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More funding earns first approval

Commissioners OK \$1.3 million for project; issue moves to council next

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

More funding may be committed toward a housing project on the western edge of Portland.

Jay County Commissioners agreed to commit \$1.3 million toward developing infrastructure for housing on the county-owned 68 acres on the north side of Votaw Street (Indiana 67) in Portland. Their decision is subject to receiving grant dollars from Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, the state initiative offering funding for capital projects.

It's also contingent on approval from Jay County Council, which meets in joint session with commissioners at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The decision from commissioners follows Jay County Redevelopment Commission's vote Thursday to commit up to \$1.5 million for the project.

Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates presented a plan for developing the 68 acres at Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Redevelopment Commission meetings Thursday. (Substantially the same information was also presented to Jay County Council in March.)

The plan involves mixed-use properties — commercial on the first floor with apartments above — along Votaw Street 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.

The overall public investment cost for installing utilities, building streets, developing a park space and a boardwalk is estimated at \$25.5 million. It's estimated to result in roughly \$150 million in private investment.

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Fifth at Drums

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed fifth again Saturday evening at the Drums at Winchester band contest. JCHS, which was also fifth a week earlier at the Spirit of Sound contest hosted by Muncie Central, scored 77.45 points at it trailed Kokomo (83.25), Anderson, Richmond and Montgomery County in a field of 23 bands.

Biden calling for term limits, code

By NIELS LENIEWSKI
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Monday that he wants term limits for Supreme Court justices and to overturn the court's recent ruling on presidential immunity that benefited former President Donald Trump.

"I have overseen more Supreme Court nominations as senator, vice president and president than anyone living today. I have great respect for our institutions and separation of powers. What is happening now is not normal, and it undermines the public's confidence in the court's decisions, including those impacting personal freedoms," Biden wrote in part of an opinion piece shared

President is pushing for changes to Supreme Court set-up

in advance of publication. "We now stand in a breach."

Specifically, Biden was scheduled to use remarks at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, on Monday to call for overhauling the Supreme Court, including 18-year terms for justices (meaning that the president would appoint a new justice once every two years). He also wants a new binding code of

ethics for the justices. Biden's trip to Austin was originally scheduled while he was still an active candidate for president, but it was postponed after the attempted assassination of Trump.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-Rhode Island, who sponsored legislation on both Supreme Court ethics and on the length of terms for justices, was among the

Democrats happy to hear reporting of the president's planned announcement.

"I couldn't be happier that they're moving in this direction," Whitehouse said, suggesting that Vice President Kamala Harris, now the expected Democratic presidential nominee, "will be completely on board."

Whitehouse declined to get into the specifics of his conversations last week ahead of the president's speech, but he did say that he had been "in touch" with the administration about the topic of overhauling the Supreme Court.

In addition to the Supreme Court changes, Biden is backing a "No One Is Above the Law" constitutional amendment.

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Firefighters make progress

By HAYLEY SMITH
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Firefighters on Sunday made some progress against the massive Park fire burning in Butte, Plumas, Shasta and Tehama counties — California's largest wildfire of the year and the state's seventh-largest fire on record.

The 357,341-acre blaze was 12% contained owing largely to a brief break in hot, dry weather conditions, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. But crews face an uphill battle with higher temperatures and lower humidity on the horizon as the fire continues to burn in heavy vegetation.

"We're kind of at the mercy of the weather, the fuel and the topography — those are the three driving factors of any fire," said Jay Tracy, a spokesperson for the incident.

The explosive wildfire ignited Wednesday afternoon after a man pushed a burning car into a gully near Chico in what authorities say was an act of arson. Thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes, and at least 66 structures have been destroyed and 4,200 remain threatened.

Nearly 4,000 firefighters are attacking the blaze from the air and ground, Tracy said. But the fire is burning in steep, jagged terrain that is proving difficult to

access — including areas such as the Ishi Wilderness that haven't burned in decades and so are overgrown and rife for fire, Tracy said.

"There's not any infrastructure in there that would have the roads and the access points that we need," he added.

The fire is largely crawling in a northward direction, where communities such as Paynes Creek remain a top concern. Fortunately, many of the homes and neighborhoods in the area are spread out and not densely populated, which has so far allowed crews to keep property damage and other tolls to a relative minimum, Tracy said.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Josh Edelson

A property is seen in flames as the Park fire continues to burn near Paynes Creek in unincorporated Tehama County, California, on Friday.

Deaths

Sheila Stults, 80, Winchester
Summer Domingue-Wutz, 38, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 88 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60 with a 20% chance of rain. Skies will be partly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the upper 80s and a chance for afternoon storms.

For an extended outlook, see page 2.

In review

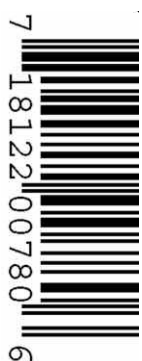
The Jay County High School Marching Patriots' ice cream social and state fair preview show is tonight. The ice cream social begins at 6:30 p.m. in the commons. The state fair preview show will be at 8:30 p.m. at the football stadium.

Coming up

Wednesday — Additional coverage of the Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Preview of the Marching Patriots at the Indiana State Fair.

Friday — Coverage of this week's council/commissioners meeting.



Obituaries

Sheila Stults

Feb. 3, 1944-July 27, 2024

Sheila Stults, age 80, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland. She was a current resident of Winchester.

Sheila was born Feb. 3, 1944, in Winchester, Indiana, the daughter of Howard Simmons and Annabelle (Fouse) Simmons Peters. She graduated in 1962 from Lee L. Driver High School in Winchester. Sheila married Cliff Stults on June 3, 1989.

Sheila worked for Jay School Corporation for 28 years. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Daughters of American Revolution, Jay County Historical Society and Quilt clubs in Portland and Winchester.

Survivors include:

Her husband — Cliff Stults, Winchester, Indiana

Daughter — Ganhan Ewers, Indianapolis, Indiana

Step-son — Brian Stults, Manchester, Kentucky

Siblings — Howard R. Simmons (Jeanie), Prosper, Texas, Michael Peters (Perry Johnson), Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Patrick Peters (Elizabeth), Houston, Texas

Grandchildren — Emma Ewers, Indianapolis, Indiana, Evan Ewers, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Aidan Ewers, Indianapolis, Indiana

Visitation will be held on



Stults

Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Pastor Hugh Kelly will officiate and burial will follow at Salamonina Cemetery in Salamonina, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed to American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Summer Domingue-Wutz

May 10, 1986-July 26, 2024

Summer Domingue-Wutz, age 38, a resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, Indiana.

Summer was born May 10, 1986, in Lafayette, Louisiana, the daughter of Jill Tow. She was adopted by James and Deborah (Marsh) Wutz. She attended Jay County High School and worked for Avenues Recovery Center — Find Your Way Home in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include:

Her adopted parents — James and Deborah Wutz, Lawton, Oklahoma

Three children — Eliah Elmore, Montpelier, Indiana, Manning Nash, Bluffton, Indiana, and Peyton Elmore, Terre Haute, Indiana

Siblings — Sabrina Tow, Portland, Indiana, and Amanda Maxwell, Huntington, Indiana

Grandfather — Charles Tow Jr., Portland, Indiana
She was preceded in death by

her mother, Jill Tow; and grandmother Helen Miller.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Wednesday 7/31	Thursday 8/1	Friday 8/2	Saturday 8/3	Sunday 8/4
90/71	89/70	84/67	84/66	84/61
There's a chance of thunderstorms on Wednesday when it will be mostly sunny and hot.	Thursday's forecast shows a 50% chance of thunderstorms under mostly sunny skies.	Friday looks to be another day of rain with a 50% chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny on Saturday with a chance of showers.	There's a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$144 million	40-42-43-50-66-69-72 Cash 5: 2-3-13-20-35 Estimated jackpot: \$156,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$331 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 9-4-2 Pick 4: 4-1-8-6 Pick 5: 9-8-0-5-3 Evening Pick 3: 5-2-8 Pick 4: 8-9-9-9 Pick 5: 2-2-6-7-7 Rolling Cash 5: 9-11-26-33-39 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 1-0-4 Daily Four: 0-7-9-4 Evening Daily Three: 4-1-3 Daily Four: 4-7-9-5 Quick Draw: 2-7-10-11-12-22-23-26-30-33-35-36-37-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1863, automobile manufacturer Henry Ford was born on his family's farm in Dearborn, Michigan. He incorporated the Ford Motor Company in 1903. The first Model T came off the assembly line in October 1908.

In 1898, Otto von Bismarck, who had been prime minister of Prussia and founded the German Empire, died. He had served as the first chancellor of the German Empire from 1871 through 1890.

In 2014, The Portland Foundation pledged \$250,000 toward the \$1 million fundraising campaign for what would become Portland Water Park. The city was seeking about 30% in private donations with public funds to be used for the remainder of what was estimated as a \$3.3-million project.

In 2018, the Jay County High School girls golf team's season opener was cut short by rain. The Patriots placed fifth in what ended up being scored as an 11-hole Bellmont Invitational at Cross Creek Golf Club in Decatur.

In 2022, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed fourth in the Drums at Winchester contest.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. court St., Portland.	Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
Thursday 1:30 p.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells Carnegie Government	Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

Funding ...

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Planned in multiple phases, the cost is estimated at \$4.5 million for Phase 1A to construct 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 more utility work and 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.

Redevelopment commission member Brian McGalliard asked the board Thursday to commit fund-

ing, pointing out that the final application for projects requesting some of East Central Indiana's allocation of funds through READI 2.0 is due Friday, Aug. 2. (The region, which includes Jay, Randolph, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Wayne and Fayette counties, was awarded \$35 million.)

McGalliard, who also serves as Jay County Commissioner, pointed again Monday to the deadline at the end of this week.

Installing the roads and utilities would create infrastructure needed to build mixed-use properties and houses on the property, according to plans from Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates.

The City of Portland has not formally discussed or

committed dollars toward the project that is within its city limits. Some Jay County Redevelopment Commission members voiced hesitancy last week to committing funding without knowing Portland's stake in the project. Other members noted working together with the city will be key.

Portland Redevelopment Commission is set to hear the same presentation from Rundell, Ernstberger and Associates at its 8 a.m. Aug. 9 meeting. Plans are also in the works to make similar presentations to the city's housing task force and Portland City Council.

Jay County invested \$1.5 million last year into the project, including purchasing the land for \$1.15 million and hiring Rundell, Ernstberger and Associ-

ates to begin planning its development for \$395,000.

McGalliard shared his plans Monday to request \$4.2 million in matching funds from READI 2.0. In order to meet the required match, he requested commissioners commit \$1.2 to \$1.3 million toward the project using economic development income tax (EDIT) dollars, American Rescue Plan Act funds or wind or solar economic development dollars.

"To me, it's a no-brainer," said commissioner president Chad Aker.

Commissioners agreed to commit the funding subject to receiving READI 2.0 funding.

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For more commissioners' news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

Firefighters ...

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Another community of concern — Cohasset on the fire's southern perimeter — has also so far been spared due to a combination of "luck and hard work," according to fire specialist Zeke Lunder.

Satellite imagery of the blaze captured by the European Space Agency show many active spots of heat and flames, but also some beneficial forest management and fuel reduction projects that have helped keep some areas protected, Lunder

said in a briefing Saturday evening.

However, forecasters say luck could soon change. The days ahead are likely to bring a gradual increase in temperatures and decrease in humidity.

Calling ...

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According to a White House fact sheet, it "will state that the Constitution does not confer any immunity from federal criminal indictment, trial, conviction, or sentencing by virtue of previously serving as President." That would effectively overturn the recent presidential immunity ruling in Trump v. United States, in which the 6-3 majority found that "Congress may not criminalize the President's conduct in carrying out the responsibilities of the Executive Branch under the Constitution."

The opinion sent the case back for lower court review of which charges brought against Trump are tied to official acts.

The White House noted that Biden has long experience with confirmation battles.

"From his first day in office — and every day since then — President Biden has taken action to strengthen American democracy and protect the rule of law," Monday's fact sheet said. "In recent years, the Supreme Court has overturned long-established legal precedents

protecting fundamental rights. This Court has gutted civil rights protections, taken away a woman's right to choose, and now granted Presidents broad immunity from prosecution for crimes they commit in office."

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Stults, Sheila: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Domingue-Wutz, Summer: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Everyone can relate to loneliness

By HANK NUWER

Samuel Deeter was a character, one and all agreed. He once made his living as a carpenter in Darke County and Randolph County. When his wife Mary died, he lost all self-sufficiency.

Far From Randolph County



The A and Z were the first and last letters of the alphabet run backwards.

One day Deeter's life took a turn.

He read a news story about a carnival fat woman named Lucy Havens who quit the flea circus in disgust. About 30-years old and just five feet tall, she cloaked her reportedly 400 pounds in colorful, flowing dresses. All that weight widened her feet too much for shoes, and so she often walked about in bare feet.

Deeter was smitten. He mailed Havens an ardent letter of proposal to her new temporary home at a poorhouse in Indiana.

Newspaper reporters, tipped off to the proposal, waited for her answer.

She agreed to marry the eccentric ex-carpenter. The couple signed their names on a marriage certificate and submitted it to Jay Circuit Court.

Then some 1,500 persons greeted Havens at the Portland rail station upon arrival. At their urging, he gave her a chaste kiss, according to a Union City correspondent whose dispatch ran in Indianapolis and Buffalo, New York.

They scheduled their wedding ceremony to take place in Union City's Grand Opera House.

Doctor ZA charged admission to the wedding. The mayors of Union City, Indiana and Ohio, vied for the right to perform the ceremony. ZA said he preferred to conduct his own common-law ceremony.

The wedding took place. A local orchestra played, "I Don't Know Why I Love You but I Do."

Doctor ZA slipped a ring on her finger.

Some locals genuinely hoped the unusual coupling might work out for two people who needed love and affection just like anyone else.

A few cold-hearted jokesters in Muncie demonstrated mock generosity. The reception organizers hired a brass band, put on a comic parade and set off fireworks.

The Evening Times of Muncie printed an editorial that lambasted those who ridiculed the offbeat couple with a circuslike reception.

To support themselves, the couple scheduled their own sideshow in Union City billed as "Doctor ZA and Mrs. ZA."

ZA's posters covered

fences and area post office walls.

Many patrons came to cheer or jeer. The newlyweds collected \$350.

After a series of sideshows, Lucy developed a coterie of fawning male admirers. Doctor ZA sued one suitor for alienation of affection and won.

Their marriage ended way too soon. Attempts at reconciliation failed.

Dr. ZA moved north and died alone in a Michigan City hotel in 1907.

Lucy wed another suitor in 1909. That marriage to Edward Burch also failed.

She died at 50 from pneumonia and chronic myocarditis on Dec. 3, 1922. Her last residence was a poorhouse.

The incurable romantic in me can't help but wish that Lucy and Deeter found a way to make their relationship work.

Another part of me, a writer who has penned essays about human behavior, wonders what a fascination with the off-beat couple tells us about our local ancestors.

Maybe it is why many people, me included, stand mesmerized by Edward Hopper's famous "Nighthawks" painting, with its slice of life at an urban café counter.

Perhaps the loneliness we see in Deeter, Lucy and Hopper's café patrons is the same aching loneliness we human creatures all feel at one time or another — or always.

I hope, even if only on their wedding night, the bride and groom found comfort in one another's companionship.

At least, as Ernest Hemingway's Jake Barnes said in "The Sun Also Rises": "Isn't it pretty to think so."

Widow feels invitation to livestream wedding is rude

DEAR ABBY: The daughter of a friend is getting married and sent an email announcement with a link to watch a livestream of the ceremony. I have never been invited to NOT attend an event before, and frankly, my feelings are hurt.

Does etiquette require I send a wedding gift? I would've understood not being invited if they were keeping it a small affair, but inviting a widow to witness a friend's emotional, romantic moment in the solitude of her home seems cruel. Am I out of touch with what is socially acceptable? — NOT GOING IN TEXAS

DEAR NOT GOING: If the wedding is being held some distance from where you live, then the invitation to livestream was probably an

Dear Abby



It's the second marriage for both, and they both work, although they do not handle money well. They have traveled to family events and ended up running out of money for meals, car rentals, etc.

My sister-in-law heard about a girls trip my daughters-in-law, a few close friends and I will be taking. She has invited herself along, and I don't know how to politely tell her she can't come unless she has the money up front to pay her share. It would kill me to hurt her feelings. Please advise. — RESPONSIBLE LADY OUT WEST

DEAR LADY: Who has paid for the food and car rentals that this couple didn't have the money to cover? Were those relatives ever reimbursed? Unless you want to

foot the bill for your SIL on this trip (to which she has invited herself), you'll have to summon up the courage to tell her you will under no circumstances be doing that. If her feelings are hurt when you state the obvious (that you are not a pushover), so be it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old woman. I have had a friend since high school who is five months younger than I am. A few weeks, sometimes months, before my birthday rolls around, she'll come out with comments about her being several months younger. These comments hover between sarcastic and just plain mean.

I think she thinks she's being clever, but after many years of this, it is no longer funny. When

she makes a comment this year about my BIG birthday, what could my comeback be, in essence, telling her to knock it off? — SAME AGE IN FLORIDA

DEAR SAME AGE: How about this, spoken with a smile of course: "Oh, Honey, age is only a number. My birthday may come before yours, but you are RIGHT behind me. I'm trying out the number before you get there. At this point, I consider each day a blessing and so should you."

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 earAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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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.

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

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

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

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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

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Alumni group says thank you

To the editor:
The Portland High School Alumni Association thanks everyone who helped prepare for the 133rd annual Portland High School Alumni Banquet.

Letters to the Editor

The 2024 banquet was the first to be held in the Wheel & Spoke Event Center and its success was due to the support of many.

The PHS alumni committee thanks the event center for accommodating the banquet where Carla's Catering served its wonderful food accompanied by the sounds of G Lo and Butch.

Additionally, the committee wishes to thank Carl Ronald and The Commercial Review for printing the invitations and programs and Rob Weaver and WPGW for their help in promoting the banquet.

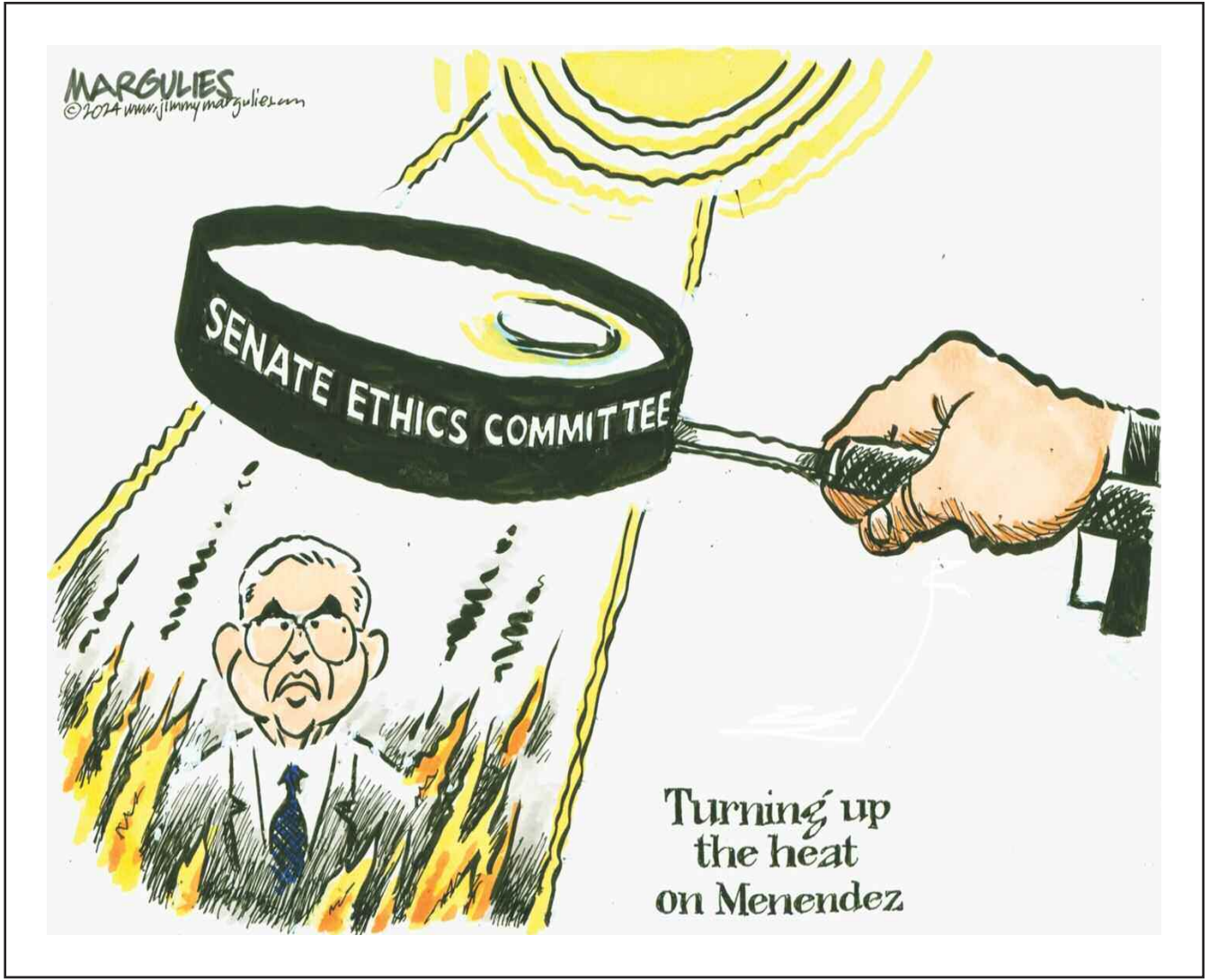
A special thanks goes to the men at Ohio Valley Gas who donated their time and muscle to set up the tables and chairs at the event cen-

ter. Finally, the committee wants to recognize the youth from Fellowship Baptist Church who assisted alumni at the banquet.

The committee is looking forward to continuing the traditional banquet for one more year. After that, the committee anticipates an annual PHS homecoming event open to all alumni.

If you attended PHS and would like to help plan these events, please contact the committee by post or email. Be sure to follow our events on our website portlandpantherproud.com.

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Equity is the first step

By **RONAK SHAH**
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Teachers aren't supposed to have favorite students, but a few years back, mine was Derrien.

I crack a lot of jokes when I teach, and he always kept pace with a witty comeback. He put his wits to use daily in my science class, generating insights that had me learning alongside him.

My favorite part, though, was his daily salutation when he got off the bus: "Mr. Shah, how's your morning starting today?"

So I was dismayed in February when, one morning, I didn't get my usual greeting. I figured he had a doctor's appointment or something, but the next day, the day after, nothing. I found out Derrien's family had moved out of the district, and no longer was in range of our buses. Mid-year school changes are extremely disruptive to a student's education, but they happen all the time. I figured he was just too far from our school to stay enrolled with us.

Imagine my surprise when I learned that he had only moved a few blocks over.

I realized what had happened. Look at any map of Indianapolis' eleven school districts and you will, too. The boundaries are fragmented and peculiar, fraying on the west side and an archipelago on the east. They mark historic lines of segregation that have been enshrined in state law since UniGov. In some parts of the city, you can drive five blocks and pass through three different districts.

The upshot of this hit me at a six-way traffic light a few months ago. Four school buses — one for Warren, one for Lawrence, one for an eastside charter, and one for IPS — were all stuck in the same traffic.

Discrimination

I chuckled at the inefficiency, but the artificial lines between districts and enrollment zones mark very real barriers to students getting to and from the schools they choose.

A lack of transportation implicitly discriminates against students in poverty, in unstable housing, or with significant disabilities. Yet in 2015, the Indiana Supreme Court confirmed that Indiana schools are not constitutionally required to provide transportation. If a dis-

trict, charter, or private school provides busing, it does so by choice, relying on local property tax revenue. And it's only getting pricier. School transportation has been facing a hailstorm of challenges including driver shortages, rising operational costs, redundant routes, pedestrian safety, and an aging fleet.

Indiana is unusual, but there are as many ways to fund school transportation as there are states, running the gamut from state lump sums, local levies, per-pupil grants, user fees, and even reimbursement for public transit. The variety of schemes is dizzying, but each carries its own lessons for Indiana. Through decades of education reform, transportation has remained largely untouched. But students can't have a great education if they can't get to a great school.

With road funding looming large over the 2025 legislative session, we have an opportunity to make Indiana a nationwide model for equitable school transportation.

Recommendations

First, the state should offer baseline funding to at least ensure that students from Kindergarten through 8th grade have access to transportation to their school of their choice. This can be limited by radius or road distance to their pickup address, but it should be irrespective of school type and arbitrary, racially-drawn district lines.

Second, any school that accepts public funding should be required to offer opt-in transportation to students. While some states both require and fund this, Indiana has enabled a more scattershot approach. Many schools, especially smaller and more isolated ones, have struggled to offer transportation and have explicitly asked for consistency. A unified expectation ensures that transportation and equity will not be in conflict.

Finally, districts shouldn't

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stand alone in managing busing for all schools. Many, especially in rural counties, are already facing financial cliffs because of transportation. When Ohio required districts to bus students to charter and private schools, it led to conflicts, fines, lawsuits, and settlements. A better approach could be managing school transportation at the county level, with a unified open enrollment system and multiple stops at schools along the same route. This gives drivers opportunities to run fuller shifts with better wages, and lets us invest in newer, safer buses.

Sitting at that intersection looking at those buses, I wondered for a moment if Derrien might be on one of them. I thought about how being on a different bus at the same traffic light offered completely different educational opportunities. This year, let's design a better school transportation system that serves all students equitably.

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Cheatle failed and had to resign

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Guest Editorial

Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle should have saved herself from being roasted for 4 hours and 40 minutes Monday by justifiably angry members of the House Oversight Committee livid over the failures of the Secret Service to prevent the shooting of Donald Trump at a Pennsylvania rally 11 days ago. She should have resigned rather than sit there and make the situation worse. Instead, she quit yesterday.

Trump thankfully survived, but rallygoer Corey Comperatore died, as did a lot of the agency's credibility and Cheatle's reputation.

Cheatle said in her opening statement: "The Secret Service's solemn mission is to protect our nation's leaders. On July 13, we failed. As the director of the United States Secret Service, I take full responsibility for any security lapse." At that point she should have announced that she was leaving her job.

The rancor at her was appropriately bipartisan, as she either refused or was unable to answer basic questions about how the assassin with a bulky AR-15 got on the roof and managed to fire eight shots; about why warnings from rallygoers were not heeded about the man on the roof; about how after local law enforcement knew about the suspicious person on the roof, Trump wasn't removed from the stage; about the failure of the Secret Service, which is the lead agency, to coordinate more effectively with other law enforcement to secure the area and the perimeter with clear sightlines to the podium that Trump was using.

Trump and the country got very lucky. A few millimeters difference and that ear nick would have been fatal.

When Monday's hearing ended, the Republican Chairman James Comer and Ranking Democrat Jamie Raskin wrote a joint letter calling for Cheatle to

resign. She didn't, but waited until the next morning to pack it in, as Speaker Mike Johnson and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries teamed up to present a bipartisan task force to investigate the Trump shooting. That special new panel, with seven Republicans and six Democrats, will be approved on the House floor today and hopefully use its subpoena authority to get some answers.

Beside the particulars of the July 13 assassination attempt, of which the FBI is conducting a full review, does the Secret Service need more money, more agents and officers, more equipment, more authority? Do the policies and procedures need to be changed? Emptying out Cheatle's office is not going to be enough if her replacement has the same approach.

The job of director is appointed by the president, without Senate confirmation. There is now a bill to change that makes the post subject to a confirmation vote. We don't know if a Senate hearing would have weeded out Cheatle or prevented the Pennsylvania mishaps and tragedy that nearly became a national catastrophe, but the added scrutiny of the service is welcome.

Now the agency wants the Trump campaign to avoid outdoor rallies. While we support the utmost security for presidents and presidential candidates, how about just making the outdoor rallies safer?

Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris must be protected and allowed to campaign as they wish. That protection has been the job of the Secret Service since 1902. Campaigning has changed, but protection should not.

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Hardwick named to 250 again

A Jay County High School graduate is still considered one of the most influential individuals in the state.

Mark Hardwick was selected as part of IBJ Media's Indiana 250 when the list was announced last week.

The third annual version of the list recognizes the state's "most influential and impactful business and community leaders, representing public and private companies, law firms, universities, not-for-profits, government and community organizations."

"The evolution of the Indiana 250 over time is one of our favorite things about it — and the reason we update the list annually," said IBJ Media CEO Nate Feltman in a letter introducing this year's list. "The changes represent the way our state and the people who live and work here are growing and progressing. And as we developed the list, we looked for people who are making an impact now."

Hardwick, a Dunkirk native and 1989 JCHS graduate, is CEO of First Merchants Corporation, which operates in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. He also serves on the Ball State University Board of Trustees.

He has been with First Merchants since 1997 and was promoted to CEO in 2021. He was honored as

Business roundup

IBJ's Chief Financial Officer of the Year in 2012.

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Hospitals honored

The American Heart Association last week recognized two area hospitals through its Get With The Guidelines initiative and other programs targeted at improving outcomes for those who experience heart disease or stroke.

Among the 43 Indiana hospitals honored this year for "consistently following up-to-date, research-based guidelines to ensure all patients have access to lifesaving care" were IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie and Reid Health of Richmond.

Ball received four distinctions — Resuscitation Award: Silver, Stroke Award: Gold Plus, Target Stroke Honor Roll and Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll. Reid earned the Stroke Award: Gold Plus and was named to the Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

"Every 40 seconds, some-

one in America has a stroke or heart attack," said Dr. William Gill, president of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "High-quality care should be accessible to all, and sites awarded through the Get With The Guidelines program help work toward our shared vision of health and hope for everyone, everywhere."

Tips offered

Indiana Michigan Power last week offered tips on how to avoid scams.

The company noted that it has received 240 reports of scams targeted at its customers so far this year. That's an increase from all of 2023.

I&M said most utility scams include mailing fake overpayment checks in an effort to get customers to confirm personal information, threatening disconnection if payment is not made, demanding immediate payment through a mobile app or via gift card, and demanding payment for a new meter before installation.

"Scammers are often sophisticated and will try anything to take advantage of our customers," said I&M vice president of external affairs and customer experience Katie Davis in a press release. "I&M will never call customers and demand immediate payment. If you suspect a scammer has con-

tacted you — you can call us at the number listed on our website or latest account statement and confirm the status of your account and talk to a customer service specialist."

New hospital planned

Indiana University Health last week announced plans to build a new hospital in Fort Wayne.

IU Health plans to invest \$421 million in the new facility. Plans, which were approved last month by the organization's board of directors, call for the new hospital to have 500 employees.

It's the latest expansion for IU Health, which opened a primary care center on the south side of Fort Wayne in 2018.

"We've heard the community's call for more options in affordable healthcare, and as the state's largest and only academic health system, we are committed to answering that need in support of our vision to make Indiana one of the healthiest states in the country," said Dennis Murphy, president & CEO of IU Health, in a press release. "We believe we can help create a healthier future and reduce the economic burden for businesses and families alike."

Tyson selects

Tyson Ventures, a branch of Tyson Foods,

selected five companies to move forward with innovations following Tyson Demo Day 2024.

The event invites innovators and entrepreneurs to apply with solutions to help Tyson Foods toward more sustainable practices, enhance transparency, create new efficiencies or enhance standards of quality.

Companies selected were Acoustic Extra Freezing for freezing equipment, JLE Truckwash for cleaning solutions, Orderful for data management, Pactum AI for supplier negotiations and SnoFox for software optimization.

"Transformational solutions come from all over, and to see so much strategic potential in one place was inspiring," said Tyson vice president of global strategy Heidi Solomon in a press release. "When protein supply chains become more efficient, we can all do more to feed the world like family and fulfill our corporate mission. The global reach and scale of Tyson Foods can help these companies apply their groundbreaking solutions to make a difference."

AIM names

AIM Media Indiana has named Steve Swails as its new general manager.

Swails has worked for AIM since 2022, having previously been with USA Today in Memphis and

Indianapolis. He will work out of Columbus and lead the company's Indiana publications — it has daily newspapers in Columbus, Franklin, Greenfield and Seymour — while also partnering with colleagues at AIM Media Texas, AIM Media Midwest and AIM Media Management.

"Steve is a highly experienced, widely respected, and seasoned professional in the publishing industry and we are extremely fortunate to have him on our team in Indiana," said AIM chairman and CEO Jeremy L. Halbreich in a press release. "He brings great energy and enthusiasm to his work, he is an inspiring leader with excellent interpersonal skills and he is deeply committed to our Indiana organization, to his fellow employees and to all the communities we serve in Indiana."

Job fair scheduled

A job and resource fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Ivy Tech Culinary and Conference Center, 2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

The event will include various resources, including assistance with resumes. More than 70 vendors will be on hand.

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State agencies pour money into state fair

By MIA HILKOWITZ
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For many attendees, the Indiana State Fair is the perfect time to celebrate Midwest traditions and have fun with friends and family. Some visitors will try eccentric food combinations — like a Cinnamon Toast Crunch funnel cake or spicy pickle pizza — or stop by the Midway for amusement park rides. Others might opt to watch livestock shows and learn more about the state's history through the fair's museum exhibits.

And for some state agencies, the 15-day event presents another unique opportunity: the chance to market to more than 850,000 Hoosiers.

State agencies including the Hoosier Lottery, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Secretary of State's Office pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the state fair each year to sponsor information booths, giveaways, concert performances and more.

Sponsorships from public and private groups for the fair, which climbed to \$2.6 million for the



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A man sets up machines for the Hoosier Lottery Town on July 25 at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds.

2023 event, is just one way the Indiana State Fair Commission (ISFC) brings in revenue. The commission oversees the operations for the fair and event center.

With the 167th annual state fair set to kick off Aug. 2, the Indiana

Capital Chronicle took a look at the finances behind the event.

Anna Whelchel, chief marketing and sales officer for the fair commission, said the state fair usually sees around 850,000 visitors each year, but attendance

can depend on weather conditions. Last year the Indiana State Fair saw 840,414 visitors, an increase from 2022 (837,568 visitors) and 2021 (830,390 visitors). She said poor weather likely limited attendance in 2021.

Indiana's all-time attendance record was around 978,000 at its 2013 event.

The Indiana State Fair over recent years has experimented with how many days it is open, ranging from 12 to 18 but recently has settled on 15.

John Pfeffenberger, vice president and chief financial officer for the commission said there are usually four large sources of operating revenue for the state fair: tickets/admission, parking, concessions/Midway amusement park rides and sponsorships.

The fairgrounds holds events the entire year, not just during the State Fair. In its audited financial statements, the ISFC does not break out the marquee fair event from the rest of its year-round business. Pfeffenberger said it's helpful for the commission to look at a consolidated business operation, rather

than just the fair, since many of its costs are year-round such as salaries for employees, insurance and utilities.

"Historically, we've taken this approach, for probably about the last 10 years, to help and really aid our ability to bond and to finance certain projects on our campus," Pfeffenberger said. "So it was helpful from an underwriting perspective to look at the business as a consolidated operation versus split between fair and non-fair."

According to the audited financial statements covering all events for 2023, the commission generated around \$5.7 million in admissions revenue, \$3.3 million for parking and \$5.1 million for concessions. It also reported \$7.8 million in revenue related to renting the fairgrounds and slightly more than \$1 million in "other operating revenue." Pfeffenberger said this category includes revenue generated from merchandise sales, its harness racing stall and campgrounds.

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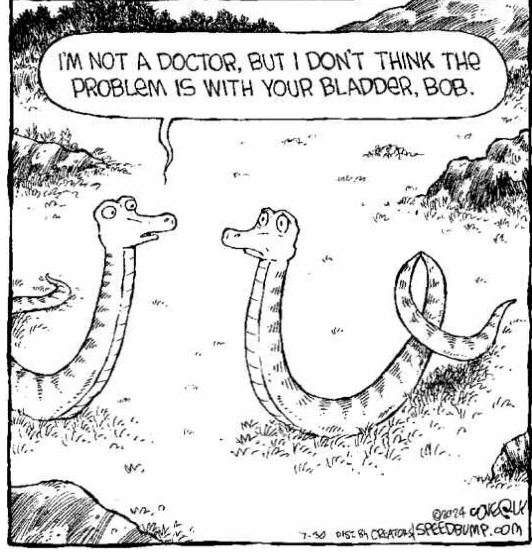
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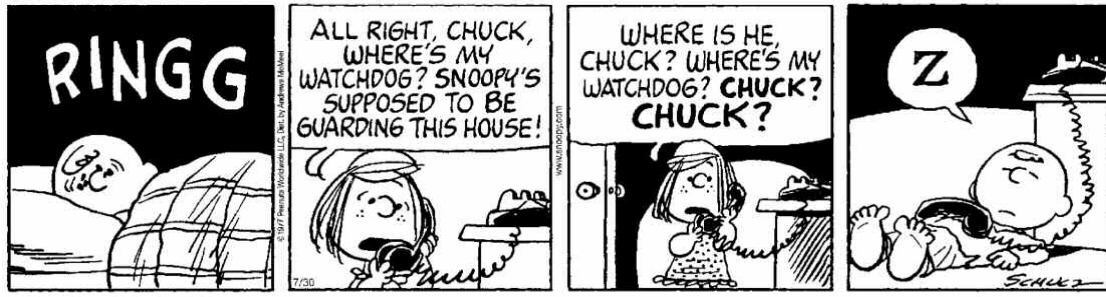


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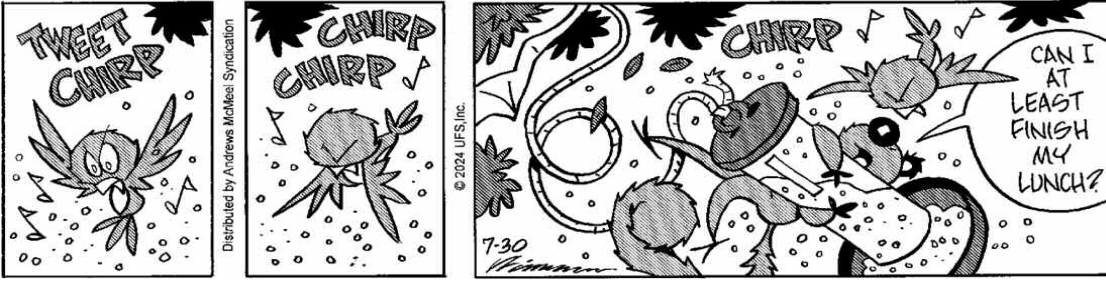
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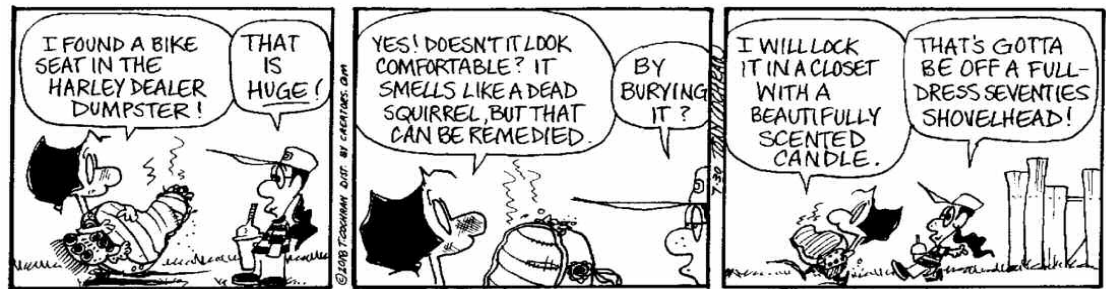
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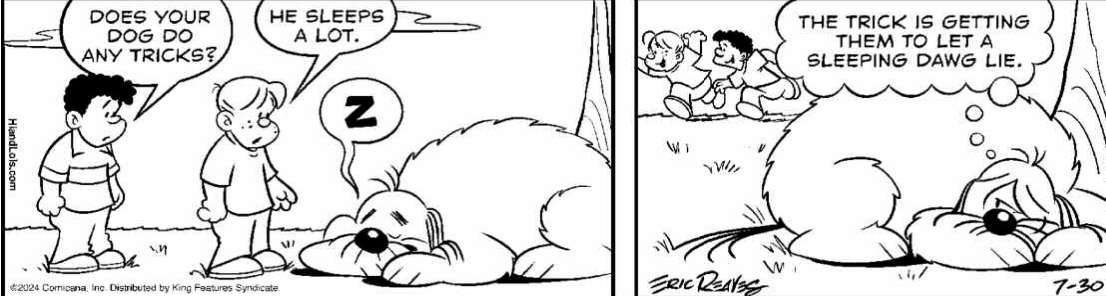
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By Steve Becker

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♣ A 9 5 4

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2 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠
6 ♠
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Sometimes what looks like a hopeless situation turns out not to be as hopeless as it might at first seem. All that's required is a steady hand at the helm and, perhaps, a little bit of luck.
Take this case where South is in six spades and West leads the king of diamonds. If declarer wins with the ace, he eventually goes down

one, losing a heart and a club. But if South is on his toes, he should realize he has a reasonable chance for the slam.
So instead of taking the ace, declarer ruffs the first diamond and then leads a low heart toward dummy at trick two. This play has a Machiavellian twist. If West follows low, as most players would, the slam is ice-cold. Dummy's queen wins, whereupon South discards the king of hearts on the ace of diamonds, draws trump and concedes a club trick to make the contract.
However, as the cards lie, even if West goes up with the heart ace at trick two, South still makes the slam. Thanks to East's having started with the J-x-x of hearts, declarer's three club losers can eventually be discarded on the diamond ace and Q-10 of hearts after East's jack falls on the third round of the suit.
At the start, South ruffs the opening diamond lead primarily to try to steal the contract with a low heart play at trick two. As it happens, though, his attempted larceny works no matter what West does. Skill plus good luck are often a hard combination to beat.

Tomorrow: The third-hand-high rule.
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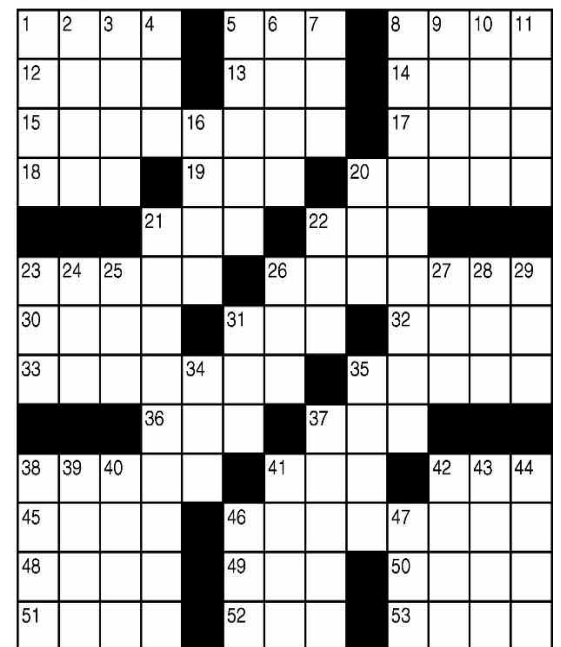
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Rockets end as regional runners-up

FORT WAYNE — The Rockets were riding high after taking the Carrington Red Tournament championship on July 21, but it wasn't quite enough to secure a National Amateur Baseball Federation title.

The Portland Rockets went 3-1 over the weekend to finish as the runners-up to the Fort Wayne Blues in the NABF regional tournament.

The Rockets opened up with a pair of victories on Friday, with wins over the Jasper Reds 7-2, and the Fort Wayne Jackers, 4-1. They then took down the Livonia Firebirds 5-2 in the semifinal before things started to unravel against the Blues for a 7-2 loss.

The only runs for Portland (20-15) came on a sacrifice fly by Cameron Pratt and a game-tying home run by Garrison Brege.

After the Rockets knotted things up at 2-2, they couldn't hold on as Camden La Fuze gave up four runs — three of which were earned — in the sixth inning. Two walks and a hit batter loaded the bases for Fort Wayne before back-to-back singles and a wild pitch scored four runs.

The Blues added one more in the seventh inning to put the game away.

Portland didn't struggle

to find offense in the first three games of the tournament.

Dylan Brammer led the team with five RBIs, including a three-run home run against the Jackers and a pair of RBI hits against the Reds.

The Rockets got off to a hot start in the opener against the Reds. Portland scored the first three runs of the game. After giving up a pair in the fourth inning, the Rockets scored four in the bottom half to put the game out of reach.

Outside of Brammer's third-inning blast against the Jackers, the Rockets scored on a single by Joel Kennedy in the fifth.

The Rockets came back from a 2-0 deficit against the Firebirds by netting a three-run inning that included home runs from Kade Muth and Brege. Two more crossed in the seventh on back-to-back singles by Peyton Smith and Kennedy.

Mitch Waters secured the win against the Reds by only allowing two earned runs over six innings pitched.

The winner of game No. 2 was Jared Holley, who went the distance for the Rockets and only gave up one run in the victory.

Brammer also went the distance in the third game, allowing two runs on eight hits for the three-run win.



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Sprinting in the sunshine

Isaiah Timmerman competes in the Run Jay County 2K race on Saturday morning. Timmerman earned the top time of 7 minutes, 39.34 seconds, and he hit a top speed of 14.6 miles per hour.

Glentzer cleans up in Elkhart

ELKHART — Cooper Glentzer has no shortage of accomplishments in his young career. That list only grew over the weekend.

Cooper Glentzer, along with Grant Glentzer and Aubrey Millspaugh, competed in the 2024 Indiana Swimming Summer North Divisional Championships at Elkhart Health and Aquatics Center over the weekend.

Cooper Glentzer led the way by medaling in six events for the boys 14-and-younger division. His top two events were the 200-meter and 100-meter freestyle swims, both of which he finished as the runner-up.

In other freestyle events, Cooper Glentzer finished third in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

His other two podium-worthy performances came in the 100 backstroke (fourth place) and the 100 butterfly (fifth place).

Grant Glentzer also competed in the 14-and-younger division, with his top finish coming in the 1,650 freestyle. He took sixth place in the race.

Other finishes include 13th in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke, 19th in the 200 freestyle, 21st in the 50 freestyle and 24th in the 100 freestyle.

Millspaugh swam in the girls open division. A fifth-place finish in the 200 individual medley ended as her top placement. She also medaled in the 500 freestyle, as she finished seventh.

Other placements include 12th in the 200 and 100 freestyle and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

Jimmer Fredette reinvents himself in Olympic 3x3 basketball

by MARK ZEIGLER
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PARIS — When he was a kid with a mop of curly hair in upstate New York, Jimmer Fredette was regularly subjected to "The Gauntlet."

TJ, his older brother and de facto medieval trainer, noticed that a church in nearby Queensbury had a long, dark hallway with doorways and recesses where people could hide. They turned out the lights and had young Jimmer try to dribble from one end to the other while TJ and their friends would leap from the shadows, trying to knock him into the walls and strip him of the ball.

It taught him how to dribble with his head up, how to keep the ball close to his body, how to keep a low center of gravity to maintain balance, how to react to unforeseen defensive maneuvers. It also, unwittingly, prepared him for the unpredictable.

Prepared him for his life and career. A dim light illuminated the end of the hallway. The goal was to reach it.

Two decades after those tortuous afternoons dribbling "The Gauntlet," 13 years after terrorizing San Diego State as the nation's leading scorer at BYU, four years after an ignominious pro career washed out on three continents, three years after joining a venture capital firm, five months after his 35th birthday, he has.

Fredette isn't playing for Team USA in the five-on-five basketball competition at the Summer Olympics, but he is playing basketball in Paris. He's playing 3x3, a halfcourt, outdoor bastardization of James Naismith's game that made its Olympic debut in 2021 in Tokyo and has gained more traction in Europe than the United States.

"You never know where life will take you," Fredette, now 35, says. "I've had awesome times in my career and I've had tough times in my career, much like anybody in their lives, whether it's athletics or something else. The biggest thing for me is once a door closes, another opens and being able to go all in through that door."

"It's given me a new life in basketball. It's been a crazy and wild journey, but I wouldn't change it for anything. ... It's an unorthodox path to get to the Olympics, right?"

He and SDSU's Kawhi Leonard both left college basketball in 2011 after a storied Mountain West rivalry of epic games and sold-out arenas and students camping overnight for tickets. Fredette was the conference and national player of the

year, and he went five picks earlier in the NBA Draft at No. 10.

Then their paths forked.

A decade later, Leonard had won two NBA titles and been Finals MVP in both and named to six All-Star Games. Career earnings: \$275 million.

Fredette went from BYU ... to the Sacramento Kings ... to the Chicago Bulls ... to the New Orleans Pelicans ... to the San Antonio Spurs for training camp ... to the G League's Westchester (N.Y.) Knicks ... to the New York Knicks for two games ... to the Denver Nuggets for summer league ... back to the Westchester Knicks ... to China's Shanghai Sharks ... to the Phoenix Suns for six games ... to Greece's Panathinaikos ... and back to Shanghai.

And then, in 2021, to a venture capital firm in Utah while living in Denver.

What happened?

"It was different," says Fredette, who averaged 28.9 points as a senior at BYU and dropped 43 on SDSU that had 22,700 fans in the Marriott Center chanting, "You got Jimmerrrr."

"It was the first time I wasn't 'the man' on the team. I was low man on the totem pole. Some games I'd play, some games I wouldn't play at all. That wasn't easy."

His relative lack of size (6-foot-2) and length and quickness likely hurt him at the next level. He wasn't considered an elite defender or rebounder like Leonard, or a role player who could fit around other stars. But his quick release and intergalactic range figured to translate.

It didn't.

"I think I was a little ahead of my time, where I was shooting from really long ranges in college and it wasn't really like that in the NBA at that point," Fredette says. "I came in with that kind of skillset, and if I don't have the green light to do that, you're taking away half my skillset. Whereas now, if I came in (to the NBA), I feel like they'd give me a green light to do some of that stuff. It's just timing and situation."

"I'm not the first guy who's gone into the NBA and not have happen what they wanted to have happen. It happens to guys every single year, all over the place. It's the way the sport goes. Some guys make it, some guys don't."

Fredette got the green light at Westchester and was named MVP of the All-Star Game with 35 points, six rebounds and eight assists in 25 minutes. He did in Shanghai as well, averaging 37.3, 37.4 and 36.9 points in his first three seasons; one time, he scored 73 points.

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