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RDC commits \$1.5 million

Funds will go toward first phase of development

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The Commercial Review

A commitment has been made toward development of housing infrastructure on county-owned land.

Jay County Redevelopment Commission agreed to commit up to \$1.5 million Thursday toward developing the county's 68-acre property on the western edge of Portland.

Redevelopment commission members heard a presentation Thursday from Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates partner and landscape architect Cecil Penland. It was substantively the same as the information the company shared with Jay County Council during a meeting in March that laid out a plan for development of the 68 acres on the west side of Portland that would involve mixed-use properties — commercial on the first floor with apartments above — along Votaw Street (Indiana 67) and then various types of housing extending to the north. (If fully completed, the project would create 76 single-family homes, eight duplexes and 154 multi-family units.) Penland and consultant Ed Curtin made the same presentation to Jay County Development Corporation board members during an informational meeting an hour before the redevelopment commission meeting.

The only difference from that March presentation, Penland said, was the further breakdown of the public investment costs into additional phases. The overall public investment cost for installing utilities, building streets and developing a park space is estimated at \$25.5 million. Originally planned in 10 phases, some of the early steps have been split again starting with an estimated \$4.5 million for Phase 1A that would involve construction of the main road beginning from Votaw Street on the west side of the property and angling northeast toward Industrial Park Drive and primary utilities to the first planned cross road. Completion of that road and utilities would follow in Phase 1B for \$2.28 million.

Future phases would involve a road on the east edge of the property, a connecting road between the two main roads and then building out additional infrastructure to the north.

The project would require an easement with the east adjoining property, noted Penland, in order to connect to the city's sewer system. Homan Properties owns that piece of land.

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Robotic rehearsal

Grace Lochtefeld moves like a robot alongside Russel Hart (left) and Tony Evers in the Fort Recovery High School band's performance at the ice cream social on Friday. This year's show takes inspiration from the Industrial Revolution and the "The Terminator" series.

INDOT bridge project will begin

Another bridge construction project will get underway next week.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced that starting on or after Monday, July 29, work will begin on the U.S. 27 bridge over Limberlost Creek on the north side of Jay County.

A section of the highway will be closed while crews work on the bridge located between county road 800 North and the

Jay/Adams county line. The project is expected to last about two weeks.

The official detour for the project will utilize Indiana 18, Indiana 1 and Indiana 218.

The project just south of the Jay/Adams county line is the latest piece of INDOT work to begin this construction season. The most significant of the efforts the state agency is involved in this year is on U.S. 27 (Meridian Street)

in Portland. It involves paving the highway between county road 200 South and county road 100 North, reconstructing Americans with Disabilities Act ramps to sidewalks with extended "bump outs" at some intersections in the downtown area and replacing traffic signals at its intersections with Water, Main, Walnut, High and Lafayette streets. (Traffic signals

have been down since May, with temporary stop signs currently in place.)

INDOT is also putting a new deck and guardrails on the Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River between county road 125 South and Indiana 26. A temporary traffic signal has been installed as the area just south of Jay County High School has been reduced to one lane.

Just outside of Jay County, INDOT is replac-

ing the U.S. 27 bridge over the Mississinewa River between Indiana 28 and Randolph County road 850 North and replacing a culvert on Indiana 18 between Blackford County road 1050 West and the Jay/Blackford county line. In Delaware County, it is rebuilding an Indiana 67 bridge over the Mississinewa River just southwest of Muncie Dragway.

Eligible Hoosiers miss out on benefits

By CASEY SMITH
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Although Hoosiers' access to federal child care subsidies was slightly higher than the national average in 2020, advocates are concerned that a majority of eligible Indiana families are still missing out, according to a new study.

The report was published June 27 by the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that advocates for anti-poverty policies.

The report examines data on eligibility for and access to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) subsidies during Fiscal Year 2020, which overlapped with the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During that time, the federal government provided additional funding and state flexibility for those funds to help increase child care access for essential workers and support child care businesses.

Since then, though, stagnant

funding, inflation and the rising cost of child care has further decreased access to subsidies, according to CLASP. That means more families are struggling to find adequate care for their kids.

"Child care is essential. It supports family well-being and child development, improves family economic stability and mobility, and contributes to broader economic growth. Child care allows parents to go to work, school, job training, or meet other needs while children are cared for in nurturing environments where they can learn and grow. However, the high cost of child care can be a major barrier for many families, especially those with low incomes," CLASP researchers said in the report. "All families deserve access to child care that fully meets their needs, but far too many cannot afford it, and only a small fraction of those children and families gain access to child care assistance through (federal subsidies)."

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Taking aim

Kolton Anduiano, 10, aims a fire hose at other children playing in the grass across from Ambassador Pool during Fort Recovery's National Night Out event Sunday. Portland's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Hudson Family Park.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 80 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s.

The low will be in the lower

60s. Sunday's high will climb into the upper 80s with showers and thunderstorms possible in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts Summer Concert Series continues at 7 p.m. Sunday with a performance by No Fences at 7 p.m. in Van Trees Park. No Fences is a Garth Brooks tribute band featuring Dusty Miller. Fort Recovery native Don Walter will be with the group for Sunday's concert. Admission is free.

In review

The Faith in Your Recovery podcast, a production of A Better Life - Brianna's Hope, spent Friday afternoon visiting Jay County Jail and talking with inmates about their experiences with addiction. To listen to the podcasts, visit ablh.org/podcast.



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Redevelopment commission member and Jay County Commissioner Brian McGalliard noted the final application for projects requesting some of East Central Indiana's allocation of funds through READI 2.0 — the state initiative offers funding for capital projects such as new construction, rehabilitation, equipment purchases, strategic land acquisition for redevelopment and infrastructure, educational attainment, housing development, childcare capacity and innovation activities — is due Aug. 2. (The region, which includes Jay, Randolph, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Wayne and Fayette counties, was awarded \$35 million through READI 2.0.) He suggested moving forward with plans for the 68 acres Thursday.
Redevelopment commission

member Chuck Huffman asked what steps are next for the project. Penland pointed to seeking grant dollars and support from other governmental entities. Curtin's consulting firm, CWC Latitudes, and Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates are also working on a request for proposals that can go out to potential developers. Answering a question during the JCDC meeting, Curtin said he feels one of the keys to accomplishing such a development is attracting developers to visit the community and develop a vision of the impact that can be made.
Huffman questioned why the county is investing a majority of the funding for a project based in Portland.
"To me, the city should be doing it with us as a partner," he said. "I see where we have a place at the table with money

we put into it, but the vast benefit would go to the city."
Redevelopment commission members also asked why Thursday was the first time they had been given the information and discussed whether to commit funding without knowing where Portland stands on the matter. McGalliard pointed to a quick turnaround with the regional application. Huffman noted that the county has been working on the project for more than a year and redevelopment commission chair Carl Walker questioned what incentive the city or others would have to invest in the project if the county is fronting funds to cover the majority of infrastructure costs.
Redevelopment commission member Ted Champ asked if funds could be committed and pulled back later if issues arise. Curtin said the dollars could be

approved contingent upon receiving funding from READI 2.0.
Redevelopment commission member Faron Parr, who also sits on Jay County Council, made a motion to approve up to \$1.5 million for the project. The vote passed, with Parr, McGalliard and Champ in favor and Huffman dissenting.
Portland Redevelopment Commission is set to hear the same presentation from Penland and Curtin regarding the project at its 8 a.m. Aug. 9 meeting. Plans are also in the works, according to Curtin, to make similar presentations to the city's housing task force and Portland City Council.
"We're anticipating we're going to have a number of meetings like this where we're going to be presenting this information," said Curtin during the JCDC meeting. "It's really

important for everybody to understand what the vision is, what the goals are. Because this really has the potential to be a game-changer for the county."
Jay County contributed more than \$1.5 million last year toward the project, including purchasing the land for \$1.15 million and hiring Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates to begin planning its development for \$395,000. With Thursday's commitment, the county could receive upward of \$3 million in READI 2.0 dollars toward the project, noted Curtin.
McGalliard and Parr emphasized working together with Portland to make the project a reality.
"It's going to take everybody to be on the same page if we want something like this to happen," said Parr, noting the project could be a long-term endeavor over the next 40 to 50 years.

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Sunday 7/29	Monday 7/30	Tuesday 7/31	Wednesday 8/1	Thursday 8/2
87/68	84/69	85/67	87/69	88/69

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-4-9 Daily Four: 3-5-2-6 Quick Draw: 3-5-13-14-20-21-28-30-33-36-37-40-43-48-50-53-62-70-73-80	Pick 3: 3-0-1 Pick 4: 5-3-0-6 Pick 5: 8-1-1-0-1
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$131 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$306 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.86 Aug. corn3.85 Wheat4.49	Aug. beans.....10.88 Wheat4.73
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Today in history

In 1214, French King Philip II's forces defeated an international group led by Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV in the Battle of Bouvines.
In 1830, the July Revolution started in France. It led to King Charles X abdicating the throne, with King Louis-Philippe coming to power.
In 1922, TV producer, writer and director Norman Lear was born in New Haven, Connecticut. He was known for his TV series "All in the Family," "Sanford and Son" and "The Jeffersons."
In 1996, a bomb exploded in Centennial Park in Atlanta during the Summer Olympics. The explosion resulted in one death and more than 100 injuries. —The CR

In 2005, Jay County Hospital CEO Joe Johnston explained to Jay County Hospital Board that a renovation project for the second floor of the facility had grown in scope to include new intensive care rooms and a new nurses' station. Other planned changes were expansion of the pharmacy and remodeling patient rooms.
In 2012, Queen Elizabeth II opened the Summer Olympics in London, marking the third time the city hosted the event.
In 2021, Indiana Arts Commission announced a \$12,446 grant to Arts Place for its Arts in the Parks, MusicWorks, ArtWorks and the annual performances series.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 50 S. Morgan Drive, Redkey.	rium, courthouse, 120 N. court St., Portland.
Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 1:30 p.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Benefits ...

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CCDF serves as the primary source of federal funding for states to help low-income families afford quality child care.

The program, structured as a block grant, provides each state with a fixed amount of federal funds each year and determines the number of families who

can access a child care subsidy. The subsidy is used to reimburse or pay some or all the fees that child care providers charge families.
While the federal govern-

ment provides a significant portion of CCDF funding, states must also contribute funds to receive the full amount of available federal dollars.

Felony court news

Arson
A Terre Haute man was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for arson.
Dana L. Zimmerman, 40, 3818 Locust St., pleaded guilty to the Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but two days suspended and placed on probation for four years.
Zimmerman was given credit for time served, fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs.
Unlawful possession
Two Indiana men were sentenced in Jay Superior Court to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Jesse L. Ishman, 42, Portland, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 276 days in Jay County Jail and given 276 days credit for time served. Ishman was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Steven M. Tapley, 32, 2301 West Barcelona Drive, Muncie, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 540 days in Jay County Jail and given 394 days credit for time served. Tapley was fined \$25 and

assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.
Failed to register
A Portland man was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to jail for failing to register as a sex or violent offender.
Joseph E. McDowell, 45, 706 E. Main St., pleaded guilty to the crime, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 540 days in Jay County Jail and given 252 days credit for time served. McDowell was assessed \$189 in court costs.
As part of his plea agreement, a habitual offender enhancement was dismissed.

Capsule Reports

Award announced
The National Association of Secretaries of State honored the Indiana Secretary of State's office via its #TrustedInfo2024 contest.
The contest was designed to encourage state election officials to "creatively highlight their offices as trusted sources for election information." Indiana's office won for best video for Secretary of State Diego Morales' effort to highlight crops, sporting events, hospitality and election integrity.
"One of the four pillars I established when I took office was; we will be innovative," said Morales in a press release. "I'm constantly encouraging my team to use innovation throughout the work being done in the Secretary of State's Office. This video is just another example of how we are utilizing creative methods to amplify positive, encouraging, messages to Hoosier voters."

2012 Freightliner Cascadia south on Meridian Street when he began turning west onto Water Street. He told police he was attempting to avoid hitting the stop sign and didn't notice the 2016 Ford F-150 driven by 54-year-old George McGinnis of rural Portland next to him, causing an accident.
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Douglas' vehicle is registered to 2 CT LLC of Louisville, Kentucky.
Did not see
A Dunkirk woman didn't see the vehicle next to her while merging into the turn lane at the intersection of Meridian Street and Industrial Drive in Portland, causing an accident about 2:30 p.m. Thursday.
Brandy Coffey, 18, was driving her 2010 Ford Fusion south on Meridian Street and began to enter the turn lane to go west onto Industrial Drive. She told police she couldn't see the 2006 Ford F-350 driven by 65-year-old Gilbert McClure of Monroe, Georgia, next to her, and crashed into it.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle McClure was driving is registered to Mid America Shows Transport of Byram, Mississippi.

Turning accident
A Kentucky man turned the semi he was driving into a Portland man's truck at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets in Portland about 12:50 p.m. Tuesday.
Christopher Douglas, 51, Louisville, was driving a

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Boss continues pleas after falling out

DEAR ABBY: I worked for 11 years in the accounting department of a busy law firm. During my tenure, my three much younger colleagues married and started families. Due to the inevitable trials of raising kids, planned, unplanned and often simultaneous absences became commonplace, which left me to run the department alone.

During my last performance review, which I presumed to be confidential, I shared with our boss my exhaustion and health-impacting stress. My appeal for additional personnel was rejected. Rather than address the matter in the context of firm productivity, our boss informed each of my co-workers that I had complained about their chronic absenteeism, drawing charges that I, a middle-aged male with no children, was "insensitive" to their familial obligations.

I mended fences to the best of my ability but resigned shortly thereafter. I never confronted my boss, and he was never aware I had any knowledge of his manipulation. He now contacts me monthly to feign concern for my health and tell me how much I am missed, all of which is disingenuous.

As my former colleagues have now left the firm and face no retribution, I would like to end his contacts with an appropriate expression of my con-

Dear Abby



tempt. Or should I simply block him and be done with it? — MOVED ON IN ARIZONA

DEAR MOVED ON: As a former employee of that firm, you are under no obligation to have ANY more contact with your former boss. If you are still in the working world, refrain from venting about your contempt. Simply express that you prefer he not call you again. If he asks why, you would be within your rights to tell him you know he violated your confidence, which is why you left the firm.

DEAR ABBY: Last year, I reconnected with a childhood friend. We met for dinner a few times with our husbands, and everything seemed fine. They keep asking us to take a trip together, but I don't feel we know them well enough to spend that much time with them. I'm also becoming uncomfortable when we are together.

She says things like she told her mother she was meeting

me for dinner and her mother said, "I'm jealous." Her husband tells me she says I'm her favorite person, EVER. She constantly sends me silly things on social media. I have now backed off even meeting them for dinner because I feel crowded by her.

She recently texted me asking if she had done anything to offend me. I explained that I had a lot of work issues right now and was not good company — I hoped it would be enough. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't want to encourage her friendship, either. Should I leave it alone, or say something more? — SMOTHERED IN GEORGIA

DEAR SMOTHERED: Listen to your intuition. I don't think you need to do more than you are already doing, which is distancing yourself. If you are confronted directly again, remind her that you and your husband are busy people and you do not have the time to devote to cultivating a closer social relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 24 years. We make a good living. I earn considerably more than my husband. From the beginning, he has asked me to split everything with him. (He's not the "provider" type.) He views me as a roommate, financially speaking. He was used to hav-

ing his parents bail him out of financial situations.

I am tired of being the provider. I pay half the mortgage and far more on other expenses. I also do all the cleaning, laundry, cooking and dishes, and I've been picking up after him for 24 years. I have a full-time, highly stressful job and come home from work with chores to do. He works from home and takes naps and siestas during the afternoon.

He brings nothing to the marriage beyond paying his half of the bills. I am no longer physically attracted to him. You can't blame me. Most women are not attracted to men who cannot provide. We have one child. I can't breathe and would rather die young than grow old in this hopeless, depressing arrangement. I just need validation that I shouldn't be putting up with this. — PROVIDER IN THE WEST

DEAR PROVIDER: I don't know how many other women would tolerate the kind of marriage you have described, but many do. You are entitled to your feelings, but before doing anything rash, it's important that you discuss this with an attorney who specializes in family law. According to the law in the community property golden state of California, your husband could wind up with half of your hard-earned assets.

Blood drives set for August

The American Red Cross has scheduled several blood drives for the area in August.

The Red Cross said there is a specific need for Type O blood.

Drives scheduled for August include:

•1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at South Adams Senior Center, 825 Hendrick St., Berne

•9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Mt. Tabor Community Church, 216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk.

•10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Delaware County Fairgrounds, 1210 N. Wheeling Ave., Muncie

•11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton

•11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland

Those who give blood in August will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card via email.

To schedule a donation, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, 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 Com-

munity Center.

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

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more infor-

mation, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing 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.

Sudoku

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Friday's Solution

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

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

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Forgiveness plan should advance

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A federal appeals court last week issued a one-sentence order granting an effort by Missouri and several other states to block the Biden administration's Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) student loan forgiveness program, dealing yet another blow to the president's push to help millions of Americans crushed by the burden of high-interest educational loans they often signed onto as teenagers.

The court's order provides no specific rationale for issuing the emergency stay, which is a stop-gap while the plaintiffs seek an injunction, which itself is short of a final ruling. Why the legal acrobatics? An uncharitable explanation would be that the courts seem keen on derailing

Guest Editorial

one of Biden's signature promises in advance of the November election.

This is after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a separate forgiveness program that had relied on a clear congressionally-granted authority for the federal government to forgive student loans, forcing the White House and the Department of Education to keep increasingly limited parts of their debt relief program.

This surviving SAVE effort, which a federal judge had

already whittled down, wasn't even wholesale forgiveness, but a measure to lower monthly payments and allow certain borrowers who'd had a debt load of \$12,000 or less forgive their remaining loans after a decade of making regular payments. Many of these borrowers are people who went to affordable schools, as they had been encouraged to do, or didn't even finish their degrees altogether, saddling them with debt without any of the benefits.

Stopping the program in its tracks is not a decision with merely hypothetical consequences. Some 8 million people had already enrolled in the program, with more than 4 million already having a monthly payment of zero. These are real people whose financial situation will get measurably worse now

that the program's been struck down.

Moreover, enrollees have likely already factored the impact of the program into future financial decisions. Debt and student debt in particular is often cited as a reason that people delay getting married, starting families, buying houses and launching businesses. Student debt at its current level is bad for the economy and bad for our society.

That doesn't mean that the government must wipe the slate clean entirely. It doesn't necessarily make much sense to zero out the balance of a high-earning law school graduate, who made the calculus to take on a significant amount of debt in exchange for the promise of a big payout, though it must be acknowledged that this debt tends to dissuade students from

more public-minded professional aspirations. That's why SAVE and other proposals are tailored to the circumstances of individual borrowers.

We hope that the public service forgiveness program that Biden announced on the same day as his court defeat will be allowed to move forward as planned. Workers like nurses, teachers and others who make us all better off should get the chance to move forward with their lives without being punished for devoting themselves to public-spirited lives.

In any case, this type of forgiveness has been authorized for more than 15 years; the only thing Biden is doing is making it actually work instead of leaving eligible borrowers in the lurch. With this judiciary, though, you never know.

Election will still be close

By MIKE MADRID
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Tribune News Service

Donald Trump famously said in 2016 that he "could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and wouldn't lose any voters."

What sounded like an extraordinary exaggeration at the time has essentially been proven correct. Despite a cascade of disasters, defeats, impeachments, indictments and other events that would have derailed other politicians' ambitions, Trump's base remains as strong as ever. But that might have a lot less to do with Trump's ability to inspire cult-like loyalty than it does with a transformation of voting behaviors that has been decades in the making.

This resilient political base is no longer just a Republican phenomenon. Yes, President Joe Biden's disastrous debate performance led to an unprecedented outcry from Democratic Party leaders, media personalities and donors who called on him to step down as the nominee, ultimately precipitating his historic withdrawal from the race on Sunday. But voters for the most part responded to the debacle in a way that was eerily similar to their Republican counterparts' unflinching adherence to Trump, bristling at party elites' calls for change.

Partisan loyalty and commitment to politicians they see as having fought and won for their worldview have pushed partisan voters to overlook deep flaws in their candidates. While most Democratic voters had been telling pollsters that Biden was too old to be president and should drop out of the race, the same polls continued to show a remarkably close contest between him and Trump.

In fact, the website 538's much-watched electoral forecast had Biden remaining competitive even on the brink of his decision to bow out, judging his likelihood of getting the necessary 270 electoral votes to be close to that of winning a coin toss — just as it was before the debate.

The site's polling average also showed no more than a two- to three-point drop in support for the aging president even after he endured a barrage of news stories on the effort to push him out of the race. And this was while Trump survived an assassination attempt, won a pair of

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favorable court rulings and starred in the national convention that nominated him for the third time.

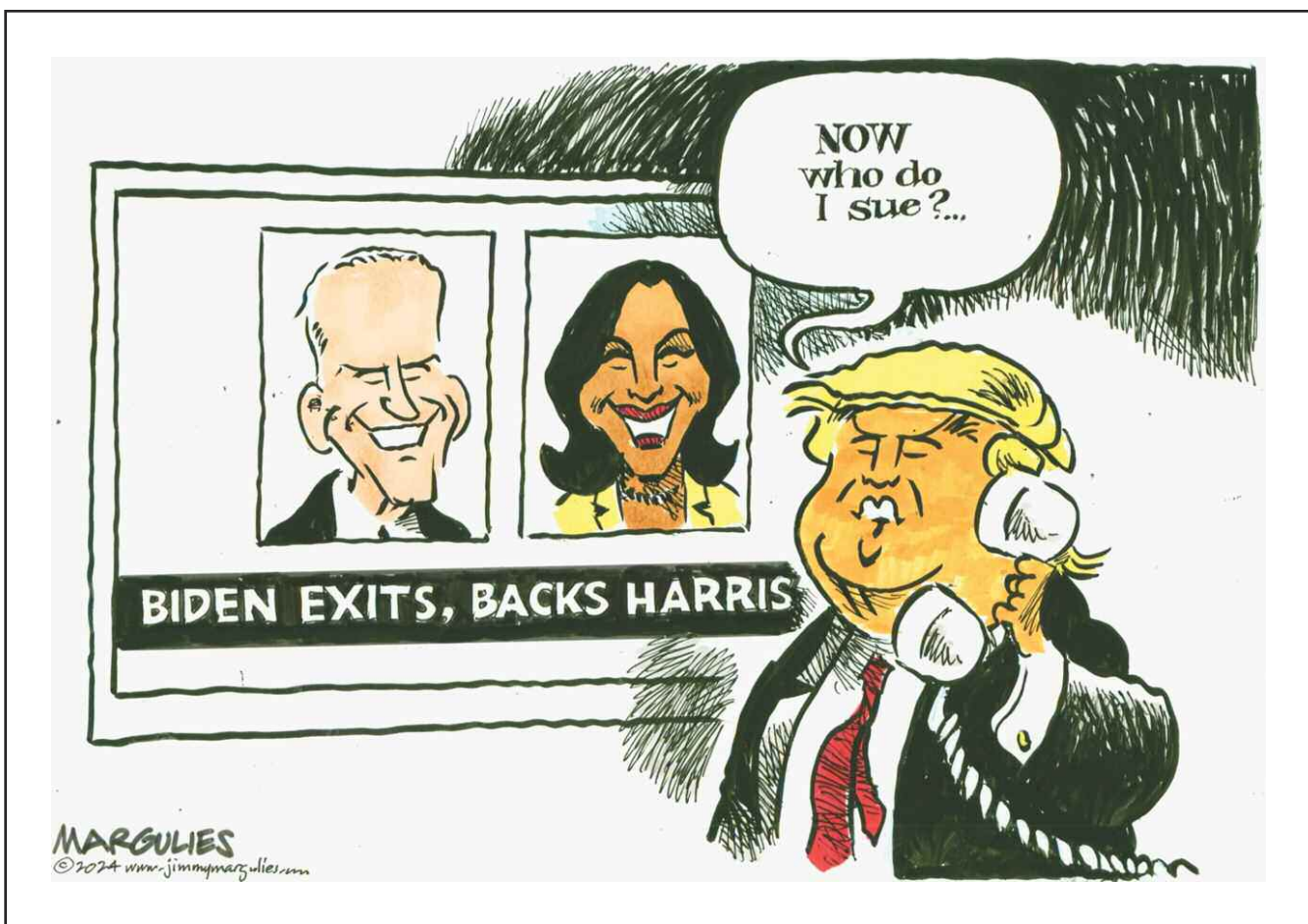
This calcification does not bode well for a democracy's ability to address differences among politicians and voters or to find common ground. And it virtually guarantees a close election in November regardless of whom the Democrats nominate to replace Biden. In fact, polling shows virtually every major Democratic candidate tested against Trump is essentially within a two- or three-point range of where Biden stood before he stepped aside.

Trump has withstood felony convictions, a series of successful lawsuits and a phalanx of former subordinates speaking out against the dangers of returning him to the White House mainly because of a pernicious force known as negative partisanship. Americans are identifying themselves by what they oppose rather than what they support, making negative partisanship the dominant driver of voting behavior among those registered with either major party.

Voters' overwhelming adherence to Trump and Biden alike says more about the state of our society than it does about the appeal of a pair of historically unpopular candidates. Americans are entrenched in partisan foxholes of our own making, and the near-term prognosis for finding our way toward any middle ground appears bleak.

It may have felt as if we were on an out-of-control political roller coaster since Biden's debate debacle, which was only the first in a series of seismic news events. And yet the polling averages haven't crept more than three points in either direction. Likewise, there's little reason to think the president's seemingly earth-shaking withdrawal from the campaign, regardless of who succeeds him as the nominee, will change the fact that this will be yet another close election.

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Week away provided perspective

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
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We had planned a trip to London and Paris in 2020, but it was canceled by the pandemic. Until last week, we hadn't left the country since before that awful year. Ironically, the thought of visiting or even living someplace other than America has never taken up more space in my soul. Even my latest book is fundamentally about the mysterious "what ifs" that come from how life might be different if it were simply spent "someplace else."

We finally got to go last week. As a much younger person, I used to wonder why people would even go on trips like this, when there really wasn't some specific reason. Now, I feel true sympathy for those who never do.

First of all, the enormity of London alone is striking, but the best thing about its size is the variety of everything in it. For example, I never thought of London as a great food town. Wrong. There is no food on earth that can't be found there. The restaurants seem smaller, but the pubs, cafes and ethnic offerings are literally everywhere. I wasn't looking for Uzbek or Sri Lankan food, but now I know the most convenient place to find it.

In just six days though, the giant city had shrunk for us, primarily because of its phenomenal train system. No area or neighborhood was difficult to get to, including a little town called Paris. Navigating it also couldn't have been easier.

World traveler?

As a world traveler, I'm a novice. I haven't been many places. Not yet. But every new place I go these days is less of a vacation and more of an adventure. Seeing unfamiliar places, and spending time with unfamiliar people is the most provocative way for anyone to grow. Every adventure teaches me something unexpected. It

Michael Leppert



is so predictable that I purposely make fewer and fewer plans on each new trip. Why bother? The best parts can't be planned anyway.

Visiting the Churchill War Rooms Museum, however, was definitely planned. I'm in the words business, English is my language, and Winston Churchill is likely the greatest orator who has ever lived. Yea, yea, he led and won the big war, but his weapon of choice was language.

Our last exhibit there was a display of the anti-Churchill propaganda that was distributed in Nazi Germany and Japan during the war. None of it was all that surprising, particularly by today's standards, but a museum staffer approached us and began explaining the depth of the exhibit's importance.

This elderly man pointed out the racism built into the drawings and the impact of its lessons in faraway places, especially on young people growing up with the imagery. He asked us to imagine young people who only knew of the British through this messaging and how difficult it must have been to overcome for generations. He analogized the struggle then to the one today with Russia's Vladimir Putin, the invasion of Ukraine, and the valuable mission of NATO. My wife and I enjoyed his lesson, but I was fascinated with how comfortably he went there with two people from America who could have just as easily been hostile to his suggestions.

On the road

This cultural comfort was reen-

forced the next day. I am a devoted member of the Indianapolis Downtown Y. Our London hotel just happened to be a few doors down from the world's first YMCA, founded there by Sir George Williams in 1844. When I checked in there the first day, I told the manager how I thought the YMCA started in America. Then I followed up, asking him, "Have you ever heard anything more American than that?" He replied with a smile, saying, "Well, I already know you're not a Trump fan, because you have ... a passport." Then he confidently burst into laughter.

On our last day, I begrudgingly toured Westminster Abbey. My son said it was must-see. While there, I was oddly drawn to the thousands of faces of the visitors there, wondering how the enormity of the place made them feel. The place was founded in 960, and it made me feel excruciatingly small.

Every tomb and chapel there was meticulously created with statues and carvings built to last forever in commemoration of the most important people of a particular moment. And then, a few steps away was another. And another and another.

Perspective. That's what trips like this give me. This era in American history has embedded in many of us a feeling that the world revolves around each of us and every domestic division we face. To those who seemingly enjoy feeling that way, I encourage you to spend some time someplace, anyplace else.

London is an excellent place to start.

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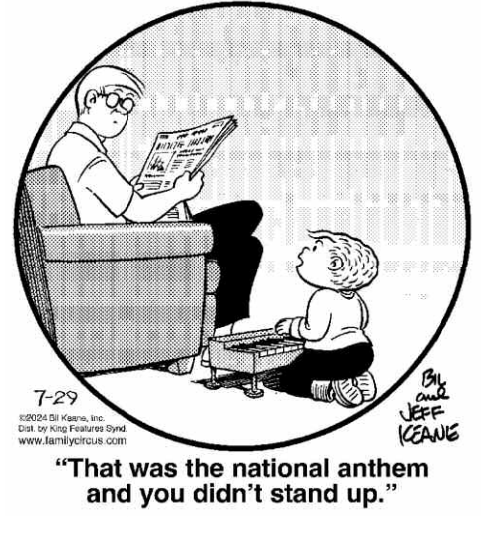
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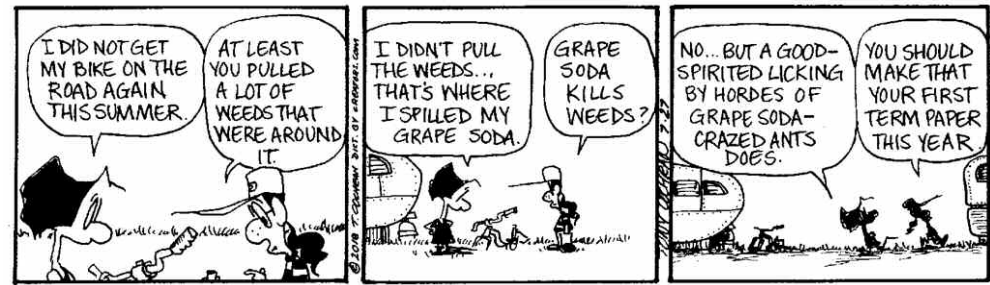
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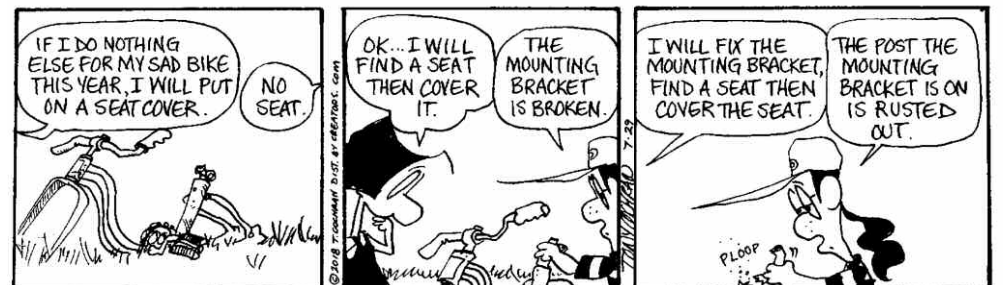
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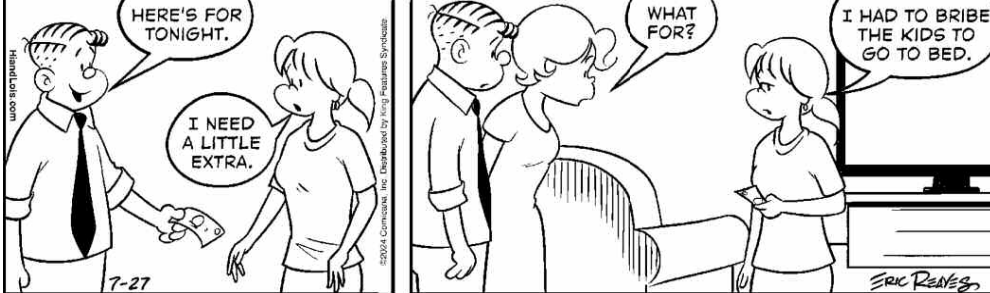
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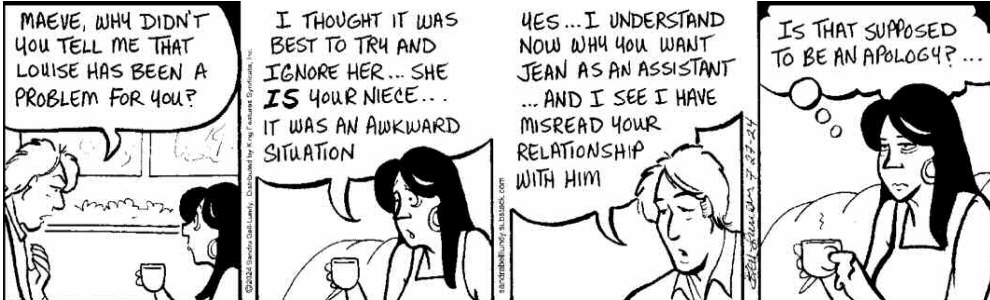
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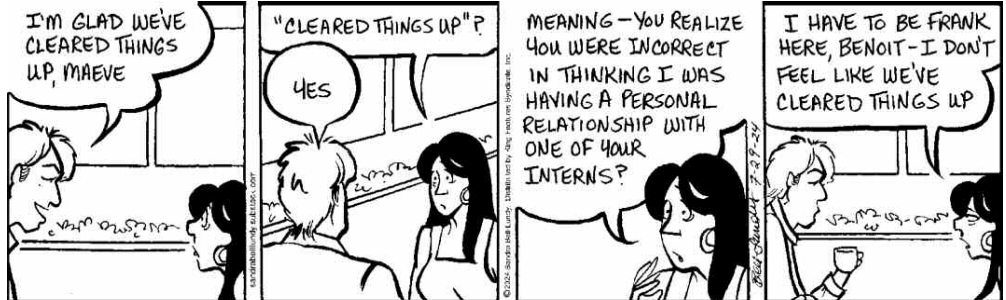
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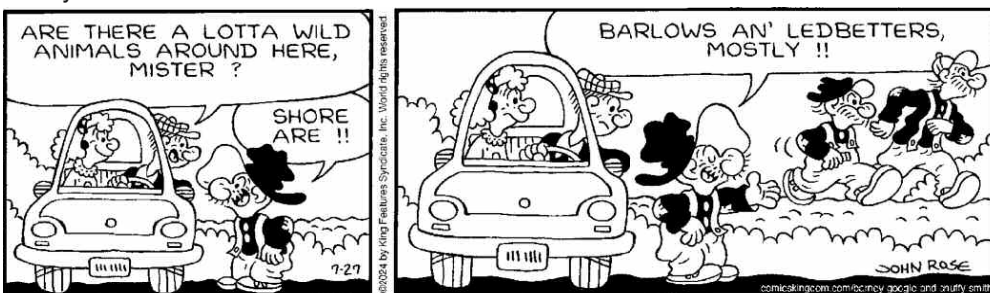
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Parcel ID: 38-07-21-203-006.000.034
Location: 204 E High Street (vacant lot), Portland, IN, Wayne Township, Section 21
Property Zoned: R8 - Medium Density Residential
Description of Action Requested: To construct and operate a multi-use facility to serve as a home base, office, board room, workshop and storage area for the Jay County Civic Theatre, Inc. This type of business on a residential zoned parcel requires Use Variance approval from the Portland Board of Zoning Appeals.
A public hearing will be held by said Board on August 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.
If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department.
Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals
John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator/Director
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Sports

Shooting awards

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U.S. women's soccer beats Zambia

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NICE, France — The Emma Hayes era officially got under way Thursday, with the U.S. beating Zambia, 3-0, on the opening day of the women's soccer tournament at the Paris Olympics in a game that was far more one-sided than the final score.

Playing on the French Riviera in steamy Nice, wedged between the Mediterranean Sea and the French Alps, the Americans dominated in their new coach's first competitive game on the sidelines, getting two goals from Mallory Swanson, another from Trinity Rodman and two assists from captain Lindsay Horan — all in the first 25 minutes.

There were few witnesses to any of that since the match drew a gathering so small, players could be heard shouting to one another from the top deck of Allianz Riviera Stadium. Nor, given the quality of the opponent — Zambia is ranked 64th in the world, worst in the Olympic field — were there many conclusions that could be drawn from the result.

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But it was a good start for a team trying to erase the memory of last summer's World Cup, where the U.S. bowed out short of the semifinals for the first time. That led to Vlatko Andonovski's firing, Hayes' hiring and the start of what U.S. Soccer hopes will be a new chapter in the program's storied history.

"We're all really starting to come around to the way Emma has wanted us to play, the principles, and it's been really enjoyable just being able to learn different things and trying to apply them," Swanson said.

"It's a good start. But there's little things within that game, within the play, that we just need to fine-tune." Rodman agreed.

"We have a lot to prove to ourselves. So yeah, going off this game, I'm so happy about the performance, but there's still a lot of room for improvement."

Especially since the road ahead gets much tougher with the U.S. facing fourth-ranked Germany and No. 12 Australia in its final group-play matches. The Americans are fifth in the latest FIFA world rankings, their lowest ranking ever.

The first-round Olympic tournament is extremely forgiving with eight of the 12 teams — the top two in each of three groups, plus the two best third-place teams — going through to the quarterfinals. With Thursday's win, the Americans should clear that low bar easily.

The real challenge is what comes after that. With No. 2 France, the Olympic host; top-ranked Spain, the reigning world champion; and Canada, the defending Olympic champion; in the field along with Germany, there will be no easy games in the knockout rounds.

Nor will there be any room for error for Hayes.

After reaching the gold-medal match of the first five Olympics, winning four of them, the U.S. has gone 12 years without playing for a title in the Summer Games. And if it doesn't make it back to the top of the medal podium this summer that result, combined with last summer's World Cup debacle, will mark the first time the Americans have gone a full four-year cycle without winning a major international championship.

Hayes' job is to make sure that doesn't happen and her team came out flying Thursday, peppering the Zambian goal from the start. But it couldn't find the back of the net until the 17th minute when Rodman took a pass from Horan at the top of the box, spun to her right to escape two defenders, her long pink dreadlocks whipping

around with her, then slipped a low right-footed shot past keeper Ngambo Musole to give the U.S. the only goal it needed.

It wasn't the only one the Americans scored though, with Swanson adding two more 70 seconds apart to make it 3-0 eight minutes later. Eight minutes after that Zambia lost defender Pauline Zulu to a red card, leaving it short-handed the rest of the way. But even though the U.S. had a 27-8 edge in shots, it didn't score again, leaving Hayes with some work to do before her team meets Germany on Sunday.

"The first part of the first half was exceptional," she said. "To come out the way we did, the intention, the intensity, the decision-making, the execution, it should have been at least 5-0 at halftime. There was things within our structure I didn't like. But that's easy fixes."

"If we had asked me at the beginning of the game 'would you be happy with a 3-0 winner?' I probably would have said no. However, for the performance and the chances created and finding the back of the net, I don't want to be too hard on the players."

Canada Olympic women's soccer coach sent home

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PARIS — Canada has sent home Olympic women's soccer coach Bev Priestman following allegations of drones being used to spy on its opponents.

Canada, the reigning Olympic women's soccer champion, already had sent home two members of its staff on Wednesday after drones were used to spy on a New Zealand practice in France.

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) said in a statement on Friday it had removed Priestman from the team due to her suspension by Canada Soccer.

"Over the past 24 hours, additional information has come to our attention regarding previous drone use against opponents,

predating the Paris 2024 Olympic Games," Canada Soccer chief executive Kevin Blue said.

"In light of these new revelations, Canada Soccer has made the decision to suspend Women's National Soccer Team Head Coach Bev Priestman for the remainder of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and until the completion of our recently announced independent external review."

Assistant coach Andy Spence will take the reins for the remainder of the Olympic Games.

Canada defeated New Zealand, 2-1, in its tournament opener on Thursday. Priestman removed herself from coaching the match on Wednesday.



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Today
2:30 a.m. — Olympic Badminton: Group play (USA)
3 a.m. — Olympic Rowing (USA)
3:30 a.m. — Olympic Equestrian: eventing (USA)
5 a.m. — Olympic Swimming (USA)
5:30 a.m. — AFL Rugby: Greater Western Sydney Giants at Melbourne Demons (FS1)
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:15 a.m. — Olympic Rowing (USA)
8 a.m. — Olympic Badminton: Group play (USA)
8:30 a.m. — Olympic Cycling (NBC)
9:30 a.m. — Women's Olympic Water Polo: USA vs. Greece (USA)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10:25 a.m. — Olympic Cycling (NBC)
11 a.m. — Olympic Skateboarding (NBC)
12 p.m. — Olympic Table Tennis (USA)
12:45 a.m. — Women's Olympic Water Polo: Greece vs. USA (USA)
1 p.m. — Olympic Soccer: United States U23 vs. New Zealand U23 (USA)
2:30 p.m. — Olympic Swimming (NBC)
3 p.m. — Olympic Volleyball: Argentina

vs. USA (USA)
4:05 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Baltimore Orioles (FS1)
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Tampa Bay Rays (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — Club Friendlies soccer: AC Milan vs. Manchester City (ESPN)
7 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at Miami FC (FOX)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (FOX)
8 p.m. — Club Friendlies soccer: Manchester United vs. Arsenal (ESPN)
10 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: San Jose Earthquakes at Guadalajara (FS1)
2:30 a.m. — Olympic badminton (USA)
5 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
8:15 a.m. — Olympic archery (USA)
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Olympic water polo (NBC)
10:10 a.m. — Olympic archery (USA)
10:15 a.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
11:15 a.m. — Olympic basketball: USA vs. Serbia (NBC)
11:45 a.m. — Olympic canoeing (USA)
12:30 a.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
1 p.m. — BIG3 Basketball (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)
8 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Queretaro at New York City (FS1)

10:30 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Portland Timbers at Leon (FS1)

Monday

4 a.m. — Olympic table tennis (USA)
5 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
7 a.m. — Olympic field hockey: Spain vs. USA (USA)
8 a.m. — Olympic cycling (USA)
9:15 a.m. — Olympic water polo: USA vs. Spain (USA)
10:45 a.m. — Olympic archery (USA)
11 a.m. — Olympic volleyball: China vs. USA (USA)
2:30 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday

2 a.m. — Olympic triathlon (USA)
3:30 a.m. — Olympic shooting (USA)
4 a.m. — Olympic soccer: Guinea U23 vs. United States U23 (USA)
2:30 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Austin at Monterey (FS1)