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Spending bill sent to Oval for action

Measure cleared Senate on Friday

By DAVID LERMAN and AIDAN QUIGLEY

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service
WASHINGTON — A six-month stopgap funding bill cleared the Senate on Friday after enough Democrats crossed the aisle to vote to end debate, defying intense pressure from the left wing of their party.

The measure now heads to President Donald Trump's desk, where he's expected to sign it and avert a partial government shutdown that was otherwise set to begin at midnight.

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-New York, who enraged progressive activists and many fellow Democrats in both chambers by announcing his support Thursday night, voted for cloture Friday, which requires 60 votes.

The 62-38 cloture vote saw nine members of his caucus join Schumer on the key procedural vote: Minority Whip Richard J. Durbin of Illinois; Schumer's fellow New Yorker Kirsten Gillibrand; John Fetterman of Pennsylvania; Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada; Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire; Brian Schatz of Hawaii; and Gary Peters of Michigan. Angus King, a Maine independent who caucuses with the Democrats, also voted for cloture.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, was the lone GOP "no" vote.

The bill then cleared on a 54-46 vote after a series of amendments were rejected, including one from Paul to cut foreign aid.

See **Bill** page 2

Moving toward moratorium



Tribune News Service/Atlanta Journal Constitution/Natrice Miller

Pictured above are batteries on the site of the new battery energy storage system that Georgia Power constructed and brought online in Columbus, Georgia, in 2023. Jay County Plan Commission took the first step Thursday toward putting a moratorium in place on battery storage facilities while it works on developing an ordinance to regulate them. It also started the process toward a moratorium on new solar facilities.

Commission looking at battery storage

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The county is moving on moratoriums.

Jay County Plan Commission OK'd moving forward with enacting two 12-month moratoriums Thursday on commercial battery storage facilities and new solar farm developments in the county.

Commission members will host a public hearing next

month before voting on the decision. If approved, it will then move to Jay County Commissioners for their consideration.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn noted during the plan commission's meeting Thursday that an energy company — its name was not shared Thursday — has expressed interest in developing a com-

mercial battery storage facility in Jay County. He pointed out the county currently doesn't have an ordinance in place that would set rules and restrictions for such facilities.

Hemmelgarn shared copies of an ordinance created by Starke County officials to serve as an example for what Jay County Plan Commission could pass. (He pointed out as of now, Starke County is

under a moratorium for battery storage, wind and solar facilities.)

The ordinance example shared Thursday establishes definitions and criteria for commercial solar battery energy storage systems. It limits its battery energy storage systems to a maximum of five acres and to agricultural-zoned parcels.

See **Moratorium** page 2

U.S., Israel dismiss offer

By SARA GHARAIBEH and DAN WILLIAMS

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

JERUSALEM — Hamas said it's willing to release all U.S.-Israeli hostages, including one still alive, in a surprise move dismissed by both Israel and the U.S. as unhelpful to negotiation efforts to end the war.

The Palestinian militant group said it had agreed to free Israeli soldier Edan Alexander, a U.S. citizen, as well as the bodies of four other dual nationals, according to a statement on Friday. Hamas official Mahmoud Mardawi later confirmed the deceased are also Israeli-Americans.

Hamas said the offer is in response to a proposal from mediators seeking to end the 17-month conflict between the group and Israel — made up of Qatar, Egypt and the U.S. "The movement affirms its complete readiness to begin negotiations" on a ceasefire, Hamas said.

U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff responded that while Washington has made clear to Hamas, via Qatar and Egypt, that Alexander should be released

Hamas proposal came in response to work on ending 17-month conflict

immediately, the statement by the Islamist group represents a "very bad bet."

"Hamas has chosen to respond by publicly claiming flexibility while privately making demands that are entirely impractical without a permanent ceasefire," Witkoff's office said in a statement. "Hamas is making a very bad bet that time is on its side. It is not."

A senior Israeli official, who asked not to be identified, said the move was really intended to sabotage negotiations and drive a wedge between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government and the U.S., its chief ally. Hamas, which still holds about 60 hostages taken during the October 2023 attacks that triggered the war, hasn't genuinely changed its position, the official said.

The development comes almost two weeks after an initial Israel-Hamas truce period came to an end, without an agreement on whether or how it should be extended. That's left the conflict in limbo, with Hamas still holding the hostages, of which Israel believes about 25 are alive. U.S. President Donald Trump has warned Hamas there will be "hell to pay" if they aren't freed.

The U.S. said it has presented a "bridge" proposal that would extend the initial truce period beyond the Ramadan and Passover holidays — into April — and see Hamas release living hostages in exchange for prisoners. That would enable more humanitarian assistance to enter war-ravaged Gaza and work to continue on a durable halt to fighting.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Grin to win

Gabe Pinkerton cracks a smile before laying down a card to win a trick of euchre in the auxiliary gym at Jay County Junior-Senior High School on Tuesday. Pinkerton and his partner Layne Reidt were playing against JCHS principal Chad Dodd and CSM Bishop during the euchre tournament of the student vs. staff night.

Deaths

Mary Lou Hammond, 70, Portland

Vicki Haynes, 77, Celina, Ohio

Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature hit 76 degrees Friday in Jay County.

Rain is expected today with winds gusting to 50 miles per hour and a high in the lower 70s. More rain, with thunderstorms possible and continued high winds in the forecast for tonight. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The next event in the Eric R. Rogers Performance Series at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place features the country music group Shannon Clark and the Sugar performing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Tickets are available at myartsplace.org, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by stopping in at 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Saturday's legislative update in Dunkirk.

Wednesday — Details from next week's Jay School Board meeting.



Moratorium ...

Continued from page 1
Per the Starke County ordinance, battery energy storage systems must have minimum 1,000-foot setbacks from the center of roads and highways, as well as 1,000-foot setbacks from waterways, ditches, streams, rivers, residential wells or field drains and adjoining property lines not connected to the project. They're also subject to an enhanced minimum setback of 1,320 feet from adjoining properties used for residential, educational or religious use.

Battery energy storage systems must be fenced in completely with 6-foot-tall chain-link fencing, and there must be signs at each location with emergency response numbers posted and updated annually, the ordinance says. It also requires planting an assortment of greenery in front of the berm of the property, which should be at least 20 feet outside of the fenced area, and a subsurface non-permeable liner to keep contaminants in place.

The ordinance also lays out requirements for fire prevention plans and a fire monitoring system and requires an 8-inch well located on the property for fire departments to use in an emergency.

"(Starke County's) ordinance probably would kill battery storage in just about every county in Indiana," said Hemmelgarn.

Commission member Matt Minnich asked if it would be eas-

ier for the county to say no to battery storage facilities in Jay County as a whole. Commission member Steve Ford questioned if that decision could be overturned by the state in the future, pointing to a bill he said was being discussed by state legislators.

"I think probably the safest route would be to go the Starke County route, I think," answered county attorney Wes Schemenaur. "Create an ordinance that just is ... probably very difficult or impossible to meet."

Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel also voiced safety concerns with allowing a commercial battery storage facility in the county. He said other fire chiefs in the county also are not in favor of such a facility coming to Jay County.

"From a fire department standpoint, I'm against them," he said. "We don't have the manpower or the equipment to fight a lithium ion battery fire in that capacity."

He said the energy company looking into Jay County proposed 52 storage container boxes full of lithium ion batteries.

Weitzel offered to send commission members examples of lithium ion battery explosion fires, specifically recalling an incident in Surprise, Arizona.

"They were on scene for more than four hours with their monitoring equipment," he said. "They went up to open the door

to make sure everything was good. The box got air, exploded, shot three of their members 75 feet through a fence. Luckily none of them were killed."

"We don't have the resources here to fight something like that," he added, referencing a battery fire in California that lasted for three days.

Commission member Todd Skirvin shared worries about keeping a fire contained within a few thousand acres. Weitzel noted there would be evacuation zones, potential runoff into water sources and other variables involved, such as toxins in the air when burned.

"I think we're in too large of a rural area to be able to do anything," said commission member Jeanne Houchins. "I mean, look at, you know, if we had a brush fire in the northwest corner of the county and it got out of hand, it would take Salamonia (fire department) quite some time to get there to help."

Minnich said such a facility doesn't seem like a good fit for rural Jay County.

Jay County REMC District 8 board member Ken Denton said the energy cooperative is looking at installing batteries into some of its substations. (It's a separate project from the one discussed and proposed by commission members Thursday.)

"All I'm asking you to do is get more information, have somebody that does batteries and

come here and talk to you," he said. "Why they're wanting to put batteries in some of our substations is our area is probably 60% higher on our transmission rates than anybody in the state, so therefore they want to put batteries within the substation to shave that peak to try to recoup some of that cost ..."

Jay County Commissioner Duane Monroe, who works for Jay County REMC, added that the energy cooperative is looking into a smaller-scale project than the other company proposing a battery storage facility.

"It's a lot smaller, and it's going to benefit — if you're an REMC member, it's going to affect your bill ... that money will stay local to those members," he said.

Hemmelgarn asked Denton and Monroe to forward him information about Jay County REMC's planned project.

Commission members agreed to establish a six-month moratorium on battery storage facilities. Schemenaur then noted plan commission would need to host a public hearing before establishing a moratorium. The motion was then amended to move forward in the process for starting a 12-month moratorium on battery storage facilities.

Schemenaur also pointed out Monroe asked about establishing a moratorium on new solar farm developments.

Schemenaur noted the county

has signed agreements with four companies proposing solar farms in Jay County. To date, none of the projects have started construction yet, with start dates continuing to get pushed back.

He added that without a solar farm established, Jay County hasn't been able to judge whether its current solar ordinance fits the county's needs.

Commission members agreed to also move forward with establishing a 12-month moratorium on new solar farm developments.

Also Thursday, plan commission members Chad Aker, Casey Wagner, Scott Hilfiker, Skirvin, Houchins and Minnich, absent Brad Daniels and Steve McIntosh:

• Heard about the state's requirement to livestream and record meetings starting July 1. Schemenaur indicated plan commission may not be covered by the rule because it is not an executive, legislative or fiscal body and does not regularly meet at Jay County Courthouse.

• Agreed to retain its officers from 2024, which include Hilfiker as president, Ford as vice president, Houchins as secretary and Pati McLaughlin as recording secretary.

• Reappointed Aker as Jay County Plan Commission's representative on Portland Plan Commission.

• Received informational packets from Schemenaur regarding plan commission's duties.

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| There's a 50% chance of rain Sunday under mostly cloudy skies. Wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph. | Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday when the high will be around 51 degrees. | Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid 60s. | Wednesday's forecast is mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers. | Thursday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers. |

Lotteries

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| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-9-1 Daily Four: 3-0-6-0 Quick Draw: 2-12-20-21-22-29-32-36-43-47-49-50-55-56-57-59-63-64-75-80 | Pick 3: 2-7-9 Pick 4: 6-8-2-4 Pick 5: 8-3-9-1-2 |
| Ohio Midday | Estimated jackpot: \$277 million |
| Powerball | Estimated jackpot: \$378 million |
| Mega Millions | Estimated jackpot: \$277 million |

Markets

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Today in history

In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was stabbed to death by Roman senators in Italy, resulting in civil war.

In 1917, Russia's last emperor, Tsar Nicholas II, abdicated after the February Revolution.

In 1972, "The Godfather" premiered in theaters. Francis Ford Coppola's gangster movie, based on the novel by Mario Puzo, became one of the most popular films of its time.

In 2016, Portland Park Board hired Missy Bader as the manager of Portland Water Park. Bader managed the park for five years. Prior to her time as manager, she had worked at Portland Pool for two decades.

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Citizen's calendar

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| Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, dining hall, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. | 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, Fort Recovery High School, 400 Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. |
| Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. | |

Obituaries

Mary Hammond

Feb. 28, 1955-March 13, 2025
Mary Lou Hammond, age 70, a resident of rural Dunkirk, passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Mary Lou was born Feb. 28, 1955, the daughter of Jack Ford and Ruth (Merchant) Prouty. She was raised by Harold and Ruth Prouty.

Mary Lou devoted her life to her family and married the love of her life, Stephen Hammond, on August 28, 1971. He passed away on July 2, 2011.

Survivors include:
Three children — Michelle Hammond, Kokomo, Indiana, Melissa

Hammond, Dunkirk, Indiana, Benjamin Hammond (wife: Dasha), Portland, Indiana

One sister — LaVetha Loucks (husband: Ramon), Portland, Indiana

Grandchildren — Ariel, Chase, Reece, Jaden, Jalen, Jaila, Javon, Clorissa, Xavier, Zzander, Mathayus, Sam, Branden and Lincoln

Five great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by a sister, Roxann Doll.

Private visitation will be held at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Private



Hammond

burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Vicki Haynes, Celina, Ohio, the mother for Portland and Fort Recovery residents, Sept. 12, 1947-March 10, 2025. A Joint Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at W.H. Dick & Sons - Hellwarth Funeral Home in Celina for Vicki and her husband, Oscar, who had passed away Aug. 22, 2020.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Capsule Reports

Filter fire

A fire broke out at Fort Recovery Industries on Thursday.

Portland Fire Department responded to 710 E. 100 North, Portland, about 10:30 a.m. to put out flames in the northwest corner of the building. Sparks from metal work had lit pallets of filters on fire, and workers used forklifts to pull several of the pallets outside.

Sixteen firefighters and two firetrucks arrived to help fight the flames, putting them out in about 30 minutes.

There was some damage to the

wall next to the pallets. Damage is estimated at roughly \$1,500 in property damage and \$1,000 in damage to content, according to the fire department.

No quorum

Redkey Town Council failed to make quorum again Friday morning for its special session.

The agenda included hiring a new police officer. Only two board members, Brenda Beaty and "Watermelon" Jim Phillips, came to the meeting and were unable to take action.

"We called this meeting because

we've been having a lot of vandalism in Redkey, and we needed to hire a marshal to protect our town," Beaty said. "Unfortunately, we don't have enough quorum to do so. Again, I guess we need to realize that some of our candidates, you know, some of our elected officials are not showing up to these meetings, so I cannot protect the town without the help of everyone on council."

Pointing to council member Gavin Grady's recent resignation, Beaty also asked members of the public to consider applying for the vacant board position.

Bill ...

Continued from page 1
Several Democrats who voted for closure turned around and voted against the bill on final passage, since their votes weren't needed given the simple-majority threshold. Only Shaheen and King voted for it.

Democrats had pushed for an alternative proposal: a short-term continuing resolution through April 11, which in theory would buy time for further negotiations on fully fleshed out fiscal 2025 spending bills.

But there wasn't enough support on the Republican side to get their month-long CR through, particularly with the House out of session until March 24, other than for pro forma meetings.

As part of the deal to complete work on the spending bill on Friday, party leaders agreed to bring to the floor a stand-alone bill from Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Maryland, to fix a glaring omission from the CR.

The House GOP-drafted measure left out a provision typically included in stopgap bills that allows the District of Columbia government to spend at rates equal to its current budget, rather than the prior fiscal year's. So in effect city officials would be forced to revert to fiscal 2024 levels, requiring a \$1.1 billion budget cut to be squeezed into the remaining half of the fiscal year.

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Haynes, Vicki: 3 p.m., W.H. Dick & Sons - Hellwarth Funeral Home, 218 W. Market St., Celina, Ohio.

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68th anniversary

Pete and Joan Kerrigan

The Kerrigans are celebrating 68 years of marriage today.

Merlin "Pete" Kerrigan and Joan Louck wed March 15, 1957, at Redkey United Methodist Church.

Pete Kerrigan retired from his business, Pete's Standard Service. Joan Kerrigan retired from Kerr Glass (Ball Corporation).

They had six children, Vicki (Alan) Mark of Portland, Jeff Kerrigan of Redkey, Cindy (Ken) Myers of Portland, Gary (Rita) Kerrigan of Portland, Randy (Connie) Kerrigan of Kendallville and Tammy (Tony) Muhlenkamp. They also have 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The rural Redkey couple — they've lived in Jay County for 89 years — plan to celebrate with a family dinner.



Joan and Pete Kerrigan - 1957

Boyfriend struggles showing affection

DEAR ABBY: I lost my husband in the middle of last summer. He had a long illness with strokes and Alzheimer's, and he was horrible to me. Out of our entire 40 years of marriage, we had only four good ones.

Over the last three years, a gentleman from work would help with things around the house that my husband could no longer do. He would talk to both of us and then go on his way. I took care of my husband 24/7 for the last two years of his life.

I see this man at work all the time. He lost his daughter around the same time I lost my husband. We carpooled and talked a lot. I bought him a tree this year for Christmas with presents (everyone in the van-pool gets presents).

The day after Christmas, we celebrated together. We have been together every day since. He treats me well. My children adore him. My ONLY hang-up is that because he hasn't dated for more than 20 years, he isn't very affectionate. Other than that, he's great to me. If I mention that I like anything, he'll buy it for me.

Do I take a man who has a hard time kissing and hugging me because he shows affection in other ways, or should I move on? I have lots of family, so even though I would be alone, I would never be lonely. — WONDERING IN THE WEST

DEAR WONDERING: The man you have been seeing has a lot going for him. I don't know why he isn't affectionate, and neither, it appears, do you. Please have a calm, straightforward chat with him. Tell him how terrific you think he is, but the fact that he's not physically affectionate (describe exactly what you mean by that) is a problem for you. He may not know how or not be able to

Dear Abby



give you what you're looking for, but it would be a shame to end the relationship over anything that was unsaid.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early 30s and dealing with an illness that can kill me. I'm OK with dying, and I don't want any treatment. I just want to go.

I have been dealing with suicidal thoughts, depression and self-harm since the age of 13. The problem is my children, husband and close family members. I don't want to tell anyone about this, and I do not want sympathy.

I don't want to leave my children and husband, but I don't want them to see me get sick or die. I do not want them to cry. I prefer to deal with this on my own. Who knows? I might make it. Should I tell them what's going on or leave them hanging? — CHALLENGED IN OHIO

DEAR CHALLENGED: I am sorry about your frightening diagnosis. Please do not leave the people who love you hanging. Your husband will see you growing weak and increasingly sick. Your children should be prepared, in an age-appropriate way, about the changes you will experience so they don't think it is their fault.

Do everything you can to manage this disease, including talking to your doctors about your mental health history, and think positive, because you may, indeed, make it. If you do, your family will be stronger for it.

Sleep impacts heart health

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Does how much you sleep affect your heart? According to health officials, adults who sleep fewer than seven hours each night are more likely to experience health problems.

Dr. Juan Cardenas Rosales, an internal medicine physician at Mayo Clinic, stresses that adequate sleep is crucial for your overall well-being, including your heart health.

Getting a good night's sleep can give you the energy to jump-start your day and your health.

"Sleeping is very important to

try to prevent other chronic conditions in the future, such as diabetes, heart attacks and strokes," says Cardenas Rosales.

Adults should aim for at least seven hours of sleep each night

"It's usually recommended for you to sleep at least seven hours per night in order to allow your body to recover to be ready for the following day," he says.

"Try to sleep at the same time. Try to get a schedule in which you're going to sleep at the same time and you're waking up also at the same time, that's very important," Cardenas Rosales says.

Create good sleep habits

—Keep the time you go to bed and the time you wake up the same every day, including weekends.

—Stay active. Regular activity can lead to a good night's sleep.

—Limit naps or don't nap.

—Limit or don't use caffeine, alcohol and nicotine.

—Don't eat large meals or drink a lot of fluids before bed.

—Make your bedroom comfortable.

—Create a relaxing bedtime ritual, such as taking a warm bath, reading or listening to soft music.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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

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

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 Community Center.

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

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

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third

Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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.

Sudoku

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Friday's Solution

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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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Human needs are not fair game

By **MARISA PESCE**
OtherWords

Tens of millions of Americans rely on the public assistance programs — like Medicaid, SNAP, housing aid, and more — that Republican leaders are now threatening to gut.

I'm one of them. My dream is to regain the financial independence I once enjoyed before life and systemic obstacles got in the way. I come from a family with a history of mental illness and domestic abuse, and I've suffered through mental health challenges myself.

I've always worked hard. After high school, I earned a college degree and found the calling of being a teacher. I earned and paid for my Master's degree while teaching full time as a high school math teacher. I still struggled with challenges, but life was good. The system had worked. I had a

Marisa Pesce



home and was financially independent.

Then, I was the victim of a major, life changing domestic violence event, and my life started to unwind. I had to relocate to another state where I didn't have a place to call home, my benefits were less, and my mental illness was exacerbated by the isolation and trauma.

Despite the challenges I faced, I was able to find some needed assistance for food and mental health care as I got on my feet.

Also known as "food stamps," the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

was a godsend for helping me put food on the table. Throughout my life both Medicaid and Medicare have helped with mental health treatment, and the Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSDI) program helped keep me out of poverty.

These are precisely the circumstances for which temporary assistance for basic needs like food, housing, and health care exists. But affordable housing was unavailable in my new home state, and SNAP benefits were much lower — even as my food needs stayed the same.

So my debts increased, and I've had to rely on someone who participated in the domestic violence against me to help with rent. I have a little income from SSDI, and I volunteer to stay engaged in my calling to teach and help others while I fight to recover from losing my home and my ability to keep up financially.

It's clear that this nation's safety net has to be stronger so that people like me don't fall through the cracks. But House Republicans are currently trying to cut food assistance and other benefits, not strengthen them.

I need more help putting food on the table. But they're proposing cuts to drastically reduce federal funding for SNAP, expand already harsh working requirements, and change how our need for healthy food is calculated, which is likely to slash benefits. And they're doing it all to finance \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest.

I just want to eat, get better, and afford safe housing so I can get back on my feet, back to financial independence, and back to doing all I can to help my community. Yet I and millions like me are nothing but pawns in a political game that

aims to hurt us and help those who already have wealth.

When I was teaching, I taught my students about fairness and equality — about what it means to live in a society where we look out for each other, where no one is left to be ill, unhoused, and hungry. I think some politicians need to go back to school, because they seem to have forgotten lessons like these.

So it's our job to school them. We must let them know that basic human needs are not fair game for getting money for tax cuts for billionaires. Instead, our priorities should be healthy and safe communities for all.

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Judicial review is important to system

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Republicans have rightfully criticized Democrats in recent years for leaning on the Supreme Court in an effort to intimidate the justices into supporting a progressive agenda. It's unfortunate that some members of the GOP now exhibit a similar intolerance for judicial independence.

Five years ago, Sen. Chuck Schumer stood in front of the Supreme Court building and threatened two justices if they backed abortion restrictions. "I want to tell you, (Neil) Gorsuch. I want to tell you, (Brett) Kavanaugh," he said. "You have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions."

During President Joe Biden's term, Democrats lined up to embrace court packing as a means of rigging judicial outcomes to their liking. The Senate Judiciary Committee launched "ethics" investigations focusing almost entirely on the conservative wing of the court. Some House progressives sought to impeach Justice Clarence Thomas.

Republicans roundly attacked these efforts to manipulate justice and undermine confidence in the court. "Senate Democrats have repeatedly told the American people that the entire federal judiciary exists for no other reason than to fulfill their changing political whims," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, said in 2023. "They've threatened justices by name from the steps of the court and threatened the institution itself in unfriendly amicus briefs. In each instance, Democrats have signaled their open disdain for a body that refuses to interpret the Constitution through the lens of their party's platform."

Alas, now that Donald Trump occupies the White House, a handful of Republicans have developed brain lock over the value of an independent judiciary. Judges who have ruled against the administration have been

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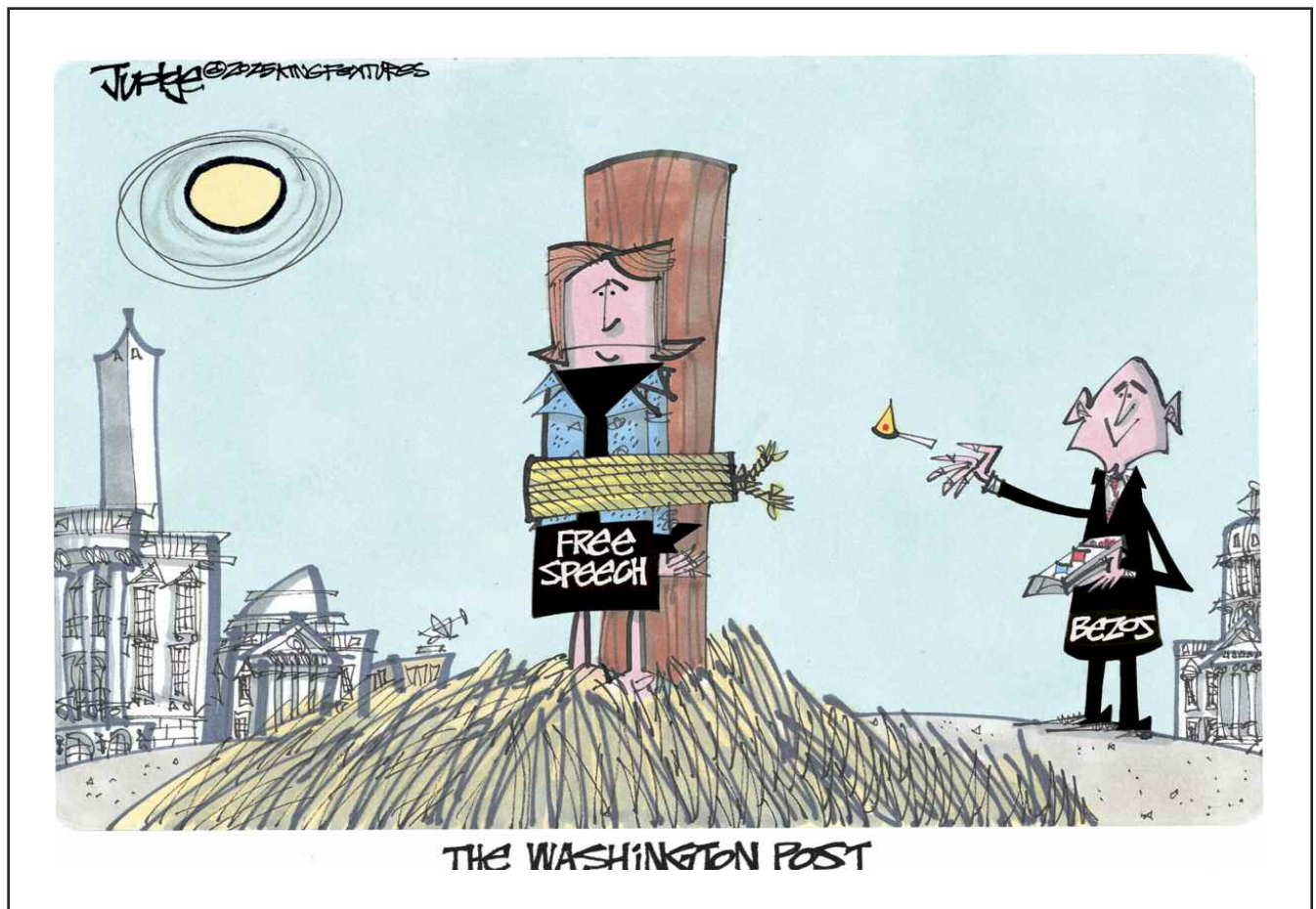
Efforts to weaken the concept will lead to an erosion in the liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

the target of increasing vitriol.

One Tennessee congressman has filed articles of impeachment against the federal judge who overturned Mr. Trump's 90-day freeze on foreign aid spending.

This is ridiculous and counterproductive — not to mention a mirror image of the regrettable intimidation tactics that the GOP denounced when used by Democrats. Expressing disagreement with a judge's reasoning is one thing. Advocating impeachment as a response to that disagreement is quite another. The proper response to an unfavorable judicial ruling is an appeal. Impeachment must be reserved for cases involving serious misconduct or corruption, not trotted out as a cudgel to threaten federal jurists for doing their jobs.

Judicial review is an indispensable part of the checks and balances embedded in the Constitution as a protection against tyranny. Efforts to weaken the concept will lead to an erosion in the liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. It would be encouraging if both Democrats and Republicans kept that in mind.



Limits should be all or nothing

By **JOHN KRULL**

TheStatehouseFile.com

U.S. Rep. Andy Ogles, R-Tennessee, had a bright idea.

It was the type of brilliant notion we've come to associate with President Donald Trump's slavish followers in the U.S. House of Representatives. Ogles proposed altering the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution so that Trump could serve a third term as president.

The amendment now reads: "No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once."

Ogles would change the language as follows: "No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than three times, nor be elected to any additional term after being elected to two consecutive terms, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice."

Ogles' curious phrasing reveals something he might prefer to keep concealed.

Because his alteration allows only presidents who have served two non-consecutive terms to run again, it prevents former President Barack Obama from entering the fray. When Trump had the chance to run against Obama in 2012, the reality show star turned tale like a terrified rabbit.

If Obama — who has been Gallup's most-admired man in America a record 12 times — were eligible to run for president again, Trump might find returning to private life attractive.

John Krull



Still, even though Ogles' proposal is transparently and shamelessly partisan in its nature, it does contain the kernel of a worthwhile thought.

I've always been skeptical about term limits. It's always seemed to me that eliminating people from consideration for certain kinds of public service limits choices for voters and also relieves those voters of the responsibility to make wise choices regarding whom they elect.

The ban on third terms for presidents came following Franklin D. Roosevelt's four-term presidency. Republicans at the time were so frustrated by their inability to defeat FDR at the ballot box that they changed the Constitution so that no one could ever again run up a record of electoral success like his.

Even at the time, it was a strangely self-defeating notion, both for the GOP and the nation.

Republican Dwight Eisenhower — the general who had led the United States and its allies to victory in World War II — captured the presidency in 1952. He won re-election in 1956, and likely would have been elected again in 1960 if he'd been able to run.

Instead, Republican Richard Nixon lost to Democrat John F. Kennedy that year.

The world often teetered on the edge of starting World War III in the early 1960s, the Cuban Missile Crisis being the most obvious instance of the threat. If the world had tumbled

into another hellish global conflict, the guy who had led the United States to victory in the last world war would have been ineligible to lead the nation again.

This makes no sense.

Worse, imposing term limitation on the leader of the executive branch but on no other branch of the federal government encouraged the sort of game-playing and chicanery former U.S. Senate Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, used to run out the clock on Obama's last term and pack the U.S. Supreme Court.

So, picking up on Ogles' tiny, undernourished seed of an idea, here's my thought: Either get rid of the term limits for presidents altogether or impose them across the board for every part of the federal government.

I'd prefer the first option, largely because in a self-governing society the people should choose the leaders they want. If the people keep electing the same folks again and again and again, well, that's their right.

But if it's impossible for politicians such as Ogles to trust the people and accept the voters' verdicts, then let's level the playing field and cap the number of years anyone can serve as president, senator, representative, Supreme Court justice and federal judge.

At the very least, this second option would accomplish one of Ogles' goals.

It would spare Donald Trump from the, for him, terrifying prospect of facing Barack Obama in a presidential election.

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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: **THANK YOU**
FOR SUCH FUN BY INVOLVING MY KNOWLEDGE AND APPETITE FOR MY FAVORITE PASTIME: GARDENING.

Today's Cryptiquip: **The Equus 5**

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

In the White House

- 1) What president served the shortest amount of time in office?
- 2) President Ulysses S. Grant signed an order protecting what area that became The first U.S. national park?

1) Benjamin Harrison
2) Yellowstone

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WITH PUCKS & WAYS SEEM TO BE TINKERING
WITH THE S.S. SPOON SLIPPER BY
Today's Cryptiquip: **Cher Weeps 6**

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = O)

A. 5 18 20 10
Clue: Growing operation

B. 3 20 18 6 3 22 20
Clue: Farm equipment

C. 3 17 6 4 11 22 26 22 12 21
Clue: Scientific tools

D. 6 20 22 19 14
Clue: Plants

Answers: A. Farm B. Tractor C. Technology D. Crops

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to agriculture.

DEFE

Answer: Feed

kids' corner

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MARCH 12

1912: The Girl Guides (later the Girl Scouts) are founded in the United States.

1918: Moscow becomes the capital of Russia again.

2005: The World Health Organization releases a global warning about SARS outbreaks.

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Florida on March 13, 1950. I helped found the St. Nicholas Theater Company. I've appeared in many movies that showcase my versatility. I was nominated for an Academy Award for my work in a dark comedy about a Minnesota city.

Answer: William H. Macy

Money FACT!

Lenders and other people use this as a way to judge if a person is financially responsible.

Answer: Credit score

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

NMOYE 1 2
NVTSEI 3 4
DCERTI 5
BNKA 6
M U G
4 3 2 4 1 6 5 2 4

Answer: Time to budget

NEW WORD

BORROW
take and use money with the promise to pay it back

FARM AND AG WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS:
AGRICULTURE, AGRONOMY, ANIMALS, ANNUAL, APIARY, BIODIVERSITY, BIODYNAMIC, CAPACITY, COVER, CROPS, CULTIVATION, DEADHEADING, DRAINAGE, DRILLING, ECOLOGY, EROSION, FARMING, HARVEST, HUSBANDRY, IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK, ROTATION, SOIL, TILLAGE

How they say that in...

English: Credit
Spanish: Abonar
Italian: Accreditare
French: Créditer
German: Etwas einzahlen

Did You Know?

Checking your credit score will not adversely affect it. Checking the score can show if something is not right and needs to be corrected.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Credit cards

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Depart
5 meat
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8 work
9 Looking
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12 T-shirts
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14 Only
15 Future
16 city's
17 team
18 cross
19 comic
20 Aclai
21 Alar
22 Follen
23 Likely
24 Suck
25 New
26 Dress
27 Chilly
28 vegetable
29 apartment
30 Cabaret
31 town
32 List
33 ending
34 shepherd
35 Cauldron
36 Orator

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Solution time: 28 mins.

Yesterday's answer: 3-15

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A magical performance

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ K 9
♦ K 6
♣ A K 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 4 2
♥ 3 2
♦ 8 7
♣ Q 10 9 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q J 10 8 6
♦ 5 2
♣ 5

The bidding:
West North East South
3♦ 3♥ Pass 4♥
Pass 6♥

Opening lead: ace of diamonds.

The obvious line of play is not always the best one. There are hands where declarer must reject what at first blush looks like the most reasonable approach and adopt in its place a different game plan that is less obvious but more promising.

Consider this deal where West leads the A-Q of diamonds against six hearts. On the surface, there seems to be nothing for declarer to do but draw trump, cash the A-K of spades and hope the queen falls. As can be seen, this approach fails in the actual deal, and South would go down one.

But declarer has a much better chance of making the slam if he takes advantage of the bidding and early plays. After the first two diamonds and three rounds of trump have been played, he learns that West started with three hearts and (probably) seven diamonds. With 10 of West's cards accounted for, this should warn South that East very likely holds three or four spades.

Declarer should therefore adopt a plan to squeeze East out of his apparent spade trick. He starts by cashing another trump to produce the following position:

North
♠ A K J
♦ A K 3 2

East
♠ Q 4 2
♥ 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8

South
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q J 10 8 6
♦ 5 2
♣ 5

South now cashes the ten of hearts, discarding the spade jack, and East finds himself in a nasty predicament. If he discards a spade, declarer next cashes the A-K of spades to make the contract. And if East discards a club in order to keep the spades guarded, declarer cashes the A-K of clubs and ruffs a club to produce the same result.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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DOWN
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Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer: 3-17

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A K Q J
♣ K 10 9

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ 10 8 6 4 2
♦ A 7 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 8 4 2
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 3
♣ J 6

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♦
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT
Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠
Pass 4♥ Pass 4NT
Pass 5♥ Pass 6NT

Opening lead: three of spades.

This deal occurred during the 1980 World Team Olympiad in the match between Pakistan and the United States. At the first table, the U.S. North settled into six notrump after learning through Key-Card Blackwood that the opponents held either an ace or the king of spades. He made the slam with an overtrick, for a score of 10 points, after East led a spade.

The outcome seemed normal, but at the second table with a Pakistani pair now to the North-South cards were fireworks galore:

East South West North
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♦
Pass 4♥ Pass 4♠
Pass 5♥ Pass 6♥
Dble Pass Pass R

East's double of six spades had conventional meaning. Although did not call for West to lead a spade, the double in effect called that if West led the right suit, could defeat the contract.

Usually, a double of a slam defender not on lead indicates void and East's double here based on his void in hearts.

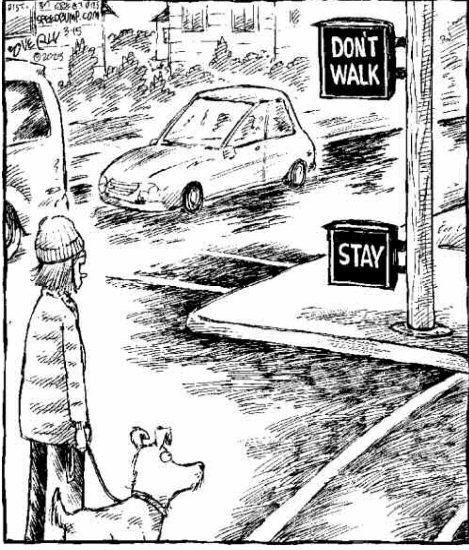
However, it was difficult for American West to find the lead essay to stop the slam. The bid had not revealed that North-South together held eight very good hearts and never mentioned the suit West led a diamond, and South made the redoubled contract an overtrick for a score of 10 points. Had West led a heart collected 400 points, he would have been 2,820 points better off!

Tomorrow: The Pollyanna approach.
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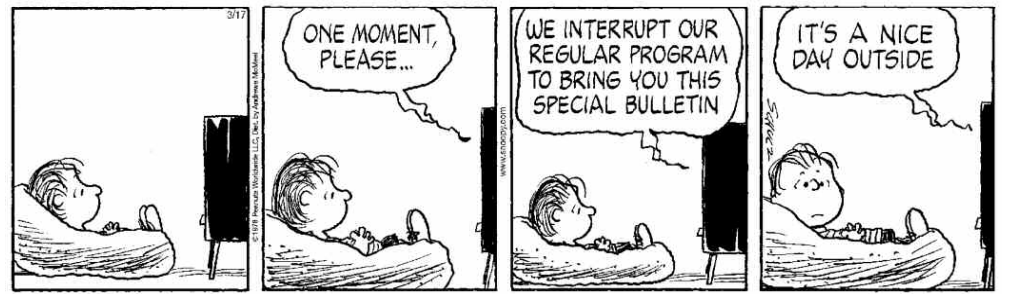


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"Am I slow or fast?"

Peanuts



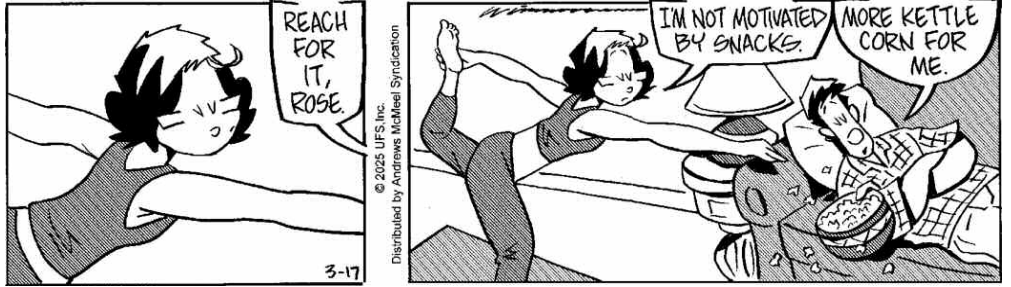
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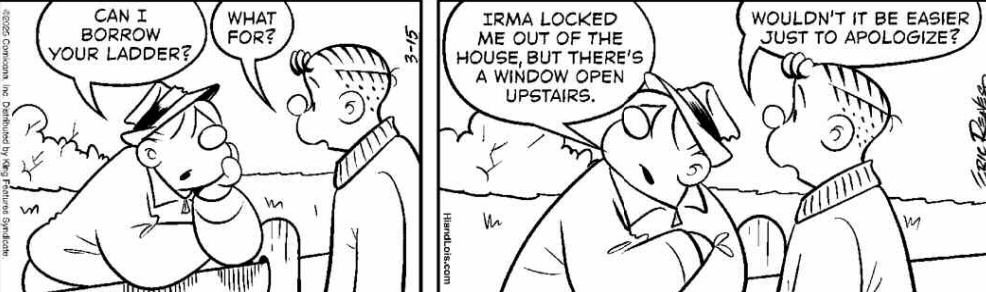
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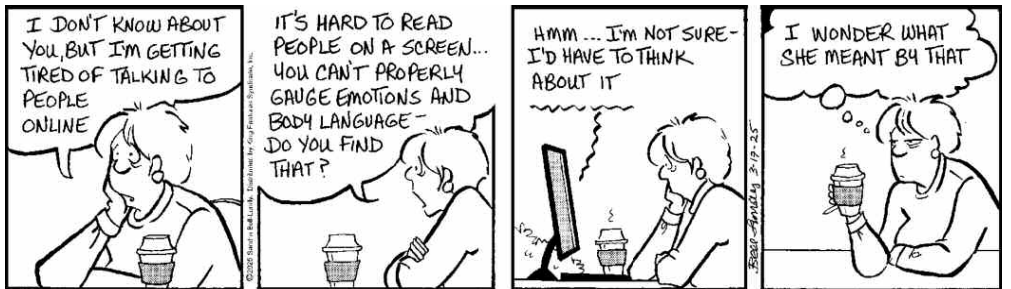
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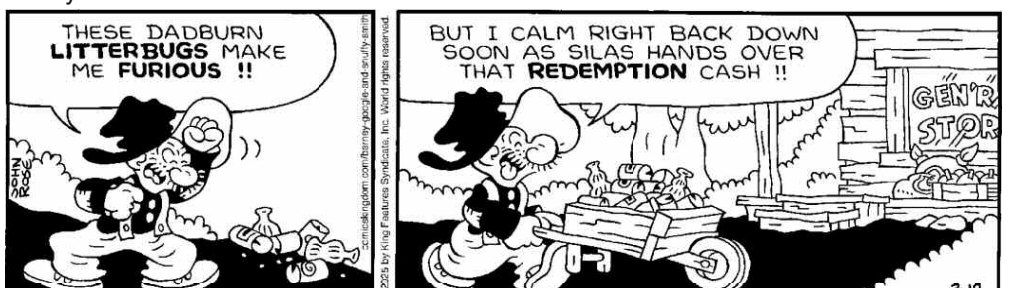
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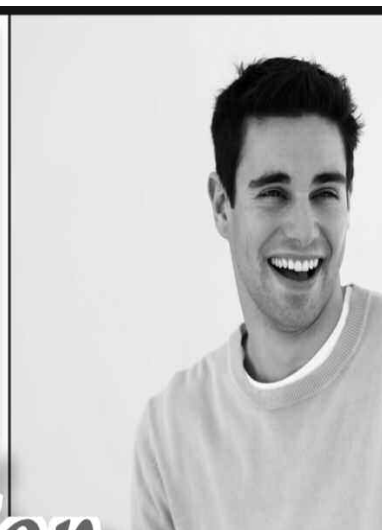


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am on March 25, 2025 at the
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CITY OF PORTLAND
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
As required by 327 IAC 5-2.1-6(1) (Combined Sewer Overflow
Public Notification Rule) The City of Portland offers local
media sources, affected public and other interested persons in
and around the City of Portland area to provide information
concerning frequency of overflow events that may be triggered
by precipitation. This Combined Sewer Overflow Notification
will be published in the Portland Commercial review. The city
reminds interested residents in Portland that they can receive
an email notification when the City's combined sewer system is
discharging into the Salamonie river or discharge is imminent
based on projected or actual precipitation or related event. The
Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) re-
quires communities with combined sewers to provide notice
when combined sewer overflows (CSOs) occur or are likely to
occur. Portland 's combined sewer system carries sanitary
sewage to the sewage plant in dry weather. When it rains, these
sewers also collect stormwater runoff. Many times, when it is
raining the combined sewer pipes get full. When this happens
some of the excess flow is discharged to the Salamonie river. If
a CSO discharge is imminent or is occurring, the city will notify
interested individuals and organizations via email. Individuals
interested in receiving the notification should call the Portland
Wastewater Plant at 260-766-4251 to be put on the email noti-
fication list. It is strongly recommended that people avoid direct
contact with the water in streams and river affected by CSO dis-
charged for a 72-hour period following a CSO event. The public
notification system is intended to help residents identify those
periods when the water may not be safe for human contact.
Combined sewer affects the following areas.
Salamonie River From Hudson Park/ Natural trails flowing
west to Blaine Pike Bridge and flowing west downstream
Sipe ditch west of Walmart
Little Salamonie river behind Golf Course.
Portland is working hard to reduce the number of times the
combined sewer system discharges each year. For more in-
formation, please contact Brad Dues at the Portland Wastewater
Plant or email at wwtp@thecityofportland.net.
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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04
ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII,
CHAPTER 71, SCHEDULE IV OF THE JAY COUNTY CODE
Title VII Chapter 71, Schedule IV, Truck Restriction, is hereby amended to read as follows:
RESTRICTIONS WHEN STATE HIGHWAYS ARE CLOSED DUE TO OFFICIAL DETOUR. Trucks,
truck-tractors, and semitrailers are prohibited from using any part of the following roads or sections
of roads during any period of time when State Highway 26, U.S. Highway 27, or State Highway 18 are
subject to an official detour provided by the Indiana Department of Transportation:
RESTRICTED SECTION
Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
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Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
Between State Highway 26 and County Road 200 S
Between the Portland City Limits to County Road 600 E
Between U.S. Highway 27 to County Road 600 E
Between U.S. Highway 27 to County Road 700 E
Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road
Between the Portland City Limits to State Highway 26
Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road
Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road
Between State Highway 18 and County Road 650 N
Between County Road 50 W and County Road 250 W
Between County Road 650 N and State Highway 18
All other provisions not amended hereby remain in full force and effect.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Jay County Commissioners on this 10th day of March, 2025.
Chad Aker, President
Jay County Commissioners
Attest: Emily Franks, Jay County Auditor
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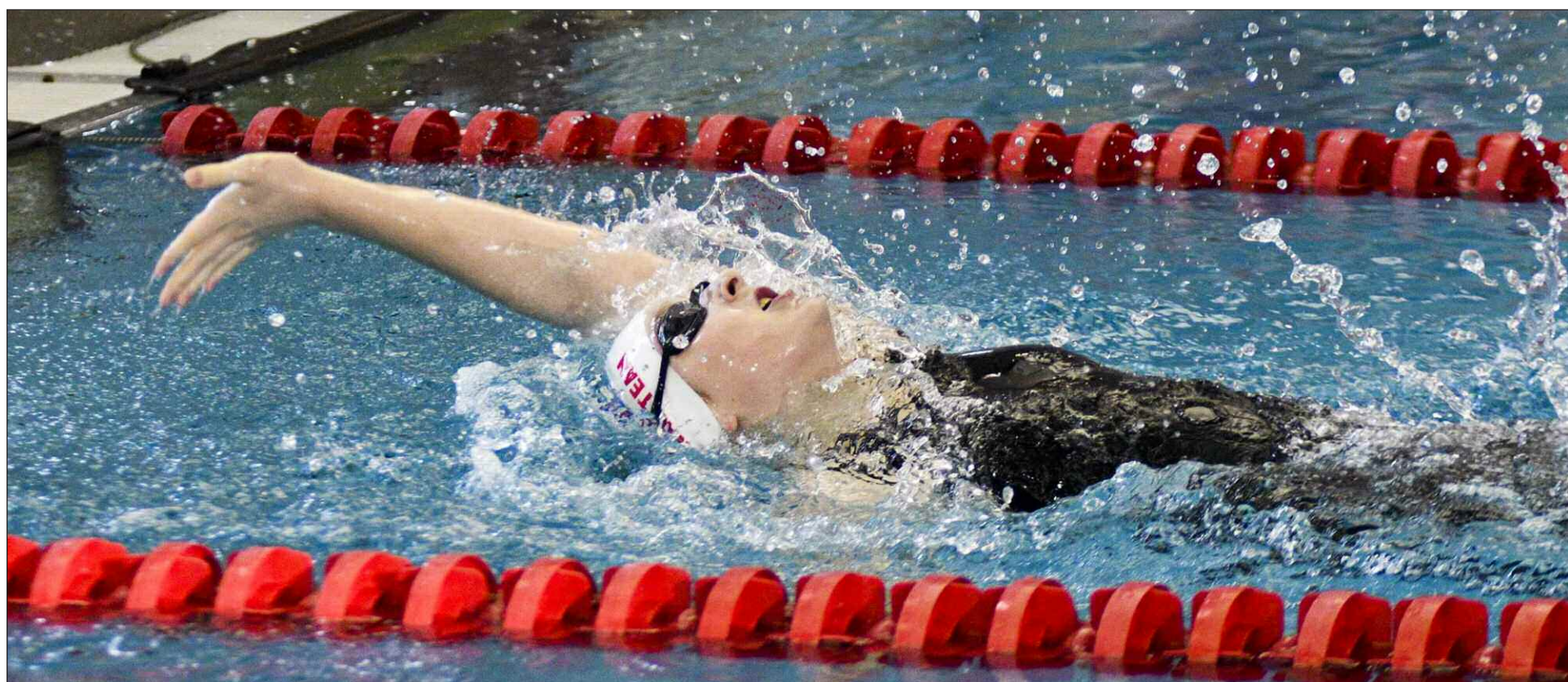
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Sports



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Winning Wendel

Kali Wendel of the host Jay County Junior High School swim team reaches for the wall to finish the first leg of the 200-yard medley relay Friday during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. Wendel teamed with Gabrielle Gibson, Maria Laux and Elly Byrum to win the event and also went on to take first place in the 200 freestyle. For results from the meet, pick up Tuesday's edition of The Commercial Review.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track at New Haven Bulldog Invite — 3 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Van Wert — 12 p.m.; Softball scrimmage at Brookville — 12 p.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Lehman — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Lima Central Catholic — 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Van Wert — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 a.m. — College hockey: Notre Dame vs. Michigan State (BTN)
11 a.m. — College basketball: Maine vs. Bryant (ESPN2)
11 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Everton at West Ham United (USA)
12:45 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Portland Thorns (ABC)
1 p.m. — College basketball: SEC tournament (BTN); MEAC tournament (ESPN2); Big Ten tournament (CBS)

1 p.m. — College lacrosse: Michigan vs. Notre Dame (BTN)
1:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Brentford (USA)
2 p.m. — PGA Tour golf: The Players Championship (NBC)
2 p.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Argentina (FS1)
3 p.m. — College basketball: American Athletic tournament (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — College basketball: SEC tournament (ESPN); Big Ten tournament (CBS)
3:45 p.m. — MLS soccer: Los Angeles FC at Austin (FOX)
5 p.m. — College basketball: American Athletic tournament (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — College basketball: Mountain West tournament (CBS); Big 12 tournament (ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big East tournament (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College basketball: MAC tournament (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (FDSN Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL: Nashville Predators at Los Angeles Kings (CBS)
8 p.m. — Ladies European Tour golf: Australian Women's Classic (FS1)
8:15 p.m. — MLS soccer: Sporting Kansas City at Minnesota United (FS1)

8:30 p.m. — College basketball: ACC tournament (ESPN)
9 p.m. — College hockey: Penn State vs. Ohio State (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big West tournament (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — USL Champions soccer: Monterey Bay at Oakland Roots (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Golden State Warriors (ABC)
11:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big West tournament (ESPN2)

Sunday
12 a.m. — Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix (ESPN)
9:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Fulham at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
12 p.m. — College basketball: Ivy League tournament (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — Boxing: IBA Women's World Championships (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — NBA: Orlando Magic at Cleveland Cavaliers (ABC)
1 p.m. — College basketball: SEC tournament (ESPN); Atlantic 10 tournament (CBS)
1 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)
2:25 p.m. — MLS soccer: Philadelphia Union at Nashville SC (FOX)
3 p.m. — College basketball: American Athletic

tournament (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leicester City at Manchester United (USA)
3:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big Ten tournament (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Pennzoil 400 (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — College gymnastics: Penn State at Nebraska (BTN)
4:25 p.m. — MLS soccer: Portland Timbers at Los Angeles Galaxy (FOX)
6 p.m. — College basketball Selection Show (CBS)
7 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Angel City at San Diego Wave (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Rose BC at Laces BC (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Unrivaled basketball: Lunar Owls BC at Vinyl BC (TNT)
9 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)

Monday
7 p.m. — TGL golf: Los Angeles Golf Club at New York Golf Club (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at New York Knicks (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Minnesota Timberwolves (FDSN Indiana)
10 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Tuesday
6:10 a.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)
4:05 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — TGL golf: The Bay Golf Club at Atlanta Drive GC (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Nashville Predators (FDSN Indiana)
9 p.m. — NHL: Utah Hockey Club at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)

Local notes

Registration open
Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.
There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.
The event will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 21. It will start at Bellmont high school and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.
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