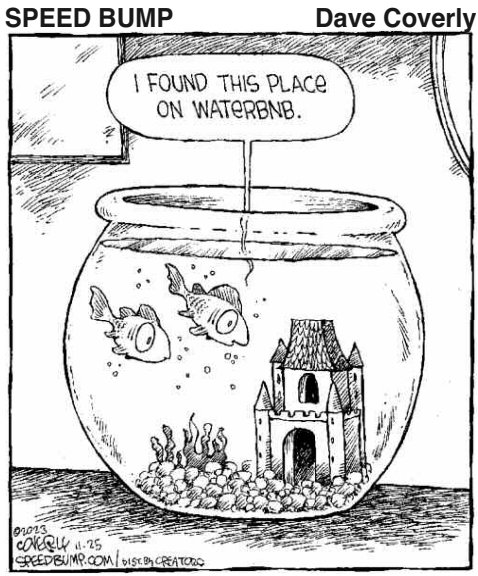
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: A, A 9 4 2, K Q 8, A J 10 4 3
WEST: K 10 5 3 2, Q 10, J 10 6, K 6 2
EAST: J 9 6 4, J 6 5 3, 9 5 2, Q 9
SOUTH: Q 8 7, K 8 7, A 7 4 3, 8 7 5
The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 1 NT, West Pass, 2♥, Pass, 2 NT, Pass, 3 NT.
Opening lead: three of spades.
This deal occurred in the semifinals of the 1991 United States Bridge Championship.
When it was first played, Kerri Shuman reached three notrump as shown. West led a spade, and Shuman decided her best chance was to play for both hearts and diamonds to divide favorably.
Accordingly, at trick two she led a low heart to her eight, losing to West's ten. When West exited with a diamond, declarer played the K-Q-A and was pleased to see the suit break 3-3. She then cashed her fourth diamond before playing the K-A of hearts. When that suit failed to divide evenly, she cashed out for down one.
At the second table, the auction began the same way, but took a different turn when South, Dan Morse, elected to raise two hearts to three with just three-card support. North, John Sutherlin, then carried on to four hearts, opting to play in a 4-3 fit.
Sutherlin won East's spade lead with the ace, led a club to the king and then a club to the jack and East's queen. East returned a spade, and the queen was covered by West's king, ruffed by North.
Declarer crossed to the diamond ace and led a club to the ten. When this held, he continued with the club ace, ruffed by East for the defenders' second trick. East forced declarer to ruff another spade, leaving North with the singleton ace of trump opposite dummy's 8-7 while East held the J-6.
Sutherlin cashed the heart ace and began to run his remaining clubs. East could score his heart jack whenever he so desired, but dummy's eight of trump prevented the opponents from taking their spades, and declarer had the rest of the tricks. The score of +420 at this table and +50 at the other gave Sutherlin's team a 10-IMP pickup on the deal.
Tomorrow: A self-inflicted wound.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 John Irving protagonist, 5 Six-pack muscles, 8 Swiss river, 12 Winged, 13 Snooze, 14 Tech news website, 15 Actor Jared, 16 Homages, 18 Shrimp recipe, 20 Inform, 21 Senate staffer, 23 Kyoto currency, 24 Pop without fizz, 28 Regretted, 31 Comfy room, 32 Without interruption, 34 Mauna —, 35 Campus mil. group, 37 100%, 39 Unwell.
41 iPhone voice, 42 Canyon come-backs, 45 Highway divider, 49 "Recognize my voice?", 51 Bond foe, 52 Richard of "Chicago", 53 007 creator, 54 Protracted, 55 Bloodhound's clue, 56 Your, 57 Seth's son.
DOWN 22 Idyllic places, 24 New Deal pres., 25 Zodiac feline, 26 2022 Taylor Swift hit song, 27 Silver-white element, 29 Snaky fish, 30 Calendar box, 33 Tragic sale, 36 Finalizer, 38 Brain-teaser, 40 Guitar great Paul, 42 Waffle brand, 43 Nugged, 44 Loretta of "M*A*S*H", 46 Press, 47 Part of A.D., 48 Eggy drinks, 50 "So there!"
Solution time: 21 mins.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57.



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Shift ...

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McIntire shifted defensive strategies, putting Molly Muhlenkamp on Taylor Kneubuhler in a box-and-one for most of the second half. (Sophie Saxman also saw spot minutes on the Warriors' leader.)

The complexion of the game changed completely, as after an early hoop Woodlan (4-1, 0-1 ACAC) went four and a half minutes without scoring. The home team opened the third quarter by missing 10 of its first 11 shots.

"Jay County had a lot to do with that," said Woodlan coach Dave Randall. "That box-and-one scrambled us quite a bit. That's just good coaching. That's a tribute to the Jay County girls, who are super scrappy."

"Those girls know how to win. I mean, Jay County has run this conference for many years, and it shows. They're not anxious to give that up yet."

"That's basketball. Sometimes shots aren't falling."

Woodlan clawed back to within two points following a Brooke Kneubuhler triple to start the fourth quarter, but the Patriots responded with an 8-0 run with hoops from Breanna Dirksen, Bella Denton, Saxman and Muhlenkamp. Five consecutive points

from Brooke Kneubuhler got the Warriors within four and they got the ball back after a Muhlenkamp miss. But they were off the mark on a pair of shots, and JCHS was able to put the game away at the free-throw line.

Freshman Hallie Schwieterman and Muhlenkamp paired to lead a balanced Patriots' attack with 15 points apiece. Saxman scored 13 and Breanna Dirksen came through with 10 to give JCHS four players in double figures.

"That was just a lot of moving the ball around and working it well," said Muhlenkamp. "The passing was great."

"Breanna Dirksen played more minutes than I really wanted her to," added McIntire, noting that the senior guard had missed three days of practice this week because of an illness. "She showed a lot of toughness to be able to play the game that she played tonight."

The game was the ACAC opener for both teams, which are expected to be among the trio in contention for the league title. (Bluffton, currently 6-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference, is the other.) It was a tight battle throughout the first half, with Woodlan leading 19-18 at the

quarter break and pushing its advantage to six points in the second quarter. The Patriots came back to push ahead 35-32 before the home team evened the score at halftime.

A Muhlenkamp free throw gave Jay County the lead at the beginning of the third quarter before Brooke Kneubuhler made it 38-37 Warriors. It was the home team's final lead of the game, as the Patriots scored the next nine points in a row.

Brooke Kneubuhler made four 3-pointers, including two in the final period, to finish with a game-high 17 points.

Taylor Kneubuhler rarely got a shot off after halftime as Muhlenkamp locked her down. Alix Jacquay scored seven points, and Mariah Thullner added six.

Junior varsity

In one half of action, Jay County suffered a 25-9 loss to the Warriors.

Meredith Dirksen led the way with four points for the Patriots, who were shut out in the second quarter. Alexis Sibray added three points.

Addison Klotz had seven points for Woodlan to lead all scorers. Eve Eager followed with six points.



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Bella Denton of Jay County puts up a shot during the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 60-53 victory Friday over previously unbeaten Woodlan.

Drops ...

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Huelskamp finished with one bucket and 3-of-5 from the charity stripe for five points in her varsity debut.

Sophia Guggenbiller also scored a bucket in her varsity debut. The freshman put one in during the Indians' best

quarter of the season opener, the second, when they scored nine points.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Saige Leuthold both

had two points in the loss.

The Knights won all four quarters taking the first 11-8, the second 15-9,

the third 15-5 and the fourth 11-7.

The Indians will look to bounce back today against Arcanum in their

home opener and will play at Fort Site Fieldhouse again Tuesday against Mississinawa Valley.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball vs. Richmond — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Arcanum — 6 p.m.

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Jay County — Junior high boys basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Driver — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery —

Tuesday, November 28
Jay County — Swimming vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Northeastern — 6 p.m.; Boys wrestling vs. Centerville —

6:30 p.m.; Girls wrestling vs. Centerville — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Belmont — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Belmont — 6 p.m.
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11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Everton (USA)

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8:20 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC)

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Jay County High School senior Molly Muhlenkamp works under the basket against a swarm of Woodlan defenders during the Patriots' 60-53 victory Friday. Muhlenkamp's defense on senior Taylor Kneubuhler of the Warriors was key in the second half. Kneubuhler had 16 points in the first 16 minutes and none after the intermission.

Jay County changes tactics to shut down Warriors' leader in second half of ACAC opener

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

WOODBURN — The Patriots gave up 36 first-half points.

Taylor Kneubuhler was responsible for 16 of those.

A defensive change sought to slow her down.

She never scored again.

Jay County High School's

girls basketball team blanked Woodlan's leading scorer in the second half Friday and her teammates struggled for a long stretch to fill the void as the Patriots handed the Warriors their first defeat of the year, 60-53.

"I was very pleased," said JCHS coach Sherri McIntire,

whose team finished tied for 15th with Scottsburg (6-1) in the most recent Class 3A Associated Press poll voting. "We were tied and I didn't really feel like we played fantastic in the first half. We made some adjustments defensively. We were able to stop the Kneubuhler girl in the second half. That was a big key."

While the Patriots (4-2, 1-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) gave up their highest scoring total in a half — they entered the game allowing only an average of 41 points per game — they were still tied going into the intermission.

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FRHS drops season opener

Indians unable to keep up with Crestview

CONVOY, Ohio — The Indians are still figuring themselves out.

The season opener didn't go the way they wanted, but it was a step in that process.

The Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team fell to the Crestview Knights 52-29 in their season opener Friday night.

Senior Cali Wendel led the way with 11 points for the Indians (0-1). She splashed in three 3-pointers in the first half but was held to just a pair of free throws in the second.

Wendel was the only Indian in double figures, while Crestview's Cali and Kaci Gregory both passed her mark. Cali Gregory led all scorers with 17 points while Kaci added 16. They powered the Knights' offense in the second and fourth quarters. During the second period, Kaci Gregory hit three shots for seven points while Cali had a pair of buckets to make up 11 of the 15 points by Crestview (1-0). In the fourth, they had all 11 of the Knights' points.

Four more Knights scored in the game as well, combining for 19 points.

Outside of Wendel, all of Fort Recovery's points came inside the arc or at the free-throw line.

In the first half, Karli Niekamp had a pair of buckets, but couldn't convert for the three-point plays. In the second, she had another bucket and went 1-for-2 from the line to finish with seven points.

Freshman Makenna Huelskamp got the start as senior guard Kensey Gaerke did not play in the game.

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