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# **Prom** court

Jay County High School will crown its prom king and queen Saturday. Pictured, front row from left, are queen candidates Gretchen Link, Morgan DeHoff, Natalie Carreno, Jenna Dues, Jasmine Esparza and Brenna Bailey. Back row are king candidates, Landon Mills-Blowers, Dylan Marentes, Ben Crouch, Luke Fugiett and Sean Bailey. Not pictured is king candidate Ashton Castillo. Promenade will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

# Cybercrime topped \$16 billion

By MURI ASSUNCAO

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

Internet crime cost U.S. consumers \$16.6 billion in 2024 — an increase of more than 30% compared to the previous year and seniors were hit the hardest with a \$4.8 billion loss, the Federal Bureau

announced Wednesday. The staggering numbers are reflected in the FBI's annual internet crime report, which anaapproximately 860,000 complaints of suspected cybercrimes filed with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) last year.

# Senior citizens were the hardest-hit group

According to the report, Investigation the most reported cybercrimes last year were extortion, personal data breaches and phishing/spoofing — forms of email compromise scams designed to trick victims into revealing personal information. The highest number of complaints came from victims in California, Texas and Florida.

Overall, adults 60 and older submitted nearly 150,000 complaints to the IC3 in 2024 — the most in any age group — and suffered the most losses at nearly \$5 billion.

By comparison, individuals aged 20 to 29 filed just over 71,000 complaints last year, for a total loss of \$540 million.

infrastructure' complaints increasing by 9% compared to 2023, according to B. Chad Yarbrough, FBI's operations director for criminal and cyber.

The rise in losses in 2024 the highest ever record-- is particularly alarming given the FBI's "significant aimed at making it harder for cybercriminals to succeed.

"Scammers While fraud accounted internet to steal Ameri-

for the majority of cans' hard-earned sav-reported financial losses ings," Yarbrough said. in 2024, ransomware was "And with today's techonce again "the most per- nology, it can take mere vasive threat to critical taps on a keyboard to with hijack networks, cripple water systems, or even rob virtual exchanges."

> Since its launch in 2000, the IC3 has handled complaints spanning a wide range of cybercrimes, including hacking, online extortion, and identity

Over the past five years, it has averaged around 836,000 complaints annually - roughly 2,200 per day. By contrast, in its early years, the center increasingly using the received about 2,000 complaints each month.

# China calls for revoking tariffs

Spokesman says there are no talks with the U.S.

**Bloomberg News** Tribune News Service

China demanded that the U.S. revoke all unilateral tariffs and denied there were talks on reaching a trade deal, maintaining a defiant stance despite President Donald Trump's recent easing of criticism of the country.

"The U.S. should respond to rational voices in the international community and within its own borders and thoroughly remove all unilateral tariffs imposed on China, if it really wants to solve the problem," Commerce Ministry spokesman He Yadong said at a regular briefing on Thursday

in Beijing. He also dismissed speculation that progress has been made in bilateral communications, saying "any reports on development in talks are groundless," and urging the U.S. to "show sincerity" if it wants to make a deal.

The remarks suggest that President Donald Trump's comments this week signaling that he could lower tariffs on China — which currently stand at 145% for most goods — will not be enough to de-escalate tensions. The U.S. leader said Wednesday that "every-thing's active" when asked if he was engaging with China and that Beijing was "going to do fine" once talks had settled.

Trump has tried to get President Xi Jinping on the phone a number of times since he returned to office, but the Chinese leader has, so far, resisted. Beijing wants to see a number of steps from Washington before it will agree to trade negotiations, including showing more respect and naming a point person for the dialogue, Bloomberg News previously reported.

Other conditions include a more consistent U.S. position and a willingness to address China's concerns around American sanctions and Taiwan, the selfruled island that Beijing has vowed to claim someday, by force if necessary.

# leasures sent to Braun

WHITNEY DOWNARD

and LESLIE BONILLA MUÑIZ Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Among the bills sent to Gov. Mike Braun Wednesday was a Senate Republican priority measure to increase transparency — and scrutiny — around state government contracts.

Sen. Scott Baldwin's Senate Enrolled Act 5 advanced for a final time from both the House and Senate with almost unanibipartisan support. Across both chambers, only Rep. Ryan Dvorak, D-South Bend, was opposed.

Included in the final draft of the bill are new rules for contacts awarded by state agencies and offices — including a ban on non-public, no-bid deals — and steeper expectations for vendors paid with taxpayer dollars. It 13 DOC "joint ventures" with also mandates "unfilled" gov- companies like Cummins, Good-

# Transparency, health care bills advance from state legislature

ernment positions be eliminated, and requires state offices to more closely monitor and publicly report on spending, as well as in-flow and out-flow of federal funds.

Last-minute conference committee negotiations carved out exemptions for agreements between the Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) and private employers. Baldwin noted that some 1,300 offenders are currently employed through

will, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indiana Pac-

"These are very difficult to bid out. They're very specialized, and so we've excluded them for that sole purpose," the senator said Wednesday morning. All other reporting requirements will still apply, though.

Another exception was made for child support contracting between Indiana's Department of Child Services and local pros-

See **Measures** page 2



Indiana Capital Chronicle/Whitney Downard

State Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, sits with his grandson on his lap before session Wednesday. Lehman represents the northern third of Jay County in addition to Adams and Wells counties.

## **Deaths**

Monte Dunlavy, 93, Port-

Details on page 2.

#### Jay County had a temperature of 79 degrees Thursday. The low was 49.

Weather

Thunderstorms are likely tonight with a low in the upper 40s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with a high around 60.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

# In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available today. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

## Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS baseball game against Class 2A No. 9 Shenandoah.

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

**Wednesday** — Details from Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



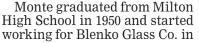
#### Monte Dunlavy

Feb. 22, 1932-April 22, 2025 Monte Dunlavy, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tues-

**Obituaries** 

day, April 22, 2025, at IU Health Memorial Ball Hospital Muncie.

Monte was born February 22, 1932, in Milton. West Virgina, the son of James and Clara (Hicks) Dunlavy.



Milton. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1952 and served four years as a radioman aboard the USS Kearsarge, an attack aircraft carrier. He served one year in Korea, one year in the South China Sea and two years in Vietnam. Monte was awarded seven campaign medals with one battle star for Tachen Islands and two stars for his service in Korea.

Upon returning to Milton, Monte worked for Blenko Glass Co., Fenton Art Glass Co. in West Virginia, Indiana Glass Co. and St. Clair Glass in Indiana before starting Dunlavy working for Blenko Glass Co. in Glass Co. in Portland, Indiana. Realty in Portland and was a Doug Hammers.

Dunlavy Glass was sold/exhibited in all 50 states and 10 foreign countries. Dunlavy Glass made the glass balls in the rail separating the dining area from the dance floor in the Rainbow Room in the restoration of the Rockefeller Center in New York City. He was also included in Brockway's "Who's Who of American Glassmakers" and the International Marble Makers' "Who's Who" domestic section compiled by Bert Cohen of Boston, Massachusetts.

After closing Dunlavy Glass, Monte became a managing broker with Century 21 Advance his parents; and a son-in-law,

Walnut West member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Marada Murrell Dunlavy; daughter Tonya Dunlavy Hammers; son James T. Dunlavy (wife: Regina); two granddaughters, Jennifer Hammers Bjurstrom (husband: Bobby) and Abbigayle Dunlavy Smith (husband: Kevin); two grandsons, Samuel Dunlavy and Adam Foster (wife: Amber); two great-granddaughters, Bjustrom and Alexandra Bjustrom; and two great-grandsons, Archie Foster and Hank Smith.

He was preceded in death by

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland

Private graveside services will be held at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

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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 Taylor *name*, city ofresidence, birth/death datetime/date/location of services.

> There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

# CR almanac

Dunlavy

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# **Lotteries**

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#### **Powerball**

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15-44-63-66-69 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

#### **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

#### Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 8-6-5 Daily Four: 2-2-9-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-5-8-11-14-15-17-24-28-51-60-63-66-67-70-71-72-79-80 Evening

Daily Four: 8-1-8-9 Quick Draw: 3-5-9-11-12-25-27-28-33-34-40-48-58-63-71-73-74-76-78-80

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#### Ohio

Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 9-3-5 Pick 4: 9-0-1-3 Pick 5: 3-9-5-3-2 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-4 Pick 4: 5-3-2-4 Pick 5: 4-8-5-0-8

Estimated jackpot:

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# **Today in history**

In 1859, construction and to photography of the Suez Canal got about 1,500 galaxies. underway. It took 10 waterway that connects the Mediterranean and Red seas across the Isthmus of Suez in Egypt.

In 1973, Don Rush, who had coached football at Portland High School for five years, signed a contract to coach and teach at South Adams. He had resigned as the coach of the Panthers the previous week.

In 1990, NASA's crew of the space shuttle Discovery sent the Hubble Space Telescope into certification space. It was used to instructor of mental observe Cepheid vari- health first aid. ables in nearby galaxies

In 2013, an explosives years to complete the team from Delaware County buried and detonated a World War II era Japanese grenade that a representative from Wilbur Puckett Auctioneer and Realtor found in a Dunkirk home.

> In 2022, as part of an ongoing effort address mental health among local emergency personnel, Jay County Commissioners agreed to pay \$2,000 for John McFarland of Jay Emergency Medical Service to be trained and earn as

-The CR

# Photo provided

**Ribbon cutting** 

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for ReSprout Therapy's new Program-ReSprout Developmental Checkup. The program is free to children from birth to 3 years, 11 months.

# Measures

Continued from page 1 required to report ownership information to the state as part of a transparency effort to detangle potential conflicts of interest under House Enrolled Act 1666.

It passed the House on a 78-13 vote, with opposition from both Democrats and Republicans. The proposal had an easier journey in tne Senate, where it had unanimous support.

Providers like hospitals, insurers, third party administrators and pharmacy benefit managers will need to detail ownership stakes to either the Indiana Department of Health or the Indiana Department of Insurance, depending on their services.

The Secretary of State's Office will also be involved in collecting and reporting

data. Senators urged their House counterparts to exclude owners with less than a 5% interest in the entity at the behest of small-time providers seeking anonymity — particularly dentists, who are no longer impacted by the bill. That language survived conference committee edits.

But House authors disagreed with the Senate's additional confidentiality provisions, though bill does give overseeing agencies some discretion when it comes to public reporting.

'The Senate added so much confidentiality that it was no longer a transparency bill," author Rep. Julie McGuire, R-Indianapolis, concluded.

The proposal, along with Senate Enrolled Act

118, both head to the gov-Certain health care enti- ernor, who previously sigties will additionally be naled his support for such transparency measures.

The latter moved with minimal opposition and would compel certain hospitals and health care providers to provide detailed reporting on their participation in the 340B drug program, which pairs drug manufacturer discounts with hospitals caring for underserved popula-

Some critics say large health systems unfairly profit, prompting addition-

**SERVICES Today** 

Hamilton, Michael: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Saturday Lowe, Clarence: 2 p.m., East Centre Baptist Church, 1220 .E

Main St., Centre, Alabama.

Monday Marjorie: Schoenherr, 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort

## May 3

Recovery.

Faller, Peg: Noon, Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

# WHO DO YOU KNOW

That deserves to be recognized for their lifetime of volunteer service in the Jay County Community?

Tell us what their various volunteer service activities are, or have been, including the number of years and mail to:

Cincinnatus League "Service Before Self" P.O. Box 513, Portland, IN 47371 Questions? Contact Karen Bailey 260-729-1249

or karenannbailey9@yahoo.com Deadline to receive nominations is May 2, 2025!! al scrutiny from the state. cern that it may have The initial bill was amended to exclude certain Health Resources and Services Administration grantees. "When it came back from

the House, there was a con-

excluded some hospitals that we wanted to report,' said author Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso. "The conference committee report simply clarifies that.'



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# Citizen's calendar

## **Today**

Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works executive session, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

# **Monday**

9 a.m. — Jav County St.

Commissioners, audi-8 a.m. — Portland torium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay Coun-

ty Solid Waste Management District Board, district building, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Port-

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main

# Spring concert slated for May 4

It's almost time for the band to spring into action. Jay County High School Band Department will perform its spring concert at 2 p.m. May 4 in the high

school auditorium. The concert will feature performances from the jazz band, color guard and con-

Jay County Band Boosters's spring fundraiser also kicks off May 4. Items voice and civic engagein the online auction ment at 11:30 a.m. Tuesthrough Bricker's Auction will be available for public viewing from May 4 through May 10.

Also, band section baskets will be open for inperson bidding during a silent auction on the day of the concert. All proceeds from the auction benefit band students.

# **Taking Note**

#### Cafe is May 20

Indiana Youth Institute will host a virtual Youth Worker Cafe on youth day, May 20.

The event is designed for those who work with youth and will provide education on equipping young people with leadership skills and engaging them in the decision-making proess. It will also explore ways to build partnership with families, time of the event, live in

more information, or to register, visit iyi.org.

#### Hall of Fame

Cincinnatus League is looking for individuals to induct into its Hall of Fame at Jay County Fair this year.

The organization honors those who have contributed to the Jay County community through volunteer efforts by inducting them into the Jay County Hall of Fame at the fairgrounds in Port-

This year's ceremony is slated for July 2.

Qualifications stipulate individuals must be at least 65 years old by the

friends and schools. For Jay County or have signif- nership with The Port- are by recommendation icant ties to Jay County and have devoted time and effort to the community in ways beyond employment and occupation.

Nominations must be received by May 2. They may be sent to Cincinnatus League, PO Box 513, Portland, IN 47371, or emailed to karenannbailey9@yahoo.com.

To learn more, contact Karen Bailey at (260) 729-1249 or Barbara Street at (260) 726-5219.

#### **Program offered**

ReSprout Therapy is launching a program to provide free developmental checkups to newborns and toddlers.

The program, a part-

land Foundation and the Early Years Initiative. will provide free checkups for children younger than 4 years old.

Parents will receive a report card on their child's skill mastery and areas for improvement during checkups, and children will receive a free developmental toy from Topsy Turvy Toys. There will also be a Spanish interpreter available to assist families.

#### **Pioneer Camps**

Indiana State Police has announced its dates and locations for its summer camps, including several in Anderson.

Pioneer Camps, which er.org.

only, will be held for 11 through 14 year olds in June, with one set for June 16 through 19 at Mounds State Park in Anderson.

Other camps in Anderson include a Law Camp for sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be held June 29 through July 2 and a Career Camp for high school students from June 22 through 28. A Career Camp will also be held from July 6 through 11 at Trine University in Angola.

Shield Project is scheduled for June 4 through 8 at Anderson University.

For more information, or to register, visit troop-

# Father pays for unemployed siblings' needs

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 40s and have been working hard since my mid 20s. I have a nice house that my wife and I are trying to pay off and two kids. We live pretty comfortably, but by no means are we well off.

My dad is very well off, and he finances my older brother to live abroad. My younger sister, who still lives at home with him, is given whatever money she needs or wants. I am growing increasingly resentful about this situation. My two siblings, neither of whom work, are getting free rides from Dad.

My father loves to remind me how much money he has and how successful he is. So why doesn't he help me pay down my mortgage so my family and I can live a more comfortable life? This is the question that is nagging at me, but I'm not sure whether to ask my dad or not.

the direction I should take, and are the only one who is fully

Dear Abby



what I can do so I don't feel so much resentment? — ONE OF THREE IN CANADA

DEAR ONE: Perhaps it's time to step back and view this situation from a different perspective. You seem to think your father is doing your sister and brother a favor by subsidizing their lifestyles. From where I sit, it looks more like he has spent years fostering their dependence on him rather than helping them to become independent adults. Has it never occurred to you Do you have any advice about that of the three siblings, you

functional? Your father may forward. Recently, Julie shared His deadbeat girlfriend doesn't be under the impression that you can comfortably pay your mortgage off by yourself. Stop fuming and have an honest talk with him.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Julie"

has faced several challenges in recent months. She lost her job, and her long-term boyfriend

ended their relationship. While I understand her distress, her situation is complicated by the fact that he has a dog that Julie has known since it was a puppy. Despite the emotional and mental abuse he has inflicted on her, she's willing to visit him to see

My husband and I, along with her family, have voiced our concerns that he's manipulating Julie by leveraging her affection for the dog. I advised her to sever ties and move on, because I believe this arrangement is

that her ex is planning to relocate and take the dog with him, which has added to her heartbreak. She's often in tears over this situation, and I am at a loss about how to support her. Do you have any suggestions? — FRUS-TRATED FRIEND IN CALIFOR-

**DEAR FRIEND:** Julie is still mourning the loss of her abusive relationship with her boyfriend. As you stated, the visits with the dog (and him) have only prolonged her grief. Continue to emotionally support your friend as you have been doing and skip the lectures about what a manipulative cad he is. She already knows. Then pray he moves away soon, so the tie can finally be severed, and she can start healing.

DEAR ABBY: My son works holding her back from moving two jobs and takes college classes.

work. They broke up briefly, and she moved in with another guy, but he refused to support her, so she got back with my son again. She knows I have her number, so we do not get along, which puts a strain on my relationship with my son. He deserves a better life partner, but he doesn't see it that way. Is there anything I can do to wake him up? — PLAIN AS DAY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PLAIN: Your son is young and hasn't had time to gain much experience about romantic relationships. If he didn't pick up on the fact that his girlfriend left him because she thought she had found another meal ticket, and that she returned only when the guy refused to support her, nothing you can say (that you haven't already said, I'm sure) will dissuade him from having to learn a painful lesson on his

# **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as LUTION — Will meet at 10 space is available. To sub- a.m. Saturday, April 26, at mit an item, email Jay County Historical Socinews@thecr.com.

#### **Today**

SERVICES — Peer Addic- ana Daughters of the tion Support Team recov- American Revolution cenery support group meets tral district director. For at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition 1694 or Sue Sommers at office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-

## **Saturday**

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

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF

THE AMERICAN REVOety Museum. The chapter is its 106th celebrating anniversary with special RECOVERY guest Brenda Cotton, Indiquestions, contact regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-(260) 726-2678.

## Sunday

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

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

Will be EUCHRE 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 COM-MUNITY 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second 1844.

and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restau-

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

## **Tuesday**

COMPASSIONATE CON-NECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP 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.

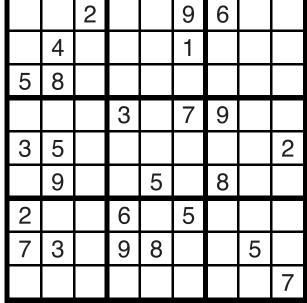
JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-

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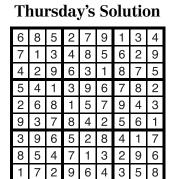
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# Sudoku



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





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# Indiana should not turn its back

By NATE LAMAR

I grew up with the belief that America's strength is built on the foundation of self-reliance, hard work, and faith in the principles of freedom and responsibility. Through my service in the Army and my work in international business, I have always been deeply committed to ensuring that both our nation and our great state of Indiana continue to thrive.

We are a state rooted in agriculture, manufacturing and strong family values. What happens in the broader world, though, should not be dismissed as distant. Cutting international assistance will directly harm our farmers, our businesses and our families. As Hoosiers, we should be deeply concerned.

Indiana's strength has always been its hardworking people. From our farmers, who are among the world's most productive, to our local businesses,

Nate LaMar



economy, the prosperity of our state is directly tied to the stability of the global market. The exports of Indiana farmers soybeans, corn and pork, to name a few — are vital to our economic health. International markets account for \$2.9 billion of our agricultural and food output and the agricultural export market supports more than 45,000 jobs in Indiana (Source: US Global Leadership Coalition.

These markets depend on the stability that international aid fosters, whether it's through improving infrastructure, promoting fair trade or ensuring which are the backbone of our that developing nations have the nated

able partners. Cutting international assistance does not just reduce our ability to help others, it weakens the global market, leaving Indiana farmers and business owners vulnerable to market volatility and global economic instability.

A lack of international supleads to weakened economies in countries we trade with, directly affecting demand for our goods. This hurts Indiana's agricultural sector, where many families rely on consistent export markets to stay afloat. Effects will be felt across Indiana, especially rural areas that depend on agricultural success to fuel the economy.

Indiana's businesses, too, will suffer. Many manufacturers and entrepreneurs rely on partnerships that international aid programs created. Indiana-based organizations will lose an estimated \$41.7 million from termicontracts

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support they need to become reli- USGLC). This means fewer jobs for Indiana workers and fewer chances for local businesses to expand.

The notion that we can isolate ourselves and cut off aid elsewhere ignores the very real fact that a world in turmoil of economic decline will eventually impact security and economic well-being at home. The safer and more stable the world is, the safer and more prosperous Indiana will be. My service in the Army taught me this directly. I saw first-hand how a strong international aid apparatus works together with our military strength to make the world safe for Americans. Responsible humanitarian aid is far less expensive than weapons.

America should lead and not retreat from the world. By investing in international assistance, we are not only helping others; we are ensuring that future generations of Hoosiers will inherit tor, also served as Henry County (Source: a stronger, safer and more pros-

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perous world. In Indiana, we understand the value of working together and creating partnerships that benefit everyone. The principles of hard work, independence and responsibility that make us proud to be Hoosiers are the same principles that should guide our role in the world.

At the end of the day, the future of Indiana's economy is tied to the global market. We cannot afford to ignore the consequences of turning our backs on the world. The cuts to international assistance may seem like a quick fix, but the long-term harm to Indiana families, farmers and businesses will be undeniable. Strong American leadership on the world stage benefits every Hoosier. We must continue to invest in that leadership for the sake of our state, our children, and our future.

LaMar, an international direc-Council president from 2009 to '19.

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# Beware of attorneys misinterpreting data

By MORTON J. MARCUS

A recent report from the Bruning Law Firm of Chicagoland has gotten some good press. It contains lots of data for each of our 50 states, data that may draw more attention than they deserve.

The sources are basically good government and private agencies, but what Bruning folks do with the data in some cases is less than good and can easily mislead the unwary.

Let me offer an example. In the area of convenience, as opposed to the area of cost, 25% of the final weight, which determines a state's score and rank, goes to the number of fueling stations per 100,000 persons. For Indiana, that figure is 89 per 100,000, ranking us 49th in the nation.

Except that figure is, to be polite, questionable. It has a confused numerator: the number of gasoline stations plus the number of EV (electronic vehicle) charging ports. Gas stations generally have two or more pumps. The more meaningful her would be the nıım number of pumps added to the number of EV

population of the state. Why? The pumps and the ports don't provide energy for the people; they serve the number of vehi-

So here is 25% of the weight that determines how convenient it is to own a vehicle in each state. Until they use the right data, I won't worry about Indiana's low rank-

One more example. "Car expenses as a percent of income was calculated by comparing total annual expenses to annual average wages.'

Car expenses equal the total of issuance, registration and parking pass

costs.

What parking pass? Bruning, the I Law Firm, says this "captures long-term parking costs." But their source says, "Park entrance fees." What portion of the state's population buys state park passes?

prices plus other routine Business. Email him at moroutlays for repairs or car tonjmarcus@gmail.com.

Eye on the **Pie** 



... what **Bruning folks** do with the data in some cases is less than good and can easily mislead the unwary.

But wait, there's more. washes? They have gas The denominator is the prices listed as a reference source, but don't use

> Then this questionable cost factor is divided by average wages. Well, wages and salaries were 76.5% of all Hoosier income. Nationwide that figure was 82% last year, as many folks also have pensions, social security. various government payments, dividends, interest and rents.

> And why average when median wages household income is easily available and seems more appropriate. Average wages neglect the fact that many households have more than one worker.

Finally, in what kind of case will Bruning use this research?

Would Perry Mason release it if it won't stand up to even a gentle cross examination?

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Marcus is an economist formerly with Indiana Uni-Where are auto and gas versity's Kelley School of



By NAFEES ALAM Tribune News Service

In the shifting sands of American politics, the Democratic Party stands at a pivotal moment. Frequently cast as the party of "Yes," Democrats have embraced a host of progressive caus-— abortion rights, expansive immigration policies, and LGBTQ+ inclusion, to name a few.

the minority side of issues where public opinion leans heavily the other way: the 20 side of an 80-20 split. Conversely, Republicans, dubbed the party of "No," have thrived by align-

ing with the majority 80 side. If Democrats hope to reclaim electoral dominance and preserve a balanced political system, they must learn to say "no" to some of their

more divisive positions. Consider abortion. Democrats champion largely unrestricted access, a stance that resonates with a vocal minority. Yet, a 2023 Gallup poll reveals that 60 percent of Americans favor abortion being legal only under certain circumstances, while 34% support it in all cases. By clinging to the 20% view, Democrats risk estranging the broader electorate who seek a middle ground.

Illegal immigration tells a similar story. Democrats often emphasize compassion and pathways to citizenship, but a 2022 Pew Research Center survey found that 70% of Americans prioritize reducing illegal immigration. The party's reluctance to focus on enforcement leaves them open to accusations of being soft on border security, a position that fails to inspire the majority.

LGBTQ+ issues further highlight this disconnect. Democrats have been trailblazers for equality, yet some of their stances — like supporting biological men in women's sports — face stiff resistance. A 2021 Gallup poll showed that 62% of Americans believe transgender athletes should compete based on their biological sex, not gender identity. Advocating for

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This tendency often places them on biological men in women's locker often feels esoteric to the typical voter.

Then there are more extreme examples: neopronouns, keying Teslas, looting and rioting, fiery but mostly peaceful protests, burning the American flag or saluting alternate flags, and encouraging assassinations. These actions, linked to fringe elements of the left, cast a shadow over the Democratic brand. Though the party may not explicitly endorse such behaviors, its hesitance to denounce them outright can be perceived as tacit approval, alienating voters who value law and order.

Another glaring example of Democrats' struggle with the 80-20 divide is their difficulty in answering a seemingly simple question: "What is a woman?" When pressed, many Democratic leaders dodge the question or offer convoluted responses, fearing backlash from progressive factions.

Yet, a 2023 YouGov poll found that 79% of Americans believe defining "woman" based on biological sex is either somewhat or very important. This disconnect highlights the party's reluctance to affirm commonsense definitions, alienating voters.

History offers a cautionary tale. Homosexuality, once illegal and socially taboo, is now embraced by a majority of Americans — a shift driven by decades of advocacy and cultural evolution. Democrats played a key role in this transformation, but they must now ask: what's next? Are there additions to the LGBTQ+ community — perhaps identities or practices cur- wrote this for InsideSources.com.

that the party might champion pre-

To start winning again, Democrats must master the art of saying "no." This won't be easy — their base has grown accustomed to hearing "yes' on various issues, from social justice to environmental reforms. By strategically rejecting their most contentious positions, Democrats can broaden their appeal. For instance, moderating their stance on abortion to align with the majority who favor restrictions or emphasizing border security alongside immigration reform could bring them closer to the

80% side of these debates. This shift isn't about abandoning core values; it's about pragmatism. Take education: Democratic support for progressive curricula has sparked parental backlash. A 2022 American Federation of Teachers survey showed that 58% of parents want schools to prioritize core academics over social issues. Saying "no" to divisive educational policies could rebuild trust with families.

America deserves a balanced political system in which both parties offer credible alternatives. If Democrats don't start putting their foot down, the nation risks sliding into an ideological monopoly dominated by a single party's vision. The stakes are high: a healthy democracy thrives on competition, not conformity.

The path forward requires Democrats to balance idealism with realism. Saying "no" to some of their base's demands while advancing justice and equality could reconnect them with the broader electorate.

It's a delicate dance but a necessary one. If they fail to adapt, Democrats risk unprecedented electoral losses and eroding a vibrant, two-party system. Their survival — and the country's political health — depends on it.

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# **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions** at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

# on Sunday, April 27.

Confessions and Adoration begin at 2 p.m. and Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3 pm **Benediction begins at 3:30 pm Veneration of the image begins at 11:30** (and the Rosary will take place on the hour)

Jesus' words to St. Faustina "I demand deeds of mercy. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy. The first- By deed, the second-by word, the third-by prayer. In these in unquestionable love for me."

St. Faustina's Diary 742

# Jesus words to St. Faustina

"At 3 o'clock p.m., beg for My mercy especially for sinners, and immerse yourself, even for a short moment in contemplation of My Passion."

**Diary 1320** 

"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priest will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

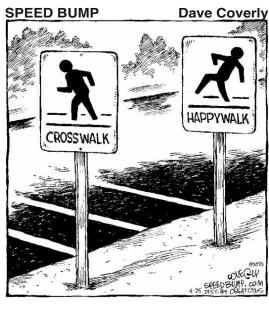
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"Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy." Diary 1146



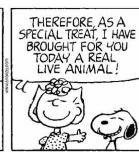
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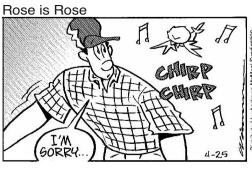
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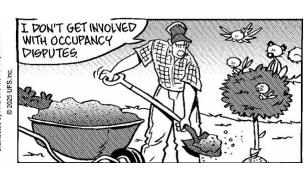






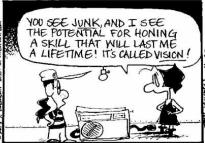






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# Contract By Steve Becker

#### Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

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What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ★ 82 ♥ KQ643 ♦ AK85 ♣ 94 2. ♠ 93 ♥ AQJ85 ♦ KJ972 ♣ 10 3. ♠ 5 ♥ AQ972 ♦ AK43 ♣ Q64 4. ♠ — ♥ AK987 ♦ AJ72 ♠ Q652

1. Pass. You barely made the grade for an opening bid and have no extra values that justify bidding again. Partner's two-notrump bid is not forcing — he probably has 10 or 11 high-card points — so you should get out while you still have a

chance for a plus score.

2. Three diamonds. This is a signoff bid that tells partner you opened the bidding at least partly on distributional values rather than straight high-card values. Three diamonds is not forcing by any stretch of the imagination; it tells partner that in your opinion there is a better chance of making nine tricks in one of your suits than eight tricks in

If you had held, say, 15 or 16

high-card points instead of 11, you would of course make a stronger bid than three diamonds example, three notrump or four diamonds.

3. Three clubs. This is a forcing bid, whereby you are continuing to describe your hand in a constructive fashion and are thus implying extra values. You plan to pass three notrump if that's what partner bids next, as you have described your

hand perfectly and have nothing further to add to the picture.

4. Four clubs. This implies a void in spades and the values for a high-level club contract. Slam seems likely, but there is a grave danger of partner's having wasted spade strength. Six clubs would be a poor contract if partner held ★ AKJ ▼ 52 ♦ 963 ★ K8743, but would be

an excellent contract if he held ♠ Q109 ♥ 52 ♦ Q83 ♠ AK974. The void-showing leap to four clubs — remember that three clubs would be forcing — describes the slam-going potential of the hand. It enables partner to judge his val-

ues very accurately, discounting his spade strength while giving added value to his high cards in the other three suits.

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# First for Frazee

Tessa Frazee of the Jay County High School girls tennis team hits a forehand during the Patriots 4-1 victory on Monday. Frazee clinched the match with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Winchester Community's Karina Jarrett and claimed her first career victory.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Continued from page 8 "It's just sad the way he's talking right now, Doncic said. "I never say anything bad about him, and I just want to move on. The fans, my ex-teammates, I'll always keep at heart. It's time for me to move on from there.

Told of Doncic's comment, Harrison said: "I feel the same way he does. I've actually never spoken ill of Luka at all, and I'm just ready to move on with this team that we have."

For Harrison and the Mavericks, the opportunity to move on won't come until next season. Doncic, on the other hand, has the chance to take another step in the process as the Lakers host the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday night with the chance to tie their first-round playoff series at one win apiece.

L.A. fans seem to know how important Doncic is to possibly making that

# ESPN

remarked that "It's wonderful to reflect on how I've done exactly what I wanted to do with my life, adding: "At the same time, I've had the great pleasure of working with some of the very best people I've ever known, both on the air and behind the scenes.

Patrick attended George Washington

# Mike Patrick did play-by-play for Sunday Night Football for 18 years

and was commissioned as tion. In the early 1970s, he end editor at a Washing-

gham Stallions (FOX)

a second lieutenant in the joined a TV station in Jack-ton, D.C., TV station. Air Force before starting sonville, Fla. Prior to his his broadcasting career at jump to ESPN, he was a countless University a Pennsylvania radio sta- sports reporter and week- events over decades at tional.

"Mike Patrick called significant

ESPN and is one of the most influential on-air voices in our history," Burke Magnus, president of content for ESPN, said. "In addition to calling ESPN's first-ever regular season NFL game and voicing the 'Sunday Night Football' franchise for 18 seasons, Mike's work on college sports was excep-

"For 36 years, he called football and men's and women's basketball, including the Women's Final Four and so many historic matchups between ACC rivals Duke and UNC. Our deepest condolences to Mike's family and his many friends throughout the industry.'

# Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Blackford - 5:30 p.m.

Jay County — Track at Ansonia – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Shenandoah – 7 p.m.; JV tennis at Bluffton – 4:30 p.m.; Junior high softball vs.

#### Saturday

Jay County — Boys golf at South Adams - 9 a.m.; Junior high tennis at Patriot Invite – 10 a.m. Fort Recovery — JV softball vs. Minster – 11

#### TV sports

Today

 MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Boston Celtics at

Orlando Magic (ESPN) 7 p.m. — NFL Draft second and third rounds

(ESPN)

7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Washington Capitals at Montreal Canadiens (TNT) 7 p.m. — College softball: Georgetown at

at Everton (USA)

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle

ers at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)

United at Ipswich Town (USA)

12 p.m. — NFL Draft fourth through seventh

ma (ESPN2) 12:30 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: General

1 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Tampa Boy Lightning

at Florida Panthers (TBS) 1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Washington Spirit at

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9:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Los Angeles Lak-

8 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Indiana Pacers at Mil-

aukee Bucks (FDSN Indiana) 8 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at Birm-

9 p.m. — College softball: Nebraska at Washington (FS1)

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Gotham FC (CBS)

1:30 p.m. — AMA Supercross: Pittsburgh 2 p.m. — College football: Rutgers Scarlet and

2 p.m. — College softball: Florida at LSU

(ESPN2)

- LPGA Tour: The Chevron Champi-2 p.m. onship (NBC)

 PGA Tour: Zurich Classic of New 3 p.m. Orleans (CBS)

- MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Col-3:15 p.m. orado Rockies (FSDN Indiana)

4 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Vegas Golden Knights at Minnesota Wild (TBS)

4 p.m. — College football: Oregon Spring Game (BTN) 4:05 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at

5 p.m. — LIV Golf: Mexico City (FS1)

6 p.m. — College softball: Nebraska at Wash

ington (BTN) NHL Playoffs: Toronto Maple Leafs

at Ottawa Senators (TBS) 7 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at St. Louis Battlehawks (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball (ESPN2)

7:15 p.m. — MLS: Orlando City at Atlanta United (FOX) College football: Maryland Red-

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at Golden State Warriors (ABC) 8:40 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at San Diego Padres (NBC)

9 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2) 9:30 p.m. - NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Col-

orado Avalanche (TBS)

## **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.

Challenge set The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge

is set to begin May 10. The Challenge includes seven races and the

Challenge Series award will be given to the first 100 participants over the age of 19 to compete in five or more events.

Registration forms www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com and can be submitted to Debra Gerber at 656 W Van Buren St., Berne, IN 46711.

The series fee is \$125 with a t-shirt included in each race or \$90 without it. For students under the age of 18 registering, the cost will be \$100 with the t-shirts or \$80

The first race, Monroe Lions 5K, is set for May 10 at 8:15 a.m. For more information contact Alan Arnold at (260) 216-1101 or

email pamalarn@myfibersolution.com.

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deceased No. 38C01-2503-EU-000011 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that

Karla Marie Bergman was, on

the 15th day of April, 2025, ap-

pointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gregory A Bergman deceased, who died on February 13, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 15th day of April, 2025. HINKLE, RACSTER, SCHEMENAUR & LANDERS 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorneys for the Estate Melissa Elliott Clerk of the Circuit Court.

For Jay County, Indiana

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# Late-match volley

Jay County High School junior Faith Faulkner volleys a ball at the net during the third set of the No. 1 doubles match against Winchester on Monday. Faulkner along with Raylah Newton took down Brooklyn Friend and Addison Haney 6-1, 5-7, 7-5 to help the Patriots to a 4-1 win.

# FRHS XC will move to new Division V

The Tribe had a change after its January meeting of scenery in the postseason this year as they moved from the Northwest to the Southwest district.

With the addition of another class, they will get another change for

The Ohio High School Athletic Association announced the new cross country division alignment on Thursday morning and Fort Recovery's teams will be running in the newly expanded Division IV.

OHSAA The announced a new threevear contract with Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park to continue hosting the state tournament.

sions in cross country released on May 1.

and the new alignment was approved on Thursday. Since the 1970s, there have only been three cross country divisions.

The Indians have previously competed in Division III but will migrate to Division IV for the 2025 season.

Six of the top 10 teams at the Division III 2024 state tournament will join Fort Recovery in Division VI, including 16 time state champion and Midwest Athletic Conference foe Minster. Seven of the top 10 boys teams move down, the highest placer from 2024 being Crestview at second.

Divisional breakdowns for golf and volleyball will The OHSAA approved be announced on Monday. expanding to four divi- and football will be

# **Longtime ESPN** announcer dies

**By DAVID MATTHEWS** 

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Mike Patrick, a longtime ESPN play-by-play-announcer, has died. He was 80.

Patrick died of natural causes on Sunday in Fairfax, Virginia, his doctor he had a great love for confirmed to the network on Tuesday.

The announcer joined ESPN in 1982 and became a go-to game caller for professional and college sports. His last event was the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Dec. 30, 2017, a game in which Iowa State defeated Memphis, 21-20. Patrick was the lead

announcer for "Sunday Night Football" from 1987 until 2005 — initially with former NFL quarterback Joe Theismann — and also appeared on countless college football and basketball games.

"I called him Mr. ACC as doing the big [Atlantic Conference] Coast games," ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale said Tuesday. "Mike had great energy and a keen knowledge of ACC basketball, and I truly enjoyed sitting next to him calling so many special games over the years.'

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# Mavs GM 'didn't quite know' how important Luka was to fans

By CHUCK SCHILKEN

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service LOS ANGELES — Dallas Mavericks general manager Nico Harrison made an interesting admission Monday when talking to reporters about his decision to trade fan favorite Luka Doncic to the Lakers in February.

No, Harrison did not admit that the move was a mistake. On the contrary, he clung tightly to "defense wins championships" explanation for making the deal that sent Doncic to Los Angeles and brought elite defender Anthony Davis to Dal-

months of Mavericks fans calling for his firing — in a very loud and visible fashion — Harrison did admit that he had underestimated the level of outrage the

surprise trade would cause. "Ī did know that Luka was sions I feel are in the best inter-

son with the Mavericks ended unpopular. This was clearly one and on.' Friday with a play-in loss to the that's unpopular." quite know it to what level."

Doncic, 26, endeared himself to the Dallas fan base during his six-plus seasons with the organization, making the All-Star Game five times and leading the Mavericks to the 2024 NBA Finals. If Harrison didn't realize the level of fans' adoration for the Slovenian superstar before the trade, he certainly does now.

"When you have 20,000 people But after more than two in the stadium chanting 'Fire Nico,' you really feel it," Harrison said. "I mean it's — I use the word 'awesome,' but not in a positive way. Like, you can really feel how they feel.

"But my job is to make deci-

Memphis Grizzlies. "I didn't Harrison said he thought and still thinks — fans would have taken more kindly to trading away such a beloved player if they had been able to see his and the organization's "vision" of a starting five of Davis, Kyrie Irving, Klay Thompson, P.J. Wash-

ington and Dereck Lively II. Instead, an onslaught of injuries prevented those five from taking the floor together at

was, if you're putting a team on the floor that's Kyrie, Klay, P.J., Anthony Davis and Lively, we feel that's a championship-caliber team and we would've been winning at a high level and that would have quieted some of the only.

important to the fan base," said est of this organization, and I outrage. And so unfortunately Harrison, a former longtime gotta stand by the decisions, and we weren't able to do that, so [the table was to provide closure to Nike executive whose fourth sea- some of them are going to be outrage] just continued to go on

> Harrison added that he didn't happen. next season and will "be competing for a championship.

"I believe winning will help repair the relationship with the fans and that's what we plan to do," he said.

Harrison was speaking at a news conference that took place six days after he and team CEO Rick Welts held a closed-door roundtable discussion with a small, select group of media "Really the way we looked at it members. Those reporters were not allowed to bring cameras and initially were told they could not bring audio recording devices either, although they ended up being allowed to record the meeting for transcription purposes

The purpose of the roundthe Doncic situation, but Harrison acknowledged Monday that

expects the core team to be back "The goal was that I answered all the [Doncic] questions, [so] today I could talk about the team as it currently is and then what we do going forward," Harrison said. "But because it fell flat, today I'm basically answering the same questions I answered last week because we didn't do a good enough job."

During the roundtable event, Harrison repeatedly fell back on the "defense wins championships" mantra as an explanation for trading Doncic. During an interview with ESPN's Malika Andrews that aired Friday, Doncic was asked about Harrison's comments.

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