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Break after break

The return from spring break was a short one Monday for East Elementary School in Portland as students were dismissed early because of a water main break. The issue was the water main was located in the wooded area southwest of the elementary school and east of Portland Water Park. Parents were allowed to pick up students beginning at 10:30 a.m., though buses did run their routes at the regular dismissal time in the afternoon.

Two vying for nod in south district

McGalliard and Monroe meet again for commissioner nomination

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The incumbent commissioner hopes to continue working toward ongoing projects.

His opponent wants to bring more voices to the table.

Brian McGalliard and Duane Monroe will face off in the May primary for the Republican nomination for the south district Jay County Commissioner seat.

McGalliard, a 1988 Jay County High School graduate, owns the Portland Pizza King, a family business started by his father in 1967. A Dunkirk resident, McGalliard spent two years at Ball State University before he began working for Prudential Security. He also trained standardbred race horses for years.

Monroe, 48, is a 1993 Jay County High School graduate. A rural Portland resident, he earned his associate's degree in applied science from Ivy Tech Community College in 2005 and works as a journeyman lineman for Jay County REMC. Monroe served for about 24 years on Jefferson Township Advisory Board and has been on the county's road committee for about a decade.

Monroe lost to McGalliard in a three-way race that also included Barb Street in the 2020 Republican primary for the same seat. He said he decided to put his name on the ballot because he'd been approached by folks asking him to run for the office again.

"I've had a lot more support I feel like this time than last time," he said. "I'm doing it for the people and the county. It's definitely not about me."

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FEC levied fine on Braun campaign

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Federal Election Commission levied a hefty fine this week against U.S. Sen. Mike Braun's campaign committee related to 2018 finance violations.

The commission voted 6-0 to accept the agreement, which calls for a \$159,000 fine. Forbes broke the news Friday afternoon, calling it the second-largest fine ever imposed on a senatorial campaign.

Braun is in the middle of a six-way race for the GOP nomination for governor of Indiana.

The agreement said Mike Braun for Indiana failed to cor-

GOP governor candidate was hit with \$159,000 penalty

rectly disclose loan balances, terms, dates, repayment amounts, and other information for transactions totaling \$11.5 million involving three bank loans, 13 lines of credit, and 13 candidate loans.

The activity occurred from

July 2017 through December 2018.

"The Committee contends that its former treasurer, Travis Kabrick, was responsible for these reporting errors and that he had access to all relevant information and documents

from the Committee to properly report these loans. The Committee further contends that its former Treasurer publicly disclosed information regarding the bank loans, which were legal and proper, but the Treasurer made the errors regarding how they were reported on the Committee's campaign finance reports. The Committee further contends that the reporting errors were technical in nature," the settlement said.

Josh Kelley, senior advisor for Braun for Indiana, said the agreement makes clear the former treasurer was responsible for the errors.

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Key clean-up

By LIA RUSSELL
and DAN BELSON

Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

BALTIMORE — Workers removed the first segment of the collapsed Francis Key Scott Bridge on Sunday as officials work to salvage the mangled remains of the bridge and a cargo ship from the Patapsco River and reopen the Port of Baltimore.

According to a statement Sunday morning from the office of Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat, operators had removed a 200-ton bridge piece from Span 19. The Singapore-flagged vessel, the Dali, struck the bridge shortly before 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and has been aground since with a section of the structure weighing its bow.

Authorities will conduct a grounding survey late Sunday to determine how

Workers have begun removing bridge segments from the Patapsco River

hard the ground surrounding the Dali is, according to Moore's office.

Several Maryland politicians spoke on Sunday morning news shows about the response to the bridge collapse and the need to make quick progress at opening the port.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Moore underlined the national economic burden caused by the

closure of the Port of Baltimore, one of the nation's largest for auto and farm equipment volume.

"It's not just a massive impact on Maryland, this is a massive impact on the national economy," Moore told Fox News' Shannon Bream. "It's impacting the farmer in Kentucky and the auto dealer in Ohio. It's impacting the restaurants in Louisiana and Tennessee."

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The Commercial Review/Lina Lingo

Picking prize

Mazie Zaugg selects her prize Saturday during the Easter egg hunt at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. The event included a variety of activities for children, including egg decorating and coloring pages.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Sunday. The low was 43. About 1.25 inches of rain fell between midnight Sunday and noon Monday.

Wet conditions are expected to continue. Rain is expected tonight

with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of snow as lows will be in the mid 30s. Snow and rain is in the forecast for Wednesday with a high around 40.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Coming up

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

Thursday — Results from the JCHS track meet against Blackford.



Clean-up ...

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” that there was no timeline for reopening the Port of Baltimore.

“This is going to be a very complex process,” Buttigieg said. “There are a lot of forces acting on that steel, so it takes a lot to make sure that it can be dismantled safely.”

During an appearance on ABC’s “This Week,” U.S. Sen.

Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat, said that the federal government intends to pay 90% of the cost of rebuilding the bridge using emergency relief funds, and that he and fellow Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin planned to introduce legislation to handle the remaining 10%. The Army Corps of Engineers will cover “all the costs of clearing the channel,” he said.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, a Democrat, spoke to the

need to help families on CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

Scot said his administration’s focus is on aiding the families of six construction workers who died after falling into the river when the ship struck the bridge. The city has \$300,000 in aid for them to access, including trauma care.

“As I said from day one, my office will be there to support the families in every way possible,” Scott said.

Another priority is helping

keep afloat the 15,000 idled workers whose livelihoods are in limbo as the port remains shut. Scott said he would meet with local labor officials and other leaders on Monday to continue those efforts, which include working with the Small Business Administration to offer relief loans to impacted businesses.






“This is going to be a long road,” he said. “This is not a sprint.”

Scott also addressed racist remarks he and other Black

Maryland leaders have received from critics who falsely attributed the bridge collapse to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and called him a “DEI mayor.”

“I am a young Black man and young Black mayor in this country,” Scott said. “We know there are a lot of racist folks who think I shouldn’t be in this job. I didn’t want to be out there that night answering questions about DEI. I’m worried about the loss of life.”

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Wednesday 4/3	Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5	Saturday 4/6	Sunday 4/7
				
40/33	43/30	45/28	52/32	58/42
Wednesday's forecast shows an 80% chance of snow and rain throughout the day.	Mostly cloudy skies are in the forecast for Thursday, when the high will be 43 degrees.	Friday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a high of 45 degrees. The low may hit 28.	Saturday looks to be sunny with a low at night around freezing.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Sunday, the high will be in the upper 50s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1 billion	46-48-57-60-62-66-76-77 Cash 5: 3-11-12-27-31 Estimated jackpot: \$337,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$36 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 7-1-2 Pick 4: 7-1-7-9 Pick 5: 7-7-4-4-0 Evening Pick 3: 5-4-2 Pick 4: 6-5-9-2 Pick 5: 2-1-6-7-6 Rolling Cash 5: 12-14-25-28-38 Estimated jackpot: \$151,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 3-1-4 Daily Four: 3-3-1-1 Evening Daily Three: 9-3-6 Daily Four: 4-2-2-5 Quick Draw: 9-10-11-14-17-26-33-34-37-39-41-45-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.30 May corn4.35 Wheat4.36	May beans11.72 Wheat 5.32
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.42 May corn4.42 June corn4.49	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.12 April corn4.23 Beans11.69 April beans11.72 Wheat5.28
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.20 May corn4.20 Beans11.72	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.29 April corn4.39 Beans11.52 April beans11.52 Wheat4.91

Today in history

In 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon of Spain landed on the coast of what is now Florida.

In 1792, the United States passed The Mint Act, establishing dollars as the United States currency. A majority of global trade today is measured in U.S. dollars.

In 1800, Ludwig van Beethoven’s “First Symphony” premiered at the Burgtheater in Vienna. The program that day also included works from Haydn and Mozart.

In 1865, Ulysses S. Grant’s army attacked the Confederates at Petersburg, Virginia. A Union victory, the battle marked the fall of the Confederacy’s capital, Richmond. Troops evacuated the city that day.

In 1891, Max Ernst, a German sculptor and painter known for advocating art irrationality, was born.

In 1968, “2001: A Space Odyssey,” premiered worldwide. The film, directed by Stanley Kubrick, touched on human evolution, technology and extraterrestrial life.

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Citizen’s calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.	5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., 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. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Vying ...

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McGalliard, 54, mentioned various projects county officials have started since he took office, including projects to develop nearly 400 miles of fiberoptic internet line and infrastructure for housing, and the owner-occupied rehabilitation program aimed at providing home repairs for low-income Jay County residents.

Mentioning the county’s average household income, which has been among the lowest in the state in recent years, he said the county needs to show growth, and changes need to be made to attract new businesses and residents.

“If you’re a business owner and you’re looking to invest dollars, do you want to come to a declining county with a low population?” said McGalliard. “We have to make changes to address those situations. It’s not going to happen overnight. But someone has to stand up and say, ‘Hey, these are our issues, we need to start addressing them.’”

He also pointed out population increases and housing increases as two major projects cited in Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, a regional grant program through the state.

If elected, Monroe said he would like to work on establishing unity amongst county leaders, such as commissioners, Jay County Development Corporation, business owners and city officials.

“I want to work with all of them to make it all better,” he said. “A motto from Jay County REMC is, we work best when we work together, and that’s a fact. I’ve worked in a lot of storm work. I was just down in Winchester ... When we work

together, we can get a lot accomplished ... If you’re butting heads, you just can’t get anything done.”

He mentioned tensions between JCDC and commissioners as a specific area to tackle.

“JCDC is a huge piece of the puzzle in Jay County, not just Portland but all these towns around here in Jay County,” he said. “It’s hard for them to do their job when they’re not getting their funding.”

Addressing the situation with JCDC, McGalliard said one of the duties of commissioners is “implementing projects and programs to attain and attract workforce.”

“When I look at my job description, look at the state statute, look at the (economic development income tax) statute, how we’re funding them, they’re there to assist the elected officials, not to be a private organization to use government funds as however they wish,” he said, noting the group draws a large chunk of its funding from the county.

He also referenced the county’s two-year contract with East Central Indiana Regional Partnership at \$100,000 annually and noted the agreement has a 60-day out clause.

On the topic of economic development dollars coming in from the four potential solar farms planned for Jay County, McGalliard talked about different ways counties can bring in extra revenue for economic development projects, such as a population increase, tax abatements or tax increment financing (TIF) districts.

“My personal opinion is, when those funds come in, we should use them as matching funds for grants and so forth to double, triple, quadruple the size,” he added, pointing to grants available.

Monroe noted he would like to see economic development dollars coming in from the solar farms benefit the residents living near them. He noted they will see tax benefits, but he mentioned other suggestions, such as road improvements.

On the whole when discussing additional revenue, Monroe said he would look to other community leaders and the public for their perspective.

“I think with everybody putting their minds together and getting the right goal or the right place for it to be allocated, that’s what it should be,” he said. “It’s not about what Duane wants, it’s more about what we need or the community wants, I guess I should say.”

Monroe said his passion and willingness to work with others are a reason to check his name on the ballot.

“I’m passionate about what I do,” said Monroe. “I take it to heart. I’m going to do what’s best for the people, not for me. I’m going to work with everyone to try to be, oh, like that motto. ‘You do best when you work together.’ I’ll stick with that.”

McGalliard asked for folks to vote for him because of his dedication to the job during his time in office.

“I believe for the last three and a half years that I have shown the work ethic, I’ve devoted my time, I’ve done numerous research,” McGalliard said, noting the job has become a passion of his. “If they want a hard-working, determined commissioner, you know, that wants to get things done and keep Jay County moving forward, I’d certainly appreciate their vote.”

Fine ...

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“(Kabrick) was provided all relevant information and documents from

Mike Braun to properly report the loans, all loans were legal and proper, all the details were made public throughout the campaign, and the reporting errors by Mr. Kabrick were technical in nature.

“It is clear from the agreement this penalty should be paid for by Mr. Kabrick’s third-party compliance team responsible for the reporting errors,” Kelley said.

Thomas Datwyler, the current treasurer for Mike Braun for Indiana, also released a statement saying, “Despite having full access to all necessary information and documents, Mr. Kabrick’s reporting on the Committee’s campaign finance reports was technically flawed, although the underlying bank loans were legally and properly disclosed.

“We are committed to ensuring full compliance and transparency in all future financial reporting.”

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Man leaves monumental imprint behind

By JAMES FULKES
The Commercial Review

Several years ago, an old friend of mine and I were out on a leisurely afternoon drive.

The old pal of mine, now deceased unfortunately, was a monument man by trade.

He assisted in the design and layout of memorial markers and then, once completed, he physically went to the site and erected and installed the monuments.

Fulksy Mayhem



On this particular day, he said to me in his characteristic drawl, “Now Jim, I want you to see what I consider to be one of my masterpieces, in all the years I worked.”

As we turned a corner in the Memorial Park, I saw this massive black cube, standing on a point, seemingly “suspended” mid air above a base of light gray granite.

He explained how it was designed and more importantly how he assisted the day they erected it.

The black granite (India Black) is a massive cube, weighing several tons.

It is mounted, on point,

utilizing a thick stainless steel pin (roughly the size of one’s wrist) which is inserted into both the corner of the cube and the base.

The surrounding gray granite is Barrie Granite from Vermont.

This monument is amazing in size, scope, vision and scale, in every way.

My friend is now gone. He crossed the river and is on his journey. He’s been gone several

years now. All I have are treasured memories of our times together.

And, most likely for eternity, this, and many other monuments, markers and gravestones will stand as a testament to his legacy of work.

He told me that day, when he took me to see this for the first time, that he was proud of the way it turned out and for his role in its design, creation and installation.

He said, “It’s something that I will be proud to be remembered for.”

Well, my old friend, today, I am remembering you, as I look at your masterpiece.

Goodbyes don’t mean you are forgotten, my old friend.

You were, and still are, loved by those of us who crossed paths with you on this mortal coil.

In loving memory of a Monument Man, Chris Gibbs.

Wife asks for time, space to work on herself

DEAR ABBY: After 28 years, my wife left me “to find herself.” She says she doesn’t want a divorce; she just needs time and space to work on herself, but she also wants to work on our marriage. She doesn’t want to talk, text or contact me.

My question is, how are we supposed to work on our marriage with no contact? What am I supposed to do? I love her, but she’s avoiding me and everyone else, including her friends and family. All she wants to do is work and be alone in her apartment. — LONELY IN THE EAST

DEAR LONELY: When you asked how your wife plans to work on your marriage if you aren’t seeing each other or communicating (or utilizing

Dear Abby



marriage counseling), you asked a pertinent question. She cannot have it both ways, nor does she seem open to repairing what drove her to leave your marriage.

Ask if she is interested in counseling. If she isn’t, PLEASE get a referral to a therapist for emotional support for yourself right now. If you do, you will more quickly

be able to figure out what your next steps should be.

DEAR ABBY: Two of my children contracted pink eye. We were assured by the doctor that after being on antibiotics for 24 hours, they would no longer be contagious. Feeling reassured, we isolated them for 24 hours and went about plans to visit family.

I later learned that a few days after we left, three of my nephews, whom my sons played with often, all came down with pink eye. I have apologized, but I still feel guilty. We did everything the doctors recommended, yet we still gave it to others. Is there anything else I can do to make up for it? — PINK WITH GUILT

DEAR PINK: A large box of

chocolates might sweeten the bitter aftertaste of your visit to that family. Or, go online and search for “Ice Cream of the Month Club.” If you do, you will find several companies that guarantee frozen deliveries nationwide. Include a message on the card, “Apologies for the pink eye.” (And be sure one of the flavors is strawberry to reinforce your sentiments.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old boy living with my parents. Due to religious constraints, I was not going to be allowed to date until I turned 16. That policy has recently changed, although my parents are still holding me to it. My problem is, there’s this girl. She’s my

sister’s best friend. I met her when she came to hang out with my sister. I’m afraid if I wait, she’ll fall out of my life. Also, I am afraid that it will be awkward with my sister. What should I do? — LOVESICK IN UTAH

DEAR LOVESICK: Your parents are enforcing those rules and, at least for now, you need to abide by them. If this girl is friendly with your sister, she’s not going to drop out of your life. That’s why, if you are as smart as I think you are, you will make an effort to simply be “friends” with her. Just friends. As you get to know each other, you may form a more lasting relationship than if you were to make a move on her now. I wish you luck.

Community Calendar

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

Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCBRE — 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.

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.

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to

noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORI-

CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Boeing scrutiny needs to continue

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After an embarrassing and potentially dangerous bungling atop of the iconic American aerospace company, culminating in the grounding of hundreds of aircraft following a door plug blowing off a 737 MAX 9 mid-flight, Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun is stepping down.

Also heading for the exits are Board Chair Larry Kellner and Boeing Commercial Airplanes CEO Stan Deal, an exodus that will make way for new blood at a company that fumbled one of the hardest-earned reputations for excellence in the country's history.

The door plug incident follows a pattern of outsourcing and sloppiness driven by a desire to increase the stock price at all costs, a culture some at the company trace to a 1997 merger that

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set the company off a track that prioritized engineering prowess.

Calhoun, not incidentally, is not himself some aeronautic engineering genius, but trained as an accountant. He previously served as a senior managing partner at the gigantic private equity firm — and leveraged buyout pioneer — Blackstone Group, a perch from which he knew well companies' balance sheets, not the airworthiness of their airliners.

Of course, we shouldn't suggest that the CEO isn't intricately familiar with some forms of

aerospace engineering; he's no doubt adept at understanding parachutes, namely the golden parachute he probably has waiting to bail out of the company he's nosedived.

Like so many next-quarter-obsessed executives before them, the bounced Boeing executives and board chair won't expect to pay any penalties for their mismanagement. While many professionals see their pay and their ability to switch jobs tethered to their performance, that paradigm breaks down when you reach the C-suite, where CEOs are free to run companies aground before simply jumping to the next one with a massive payout.

Where once the lion's share of company CEOs had risen through the ranks, this is the era of career executives who jump from industry to industry, not

understanding nor having to understand the actual business beyond numbers on a spreadsheet.

This all works in tandem with regulatory agencies that are overwhelmed, constrained by aggressive interfering courts, outgunned by corporate lobbyists and increasingly reliant on self-policing within industries ranging from aerospace to poultry. The rest of us are left with the consequences, in this case the reality of a significant chunk of the commercial jetliner fleet that has serious safety concerns.

Hopefully, the management change at Boeing will improve outcomes, but we can't rely on them to come around on their own when the public's safety is at stake. That nobody was killed or seriously injured in the door plug incident is a miracle —

something that can't be said for the infamous 737 MAX crashes of 2018 and 2019, which killed 346 people, after the company hastened the rollout of its new system.

The Federal Aviation Administration's scrutiny of Boeing should continue, and more broadly, policymakers and legislators should take the company's continuous debacles over the past few years as a sign that the promise of industry self-regulation is a farce.

So should the U.S. Supreme Court, which is currently setting its sights on the so-called Chevron deference, a legal doctrine allowing regulators to use agency expertise to interpret the law, and whose absence could prove disastrous. Regulators need flexibility and funding to do their jobs properly, for all our benefit.

Stop playing politics with lives

By JUAN CARLOS GOMEZ

OtherWords

When President Joe Biden was campaigning in 2020, he pledged to strengthen our country by supporting and welcoming immigrants. Early in his presidency, he began taking steps in that direction.

Biden proclaimed an end to his predecessor's "Muslim ban," which summarily banned migration from several Muslim-majority countries. And in February 2021, Biden introduced an executive order aimed at reversing some of the Trump administration's damage to our immigration system, from family separations to backlogs in our asylum system.

"Securing our borders does not require us to ignore the humanity of those who seek to cross them," Biden said. "Nor is the United States safer when resources that should be invested in policies targeting actual threats, such as drug cartels and human traffickers, are squandered on efforts to stymie legitimate asylum seekers."

Biden seemed to understand that being "tough" does not mean you have to support cruel and ineffective policies. Unfortunately, as immigration has become a more polarizing topic, the administration has backed away from this more humane approach.

Instead, in many ways Biden has actually continued down Trump's path on immigration.

For example, the Trump administration enforced a rule called Title 42 during the height of the COVID pandemic, which severely limited entry into the United States — supposedly to protect public health. Biden continued to implement that policy for years, even without the flimsy public health justification.

The bipartisan Senate border bill Biden recently endorsed includes funding for a border wall he once promised not to fund — along with new restrictions on asylum and a measure that would authorize the president to shut the border down completely. Biden is also considering using the same authority the Trump administration invoked in its Muslim ban to restrict asylum access.

A few weeks ago, Biden and Trump separately visited the U.S.-Mexico border. Instead of proposing actual solutions to support our immigration system, Biden uplifted the failed Senate

Juan Carlos Gomez



bill — and even went so far as to invite Trump to "join him" in working to it.

During his State of the Union address in March, Biden had the opportunity to distinguish himself from Trump. Instead, his speech demonstrated a strong disconnect between his rhetoric and actions.

Biden said he would not demonize immigrants, but in the same speech used the offensive term "illegal immigrant." No human being is "illegal." Continuing to echo that language is dehumanizing and puts immigrant communities at risk of violence. (Biden later said he regretted using the term, but did not apologize for using it.)

Biden said he would not separate families, but his current and proposed policies have separated and continue to separate families. He said he would not ban people from the country because of their faith, but his proposed action would make asylum harder for nearly everyone regardless of their faith.

Invoking his Irish heritage, Biden has alluded to the Great Famine in Ireland to sympathize with immigrants. But families seeking shelter today from similar hardship would have extreme difficulty getting into the country under the policies he wants to implement.

Biden once understood that punitive measures were not going to make either immigrants or U.S. citizens safer, or make our immigration system more orderly. He understood that we'd need to create pathways to legislation and citizenship, honor our responsibility to offer refuge to asylum seekers, and live up to our American values.

If Biden's sincere about finding real solutions, he needs to remember those commitments. It's time to stop playing politics with immigrants' lives.

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Try going on a politics diet

By SETH J. HILL

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As a political scientist, I've long believed political competition to be the keystone of representative democracy. Yet in the 2024 election cycle, I'm consciously limiting my time, attention and contributions to politics. I've turned off the news and social media app notifications on my phone. I plan to visit two or three trustworthy news websites only once a day. And I've unsubscribed to candidate fundraising emails.

Why? Because while political competition theoretically drives efficient and effective governance, it does not follow that all political spending and engagement are necessarily productive. In fact, I've come to believe that much of the time and money Americans spend on politics might be driving division more than promoting civic knowledge and participation.

The 2024 presidential contest will likely be another costly political spectacle. Spending for the 2020 campaign topped \$14 billion, more than doubling a record set in 2016. Most observers expect the billions raised and spent by candidates leading up to November 2024 will set yet another record.

If campaign spending were funding reasoned debate or policy analysis, it might all be a worthy investment. But a significant portion enriches consultants, media companies and political operatives. Consider that almost half of the campaigns' expenditures, according to the Federal Election Commission — which reports on campaign financing quarterly — went to something other than communicating with voters during the 2020 cycle. A full 10% was poured back into simply raising more money.

And the money tabulated by the FEC is only one way to measure political expenditures. Among the data collected by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, there is a category for "professional advocacy" — engagement funded by nonprofits such as labor groups and political committees. Dur-

Seth J. Hill



ing election years, the figure goes up. In 2020, it was roughly \$20 billion higher than in 2019 and 2021. The bureau also reports on how much American households spend on print and broadcast media — in 2020, it was more than \$180 billion. Those dollars didn't all go to coverage of the election, but surely a significant portion did.

Along with our dollars, Americans invest time in political competition. We match the billions we spend on political media with time spent consuming it. In 2023, the top 25 most-watched cable news programs alone accounted for around 8 billion viewing hours, and that doesn't count online engagement, or newspaper reading or listening to podcasts.

And we volunteer. According to the Census Bureau's American Time Use Survey, Americans doubled the amount of time in the category "government services and civic obligations" in 2016 compared with 2015 and, even in the midst of the pandemic, volunteer hours increased by 5% in 2020 relative to 2019.

Political engagement surely informs voters about the issues facing the country, the positions of candidates and parties, and arguments for and against specific policies. But Americans might find that less is more. An experiment that paid Facebook users to deactivate their account for the four weeks before the 2018 midterm election found that disengagement reduced political polarization, increased subjective well-being and increased time spent socializing with family and friends. While knowledge of political information about the election declined slightly, there was no similarly sized

effect on turnout at or engagement with the election.

All this means we can have a more focused and deliberate approach to politics without sacrificing advocacy or civic participation.

Start by putting yourself on a time and money budget so that you, not the latest outrage or poll result, control your participation. I am not suggesting unilateral disarmament, that you disengage entirely or stop working for causes and candidates you care about. The budget you set for contributions, media intake and volunteering can be as large as you want. But don't let the heat of the campaign drive your behavior.

The hardest part may be limiting media consumption. Instead of scrolling through whatever the internet algorithms feed you or binging political podcasts or cable news throughout the day, you might subscribe to a daily politics newsletter from a reputable source. You might choose one or two days a week when you will call a friend or go for a walk with family instead of watching politics on television.

Imagine if we unlocked billions of hours of Americans' time for friends, family, work or volunteering that isn't connected to electioneering. Imagine the societal benefits if we chose to redirect some of the money spent on political competition to education, scientific research, new small businesses or to directly uplifting the marginalized.

It is within our power to take back control of our time from the doom-scrolling and emotional roller coaster of political competition. And taking back our time and attention with a reasoned plan might even push political elites to spend less of their time generating outrage in pursuit of your money and emotions. We can help depolarize our politics by making the spectacle of the 2024 campaign an important but not-too-large part of our lives.

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Cooper Farms earns a AA+ rating

A local company was honored recently for food safety.

Cooper Farms received AA+ ratings for its St. Henry Harvesting and Van Wert Cooked Meats facilities from the Brand Reputation Compliance through Global Standard.

The company has received perfect ratings from announced audits in the past. The AA+ rating comes from perfect scores on unannounced audits.

“Food safety and quality is a top priority at both the harvesting and cooked meats locations,” said Cooper Farms chief operating officer Gary Cooper. “The dedicated teams we have, as well as the leadership at both locations, deserve all the credit in the world for maintaining our reputation of producing high-quality, safe products.”

Brand Reputation Compliance through Global Standard provides a framework to manage product safety, integrity, legality and quality, and the operational controls for these criteria in the food and food ingredient manufacturing, processing and packing industry.

Fair scheduled

Jay County Chamber of

Business roundup

Commerce announced that the 2024 Jay County Career Fair is scheduled for Sept. 12 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Additional information about the event will be provided in the coming months. Businesses that would like to be placed on the list to participate should call the Jay County Purdue Extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Firm pledges

Preferred Insurance of Coldwater, Ohio, recently made a pledge of \$10,000 toward the Mercer County Fairgrounds Grant Event Center + Market Hall project.

The pledge will be provided over a five-year period. The event center is planned as a venue for community gatherings, cultural events, trade shows and other attractions.

“We chose to donate to the Grand Event Center because it could signifi-

cantly impact economic development by attracting tourism and stimulating local businesses through increased foot traffic and event-related spending,” said Preferred chief growth officer Andy Kremer. “This will all contribute to the growth and vitality of our county.”

New hours

Adams Memorial Hospital’s obstetrics/newborn clinic is now open on Saturdays.

The clinic will offer hours from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. It has previously been open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Partnering on bottle

Ardagh Glass Packaging – North America is partnering with Stevens Point Brewery to supply its glass beer bottles.

“Ardagh Glass Packaging enjoys partnering with craft brewers like Stevens Point Brewery to supply locally produced, sustainable glass bottles for their craft beer,” said Ardagh vice president Rashmi Markan in a press release. “Our close proximity to one another allows for better collaboration to align production

processes and quality all the way from Ardagh’s manufacturing lines to Stevens Point Brewery’s filling lines.”

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Firm agrees

Leeward Renewable Energy last week announced two power purchase agreements with Microsoft.

The agreements detail that Microsoft will buy the power from two 200-megawatt Leeward solar facilities in Frio County and Brazoria County in Texas. The facilities are expected to be operational by late 2024 and late 2025, respectively.

“We are honored to collaborate with Microsoft in our joint commitment to accelerate the energy transition with the addition of these clean energy projects,” said Leeward CEO Jason Allen in a press release. “We look forward to strengthening our relationships with Frio County and Brazoria County as we develop and operate the two facilities and deliver substantial and transformative benefits for local residents and communities for years to

come, all while we support U.S. manufacturing.”

Leeward is planning a solar facility north of Dunkirk.

Adding donuts

McDonald’s announced last week that it will begin serving Krispy Kreme donuts later this year.

Glazed, chocolate iced with sprinkles and chocolate iced kreme-filled donuts will be phased into McDonald’s locations beginning later this year. They are expected to be available. In all of its U.S. locations by the end of 2026.

“Since the launch of breakfast nearly 50 years ago, we’ve continued to offer new menu items, flavors and experiences that have made McDonald’s an irreplaceable part of fans’ morning routines,” said Tariq Hassan, McDonald’s USA’s chief marketing and customer experience officer in a press release. “This partnership is an exciting next step in that journey and a chance to unlock new business opportunities in the breakfast category and throughout the day.”

McDonald’s ran a test of offering Krispy Kreme

donuts at 160 locations in Kentucky.

Investing in Phoenix

CVS Health last week announced more than \$3 million in grants to support Phoenix-area organizations working to increase equitable access to health care.

The investments include \$2.1 million over three years in three organizations that support integrated diabetes management services. CVS is also working to provide education about air pollution.

“No two communities are the same,” said Sheryl Burke, CVS senior vice president of corporate social responsibility and chief sustainability officer, in a press release. “That’s why we are constantly looking for ways to pull together all our community-based and sustainability efforts — like here in Phoenix — to make a meaningful impact and collaborate with organizations who know the community best to address the unique barriers to improving health outcomes.”

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Raw milk products are subject of legal fight

By NICK VADALA

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — A dairy-laden legal battle is playing out in Lancaster County, where the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is suing an Amish farmer to stop his sale of raw milk products that authorities have tied to illnesses in several states.

Amos Miller has been selling raw, unpasteurized milk, as well as products made from it, since at least 2014, the department said in a lawsuit filed in January.

As a result of legal issues dating back nearly a decade, Miller has become something of a political figure, with prominent Republicans such as U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Donald Trump Jr., as well as independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. weighing in on social media. Proponents have also raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Miller’s legal fees through online fundraising platforms.

“This is the final stage of a long war by Big Ag, food processors and their government puppets to destroy family farms and wholesome food production,” Kennedy wrote last month on X, formerly Twitter. “Thank you Amos for standing up for our health and our liberty to grow healthy food.”

Supporters have said in court



Tribune News Service/Dreamstime/Alexandra Malyk

A glass of milk. A Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, farmer is in a legal battle over his sale of raw milk products.

that Miller’s milk has worked wonders for their health, and his legal team argues that stopping sales is a violation of his and his customers’ rights. But the Department of Agriculture says that the raw milk and other unregulated products are a danger to public health, and that he is selling them in violation of food safety laws.

It is legal to sell raw milk in Pennsylvania with a permit from the Department of Agriculture. Most other products made from raw milk — such as yogurt,

butter and soft cheeses — can’t legally be sold in the state.

About 114 other dairies in Pennsylvania are permitted to sell raw milk, but Miller has historically refused to pursue a permit. Authorities have also alleged that Miller’s retail operations aren’t registered.

Now, as part of the ongoing case, a Lancaster County judge has issued an order keeping Miller from selling raw milk and related products in Pennsylvania as litigation plays out, but seemingly allowing sales to con-

tinue to residents of other states.

In early January, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture executed a search warrant on Miller’s farm in Upper Leacock Township that stemmed from an investigation into food-borne illnesses in Michigan and New York.

In court filings, authorities said that health officials in those states informed them that two people had been sickened by products traced back to Miller’s Organic Farm, including raw eggnog. The illnesses, court documents indicate, were caused by a strain of E. coli.

Authorities seized raw milk and other products, and restricted other food items from being sold or used. About 25% of the samples taken during the search tested positive for listeria, an illness-causing bacteria, according to court documents.

Following the search, the Department of Agriculture sued Miller, seeking an injunction to stop the production and sale of his raw milk and other products. Miller and his co-defendants — which include his wife and their various businesses — “operate in flagrant violation of Pennsylvania laws enacted for the purpose of protecting public health and safety,” the department’s complaint said.

Judge Thomas Sponaugle of

the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas granted the injunction, writing in an order that allowing sales to continue would cause “immediate and irreparable injury.”

On March 1, Sponaugle issued another order preventing Miller from marketing and selling raw milk and other products, but allowing him to produce them for “immediate family members on a noncommercial basis.”

Earlier this month, Miller’s legal team filed a motion asking the court to allow sales for customers outside of Pennsylvania. The case, lawyers wrote, presents the question of whether “the state’s raw milk laws can reach beyond the state of Pennsylvania.”

Sponaugle last week changed the order to only bar Miller from selling raw milk and related products in Pennsylvania. On social media, Barnes called it a “major win.”

“Court agreed to modify injunction so that it only applies within the state of Pennsylvania removing the ban on sales to customers outside the state,” Barnes wrote on X.

But last week, lawyers for the Department of Agriculture asked the court to enjoin Miller from offering the products from Pennsylvania, regardless of where customers live.

Sponaugle has yet to rule.

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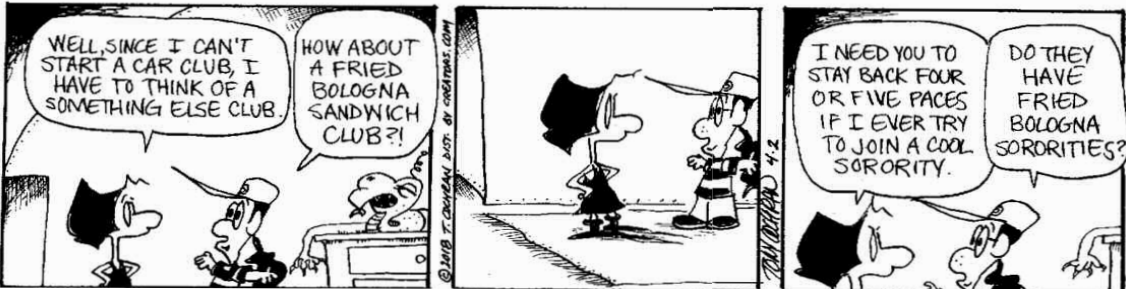
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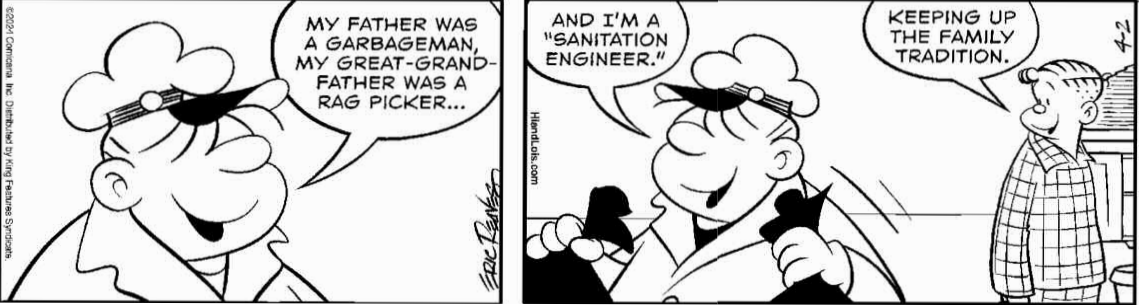
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Declarer ruffed, led a low trump to the eight and ruffed dummy's last heart. Warming to his task, South cashed the queen of trump,

then played the king and another diamond, successfully finessing the jack. When South next tried the ace of diamonds and East showed out, it seemed he would have to lose three club tricks and go down one.

But thanks to his earlier preparations, South made the contract anyway. He trumped dummy's fourth diamond, then led the four of clubs from his hand in this position:

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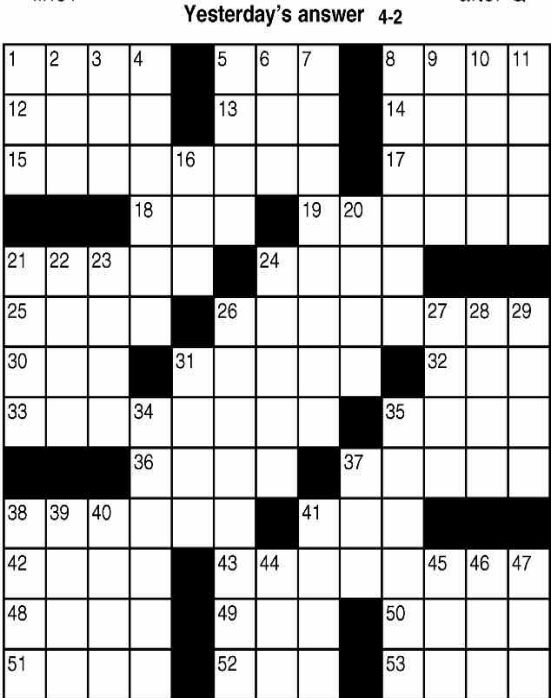
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Oakland to offer \$97M lease extension

By MICHAEL NOWELS
The Mercury News
Tribune News Service

Tuesday’s meeting between the A’s and Oakland officials is shaping up to be a key moment in deciding whether the team will stay at the Coliseum beyond 2024.

City officials plan to propose a five-year, \$97 million extension of the team’s lease with an opt-out after three years, according to documents obtained by ESPN and ABC7. Even if the team leaves after three years, the city’s proposal would require the A’s to pay the full amount.

That creates a significant gulf between what the city is asking and what the A’s have offered — a two-year deal worth \$17 million, according to ESPN’s report, which stated that the current lease is \$1.5 million per year. If they stay the full five years, the annual cost would be \$19.4 million; if they opt out, it would be \$32.3 million.

A major incentive for the A’s to stay in Oakland is the reported \$67 million in annual revenue from the team’s deal to broadcast games on NBC Sports California. If the team were to leave for Sacramento, one of two cities it has targeted outside of Oakland and Las Vegas, it could potentially continue broadcasting games on that channel for at least a portion of that deal.

This week’s meeting will be the third in a series of discussions since the sides began extension talks in February.

The opt-out after three years would align with

City officials try to keep Athletics in Oakland with five-year extension as team plans move to Las Vegas

the A’s targeted date of opening their proposed stadium on the Las Vegas Strip in time for the 2028 season, though the Tropicana still sits on that site. The casino is set to close Tuesday as organizers begin preparing to demolish it, but the team still could be delayed by legal challenges to the \$380 million in public funding earmarked for the stadium, which would be MLB’s smallest.

Oakland also asks that the A’s sell their 50% share of the Coliseum as part of the deal. Additionally, the city plans to ask MLB to commit to a year-long exclusive window to negotiate for an expansion team if and when the league does add franchises or a vote to leave the A’s brand in Oakland. A third alternative, per ESPN, would be to facilitate the team’s sale to a local buyer, but Fisher has said repeatedly that he does not plan to sell the A’s, despite fans’ protests.



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Leaping forward

Fort Recovery High School sophomore Madison Heitkamp jumps over a hurdle during the March 26 meet at Coldwater. Despite being seeded ninth, Heitkamp ran a career best 18.39 seconds to finish fourth and score for the Indians.

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With Purdue up, 69-64, with about 30 seconds left, Knecht drove the lane for a chance to pull Tennessee within one score, and Edey swatted it away with authority, sending the Purdue

crowd into an absolute frenzy.

Purdue made three of its last four free throws, two by Clarkston native Loyer (14 points), to ice the game.

The first half was a game of runs, with back-to-back 3’s by Knecht put-

ting Tennessee up, 32-21, with 5:11, forcing a Purdue timeout.

The Boilermakers came storming right back, with a 13-0 run of their own, as the Volunteers went more than four minutes without scoring, until Tennessee

(27-9) got a steal and Knecht took the ball down for a fastbreak.

Purdue led, 36-34, at halftime, with Edey recording a double-double in the first 20 minutes with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

For the game, the sophomore guard had nine points and seven assists for Purdue, while junior guard Zakai Zeigler had nine points and eight assists for Tennessee.

With two wins, the Boilermakers can become the Big Ten’s

first national champion in men’s basketball since Michigan State in 2000. This run comes a year after Purdue, also a No. 1 seed in 2023, lost in the first round to No. 16 Farleigh Dickinson in one of the greatest March Madness upsets ever.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Baseball scrimmage vs. Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Blackford – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Track vs. Blackford – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track four-team meet – 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Russia – 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Minster – 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today

2:30 p.m. — Premier League: Everton at Newcastle United (USA)

5 p.m. — College softball: Penn State at Ohio

State (BTN)

6:30 p.m. — Girls high school basketball: McDonald’s All-American Game (ESPN2)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Utah vs. Indiana State (ESPN)

7 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Tigres UANL at Columbus Crew (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)

9 p.m. — High school basketball: McDonald’s All-American Game (ESPN)

9 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: America at New England Revolution (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — College basketball NIT: Georgia vs.

Seton Hall (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

10 p.m. — NHL: Vancouver Canucks at Vegas Golden Knights (ABC)

10:10 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Wednesday

2:30 p.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at Arsenal (USA)

7 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at New York Rangers (TNT)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

8 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Monter-

rrey at Inter Miami (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (TNT)

10 p.m. — NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

10 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Pachuca at Herediano (FS1)

Local notes

Registration open

Registration for the Dunkirk co-ed softball league is now open.

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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.

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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.

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Not too big for the moment

Edey, Boilermakers make first Final Four appearance since 1980

By TONY PAUL
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

DETROIT — In one of the best games at Little Caesars Arena, Purdue held off Tennessee, 72-66, on Sunday to claim the NCAA Tournament's Midwest Regional championship game to advance to the Final Four.

Senior center Zach Edey continued his two-year run of domination, with a career-high 40 points and added 16 rebounds. He earned region MVP honors, as Purdue — before a crowd of 18,577 that might've been 70% in favor of the Big Ten champion — moves on to the Final Four for the first time since 1980. Purdue has never won a national championship.

Tennessee senior guard Dalton Knecht nearly matched Edey, blow for blow, which was appropriate, given this game felt like a heavyweight boxing match. Knecht scored 35 for the Volunteers, who still have never made a Final Four in men's basketball.

Purdue (33-4) will play either Duke or N.C. State in the Final Four on Saturday in Glendale, Ariz.; Duke and N.C. State played later on Sunday. Defending champion Connecticut and Alabama will meet in the other national semifinal.

Purdue never trailed in the last 19-plus minutes of this game but wasn't able

to pull away. It took a 54-46 lead on an Edey left-handed layup with 10:50 left, before Knecht made an alley-oop layup, followed by a 3 from junior guard Jordan Gainey. A Purdue turnover led to a Knecht fastbreak bucket, pulling Tennessee within 54-53, capping a 7-0 run.

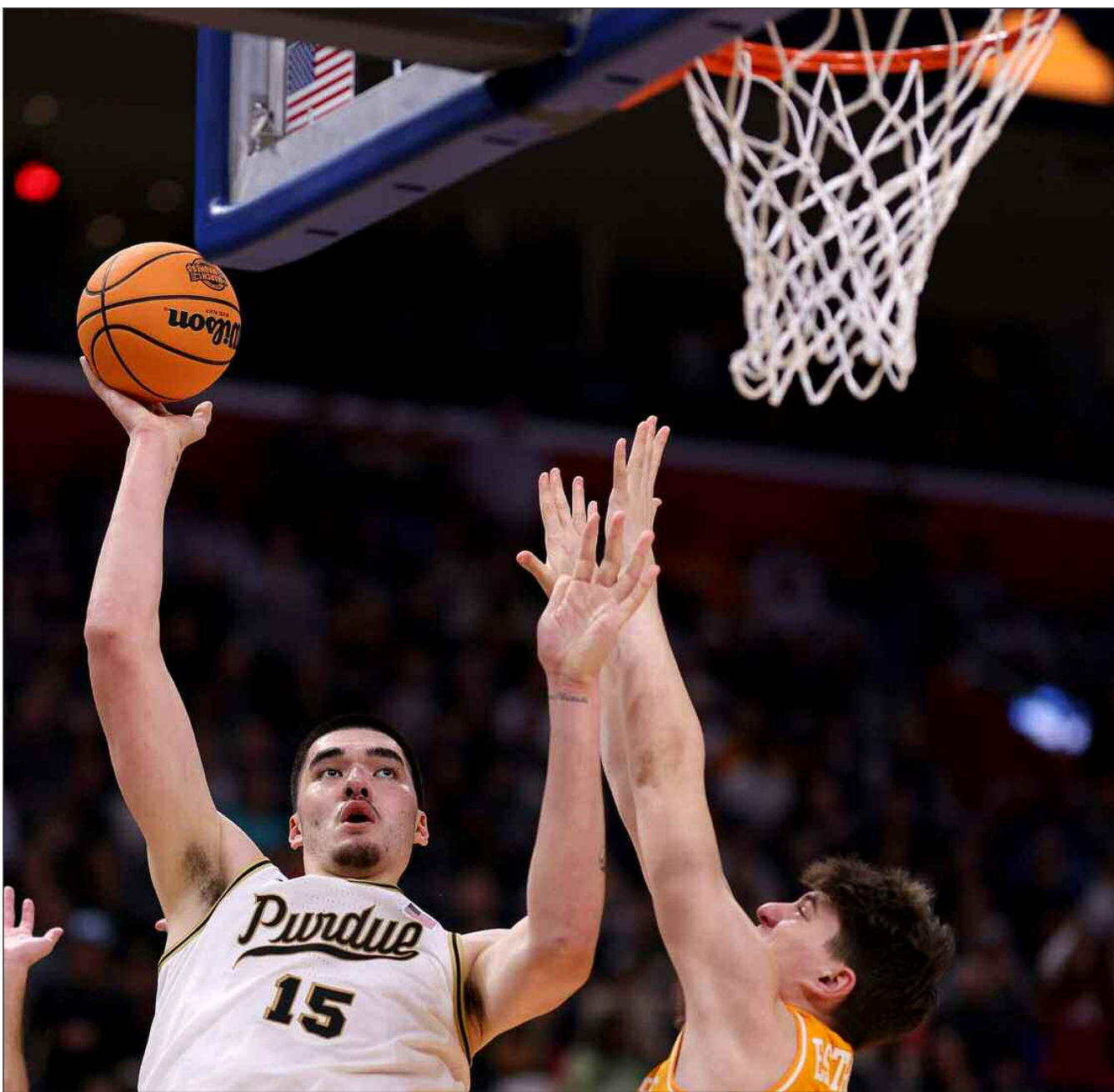
After another left-handed layup from Edey, junior guard Fletcher Loyer grabbed it but slipped, turning it over and Knecht drained a 3 to tie it at 56.

Edey and Knecht traded buckets again to make it 58-58, before Tennessee sophomore forward Tobe Awaka fouled out with 4:42 left. He was key to guarding Edey.

Edey made another layup to make it 63-60, Knecht missed a 3 on the other end, and Purdue senior guard Lance Jones drilled a 3 to make it 66-60 with about 2:30 to go. Knecht was 6-for-12 from 3-point range, but missed his last three attempts.

Tennessee was called for 25 fouls, to 12 for Purdue. Edey, who made 13 of 22 free throws, didn't pick up his first foul until there was less than 10 minutes, drawing a sarcastic cheer from the Tennessee crowd. Edey made two free throws to make it 68-60 with under two minutes left and ran down the court waving his hands to a Purdue crowd that could start to feel the 44-year wait was about to come to an end.

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Zach Edey (15) of the Purdue Boilermakers shoots the ball against the Tennessee Volunteers during the first half in the Elite 8 round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament at Little Caesars Arena on Sunday, March 31, 2024, in Detroit.



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