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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved the funds for demolition of a house at 617 S. Main St. that was destroyed earlier this month by a fire. Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins explained that the structure was not insured, thus leaving it to the city to tear down. Council member Jess Bivens noted that the structure was a safety hazard following the fire.

Council OKs \$ for removing house

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city is footing the bill for demolishing a house destroyed in a recent fire.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved paying \$4,000 to Kesler Excavation for

its work to remove the house that burned March 12 on the south side of the city.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins explained that Kesler removed what was left of the house following the fire at 617 S. Main St. Both the house and the garage were destroyed.

On the day of the fire, a neighbor told emergency personnel he heard a “big bang” and noticed the back of the house on fire. He ran inside to alert those inside.

Council member Randy Murphy asked about why the city handled the demolition of

the house. Robbins explained that it was uninsured. It needed to come down for safety reasons, council member Jesse Bivens added.

Robbins noted that the city cleaned up several properties in similar situations last year.

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Rate highest since 2020

Jay County unemployment cleared 4% in February

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Unemployment has shot up over the last two months.

According to estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released this week, Jay County’s unemployment rate for February came in at 4.1%.

The rate has gone up by 1.5 percentage points since December. February’s rate was up 0.8 percentage points from the previous year.

Jay County’s unemployment rate had not reached 4% or higher since September 2020 following the spike related to coronavirus pandemic shutdowns. (It was as high as 19.6% in April 2020.)

Unemployment was up in general throughout the region and state, as Indiana’s rate climbed to 4.2%. It has gone up 1.4 percentage points since coming in below 3% in December.

State officials continue to tout the health of the state’s economy, noting that Indiana had an increase of 2,800 jobs over the last month.

“Indiana’s overall economic footing and outlook remain solid with near historically low unemployment,” said DWD commissioner Richard Paulk in a press release. “Peak private sector employment — 2,845,200 jobs — is driven by robust labor force participation in the key 25 to 54 demographic.”

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Bridge collapsed

By MICHELLE DEAL-ZIMMERMAN

and HAYES GARDNER

The Baltimore Sun

Tribune News Service

BALTIMORE — Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed early Tuesday morning after a support column was struck by a container ship, sending at least seven cars into the Patapsco River, launching a search-and-rescue operation and prompting Gov. Wes Moore to declare a state of emergency.

In a Tuesday morning news conference, just a few hours after the incident, Baltimore Fire Department Chief James Wallace said authorities are “still very much in an active search and rescue posture,” noting they are searching for “upwards of seven individuals” and that sonar has detected the presence of vehicles in the water. There is no indication that the event was intentional, Wallace said.

“This is a tragedy that you could never imagine ... It looked like something out of an action movie,” Mayor Brandon Scott said.

Failure occurred after container ship struck support column

Video from the incident shows the container ship, billowing smoke, colliding with a support beam and quickly causing much of the bridge to collapse. Just before the collision, the ship’s lights appear to turn off, then on, then off again.

The ship had been under the operation of a pilot. All traffic has been rerouted from the 1.6-mile steel bridge that is part of Interstate 695.

“We know that we have a long road ahead, not just in search and rescue, but in the fallout from this,” Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr. said in the news conference.

Priscilla Thompson, who lives on the water in Dundalk facing the Key Bridge,

was awoken in the middle of the night by the horrible sound of crashing steel.

“I really thought it was an earthquake or something because it shook this house so bad,” she said. “It shook it — it really rattled it — for four or five seconds.”

“And then, it got real quiet,” she said.

Moore said in a statement that he has declared a state of emergency and will work to “quickly deploy federal resources.”

“We are thankful for the brave men and women who are carrying out efforts to rescue those involved and pray for everyone’s safety,” Moore said in the statement.

“We will remain in close



Tribune News Service/The Baltimore Sun/Karl Merton Ferron

Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed early Tuesday after a support column was struck by a vessel. At least seven cars fell into the Patapsco River, launching a search-and-rescue operation and prompting Maryland Gov. Wes Moore to declare a state of emergency.

contact with federal, state, and local entities that are carrying out rescue efforts as we continue to assess and respond to this tragedy.”

A spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard said the 948-foot, Singapore-flagged cargo ship Dali struck the

bridge at approximately 1:20 a.m.

“We are deploying assets in response,” said Petty Officer First Class Matthew West, including two response boats from Curtis Bay and one from Annapolis. A helicopter was also deployed to assist in the

“search and rescue” and several police helicopters were seen circling the area Tuesday morning.

The ship was built in 2015 and arriving from Norfolk, Virginia, according to Vessel Finder, a ship tracking website.

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Deaths

Cynthia McGough, 70, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County’s temperature climbed from a low of 37 early Monday to a high of 68 late in the day.

Tonight’s low will be in the upper 20s. Expect mostly sunny skies with a high in the lower 50s Thursday. Rain is in the forecast for this weekend.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland, will host an Easter egg hunt and various other activities from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Two Easter egg hunts are scheduled for 2 p.m. in Fort Recovery, with the Knights of Columbus hosting at Ambassador Park and the Sportsman’s Club at its facility.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the Fort Recovery track meet at Coldwater.

Friday — New Mexican restaurant is open on Portland’s north side.



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He said in such cases that a lien is put on the property in an effort to recoup the dollars. Council members Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt, Bivens and Murphy unanimously approved the expenditure with the money to come from coronavirus relief funds through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Robbins was also complimentary of Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department and all of the other departments — Redkey, Pennville, Albany and Eaton — that responded to the scene and helped to save the adjacent

homes from sustaining significant damage. “If you had seen it when it started, you would have thought that none of them would have been saved,” said Robbins. “Working together, they did a great job.” Council also approved the fire department holding boot drives from 3 to 5 p.m. April 19, May 17 and June 14. Curts reported that the department’s annual dance is scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6 at Dunkirk Elks, 1026 S. Main St. Admission is \$5. Council members also approved the purchase of chlo-

ride samplers for the city’s wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$18,228. Wastewater superintendent Steven Gillette explained that Environmental Protection Agency and Indiana Department of Environmental Management officials recently visited the treatment plant and recommended the samplers, which will take measurements hourly to provide a 24-hour composite. Currently, the department samples three times during the eight-hour period when employees are at the plant. Robbins also noted that Jay

County Democrats held a caucus Saturday during which they appointed Kara Lowe as the new Dunkirk clerk-treasurer. She takes over for Tina Elliott, who was re-elected in November and resigned earlier this month. In other business, council: •Approved the following: water bill adjustments of \$97.97 and \$86.82; payment of claims totaling \$164,496.31. •Heard the city clerk’s office will close early Monday to participate in the solar eclipse event at Webster Depot Park. Activities begin at 1 p.m. •Was reminded by Robbins

that council’s second May meeting falls on Memorial Day. Council will decide at a later date whether to move or cancel the meeting. •Tabled the proposed ordinance addressing road cuts. •Heard from Revolt that work to complete the walking trail at Dunkirk City Park will begin April 9. She also noted that the Jay County Solid Waste Management District recycling trailer will be moved to the south side of West Jay Community Center. She added that the city is in need of workers, specifically lifeguards, for this summer.

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Thursday 3/28	Friday 3/29	Saturday 3/30	Sunday 3/31	Monday 4/1
51/34	59/44	58/38	54/42	60/45
Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high of 51 degrees during the day.	Friday looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain late at night.	More rain is possible Saturday with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Another chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Monday's forecast shows rain and a thunderstorm under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 7-11-19-53-68 Power Ball: 23 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$865 million	Daily Four: 8-4-0-4 Quick Draw: 3-6-10-12-14-25-29-31-33-38-40-50-51-54-62-63-65-69-73-79 Cash 5: 19-26-27-35-40 Estimated jackpot: \$238,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.13 billion	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-8-0 Pick 4: 4-2-5-2 Pick 5: 8-2-9-3-0 Evening Pick 3: 1-7-3 Pick 4: 6-7-5-4 Pick 5: 8-8-0-8-4 Rolling Cash: 5-9-16-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-9-9 Daily Four: 9-9-2-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-13-17-23-25-28-34-38-41-45-47-55-56-62-64-65-73-78-80 Evening Daily Three: 8-8-9	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.35 April corn4.35 Wheat4.25	April beans11.86 Wheat 5.21
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The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.24 April corn4.22 Beans11.83	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.26 April corn4.30 Beans11.68 April beans11.69 Wheat4.80

Today in history

In 1863, Frederick Henry Royce was born in the United Kingdom in Alwalton. An English engineer, he co-founded the Rolls-Royce vehicle company, which offered luxury British vehicles and aero-engine manufacturing. In 1944, approximately 1,000 Jews left Drancy, France, for a concentration camp in Auschwitz. In 1977, more than 580 people died after two Boeing 747 airplanes collided near the Canary Islands. In 2013, Jay County Hospital Board of Trustees OK'd a \$9,500 payment to MSKTD & Associates to do an engineering study for replacement generators at the hospitals. Hopes were to create a plan to keep the facility running through storms. In 2019, Jay County High School graduate Casey Kenney defeated Vince “The Anomaly” Cachero to become Legacy Fighting Alliance’s first dual champion. Kenney competed the next day against Ray “The Taxmexican Devil” Borg in Philadelphia, his first Ultimate Fighting Championship match. (Kenney knocked off the third-ranked UFC flyweight by unanimous decision.) —The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today 1 p.m. — Portland Facade Committee, John Jay Center for Learning, 101 St. Meridian St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Cynthia McGough

Sept. 24, 1953-March 23, 2024
Cynthia “Cindy” McGough, 70, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Versailles Healthcare and Rehab in Versailles, Ohio. She was born on Sept. 24, 1953, in Portland, Indiana, to the late William and Bonnie (Scott) Steveson. In addition to her parents, Cindy was preceded in death by her husband, William McGough, whom she married on Aug. 26, 1976, and who passed away on Aug. 21, 2002; her brother Robert Steveson; and her sister-in-law, Josephina Steveson. Cindy is survived by her children, Bob McGough of Fort Recovery,

Stacey (Terry) Ludwig of Port Jefferson, Ohio, David McGough of Fort Recovery, and Wallace “Wally” McGough of Celina, Ohio; her grandchildren, Nick (Erin Koester) McGough and Cheyenne McGough; and her brother, Steve Steveson of Oklahoma. Cindy was a 1971 graduate of Jay County High School. She spent her life as a housewife, raising her beloved family. In her free time, Cindy enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading and doing puzzles. A celebration of Cindy’s life will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Brockman Boeckman



McGough

Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Swamp College Cemetery. Guests may visit with her family on Thursday from 11 a.m. until the start of the service at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer’s Association. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.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.

Felony arrests

Fell asleep

A Greenfield man fell asleep at the wheel, causing him to drive into a Portland man’s car on Indiana 67 about 7 a.m. Monday. Giovanni Meneses, 22, told Jay County Sheriff’s Office he was driving a 2010 Toyota Corolla west on the highway when he fell asleep. The vehicle

crossed the center line and hit a guardrail in the east-bound lane before striking an eastbound 2005 Ford F-150 driven by 23-year-old Chandler D. Chapman. Meneses sustained a leg injury, and Chapman had a scrape on his face. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Capsule Reports

Intimidation

A Portland resident was arrested Monday for intimidation and other charges. Caleb M. Schlechty, 18, 1015 W. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for intimidation, three Class A misdemeanors for disorderly conduct, battery against a public safety official and possession of stolen property, and two Class B misdemeanors for criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. Schlechty was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

She was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Drug possession

A Dunkirk woman was arrested Sunday for possession of methamphetamine. Tanna Clark, 45, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, as well as a Level 6 felony for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Failed to appear

A Salamonia man was arrested Monday for failing to appear in court. Seth N. Mills, 27, 5739 E. 400 South, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. He failed to appear for a change of plea hearing March 19. Mills was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Resisting law

A Dunkirk woman was arrested Sunday for resisting law enforcement. Samantha R. Lanum, 26, 207 S. Main St., is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for resisting police, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

SERVICES

Wednesday
Green, Evelyn: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
McGough, Cynthia: 1 p.m., Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

April 6
Steveson, Emilie: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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Jay County FFA Parent - Member BANQUET

6:30 p.m.
Friday,
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Character counts

East Elementary recently awarded students for demonstrating citizenship. Pictured above are kindergarteners (front row) Leo Esquivel, Nolan Homan and Gus Link and (back row) Kyla Frazee, Bexley Brunswick, Bridget Laux and Gabby Roberts.

Birth announcements

Loy Adeline Jo, a daughter, was born March 21 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Katie and Aaron Loy, both residents of rural Portland. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are Doug and Kim Loy of Portland, Mark and Tammy Krieg of Portland and Matt Lyons of Portland. Great-grandparents are Sharon Pyle of Portland, Janet Dues of Portland and Bob and Joyce Lyons of Portland.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenancy, landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Jay County Historical Society. To answer questions, call Regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Friday

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 Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition at (260) 251-3259.

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

Tuesday

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-in appointments are 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. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

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.

Parent keeps her relatives distant

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a big lower-class family in which there has always been drama, fights, gossip, etc. I made a vow to myself that when I had my own family, I would raise them better. I keep myself and my children distanced from all of that. Am I wrong for keeping them away from my family? I don't like drama or problems. Sometimes I miss my family, but after a while, I get overwhelmed. — SEPARATE IN CHICAGO

DEAR SEPARATE: As a parent, your responsibility is to protect your children. If you feel exposing them to something might be harmful, you are within your rights to keep them away. However, if you are raising your children in a healthy environment, exposing them to your family drama in LIMITED DOSES isn't likely to be harmful. Afterward, if your relatives behaved badly, use them as a "bad example" and point out that in YOUR family, you do not behave that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor who lives across the street. She's in her late 70s. We've been friendly until recently, when she came to visit with me for coffee. We talked about many different things that day. She had brought me a present and homemade

Dear Abby



cookies, which was nice. When I mentioned something that apparently she didn't like or believe, she stood up, announced that she didn't come over to feel "uncomfortable" and left in a huff! I emailed her and sent a handwritten apology, but she hasn't spoken to me since. What should I do with her unopened gift and cookies? I don't feel comfortable accepting them. — DAZED AND CONFUSED

DEAR D & C: How sad that your neighbor wasn't able to tell you what it was you said that made her so uncomfortable she felt she had to end the relationship. Her decision seems to have been made, and you will have to accept it. Because you now feel uncomfortable accepting them, return her gift and the cookies.

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Tub revelation made caller's day

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 24, 2004. Jack loved history and loved Portland. He always had his eyes on something, whether it was an item he stumbled upon and the fairgrounds or one he spent hours searching for on eBay.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

You never know when you're going to need a butter tub.

I was going by the front counter the other day when I heard the words "butter tub" in passing. And since I was the only one on hand who seemed to know what a butter tub was, the call eventually went to me.

It was a guy in Oregon — a fellow by the name of Ted Cox — who is working on a book that focuses in part on the cooperage industry, barrel and stave making. He was looking for informa-

tion about the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company and its butter tub factory in Portland.

It's a pretty arcane field.

Butter tubs — virtually unheard of today — were small wooden barrels used to store butter in the days when home refrigeration was likely to mean a chunk of ice in a pan. Reusable, they were sort of a wooden Tupperware for the early decades of the 20th century.

What I didn't know, but learned from Ted, is that the wood for but-

ter tubs made in Portland at a small factory on Middle Street at the turn of the last century were constructed from spruce shipped in all the way from Oregon.

Ted explained his research needs to me, and I explained them to the ad department. Then I made his day.

"You know," I said, "I actually have a Portland butter tub."

For a second I thought I heard his pulse coming over the long-distance phone line. "Really?" he cried.

Really.

It was my first encounter with butter tub envy.

From Ted's reaction, I might as well have said I owned the crown jewels.

The butter tub came my way pretty casually at the Tri-State Gas Engine Show. It was several years back, and I'd just ducked

into the Roundhouse when I heard Alton Hartley say, "Now there's a guy who needs to own a Portland butter tub."

Notice that Alton didn't say, "There's a sucker who looks as if he's ready to open his wallet."

Instead, he knew I had an interest in local history. My first taste of the antique business came in Alton's old shop on Park Street in the old locker building. The Hartley house was on my paper route, and I had to walk over to the locker on Saturdays to collect at the store.

Inevitably, I dawdled when I stopped by. The smell of dust, old books, and old leather almost seemed to be the smell of time itself, the fragrance of ages past clinging to the jumbled objects that filled the cluttered shelves.

So, that day at the engine show, Alton knew I shared his interest

in antiques and local history. And I actually felt honored that he believed me astute enough to be in the market for something as oddball as a Portland butter tub.

Though it bore no official label, Alton's years in the locker business gave the piece clear provenance. It was, said the handwritten scrawl on the bottom, a 10-pound tub circa 1920. I bought it on the spot.

Since then, it's largely been forgotten, enjoying a place of honor on the hearth in the living room.

Is it rare? Who knows? My guess is that after being reused several times, old butter tubs were probably broken up for kindling.

Is it valuable? Almost certainly not.

Though there's a guy in Oregon who would love to get his hands on it.

Back in the Saddle



China has broken pledge

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Forget daylight saving time; in Hong Kong (where they haven't used it in a very long while) it's not an hour early, but 23 years in the future, having already reached 2047. That is the year when the 50-year transition from British rule is to end.

During that period, until July 1, 2047, under the terms of the handover of the city from London to Beijing, "the laws currently in force in Hong Kong will remain basically unchanged."

The agreement between the U.K. and China also states that during the 50 years, "the current social and economic systems in Hong Kong will remain unchanged, and so will the life-style. Rights and freedoms, including those of the person, of speech, of the press, of assembly, of association, of travel, of movement, of correspondence, of strike, of choice of occupation, of academic research and of religious belief will be ensured by law."

But that was then. All those pretty words don't mean anything now as those "rights and freedoms" are tossed aside. The pledge to retain Hong Kong's liberties, including a free press, independent courts and its own government, didn't even last half of the promised half century.

Four years ago, China's Maximum Leader Xi Jinping and his Communist Party, fed up with protests in Hong Kong, had their phony baloney Standing Committee of the National People's Congress unanimously pass the 1984-ish named Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, stripping city's citizens of their rights.

The next year, Beijing changed how elections are conducted in Hong Kong so that only "patriots" could hold public office. And so on Tuesday, Hong Kong's elected Legislative Council, now stacked exclusively with Beijing's stooges, passed the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance on a vote of 89-0. There is one vacancy in the council.

Having imposed tyranny on Hong Kong wasn't enough for Xi and the Politburo, they wanted their local puppets to do it as

Guest Editorial

The Communists aren't even pretending. They are forcing the once free city to become a quiet drone following orders and staying in line.

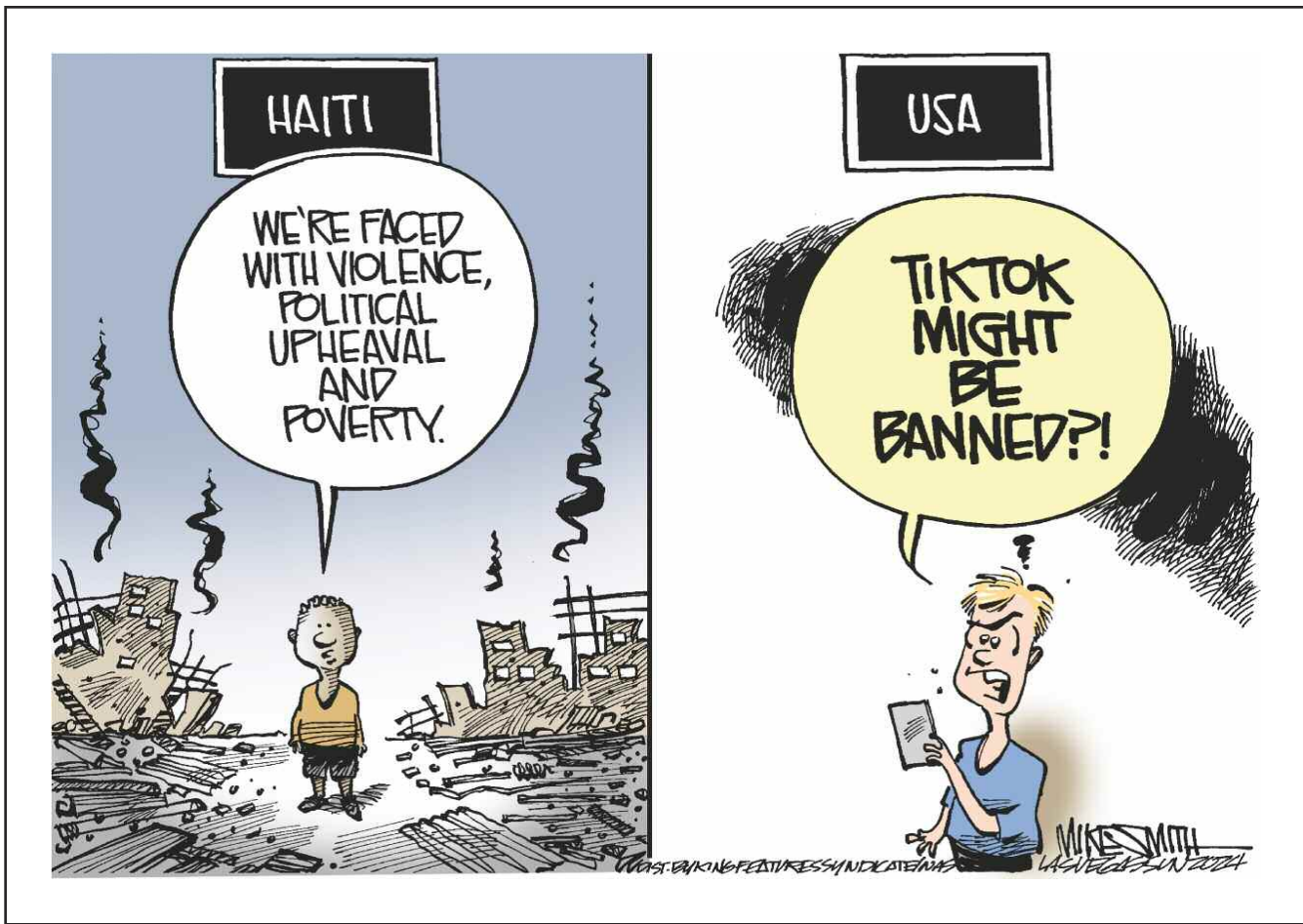
well. Do they actually believe that such unanimous staged votes illustrates anything but robotic control?

Jimmy Lai, publisher of Hong Kong's Apple Daily newspaper, would be calling all this out. That is if he wasn't thrown in prison and his newspaper wasn't seized by the government and shut down. The 2021 shuttering of the Apple Daily and its website came a year after Lai was arrested on some bogus charges. His trial began in December and is going on now. We are sure that he'll get a fair trial.

On the occasion of the July 1, 1997 handover of Hong Kong to China and the lowering of the Union Jack, we wrote that the barometer of China living up its promise of non-interference for the next 50 years would be "Hong Kong's vital and raucous free press" and "pressure on the press to conform to the party line will be an ominous sign of Beijing's true intentions."

The Communists aren't even pretending. They are forcing the once free city to become a quiet drone following orders and staying in line. Freedom and liberty will be what the Party dictates. Anyone who complains, like Lai, will be dealt with.

As we've said before about other people, someday the Chinese will be free. And someday, Hong Kongers will be free again.



Lawmakers override local will

By FRANCIS WILKINSON
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Tribune News Service

Last April, the Memphis City Council unanimously passed a law to curtail the number of driving infractions that would officially justify a police stop. The list is limited to a handful of so-called pretextual traffic stops for minor infractions such as a loose bumper or a broken brake light, which would no longer be grounds for pulling over a driver. The law was named for Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man who was beaten to death on Jan. 7, 2023 by five Memphis police officers after a traffic stop.

Last week, the Republican-controlled Tennessee legislature voted to overrule the elected representatives of Memphis, reversing the policy change. The legislation has been sent to Republican Governor Bill Lee. Discussing the bill in February, Republican state Senator Brent Taylor, whose district includes part of Memphis, characterized the law as a "knee-jerk reaction" to the Nichols killing. If the Tyre Nichols Driving Equality Act were allowed to stand, Taylor said, it would be only a matter of time before a "virtue-signaling" city council somewhere abolishes even more vital traffic laws. Besides, he said, "If you were to ask people, 'How do police most often catch criminals?' the number one answer on 'Family Feud' would be, 'A traffic stop.'"

The folk wisdom of the television show "Family Feud," at least as Taylor imagines it, is no doubt unassailable. But the pattern of Republican state officials overturning the acts of democratically elected local officials, and seizing local power, is growing ever more disconcerting.

As recent history confirms, democratic elections are not events that all Republicans believe they must respect. Last year, Republican legislators in Montana and Tennessee silenced or expelled lawmakers who

Francis Wilkinson



were duly elected representatives of thousands of Americans. Conflicts over policing and prosecution have frequently inspired Republican backlash. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis suspended two elected prosecutors in his state, both Democrats, whose policies he criticized. As one of the summarily fired prosecutors said last year, "That's what elections are for."

Yet the notion that Americans vote for candidates, and then judge them on the results they achieve in office, is increasingly under attack. Pennsylvania Republicans impeached the twice-elected district attorney of Philadelphia, flagrantly abusing a constitutional process in an unsuccessful effort to reverse the outcome of an election. (Republicans made no effort to commandeer the Philadelphia Police Department, which has struggled in recent years to identify and arrest suspects in shootings and murders.) Republicans in Mississippi decided to take control of a range of police and judicial duties in Jackson, the state's largest city, where a majority of the residents are Black. The city, which has a Black mayor, is also mostly Democratic. Republican legislators in Missouri similarly muscled in on St. Louis.

Republican claims that the power grabs reflect a commitment to public safety are not credible. The Republican majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has forced cities to permit public gun carrying contrary to the desires of voters and local leaders, and squarely against the interests of public safety. Meanwhile, GOP leader

Donald Trump continues to glorify criminals who attacked the US Capitol and threatened the lives of elected representatives. The former president refers to Jan. 6 criminals collectively as political prisoners and "hostages."

As Tennessee Senator Taylor's reference to "Family Feud" suggests, quality data is not a prerequisite in the rush to reverse democratic elections and the policy choices that flow from them. Some heinous criminals — Taylor mentioned terrorist Timothy McVeigh, for example — were caught or traced during traffic stops. Of course, the notorious "Son of Sam" murderer was traced in 1977 because of a New York City parking ticket. Does that mean that street parking restrictions shouldn't be suspended on holidays?

Police pull over tens of thousands of motorists every day. Black motorists are stopped disproportionately. Determining how many and what kind of stops are necessary isn't easy, but the harassment and sporadic police violence — and civilian deaths — that result provide strong incentives to find better policing methods.

The Tyre Nichols Driving Equality Act was based on a similar law implemented in Philadelphia in 2022. That law reclassified eight violations as secondary violations that should not trigger a traffic stop. In the eight months after the law was in place, a study showed that the total number of traffic stops for the targeted infractions, including for Black drivers, declined 54%.

It's hard to gauge exactly what that means to the quality of life of Black drivers in Philadelphia. The Tennessee legislature has moved to ensure that Black drivers in Memphis never find out.

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Maryland Gov. Wes Moore speaks at a news conference at the Maryland Department of Transportation campus near the bridge. Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller is on left; Baltimore County executive Johnny Olszewski is behind them, as well as Senate president Bill Ferguson. Before the collision, the ship's crew notified authorities that the vessel had lost power. That "mayday" allowed Maryland Transportation Authority Police on the highway above to prevent many cars from driving onto the bridge just before the catastrophe. "These people are heroes," Maryland Gov. Wes Moore said. "They saved lives last night."

Trump's bond reduced to \$175

By MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — A New York appeals court showed Donald Trump some mercy Monday, allowing him to post a bond of \$175 million — rather than nearly half a billion — to ward off foreclosures while he fights the outcome of his civil fraud case.

In a brief order, a five-judge panel at the 1st Department Appellate Division agreed to pause enforcement of the more severe elements of the devastating court decision handed down last month finding Trump liable for fraud if he fronts a portion of the cash he's been ordered to pay within 10 days.

The order means Trump won't have to worry that eviction notices will go up on his prized properties while he appeals Judge Arthur Engoron's Feb. 16 judgment, which found him liable for large-scale fraud, provided he comes up with the \$175 million on time. It came down within the final hours of a grace period for him to secure the money with the court and while the former president was sitting in court in his

criminal hush money case. When asked about his response to the ruling at the criminal courthouse, Trump gave the New York Daily News a big thumbs-up. Later, in a fundraising email, he said, "TRUMP TOWER REMAINS MINE!"

Outside the courtroom, the Republican presidential front-runner said it would be his "honor" to post a security or bond and framed the ruling as tantamount to an exoneration.

"We appreciate and respect the appellate division very much," Trump said. "We have a judge who is a crooked judge and a crooked attorney general, absolutely crooked. We did nothing wrong at all, 100%, and that was proven, and everybody there said it was proven."

In a statement to the Daily News, Trump's lead attorney in the fraud case, Chris Kise, said the ruling represented "a great first step towards the ultimate reversal of a baseless and reckless judgment."

A spokeswoman for New York Attorney General Tish James said Trump was "still facing accountability for his staggering fraud."

Bridge ...

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It departed from the Port of Baltimore around 1:00 a.m., according to MarineTraffic, a separate tracking website.

The cause of the incident is yet to be determined, according to a statement from Dali's owners and managers. Two pilots were aboard the ship and they, as well as all 22 Indian crew members, have "been accounted for and there are no reports of any injuries."

There has been no pollution, the ship's manager, Synergy Marine Group, said. Wallace said authorities had not confirmed if any fuel spilled into the water, but said there had been an odor of "diesel fuel."

The National Data Buoy Center reported water temperatures in that area of the Patapsco were about 49 degrees at 4 a.m. The air temperature was 41 and winds were light.

Chadonne Grant, an overnight security officer at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, said Tuesday morning that the hospital had admitted several patients involved with the collapse. She didn't know how many — "not a lot" — but said they were

brought in by helicopter about 2:30 a.m. or 3 a.m.

On X, the site formerly known as Twitter, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg said he'd been in contact with Moore and Scott and had offered the U.S. Department of Transportation's "support following the vessel strike and collapse of the Francis Scott Key bridge."

The Maryland Department of Emergency Management has staff on-site, and is coordinating with the governor's office, the state police and the traffic authority in response to the bridge collapse. Agency spokesman Travis Brown said that the department has raised its emergency operation center's status to advanced, and that the state joint operations center is "in full swing."

The Maryland Transportation Authority noted on social media that Interstate 95 and I-895 tunnels are alternative ways to travel across the harbor. Vehicles transporting hazardous materials, however, are prohibited in tunnels and "should use the western section of I-695 around tunnels," the authority posted.

A White House official said in a

statement to The Baltimore Sun that "there is no indication of any nefarious intent."

"Our hearts go out to the families of those who remain missing as a result of this horrific incident," the statement said, in part.

The Key Bridge, which opened in March 1977 after five years of construction and cost an estimated \$110 million, is named for the writer of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The bridge is one of the Baltimore harbor's three toll crossings.

The bridge carried more than 12.4 million commercial and passenger vehicles in 2023 — roughly 34,000 a day — according to a Maryland state government report issued last November.

Tuesday morning before daybreak, 50-year-old Lupe Lucas and her son stood along the water's edge in Dundalk, gazing at the area the Key Bridge once spanned.

The center of the bridge had disappeared, save for a section collapsed on top of the large ship.

"When the sun rises, and there's nothing there, that's going to be heartbreaking for a lot of people," she said.

Freebies ...

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In total, Dues gave up three runs — two of which were unearned — four hits, four walks and two hit-by-pitches over 4.1 innings in the loss.

On the other side, Brady Steinbrunner limited the Indians' opportunities, pitching six innings in which he only gave up two hits, one earned run and four walks to earn the win. He rarely gave up solid contact, as FRHS hitters only got ahold of three balls including hits from Riggs Tobe and Reece Wendel.

Caden Homan had the only other solid contact on a lineout to center-field.

"The key was Brady was around the zone all day," Celina coach Dave Maurer said. "The zone was just a little on the tight side today and he still filled it up. He was just keeping them off balance by throwing them strikes."

Luke Maxwell finished

off the seventh inning for the Bulldogs, only giving up a walk to Caden Homan while getting soft contact for three outs and the save.

The Indians' sole run came in the fourth inning. Wendel led off the inning with a hot shot down the line that first baseman Stephenson had to dive to knock down. He still managed to reach base and was awarded a hit to break Brady Steinbrunner's no-hitter.

Troy Homan followed Wendel with a sacrifice bunt that advanced Wendel all the way to third base.

Grisez pushed the run home with a groundout to shortstop.

"Reece reached base and that's why we have Troy there and Caden next," Eyink said. "It just worked out perfectly. That's how we want that to go... it was just really well executed by them and we need to get more of that."

Box score					
Fort Recovery Indians vs. Celina Bulldogs					
Celina (1-0)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
NSteinbrunner c	3	1	1	0	
Harris dh	4	0	0	0	
BSteinbrunner p	3	0	1	1	
Maxwell p	0	0	0	0	
Baumsark 3b	3	1	3	0	
Jones cf	4	0	0	0	
Stephenson 1b	1	1	1	0	
Bryant 1b	1	0	0	0	
ZGreber ss	3	0	0	0	
WGreber rf	4	1	0	0	
Schulte-Arbold 2b	3	0	2	1	
Totals	29	4	8	2	
Fort Recovery (0-1)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
RWendel lf	2	1	1	0	
THoman cf	2	0	0	0	
Grisez 3b	3	0	0	1	
Gaerke ss	2	0	0	0	
Faller 1b	3	0	0	0	
Tobe c	3	0	1	0	
SWendel 2b	2	0	0	0	
CHoman dh	1	0	0	0	
Evers rf	3	0	0	0	
Totals	21	1	2	1	
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Celina					
BSteinbrnner	6	2	1	1	4
Maxwell	1	0	0	0	1
Fort Recovery					
Dues	4.1	4	3	1	4
Grisez	2.2	3	1	0	2

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Softball at St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: UNLV vs. Seton Hall (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — College basketball NIT: VCU vs. Utah (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

Thursday
2 p.m. — College hockey: UMass Amherst vs. Denver (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — MLB Opening Day: Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Clemson vs. Arizona (CBS)
7 p.m. — College baseball: LSU at Arkansas (ESPN2)
7:35 p.m. — MLB Opening Day: Chicago Cubs at Texas Rangers (ESPN)
7:40 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: San Diego State vs. UConn (TBS)
8 p.m. — NHL: Calgary Flames at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
9:40 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Alabama vs. North Carolina (CBS)
10 p.m. — College basketball Sweet 16: Illinois vs. Iowa State (TBS)
10:30 p.m. — College gymnastics: LSU gymnastics (ESPN2)

Local notes

Midwest Walleye Challenge
Indiana anglers are invited to participate in the 2024 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament. The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30, with walleye, sauger and saugeye counting. Contestants need to utilize the MyCatch mobile app to submit photos of their catches with a measuring device. Participants can enter for free for the chance at the grand prize or pay a \$25 fee to be eligible for biweekly cash prizes. Those interested in participating can register by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app. For further information, visit on.IN.gov/walleye.

Registration open
Registration for the Dunkirk co-ed softball league is now open. The league will start on April 7, and it will cost \$250 for each team to register. First and second-place teams win a payout of \$400 and \$200, respectively. To register, call Brock Farmer at (765) 209-4289.

Challenge set
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County. The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award. Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well. To sign up or for more information, visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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



Divine Mercy Novena starts good Friday.
Pamphlets to be found in Catholic churches.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Percentages and probabilities

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q 7
 ♥ A K Q 7 3
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A K Q

EAST
 ♠ J 10 6
 ♥ J 9 5 2
 ♦ K 8 6 4
 ♣ 10 7

SOUTH
 ♠ 8 5 4 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ 8 6 5 3 2

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 2♠ Pass 2♦**
 Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT
 Pass 3NT

*strong, artificial **waiting
 Opening lead — diamond queen.

Ask some players what they think the chances are of six missing cards in a suit being divided 3-3, and they will probably say they don't know. They might look upon such knowledge as just about as important as knowing the weather in Anchorage last Thursday.

However, just a modest familiarity with probabilities can't hurt, and in the accompanying deal it could do a player a lot of good. South is faced with a relatively simple proposition. He is declarer in three notrump, wins the diamond lead with the ace — the only entry to his hand — and must decide what to do next.

He can count eight sure tricks, and the problem is whether to cash the A-K-Q of hearts, hoping the opposing hearts are divided 3-3, or to try a spade finesse instead, hoping West has the king. This is where a basic knowledge of bridge probabilities would come in handy.

The mathematical criteria are not complicated. In 100 deals, with six cards of a suit missing, the probability is that they will divide 3-3 36 times; 4-2 48 times; 5-1 15 times; and 6-0 one time. In the same 100 deals, West will have the spade king 50 times, and East will have it 50 times. The odds are therefore 50 to 36 in favor of taking the spade finesse.

It can't be denied that in a particular case the wrong play might win, and the right play might lose. Nevertheless, with no good reason to buck the odds in this case, it is better to place your faith in the percentages and take the spade finesse.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals W

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 1 Play part
 4 Quick look
 8 Carpet type
 12 When doubled, it's a dance
 13 Pond growth
 14 Lighten
 15 Author Fleming
 16 "For good reason!"
 18 Finger or toe
 20 Auction signal
 21 "Arrivederci!"
 24 Jobs
 28 "Really?"
 32 Actress Sorvino
 33 Mal de —
 34 Library transactions
 36 Label
 37 Landed
 39 "Uh, probably"
 41 "It's a Wonderful Life" director

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 23 Orange variety
 25 Young foxes
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 27 Palm starch
 28 Computer debut of 1998
 29 Actress Ward
 30 Journey "Blazing Saddles"
 31 Burden
 35 Place
 38 Plod
 40 Briny expanse
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 48 Military group
 49 Cattle calls?
 50 QB's goals
 51 British singer Rita
 52 Long. crosser
 53 Einstein's birthplace
 54 Observe

Solution time: 23 mins.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
Sheriff’s File Number:
Date of Sale: 4-18-24

Sale Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse, Portland, IN 47371
Publisher’s Name/County: The Commercial Review - Jay County
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$47,281.93

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2208-MF-000014 Plaintiff: MCLP Asset Company, Inc. Defendant: Dennis M. Betterton, et al.

Required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN JAY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, TO WIT: THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF OUT LOT NUMBER SEVEN (7) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF PORTLAND, INDIANA, EXCEPT, A TRACT OFF THE EAST END THEREOF SEVENTY-ONE FEET SIX INCHES WIDE EAST AND WEST AND SEVENTY-TWO FEET THREE INCHES IN WIDTH NORTH AND SOUTH. SUBJECT TO ALL VISIBLE AND/OR RECORDED ROADWAYS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS. Parcel No. 38-07-20-101-073.000-034 Commonly Known as: 417 NORTH SHIP STREET, PORTLAND, IN 47371

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2001-02 REGULATING OF SOLID WASTE PROCESSING FACILITIES AND SOLID WASTE LAND DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN JAY COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jay County (“Commissioners”) previously adopted Ordinance 2001-02, Regulating Solid Waste Processing Facilities and Solid Waste Land Disposal Facilities in Jay County, Indiana, on April 9, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners now desire to amend Section 7 of said Ordinance as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE JAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Section 7. The fee for such permits shall be Fifty Thousand and No/100ths (\$50,000.00) Dollars for operation in the year beginning in 2024. This fee shall be prorated for any permit obtained after May 1 of any year and before the next period when a permit would be necessary. If a permit holder operates a facility at another geographic location in Jay County which is regulated by this Ordinance, then a permit and applicable fee shall be obtained for each such facility.

All other provisions not amended shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2024.
Chad Aker, President

Jay County Commissioners
Attest: Emily Franks, Jay County Auditor

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 10th day of April, 2024 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Amount Approved
LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
1112-001-30-0209 Arts Place	\$15,000.00
1112-001-30-0235 Pennville Park	\$5,000.00
FIREARMS	
4906-001-40-0022 Equipment	\$2,677.56
COUNTY FORFEITURE	
4911-001-40-0022 Equipment	\$11,038.74
TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT	
8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel	\$1,110.00
8950-001-30-0148 ARP 2021 CLFRF	\$31,987.29
Professional Services	
RCAP GRANT	
8950-001-30-0148 Repairs & Maintenance	\$43,250.00
Total	\$110,063.59

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

Emily Franks, Jay County Auditor
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Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the several taxing units of Jay County, for the year 2023 payable 2024, are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon.

The following table shows the rate of taxation on each \$100.00 worth of taxable real and personal property.

First installment is due on or before and delinquent after May 10, 2024. Second installment is delinquent after November 12, 2024.

	2023 pay 2024 Tax TAB Rates																		
	2023 pay 2024						Jay						2023 pay 2024						
	Penn	Pennville	Dunkirk	Bearcreek	Bryant	Greene	Jackson	Jefferson	Knox	Madison	Salamonia	Noble	Pike	Richland	Redkey	Wabash	Wayne	Portland	
2023 pay 2024 Tax Rates	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	
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County Health	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	0.0259	
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Library General	0.0407	0.0407	0.2179	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	0.0714	
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Too many freebies

Walks and errors give Celina advantage over Tribe in season opener

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians hung right with the Bulldogs most of the game, but just gave away too many free opportunities.

After tying the game up in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Fort Recovery High School baseball team surrendered three unearned runs to give the Celina Bulldogs a 4-1 lead that would go the distance in Monday's season opener.

"We were really competitive for five innings," FRHS coach Kevin Eyink said. "We gave too many free bases and then one error kind of took the wind out of us. I think that's the story of the game, too many freebies on our end."

The Indians (0-1) entered the top of the fifth in a 1-1 tie with the Bulldogs (1-0). Their pitcher, Alex Dues, had already thrown 72 pitches and was nearing his limit for the day. Eyink planned for Caden Grisez

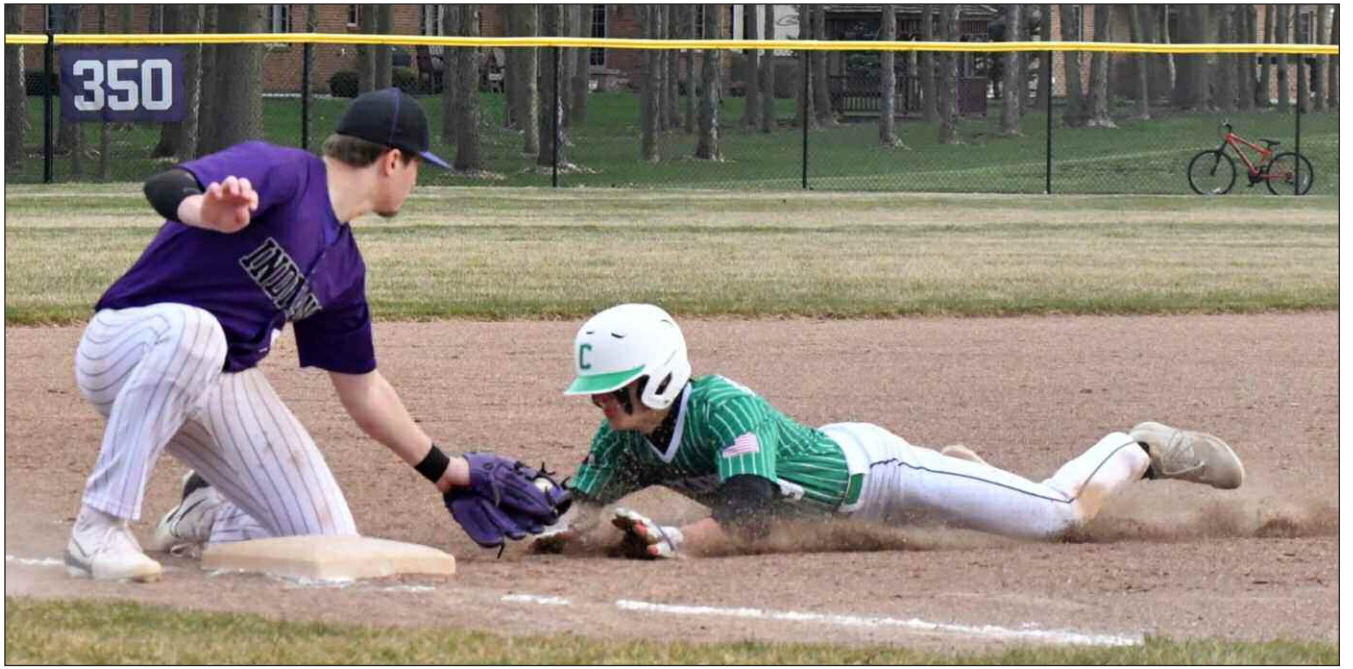
to relieve Dues, but the junior didn't get the opportunity to get in the bullpen because he was due up in the order during Fort Recovery's half inning off the field.

The Indians' skipper decided to let Dues stay out on the mound to start the inning. Max Baumstark led off the inning with a single through the right side before Zander Jones flew out to right field. Dues then walked Caleb Stephenson before Eyink went to Grisez.

Reece Evers made a basket catch in foul ground off of the right field line to record the second out. Grisez then induced a ground ball to shortstop that took a bad hop and ricocheted off of Dues to allow one run to score, and a second on a throwing error afterward.

The final run scored off of a Brodee Schulte-Arnold base hit up the middle.

"Dues was really starting to pitch well, but he was getting a bit higher



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School junior Caden Grisez lays down a tag on Celina's Brodee Schulte-Arnold, who was caught stealing by Riggs Tobe in top of the fourth inning of Monday's season opener. The out helped the Indians maintain a one-run deficit, which they tied in the bottom of the inning before letting the game slip in the fifth. For more photos from the game visit thecr.com.

than what we wanted," Eyink said. "Caden was up to bat, we just went with (Dues) to start the inning.

"I'm okay with how it

went. We trust him. He had that one bad inning but then he kind of settled in."

Eyink was referencing the first inning, where

Dues surrendered a walk to Nick Steinbrunner to lead off before a stolen base, a balk and a base hit from Brady Steinbrunner drove the run in.

The senior threw 32 pitches in the inning, giving up only one earned run on two hits, a walk and a hit-by-pitch.

See **Freebies** page 5

Indians drop season opener to Ansonia

FORT RECOVERY — Jenna Homan only gave up three hits while striking out nine batters in the season opener.

The lineup put up a pair of runs in support as well.

Walks and stolen bases were what really hurt the Indians.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team dropped its season opener 3-2 against the Ansonia Tigers Monday afternoon.

The Tigers (1-0) got on top early when Bailey Schmit reached base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a

groundout and scored on a passed ball.

Ansonia scored the next two runs before Fort Recovery (0-1) got on the board. The second run was the result of a pair of walks and a sacrifice bunt. The third run got on base due to a

walk and eventually scored on a single by Schmidt.

Fort Recovery's first run crossed the plate in the fourth inning when Ella Schoen and Kylie Post strung together a pair of hits. Post later drove in her second run of the game with a sixth-

inning single to plate Emma Will and cut the deficit to one.

Abigail Kramer secured the win for Ansonia, throwing all seven innings and giving up two runs on four hits and one walk while striking the Indians out 10 times.

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Easter Celebration Service: 1 Service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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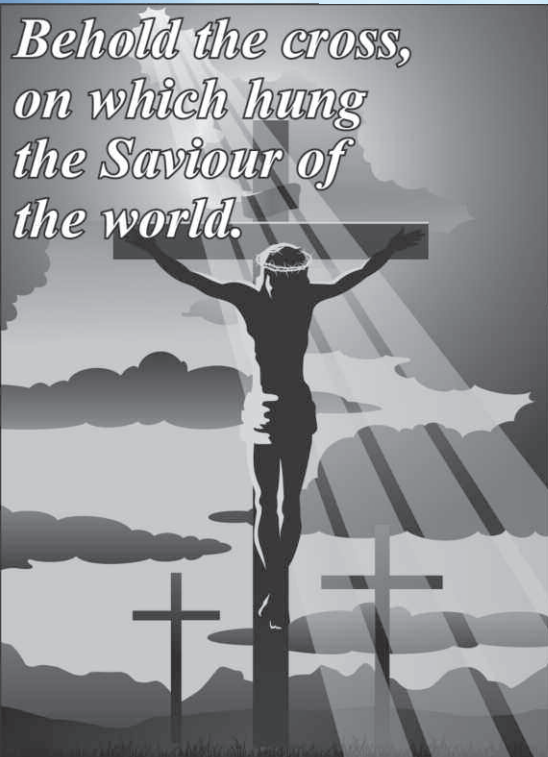
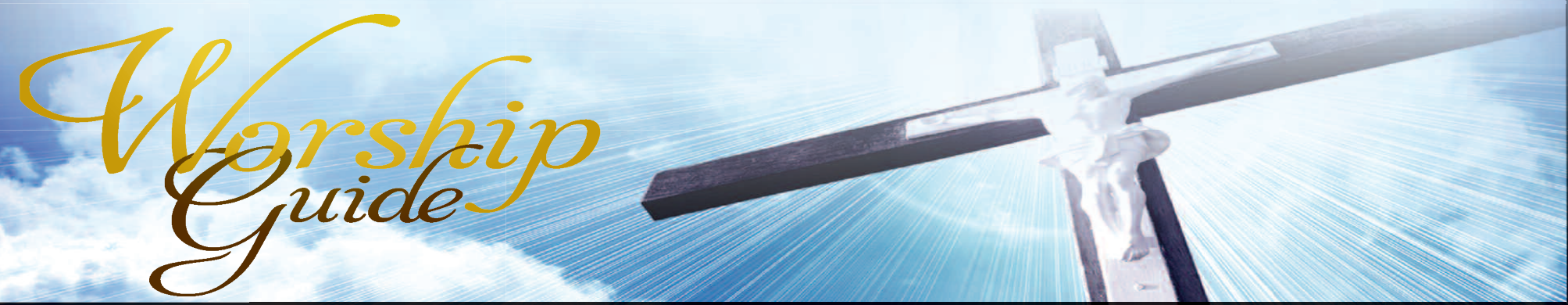
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