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Swift evening

Elsie Gibbs (left), 10, looks up from cutting moss Tuesday during Jay County Public Library's "A Night for the Swifties." Gibbs and others decorated candles with moss at the station themed after Taylor Swift's eighth album, Folklore. Additional stations themed after Swift and her albums were sprinkled across the library. Nineyear-old Clara Gossage (below) colors a paper guitar at another station.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Farley pleads to a Level 4 felony

Rape and other charges dismissed as part of plea agreement

By BAILEY CLINE

A Portland man accused of committing rape has pleaded to a lesser charge.

Life T. Farley, 20, 118 W. 2nd St., pleaded guilty Friday in Jay Circuit Court to criminal confinement with moderate bodily injury, a Level 4 felony. The charge was reduced from a Level 3 felony for criminal confinement resulting in serious

bodily injury. Farley had been facing a Level 1 felony charge for rape when compelled by force or imminent threat of force resulting in serious bodily injury, which in Indiana carries a 20-to 40year sentence. The charge was dismissed as part of the plea agreement filed

Friday. Other charges — a Level 5 felony for domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury and a Level 6 felony for domestic battery committed in the presence of a child younger than 16 years old - were also dismissed.

According to information filed in connection with the case, Farley allegedly "did knowingly or intentionally have sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct" with a woman on or around Feb. 9, with court documents also alleg-Farley punched,

See **Pleads** page 2

Nepal plane crash leaves 18 dead

By ROSHAN SEDHAI

Tribune News Service

Nepal on police said.

Shortly after take-off,

At least 18 people have side of the runway at Tribbeen confirmed dead after huvan International Air The chie

The aircraft with 19 peo- is seriously injured and is

the plane, belonging to the ple on board was bound for receiving treatment," he airport domestic carrier Saurya the tourist town of Airlines, veered to the Pokhara, around 200 kilo-

an airplane crashed in port (TIA) in Kathmandu, security said the bodies of Wednesday, the civil aviation authority said in a statement. 18 people have been recovered. "One crew member

told dpa.

He added that all those The chief of airport board were staff of Saurya vivors. Airlines and were going to Pokhara for maintenance

work," he said. Security personnel and the accident happened.

within minutes KATHMANDU, Nepal—right and crashed on the least 18 people have side of the runway at Trib-capital city.

All the same airline. "All 19 on flames and rescue any sur-

reached the crash site

TIA General Manager ing Jagannath Niraoula said slapped and kicked the that it is still unclear how woman all over her body.

Reserves projected at post-pandemic low

State closed fiscal 2024 with total of \$2.6 billion

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's reserves will hit a post-pandemic low after years of above-average returns due largely to a Medicaid forecast miss of nearly \$1 billion, according to fiscal statements released Tues-

Budget writers typically aim for reserves to be between 10% and 12.5% of current year expenditures, and the 2024 fiscal year closed out this month with \$2.6 billion in reserves — or 11.9% of expenditures. That amount will drop even further next year.

Indiana Comptroller Elise Nieshalla credited the reserves to the state's "long-standing conservative stewardship," adding that "a slight increase in income and a solid return on investments further support(ed) our strong finan-

cial position."

"Indiana's healthy reserves and standing as the 7th lowest debt per capita state showcases our high level of fiscal responsibility, especially during a time when our country is facing a national debt crisis," Nieshalla said in a release. "As a lead financial officer for our state, I see the national debt at nearly \$35 trillion as the greatest looming threat to Indiana's robust economy.

However, the 2025 fiscal year is projected to have reserves that are 10.4% of expenditures, or \$2.3 billion — the second-lowest reserves percentage in the last six years. Indiana's reserves dipped to an unprecedented 8.6% of reserves, or \$1.4 billion, in 2020 when Indiana delayed tax collections during the COVID-19 pan-

COVID-19 relief from the federal government — both to state coffers and to individual Hoosiers boosted reserves to a high of \$6.1 billion in the 2022 fiscal year, or \$34.9% of the state's expenditures. High reserves in both 2021 and 2022 triggered automatic taxpayer refunds and lawmakers made large, one-time payments toward pension liabilities and capital projects.

See Reserves page 2

Egg battle

Kelsey Sisco, 10, and Jacob Sisco, 8, of Dunkirk balance eggs on their spoons as part of the Battle of the Barns race at Randolph County Fair on Tuesday. The fair held just south of Winchester will continue through Friday.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Tuesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high around 80. Highs are expected to be in the 80s Saturday and Sunday as well.

For an extended forecast, see page 2.

In review

The Swiss Days festival kicked off today in Berne and will run through Sunday. Activities include rides with Vertical Advantage Helicopters Friday and Saturday, the parade at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and performances of The Music Man at 7 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at South Adams High School.

Coming up

Friday — Dunkirk Junior League is planning a revival this fall.

Saturday — Photos from the Fort Recovery marching band ice cream social.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



and 2021.

Reserves

Continued from page 1 Prior to 2020, the 2019 fiscal vear closeout was 13.9%, or \$2.2 billion, and state analysts at the time projected the state would stay near that number for 2020

"Those of you who have been covering this for some time probably find the revenue report and the closeout statement rather boring because we're sort of landing back into our traditional patterns – unlike what happened during the pandemic," said Cris John-

ston, the director of the Indiana surplus and total combined bal-Office of Management and Budg-

Acting State Budget Director Joseph Habig said that "good fiscal stewardship and prudent budgeting" were "culturally ingrained" in Indiana, with "decades ... of historic results" demonstrating the state's dedication to spending less than it collected in revenues.

"That common sense discipline ensured that Indiana was able to maintain a \$421.2 million annual ances in our general fund reserves at \$2.5 billion," Habig said. "Our vision is to ensure that Indiana's priorities are funded not just today, but also tomor-

Indiana's revenues for the 2024 fiscal year totaled \$21.48 billion, slightly below the forecasted \$21.5 billion. In terms of major revenue sources, Indiana missed the mark on collecting corporate income taxes — which makes up roughly 5% of revenues — by

\$182 million but made up the difference in unexpected interest revenues of \$179 million plus other smaller income streams, such as surplus lottery revenue.

'Corporate income tax is the most difficult tax type to predict," Johnston said, noting that every company handles its taxes differently. "Also, it can be influenced by very large taxpayers ... but also financial institution taxes. So it is difficult to pinpoint and we've seen those variances over the years."

But future costs remain murky, especially with the everincreasing Medicaid budget and ongoing tax reform discussions. Legislators are entering the second year of intensive deliberations to determine whether Indiana can afford to further cut – or even eliminate — the state's income tax, which sits at 3.15%.

This story was edited for length. To read the full version, go to indianacapitalchronicle.com.

CR almanac

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87/70 Monday's forecast shows a 50% chance

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Mega Ball: 21 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$306 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-0-7 Daily Four: 7-3-1-8 Quick Draw: 8-12-19-21-23-27-33-34-39-43-47-48-51-57-65-67-69-70-73-75

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Ohio

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 2-5-7 Pick 4: 9-2-8-0 Pick 5: 8-6-8-3-5 Evening Pick 3: 3-9-4 Pick 4: 8-2-4-9 Pick 5: 6-0-4-5-2 Rolling Cash: 17-20-22-

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Markets

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Heartland **St. Anthony**

Corn	3.91
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Beans	11.15
Aug. beans	11.10
Wheat	4.75

Today in history

invasion near Niagara its first president. Falls led by United Brown in the Battle of War of 1812.

forces led by general Nelson A. Miles invaded Savitskaya became the Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War.

In 1935, Barbara Harwas born in Evanston, Illinois. Harris, an American Tony Award winner and Broadway star, Harris Patil, a lawyer and politiwas nominated for multiple Golden Globe awards, as well as an Academy Award for best actress in a supporting role in "Who Is Harry Kellerman and Why is He Saying Those Terri- Boyd of Portland was ble Things About Me?"

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1978, Louise In States general Jacob Brown was born in Oldham, England. She was Lundy's Lane amid the the first human conceived through in vitro In 1898, United States fertilization.

In 1984, Svetlana first woman to walk in space as a part of the Soviet Soyuz T-12 mission. She spent 3.5 hours in space testing tools.

2007, Pratibha In cian, was sworn in as president of India. She became the first woman to hold the office and served as head of state for five years.

In 2022, Roger L. sentenced to 53 years in In 1956, Tunisia prison for the Sept. 5, —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

4 p.m. — Jay County Resource Center, 118 S. Court St., Portland. Meridian St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Development Corpora- Commissioners, audito-Community rium, courthouse, 120 N.

Wednesday

6 p.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. court St., Portland.

Felony court news

Methamphetamine

Several people were sentenced in Jay courts to serve time for possession of methamphetamine.

Jaleesa J. Hampshire, 36, 411 E. Walnut St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Hampshire was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was placed on house arrest for 116 days and on probation for 245 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Rebecca L. Keener, 49, 311 E. Henry St., Farmland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 270 days suspended and given 10 days credit for time served. Keener was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for 275 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Daniel R. Meadows, 52, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Corrections and given credit for time served. Meadows was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution. interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful ordered to submit to an evaluation

incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Rusty J. Keener, 49, 311 East Henry St., Farmland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 44 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$189 in court costs, ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. Keener was placed on probation for 501 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class A infraction for driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

Billie J. Caylor, 43, 622 W. High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 328 days credit for time served. Caylor was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

John A.E. Fields, 25, 637 North Elm St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction with 208 days suspended and given 208 days credit for time served. Fields was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was within 30 days for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for 337 days.

Brian P. Jordan, 46, 1016 W Abbott St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Corrections with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Jordan was assessed \$189 in court costs, fined \$1 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for 543 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Jennifer N. Hunt. 38, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 18 months in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Hunt was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, her charge was lessened from a Level 5 felony, and two Level 6 felonies for neglect of a dependent and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Matthew A.C. Bishop, 37, 129 W Pleasant St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 20 days suspended and given 20 days credit for time served. Bishop was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was placed on probation for 525 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

he confined her without her consent.

A no-contact order between the woman and

Continued from page 1 The documents also say

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Thursday

Steed, Wayne: noon, MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St.,

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Farley was issued in court Feb. 29.

He was arrested Feb. 16 preliminarily charged with domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. The additional charges – rape, criminal confinement and a second domestic battery charge — were added to his case when it was filed in court Feb. 26.

Prior to pleading, a jury trial for Farley's case had been slated for Aug. 12, 13 and 14. His sentencing hearing is now scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Aug. 14.

In Indiana, the sentence for a Level 4 felony ranges between 2 to 12 years, with an advisory sentence of six years.

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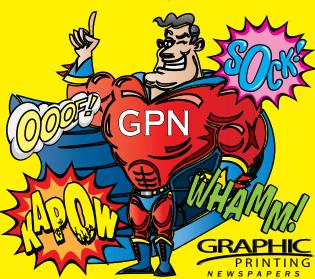
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- Want to Know More about the Catholic faith?
- Just Curious or Interested in this topic?

THURS, July 25[™]

BUFFALO WINGS-N-RINGS in Portland @ 7:00 PM

Art camp kicks off next week in Portland

offering an art camp next

Art camp, led by Lydia Rowles, will be held at Jay County Campus of Arts from Monday Place through Aug. 2.

Campers will experience a wide variety of art classes with four different classes offered each day.

Lunch and snacks are pro- rg.

Taking Note

vided. Registration is \$20. sign up, visit bit.ly/ArtCamp2024. For The camp is open to questions, visit Arts Place, ages 8 through 15, but it's call (260) 726-4809 or email limited to 20 campers. visualarts@myartsplace.o

Coming to Emens

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland and The Oak Ridge Boys have been added to the upcoming lineup for Emens Auditorium at Ball State Univer-

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, with The Oak Ridge Boys' American Made Christmas Farewell Tour set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

Tickets are on sale now and are available at ticketmaster.com or by calling (765) 285-1539.

Edwards awarded

The American Public Gardens Association's Executive Garden Leaders Community recently honored Minnetrista Museum & Gardens associate director of horticulture James Edwards with the Gerry Donnelly Future Leader Award.

Edwards started his and CEO Brian Statz in a career as a gardener at Minnetrista. He has placed a focus on creating access to horticulture and engaging the community through innovative and sustainable practices.

"James has consistently demonstrated his commitment through his diligent work and innovative Minnetrista

press release. "His passion for creative problemsolving and steadfast commitment to personal and professional growth distinguish him as a leader here at Minnetrista," he said. "By empowering our staff to attend workshops, conferences, and educational approaches not only on programs, we ensure that our campus, but through- our team stays at the foreout Community," said front of industry trends president and best practices.

Longtime partner doesn't feel like they're being heard

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Ben" for 13 years, but I have been to his parents' home only twice. I really love him. We never go anywhere or do anything together. He has never given me a gift for any occasion or "just because." Material things don't matter to me, but if he thought to get me something, it would make me feel he cares.

Ben is always gone, and I'm always alone. He is very selfish. How can I help him understand that I have feelings and I matter as much as he does? — MISSING SOMETHING IN **MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR MISSING: People demonstrate their feelings for each other in different ways. From what you have written, it appears the man you have been with for 13 years spends the exact amount of time with you that he wishes, with little to no regard for your needs.

You could talk at Ben until the cows come home, but he won't get the message. For your sake, invest no more time in this man. Concentrate on finding a partner who is willing to give you what you need. If you do, you'll have a happier life

DEAR ABBY: A friend's daughter moved in with me to attend college so she would not unusual situation and don't emotional topics and is absent him hugs (the only type of 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



have to commute. At the time, I was out of state with an ill family member. While I was away, my bathroom was repainted without my permission. Had I been asked, I would have said NO.

I, and many others, think this was totally inappropriate. It's still unsettling to me, even though it happened a couple of years ago. How do I put this behind me? — COLOR-COR-RECTED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR COLOR-CORRECT-ED: I understand why you are still seeing red. You were generous, and your hospitality was violated. What the girl did was nervy. (I hope you made her restore it to the way it was, but I suspect you didn't do that.)

A way to put this behind you would be to consider it a LESSON and, in the future, before allowing anyone to stay in your home, establish than the one you are living a set of ground rules that includes "no altering the premises in your absence."

married for 28 years. My husband likes to urinate outside. We have a patio just outside our kitchen window, and I can't stand the smell anymore.

Our neighbors have complained to him and have asked me to make him stop. I have asked him nicely, I have begged, I have gotten angry and I have cried. Nothing makes him stop.

Last year, he was arrested for urinating in a public park. Please help me figure this out. AT THE END OF MY ROPE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR 'END': For some men, their home is their castle, and their yard is their kingdom. Your husband seems to like marking his turf — literally. (Dogs do this as well.) Because you can't make him see reason, it may be time for your neighbors to report him to the authorities for exposing himself in public.

And, between you and me, that he would urinate in a public park may indicate that he's slipping mentally, which should be mentioned to his doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-yearmy partner for 10 years. He was the most amazing person in years past, but lately he has DEAR ABBY: I have an been dismissive, avoids all

know what to do. I've been for days off and on. If I bring it affection that is shown). I have up, he borders on abusive. Suddenly, he's belittling me and making me feel like I'm not the beautiful person he's always proclaimed I was. For my own sanity, I left him. Now he's promising he will have counseling (together and separately) so that he can get better and help me understand why he did a complete 180. Should I believe him? Should I take another chance on us? I love him, but it took so long to heal that I'm stuck in self-preservation mode. What should I do walk or talk? — FRACTURED IN ARIZONA

DEAR FRACTURED: You say you left him — that was healthy. Some women stay and tolerate abuse until their self-esteem is completely eroded. Because you still care for him, I vote for giving him the second chance he is asking for, BUT ONLY AFTER THE COUN-SELING HE HAS PROMISED IS WELL UNDERWAY. You deserve not only an apology but answers for the treatment you received from him. Do not reconcile until you have them.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is old woman. I have been with 16. She has been with her boyfriend, who is 18, for a year. She says she loves him, but she doesn't want to go on dates. She also doesn't like to give DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

told her it's OK if she doesn't like him like that, and it's OK to not have a boyfriend at all. She says she doesn't want to talk about it.

I am concerned because this isn't normal. He gets to see her only when she allows him to come to our house. She could go weeks without seeing him and be OK. He is so in love with my daughter that I don't think he will ever end their relationship. I just want her to be happy, and she doesn't seem to be. I try to let her figure things out herself, but her dad and I are at a loss. How can we help her? — SOMETHING'S OFF IN

DEAR OFF: You and your husband should stay out of this. This is your daughter's problem (if there IS a problem) to resolve. She may like this young man only as a friend, or she may be taking her time figuring out where her true feelings lie. Once she does, SHE will end it. If her boyfriend (I use this term advisedly) wants more than he's receiving, he will eventually draw the line himself.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at

Community Calendar

space is available. To sub-sulting is available on topnews@thecr.com.

Today

with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with managing cravings, thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

LAWYERS confidential consultations with a lawyer are available at (260) 251-8792. from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay

Notices will appear in County Public Library, 315 GROUP — Meets at 5:30 Community Calendar as N. Ship St., Portland. Conan item, email ics including divorce, cus- N. Park St., Portland. tody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates SMART RECOVERY—A and immigration. Those group for those struggling interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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 informa-LIBRARIES — Free and tion, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen

DEMENTIA SUPPORT

p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — 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.

Saturday

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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 – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS
SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

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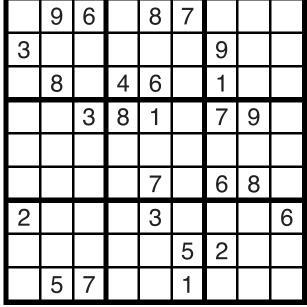
Thursday, Aug. 22 - N-G*

DEADLINES ARE ONE WEEK PRIOR



*UNIV = appears in all Graphic Printing Newspapers, CR = The Commercial Review, NG = The News-Gazette, NT = The News Times, NS = The News and Sun

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-bythree boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Progress always brings pushback

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Back in April, the Indianapolis Business Journal asked the then five Republican candidates for governor, "What would you do to boost the economy of rural Indiana?"

They gave us all the answers: education, business investment, health care, child care, Main Streets, agricultural research, unleash entrepre-neurship and, my favorite, "maximize the expertise at Purdue.'

What do we see when we believe a place needs a "boost?" Is it a loss of population or just a slower rate of growth than other places? Is population the only factor? And given the answers above from the candidates, should our actions be dif- from its 1980 level of 523,000. But

Eye on the Pie



ferent for urban versus rural areas?

Where is the need? Population offers an easy answer.

In 2020, at the time of the last census, 44 Hoosier counties had fewer people than their peak populations. Peaks were determined from a table of seven census years (1900, 1920, 1940 on to 2020).

Lake County was the biggest numeric loser, down by 24,300 that was less than a 5% decline in 40 years, an average annual loss of 607 residents (0.12%). Is that a

Compare that to the biggest percent decline of 44% (12,200 persons) in Vermillion County. Here the population was 27,600 in 1920, over a hundred years ago. The annual loss was 122 persons. Is Vermillion in crisis or has it adjusted to its reality?

To answer that question, dig down to the township level.

In Lake County, only three of 11 townships lost population. Calumet Township dropped population. 118,900 (56%) of its residents, North Township lost 47,400 residents (23%) and Hobart Township was down 1,900 (4%). The other eight townships gained

In Vermillion County, each port economic advances for its of the five townships lost population from their respective peaks. Clinton and Vermillion townships each lost more than half of their peak populations.

Lake County is an example of population shifts resulting from household income growth combined with racial/ethnic bias. Vermillion County is likely the poster child for the loss of an industrial base.

What should we do about the 642 Indiana townships (64% of our 1,008 townships) that together were 791,400 below their previous population peaks? Let it be and just recite the mantra of remedies offered by the GOP hopefuls?

township have or lack to sup- cus@gmail.com.

citizens? Possibly improved transit and/or roads to jobs elsewhere might be the best route at this time. But any road improvement will be fought by property owners as a danger to children waiting for school buses and old folks picking up the mail.

In fact, anything that facilitates change will bring immediate opposition by those who decry decay yet oppose necessary progressive steps. Rural or urban restoration is an admirable goal, but will be a political nightmare when actually attempted.

Marcus is an economist. What does each county or Email him at mortonjmar-

Vance signals a new conservatism

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

to fear for the future even before the attempted assassination of Donald Trump.

One hopes this enormity, together with respect for its innocent victims, will urge elected leaders to keep the risk of instability and political violence front of mind. In particular, campaigns need to talk less about the evil of their opponents and think harder about policy.

Policy did indeed come up at the Republican Party's national convention this week, but not in a good way. Energized by the weekend's outrage, Republicans celebrated both a new policy platform and the choice of Senator JD Vance as the former president's running mate.

The choices go together all too well. Republicans are shifting toward a new kind of inward-looking big-government conservatism — "national conservatism," as its advocates prefer. Unless somechanges, this benighted program's electoral prospects look good.

Ronald Reagan's Republican Party stood for market liberalism and strong national defense. The nies responsible. He says Trump administration lacked such guiding principles, and relied instead on the president's certainty that he knew best. He settled on protectionism, unfunded tax cuts with enormous deficits, chauvinistic strutting and a carelessly transactional approach to U.S. alliances. To its shame, the old Republican Party looked on impotently, hoping this would pass.

It didn't, and the emerging new party has no reservations. The choice of Vance for vice president underlines the point. Some plausible deputies might've tried to restrain Trump's illiberal and narrowlv instincts. Vance, henceforth Trump's presumed successor, seems more likely to fuel them.

He agrees with Trump that U.S. aid to Ukraine should be scaled down and NATO has been allowed to lean too heavily on U.S. support: "No, I don't think that we should pull out of NATO, and no, I don't think that we should abandon Europe," he has said. Its prosperity requires "But yes, I think that we should pivot." This under- defects of populist ecomines the alliance that the nomics. The new Republi-

Americans had reason **Guest Editorial**

ognized as vital for nation-

new platform are also aligned on domestic policy: Seal the border and undertake the largest deportation program in American history. Stop outsourcing and make the U.S. a manufacturing Build Rebuild U.S. cities ("making them safe, clean and beautiful again"). Rule out entitlement reform and cut workers' taxes. Whether Trump sees the contradictions is debatable. Vance does, and he embraces them nonetheless.

former Never Trumper, Vance has moved to and fro on policy as electoral math has dictated, but he seems genuinely suspicious of commerce and private enterprise. He has blamed worsening fiscal shortfalls on trade ("we shipped millions of good jobs to China and other countries") and favors higher taxes on the compaimmigration suppresses wages. (It doesn't.)

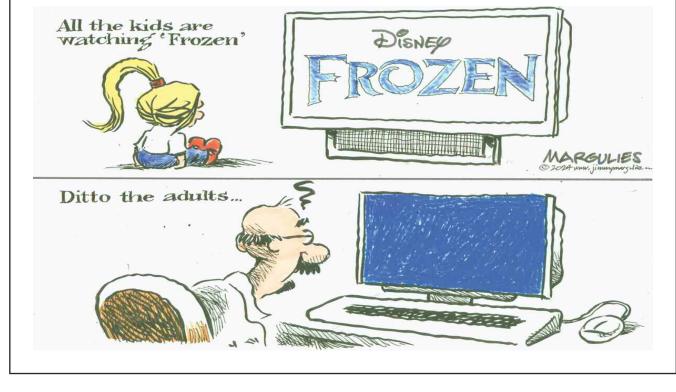
No fan of big tech, he commends the Federal Commission's Trade aggressive new approach to antitrust enforcement. Sean O'Brien, head of the Teamsters union, was granted a prime-time speaking slot at the convention; he praised Vance and a "growing group" of GOP officials for "listening to unions and standing up to corporations."

When it comes to market forces versus government intervention, of course, the populist right often agrees with the populist left. Thanks to the Republican realignment, voters nationalist lose twice over. The absence of small-government conservatives shifts economic policy unopposed toward ill-conceived interventions, and cultural friction between social liberals and social conservatives, which is hard to assuage, comes to dominate the country's politics.

America's political system requires a willingness to tolerate disagreement. close attention to the old Republican Party rec- cans have other priorities.

al security.

Trump, Vance and the superpower. infrastructure.



Soaring prices are not acts of God

price hikes around the same time. If

Pepsi and Coke had other large com-

petitors, consumers would have

more choices. But Pepsi and Coke

own most of the substitute beverage

monopoly, and soft drinks are not the

only food products dominated by a

handful of businesses. Only four

companies control the processing of

80% of beef, nearly 70% of pork

and almost 60% of poultry. With so

few businesses competing, it is pret-

ty easy for them to coordinate price

increases. Consequently, at the end

of 2023, Americans were paying at

least 30% more for beef, poultry and

pork products than they were before

The number of grocery stores itself has fallen 30% in the past 25

years, resulting in more than a third

of grocery sales coming from only

four retailers. Walmart alone has

nearly a quarter of the grocery mar-

ket. Low competition gives these

retailers more market power to raise

people don't notice because food

prices are still high, partly due to

several years of price gouging by

monopolies. And this dynamic goes

well beyond the grocery store. In

75% of U.S. industries, whether

pharmaceuticals, airlines, health

care, utilities, energy or others,

fewer companies now control more

play in all of this? During the recent

debate, Donald Trump attacked Pres-

ident Joe Biden over high grocery

prices, saying, "He caused the infla-

tion ... it's killing people. They can't

buy groceries anymore.

What role do presidents or politics

of their markets than 20 years ago.

So yes, inflation is down, but many

the pandemic.

That's what's called a market

By STEVEN HILL

Tribune News Service

Since the pandemic, going to the grocery store has become a jarring experience. On a recent visit, I packed my purchased items into my tote bag and then gawked at the receipt in dis-

I'm not alone. Griping about the high cost of groceries has become a national pastime. It's not just a figment of our imaginations: Grocery prices have soared nearly 27% since 2020, higher than overall inflation.

Some consumers have gone into ebt to afford groceries. According to an Urban Institute analysis, many families have had to tap credit cards, savings and payday loans to afford the

The standard explanation for these grocery price increases has been supply chain disruptions caused by pandemic-related labor shortages, rising fuel costs and droughts.

Certainly those factors have all played a significant role. But is that all that's going on here? Let's probe a little deeper.

Concurrent with the alarming rise in grocery prices has been a record increase in grocery industry profits. The major grocery chains have been operating at the highest profit margins in two decades. A recent Federal Trade Commission study on grocery supply chains found that major retailers have leveraged their size and influence to dictate what they pay to their suppliers.

So during a time when everyone else's costs have escalated, grocery chains have been able to control costs even as their prices soared.

For example, Pepsi and Coca-Cola dominate the beverage industry. In 2021, during the middle of the pandemic, Pepsi raised its prices, blaming it on alleged higher costs. Yet somehow it still raked in \$11 billion in profits. Then in 2023, even though the pandemic was over and inflation was dropping, Pepsi still hiked its prices by double digits for the seventh consecutive quarter. Its profits soared another 14%.

Pepsi's only major competitor,

Steven Hill



which began during Trump's presidency. It's unlikely that either presidency. dent could have controlled those pandemic-unleashed economic To Biden's credit, his administra-

ly was a result of the pandemic

tion has been pressing grocery retailers to lower prices, and actually has done more than any president since Teddy Roosevelt to crack down on monopolies. His FTC has taken action against price-fixing in the meat industry and filed a lawsuit to block the merger of supermarket giants Kroger and Albertsons that would eliminate even more competition and lead to higher prices.

Trump, in his strategy to protect American businesses, has called for a 10% tariff on all imported goods. That makes a great campaign slogan, but given that the United States imports 15% of its food supplyincluding 60% of fresh fruit and nearly 40% of fresh vegetables that would likely further increase food costs.

Just recently, there's evidence that some of the anti-monopoly saber rattling might be working. Grocery chains have finally begun lowering prices. Target announced it would lower prices on roughly 5,000 items, including staples such as milk, produce, bread, coffee, diapers and pet food. Aldi, the fastest-growing grocery chain in the country, announced price cuts on hundreds of items. Walmart and Safeway have followed

But this is not some newfound corporate generosity. With prices so high, U.S. consumers had reduced their grocery spending to the point that it actually began to threaten Big Grocery's sales and profits. Greedy grocery chains have quite literally bitten the hand that feeds them.

Going forward, as America races toward a presidential election, voters will be eyeing their grocery bills and comparing the candidates' statements over who will provide the most relief.

••••• Hill was policy director for the Cen-Certainly it's true that prices have ter for Humane Technology, cogreatly increased during the Biden founder of FairVote and political Coca-Cola, announced the same presidency But much of that initial- reform director at New America.

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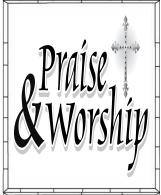


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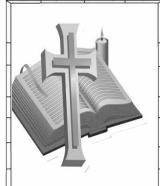
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211 E. Main St., Portland Wayne Ward (260) 726-7714 Services: 10 a.m.

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190 W. Main St., Pennville David Davidson (260) 202-9718 Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Steve Arnold (260) 251-0970 Services: 10:20 a.m., 6

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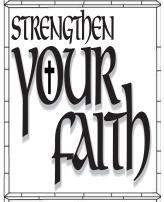
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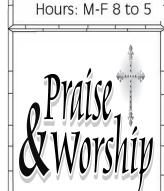


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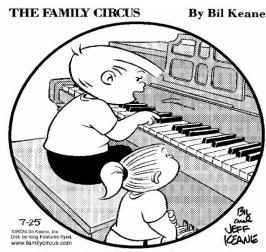
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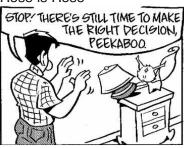


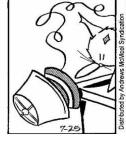






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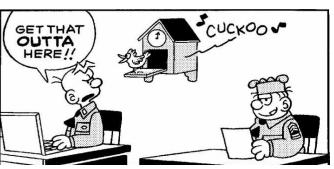












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wood, he learns that his partner has three aces. This alone should per-suade him to stop in six spades, but it might leave him with a gnawing doubt about whether North could have the right three aces, in which case there might be a grand slam.

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The declarers who went down in

the slam were certainly unlucky to run into a heart ruff, but, even so, they had only themselves to blame. The possibility of a heart ruff should have been apparent to these declarers, and they could have taken a simple step to prevent it. All they had to do was to cash dummy's A-K of clubs and discard

two hearts before leading a trump Clearly, those declarers who wen down in six spades had neglected to ask themselves "What can defeat me?" Had they done that, the answer would not have been long in forthcoming

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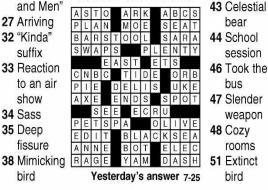
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Soccer

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Yet in all that time, no one has scored for the U.S. in the men's Olympic soccer tournament because the American men haven't played in the Summer Games since 2008.

"That's just embarrassing," Kljestan

The Americans didn't qualify for the Summer Games in London, Rio de Janeiro or Tokyo and have played in the tournament just once since 2000, the only time they made it out of the group stage since the Olympics became a U23 competition in 1992.

But they'll be in France, where they will open the tournament Wednesday against the host nation in Marseille. And Kljestan made just one request when he met with the team during a brief training camp last month.

"Please, somebody, just score a goal,"

Advancing out of the first round would also be nice, something the U.S. can do by finishing in the top two of a four-team group that includes New Zealand and Guinea. Getting back to the Olympics after 16 years is a nice if long overdue — first step.

"I am surprised it's taken this long," said former Galaxy midfielder Robbie Rogers, who started all three games for the U.S. in 2008. "I don't know exactly why it's been so difficult. The Olympics is so special and exciting. It should really be a focus of our development system. And for whatever reason, it feels like maybe it's been overlooked a little.'

Kljestan agreed.

"It's embarrassing, to be honest," he repeated. "When you look at qualifying, we've lost to countries that we shouldn't have lost to. It just looked like the mentality wasn't there. That has been a big failure on our part, of

"I hope they can make some noise in Paris.

That would have been easier if the U.S. had brought its best team. Under FIFA rules, the Olympic tournament for men is an age-group competition, limited to players born on or after Jan. 1, 2001 — with three overage exceptions per team. But age-eligible players including Folarin Balogun, Ricardo Pepi, Malik Tillman, Johnny Cardoso, Yunus Musah and Gio Reyna, who all a trivia question.

USMNT coach was fired after being eliminated from group stage of 2024 Copa America

play in Europe, were left off the U.S. team and played instead for Gregg Berhalter in the Copa América.

Other players Olympic coach Marko Mitrovic wanted weren't released by their club teams to play in France. That's left him with an 18-man roster headed by forwards Kevin Paredes, who plays for Wolfsburg in the German Bundesliga, and Taylor Booth, who scored five times for Utrecht in the Dutch Eredivisie last season. Among the overage players is Nashville center back Walker Zimmerman, who appeared in all four games for the U.S. in the last World Cup.

"My cycle we didn't qualify," said Zimmerman, 31, who played on the U.S. team that lost a two-leg playoff with Colombia for the final berth in the 2016 Olympics. "That's when I thought my dream is over. Then as things materialized this year, just getting the opportunity is amazing."

Kljestan said the opportunity is even greater for the young players. In his talk to the U23 team last month, Kljestan, who played 52 games for the senior national team under three coaches, pointed out that 16 of the 18 players on the Olympic roster in Beijing went on to play for the senior national team and six players were on the roster for the next World Cup.

For many players, the Olympics are just one stop of a longer journey, not the final destination. Yet it's also an important part of the national team's player development that has been missing for the last 16 years — or as long as Kljestan's name has been the answer to



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Skill work

Middle hitter Karlie Niekamp glides to the right antenna to catch a ball during the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team's practice on Tuesday. Niekamp is the Indians' returning leader in blocks with 43.

Welcomes

Continued from page 8 The Huskies borrowed \$20 million from the Big Ten and FOX Sports against their future full shares of the Big Ten media rights which they don't earn until 2030. The athletic department also estimated Washington will have around \$30 million in one-time costs as part of their move, including an on-campus broadcast studio for the Big Ten Network.

Petitti declined to comment specifically about Washington's operating budget, stating he didn't have enough details. However, he did say the conference has been supportive and understanding to help UW make the transition.

"This was about finding there might be some shortterm things that need to be right footing to start,"

they — and we — feel really good about the arc of where the conference is and we can expect to deliver over time."

As Washington and the other West Coast schools continue to settle into the Big Ten, Petitti said the conference is not looking to expand in the immediate future.

Realignment isn't the only change coming to college football though. Petitti confirmed helmet-to-sideline communication and sideline video will be introduced this season, and the commissioner announced the Big Ten's partnership with Apple to provide onfield technology for ingame video. Additionally, the conference will unveil long-term home, and its new state-of-the-art think the commissioners replay center next month.

ment, which includes pro- months."

Petitti said. "But I think visions for revenue sharing between schools and student-athletes. He said he's expecting further clarification in the next few months. Petitti added he hopes to see a reporting system for both shared revenue and Name, Image and Likeness collectives in the future to help student-athletes take advantage of their available opportuni-

> "We've got to build that model," Petitti said. "That's going to require change and a tremendous amount of collaboration, first of all coming to consensus in the Big Ten but then bringing that to our colleagues across the other conferences.

"All those things need to happen together, and I are committed to doing Petitti also addressed the that. So a lot of work ahead done to get them on the impending House settle- over the next several

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Tony Petitti welcomes new schools

By ANDY YAMASHITA

The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS Under the lights in the cavernous interior of Lucas Oil Stadium, Tony Petitti takes the stage.

It's the start of a new era for Washington and the Big Ten. The differbetween the ences Huskies' previous home in the Pac-12 and its new one were apparent before Petitti, the commissioner, uttered a single word.

Take the setting, for example. Lucas Oil Stadium, the home of the Indianapolis Colts, looms large on the city's skyline and is arguably its most recognizable building. In less than five months, two teams will meet on this field with a chance to win the Big Ten championship.

This event is about football. This conference is about football. Zouk Nightclub in Las Vegas, where the Pac-12's last media day was held, feels a universe away. Welcome to Big Ten country.

"College football has never been stronger," Petitti said, "especially in the Big Ten Conference."

Big Ten media days, now a three-day event to accommodate the entire 18-team conference, began at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Tuesday. Washington coach Jedd Fisch and UW's player representatives won't speak until Thursday, but Petitti, along with players and coaches from Illinois, Northwestern, Rutgers, Wisconsin, Purdue and Ohio State, met the media Tuesday.

Washington, UCLA and Oregon official- lar, has found itself in a ly join the Big Ten on Aug. difficult position because 2. Petitti described the of the move. The athletic process of identifying the department is saddled four new members as a with around \$240 million "holistic approach." He in stadium renovation added academic standing and competitiveness in multiple sports helped the former Pac-12 schools'

Oregon, USC, UCLA and Washington officially join the Big Ten on Aug. 2

case, and praised the four schools for their fit across multiple categories. However, Petitti acknowledged one factor had a particularly important emphasis.

"Are you bringing additional value to the conference in football?" Petitti said. "It's no secret that football is a large, large part of the revenue that's driven to support the whole ecosystem. understand that. So when you're evaluating potential members, football sort of moves to the front of the line in terms of the athletic piece."

Petitti said the conference is working with all four of the new arrivals to help them integrate into the Big Ten, including having discussions about scheduling, championship formats, marketing, brand alignment and incorporation into the Big Ten Academic Alliance. He said feedback from studentathletes will be considered and adjustments will be made as necessary going forward.

Washington, in particudebt which it owes to the university's internal lending program.

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On the attack

Cameron Muhlenkamp, a sophomore at Fort Recovery High School, attacks a ball in a practice Tuesday afternoon. Muhlenkamp joins the varsity squad as an outside hitter after being on junior varsity in 2023. The Indians will open their season on Aug. 17 at Russia.



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Will U.S. men's soccer embarrass or surprise in Paris?

Bv KEVIN BAXTER

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

MARSEILLE, France — The U.S. was two minutes away from an early exit in the men's soccer tournament at the Beijing Olympics when Sacha Kljestan scored on a penalty kick. That did little to change the results and even less to save the Americans, who left China after that final group-stage game.

But it did make Kljestan the answer to an unwelcome trivia question: Who

was the last American male soccer player to score a goal in the Olympic

Games?

Kljestan was 22 then and midway through his third season in MLS. He would go on to play more than 470 games for four teams on two continents, winning eight trophies in Belgium and a Supporters' Shield in the U.S. before retiring two years ago.

Chivas USA, the first pro team he played for, was disbanded a decade ago.

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Ernie Johnson taking leave

By RODNEY HO

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Ernie Johnson, the wellrespected longtime TNT Sports broadcaster, is taking a leave of absence from hosting duties for TBS' national MLB games.

In a news release, he said, "I'd like to thank the leadership at TNT Sports for allowing me the time away to take care of a family matter during the baseball season. I look forward returning to the studio for the start of the NBA season."

TBS is replacing Johnson with MLB Network's Greg Amsinger as the studio host, starting Tuesday night with national coverage of Mets-Yankees Subway Series game.

The other members of the analyst crew remain: Pedro Martinez, Jimmy Rollins and Curtis Grander-

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