

Moratorium consideration



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This aerial view shows an Amazon Web Services data center in Stone Ridge, Virginia. Portland City Council approved a moratorium on data centers on first reading during its meeting Monday. The council also decided to set a meeting to discuss a proposed moratorium on carbon sequestration.

Council gives initial approval to pause on data centers, plans to hold a special meeting on carbon sequestration

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A moratorium on data center facilities first fell short of the necessary votes, then passed on a second try. Portland City Council ultimately approved a one-year moratorium on data centers on first reading during its meeting Monday and also decided to schedule a special meeting to

consider a moratorium on carbon sequestration facilities. Earlier this month, Portland Plan Commission made a recommendation for a one-year moratorium on data centers. It made no recommendation on a proposed one-year moratorium on carbon sequestration facilities. Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hem-

melgarn explained that he initially did not see data centers as a possibility for Portland but that his mind was changed after attending a recent meeting. He noted concerns about heat and power use by such a facility. “We need to, as a community, put the breaks on a lot of things and take a look at them,” Hemmelgarn said. There are currently no data

centers proposed for the community. Council members initially voted 3-1 in favor of the moratorium with Mike Aker, Michele Brewster and Ashley Hilfiker in favor and Ron May against, leaving it one vote short of passage. (Members Kent McClung, Matt Goldsworthy and Dave Golden were absent.) See **Consideration** page 2

House Bill could impact funding

Legislation could eliminate ‘inside millage’

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Some legislation proposed at the statehouse could make a significant impact on the school district’s budget.

Fort Recovery School Board heard about Ohio House Bill 335 at its meeting Monday.

Superintendent Tony Stahl talked about the state’s biennial budget process, which will wrap up by June 30. He noted various concerns from the school district’s standpoint that have been proposed, including a potential year-end cash balance cap for school districts as well as discussion about scrapping the Fair School Funding Plan and creating a new model.

A recently proposed piece of legislation that would specifically hit Fort Recovery Local Schools’ budget if approved is Ohio House Bill 335. Among other items, it would eliminate inside millage starting Jan. 1. (In Ohio, property taxes are charged as millage, with one mill equal to one-tenth of a cent.)

If inside millage is eliminated, Stahl noted, an estimated \$3.5 billion in property tax collection across Ohio would stop in January. For the village’s school district, that would amount to just over \$1 million. See **Funding** page 2

Khamenei: Iran will not surrender to Israel

By ELTAF NAJAFIZADA
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Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said his country won’t surrender to Israel after U.S. President Donald Trump called for the Islamic Republic’s capitulation amid growing speculation that Washington could enter the conflict. “The Americans should know that the Iranian nation is not one to surrender,” Khamenei said in a statement published on his official website, Khamenei.ir. He warned that if the U.S. joined Israel’s military offensive, it would see “irreparable damage.” Khamenei also said he opposed an “imposed peace,” suggesting he would not engage in any U.S. or Israel-led efforts to force Iran into accepting a ceasefire. Khamenei’s latest comments, which were originally scheduled to be tele-

Leader is also opposed to ‘imposed peace’

vised, come a day after Trump said he knows where the supreme leader is “hiding” and also called for Iran’s surrender. On Tuesday, Trump and his national security team had a meeting that lasted more than hour, according to people familiar with the matter. Trump spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu afterward, a White House official said. No further official comments were made. Israel started its military strikes on Iran last Friday and has hit scores

of targets in residential and commercial areas of the capital Tehran as well as nuclear facilities, gas fields and oil refineries. In response Iran has fired hundreds of missiles at Israel, most of them targeting Tel Aviv. So far, at least 224 Iranians have been killed by Israel’s attacks and 24 Israelis have been killed by Iran’s strikes, according to government figures from both countries. The White House has said Trump will meet Pakistan’s army chief on Wednesday. The South Asian country — a key ally of Iran — has expressed a willingness to play a role as a mediator between the U.S. and Iran. Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said Monday Iran is open to resuming talks about its atomic activities if Israel refrains from further strikes, citing direct communication with his counterpart in Tehran.

Flag on parade

Aubree Heitkamp spins her flag while performing with the Fort Recovery High School Marching Band during Sunday’s parade at the conclusion of the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.



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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Tuesday. The low was 70. Tonight’s low will be in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny

skies Friday with a high in the mid 80s. Highs will climb into the 90s beginning Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Applications are open for The Portland Foundation’s Women’s Giving Circle grants. The grants of up to \$5,000 are for not-for-profit organizations in Jay County for projects and programming in the community. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. The deadline is Friday, July 11.

Coming up

Friday — Details from this week’s Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team’s meet against Catalina.

Tuesday — Photos from the Portland Evening Opticist Club fishing derby.



Consideration ...

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May said he voted against the moratorium because he would like to hear more information on the topic.

Council member Ashley Hilfiker responded that the purpose of a moratorium is to pause new facilities in order to allow local officials to gather more information. Hemmelgarn agreed, explaining that a moratorium provides time to put an ordinance in place to govern new facilities.

The council then took a second vote, with the moratorium passing 4-0 on first reading. (It will need to be approved on second reading before going into effect.)

City attorney Wes Schemenaur suggested that, because there was no recommendation from the plan commission on carbon sequestration, the council set a special meeting to discuss the issue. The meeting will need to be advertised in order to allow anyone who would like the

comment on the issue the ability to do so.

Council voted unanimously to schedule a special meeting to discuss carbon sequestration, which involves “capturing” carbon dioxide, transporting it, typically via a piping system, and injecting and storing it deep underground. With several members absent, they didn’t set a date for the meeting.

POET Biorefining, which is outside the city limits but falls within the city’s 2-mile buffer for zoning, is planning a carbon sequestration project at its facility.

In other business:

- Approved a road use ordinance on second reading. It requires a permit for any project removing or altering a street’s surface or subsurface material at a fee of \$500, with fines of up to \$3,000 for those who do such work without a permit. Firms handling such work must be insured and bonded. Those who remove

or alter a street will be required to repair and replace all materials. The city’s board of works, which will oversee the permits, may require that the entire block be repaved.

- Council approved tax abatement compliance reports for Pennville Custom Cabinetry, FCC (Indiana), Fisher Packing, Fort Recovery Industries, Pioneer Warehousing, Priority Plastics and Tyson Foods.
- Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition shared details about its various initiatives, including working with inmates at Jay County Jail, distributing naloxone and reaching out to individuals in the community. May donated \$200 to the organization. Mayor Jeff Westlake asked about the status of a planned recovery house at 422 W. Votaw St. Executive director Kimbra Reynolds said plans have been submitted to the state for approval.
- May raised a question about a \$50,000 economic development






income tax (EDIT) loan to Rollin J Lanes, which has been advertised for sale. Schemenaur indicated that owners Tammy and David Jellison have been in communication with the city. He suggested a wait-and-see approach.

- Aker provided a reminder that Portland Evening Optimist Club will host its annual fishing derby Saturday at Hudson Family Park. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with fishing to start at 8:30 a.m. Food will be provided at 11 a.m. The free event is for ages 3 through 18 (those 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent).
- May asked whether there has ever been discussion locally about combining local law enforcement units into a single department. He raised the question out of concern for departments having challenges with recruiting employees.
- Phillips noted that construction on the Seventh Street bridge over the Salamonie River is

scheduled to begin Monday. It is expected to be closed until mid-October.

- Phillips brought up several issues regarding city finances, noting that she and Westlake have talked about numbers for 2026 and at council’s next meeting would like to propose 2% raises. She also said there remains hope that state legislators will make modifications in coming years to minimize the impact of Senate Enrolled Act 1, which addressed a variety of tax-related issues. In the meantime, she said, the city can impose a local income tax in an effort to recoup some of the expected funding that the city will not receive as a result of changes made by SEA1.
- Hilfiker expressed concern about speeding vehicles on First Street along the north side of Weiler-Wilson Park, suggesting speed bumps or another stop sign. (The street was recently paved.) Westlake said he would look into solutions.

CR almanac

Friday 6/20	Saturday 6/21	Sunday 6/22	Monday 6/23	Tuesday 6/24
 85/69 Mostly sunny on Friday, when the high will be in the mid 80s.	 90/74 Mostly sunny on Saturday when the low will hit the mid 70s.	 93/75 Sunday's forecast shows sunny with a high of a blistering 93 degrees.	 93/74 Monday's weather looks to be sunny with heat index values reaching triple digits.	 92/74 Mostly sunny skies are expected Tuesday when there's a slight chance of rain.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$101 million	Daily Three: 1-8-8 Daily Four: 5-4-5-8 Quick Draw: 9-11-13-16-17-25-31-34-43-47-48-53-55-58-65-67-68-71-74-77
Mega Millions 16-23-39-46-55 Mega Ball: 12 Estimated jackpot: \$302 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 5-5-2 Pick 4: 2-8-5-3 Pick 5: 2-8-3-2-1 Evening Pick 3: 4-3-3 Pick 4: 6-6-6-2 Pick 5: 6-6-4-6-0 Rolling Cash: 1-14-19-24-25 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 9-4-0 Daily Four: 3-7-3-1 Quick Draw: 2-6-7-12-20-21-22-25-38-41-43-52-54-55-56-58-59-61-65-69 Evening	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.76 July corn.....4.79 Aug. corn4.90	July beans10.78 Wheat 5.36
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.77 July corn.....4.74 Oct. corn4.32	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.50 July corn.....4.52 Beans10.60 July beans10.55 Wheat5.32
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.69 July corn.....4.69 Beans10.78	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.71 July corn.....4.71 Beans10.53 July beans10.16 Wheat5.21

Today in history

In 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned George Washington to be commander in chief of the Continental Army. He later went on to serve as president of the United States.

In 1865, Galveston, Texas, received word from Union troops that the Civil War was over and remaining slaves in Texas were free. The event is celebrated today as “Juneteenth.”

In 1911, Pennsylvania created a motion picture censorship board, becoming the first state to do so.

In 2011, the Portland Rockets swept a double-header from the host South Bend Sultans — 12- 0 in five innings and 7-2 — to improve to 10-5. Tyler Reynolds, who returned to the Rockets this year, tossed a no-hitter in the game-one win.

— The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	Wednesday 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Tuesday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, Redkey Morgan Park, 50 Mooney St.	June 30 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

Funding ...

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Fort Recovery Village Council approved a resolution Monday opposing the bill. (The village receives approximately \$72,000 annually from inside millage.)

The bill hasn’t made its way through the House of Representatives yet. If it is approved, Stahl suggested school board look into a tax levy to help make up for the loss.

Also Monday, Stahl noted work is ongoing with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) project at Fort Recovery Elementary and Middle School. Hopes are to have the project completed by Aug. 15.

In other business, Fort Recovery School Board members Sean Kahlig, Greg LeFevre, Mitch Fullenkamp, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel:

- Approved high school boys and girls bowling as a full sport for the upcoming school year. Fort Recovery’s program had previously been recognized as a club sport. (See related story on page 8.) The school board also approved other sports and approved wrestling and indoor track as tournament sports.
- Accepted resignations from fifth grade teacher Kim Niekamp and high school English teacher Brent Niekamp.
- Hired second grade teacher Abigail Bowers and fourth grade teacher Kiah Bruns, effective Aug. 1. Both teachers are Fort Recovery alumni.
- Approved hiring Nicole Fennig as a long-term substitute for the 2025-26 school year. Stahl noted Fennig will be hired as a full-time teacher once she completes requirements for obtaining her teaching license.
- Accepted the following as volunteer coaches for the upcoming school year: assistant junior high football coach Troy Homan, assistant junior high football coach Connor Kaikala, assistant junior high football coach Gabe Knapke and assistant basketball coach Hunter Muir.
- OK’d hiring several substitute bus and van drivers as needed for the 2025-26 school year.
- Approved participating in the federal free and reduced price lunch program for the upcoming school year.
- Authorized an agreement with Stolly Insurance for liability, fleet and property insurance and CFC for cyber insurance from July 1 of the current year through June 30, 2026. Treasurer Deanna Knapke noted liability insurance this year jumped to \$63,000, an increase of \$8,000.

Project faces another delay

By JOSEPH S. PETE
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

The massive \$311 million SoLa project that aspires to elevate Michigan City’s skyline and position the beach town in LaPorte County as more of a restore destination faces another delay.

Michigan City and the developers had agreed to a June deadline to break ground on the 628,000-square-foot mixed-use project that includes boutique hotels, condos, townhomes, upscale restaurants, retail, bars and a rooftop pool overlooking Lake Michigan. That deadline has now been pushed back to the end of the year, said Clarence Hulse, the executive director of the Economic Development Corporation and a member of Michigan City’s redevelopment commission.

The redevelopment commission agreed to a new deadline as Chicago-based Farpoint Development group looks to line up financing for the project, which has been touted as a transformative game changer for downtown

Michigan City and Northwest Indiana’s Lake Michigan lakefront as a whole.

Scott Goodman, a prominent Chicago developer whose previous Sterling Bay firm developed Fulton Market and the Tyson Food Headquarters in Chicago, is looking to build the 14-story-tall development to lure Chicagoans to have second homes along the lake and make Michigan City more of a summer getaway like neighboring New Buffalo.

Farpoint, which has done major projects like 830 N. Michigan Ave. and 939 W. North Ave. in Chicago, originally discussed a \$150 million project at the “You Are Beautiful” site near the Michigan City lakefront back in 2011. The project had faced a number of delays and factors driving up the cost, including the pandemic, inflation, high interest rates and spikes on construction costs.

One of the original financiers fell though and banks have not been looking to finance condos in the current environment, Hulse said.



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First to Eleven performs tonight

The Hudson Family Park amphitheatre concert series begins tonight.

First to Eleven, a cover band based out of Erie, Pennsylvania, will perform at 8 p.m. today at the park in Portland. The band takes popular songs and adds an extra twist, mashing different styles from songs from the 1980s, '90s and present.

The free family friendly event will also feature activities for children and food.

For more information or to learn more about how to get involved, please contact Arts Place by calling (260) 726-4809 or emailing jcc@myartsplace.org.

Cruise-in carnival

The carnival is coming to town.

Peer Addiction Support Team (PAST) Recovery Services will

Taking Note

host a carnival cruise-in on downtown Main Street in Portland Saturday.

Activities from 4 to 7:30 p.m. include free carnival games and dunk tanks, as well as a pie-in-the-face event. The festival will also include cars, vendors and food trucks.

President's list

A Fort Recovery resident recently made the president's list at Miami University.

Megan Knapke earned the honor, which is awarded to undergraduate students ranked

in the top 3% within each division for the spring semester.

Dean's list

A Portland native made the dean's list at University of Alabama.

Sharon Villas earned a spot on the college's spring semester dean's list. In order to receive the honor, students must have a 3.5 GPA or above.

Series continues

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series is in full swing.

Its next concert, a performance by Blue Moon Marquee, opens at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 at Canan Commons.

Other upcoming shows include:

•Saturday, Aug. 23 — Vanessa Collier at Brown Family Amphitheater at Ball State University

Husband is quick to judge

DEAR ABBY: In the four years my husband and I have been married, his distaste for the LGBTQ community has grown into a passion. He calls it immoral and unnatural. I've never tried to change his opinion, but because I don't enthusiastically agree with him, he is convinced I'm going to hell. He uses nearly every conversation as an opportunity to share his feelings on this issue. Any response I volunteer goes unheard.

Shortly after our wedding, my father revealed he is gay. Thankfully, my husband can be kind to him while disapproving of his sexuality. I'm not sure Dad knows the extent of my husband's negative feelings. (They live in different states, so they rarely see each other.)

My problem is, my father recently became engaged to his partner, and I'm not sure how to tell my husband. I'm not asking him to agree with my dad's life, but I don't want him to steal my joy over this event or make me feel guilty for going to their wedding. I will certainly be going alone. Advice, Abby? — ALLY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ALLY: Yes, I do have some. However, it is more far-reaching than you may expect. That your husband discounts or "doesn't hear" what you need to communicate to him does not bode well for the future of your marriage. Your father's sexual orientation may be abhorrent to

Dear Abby



your husband, but it is not "unnatural." If you wish to attend your father's wedding, do it, and do not feel guilty for supporting him at this important time. You are not going to hell for loving and accepting your father — quite the opposite, in fact.

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DEAR ABBY: We have been friends with a couple for many, many years. Unfortunately, someone took some items out of their house. Our long friendship is now over because they think we stole from them. Although they have gotten over it, we cannot. They say it's "in the past" and it's time to move on. They can't understand that we feel so insulted that we no longer want to remain friends with them. They never offered an apology, which makes us feel they still doubt us. Are we oversensitive? — INNOCENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR INNOCENT: No, you are not. In light of the fact that you never received an apology for the wrongful accusation, it makes sense that you not put yourselves in the position of being accused again.

JH students make honor roll

Jay County Junior-Senior High School recently announced its second semester honor roll students.

Making the list were seventh graders Caiden Acheson, Avery Ainsworth, Jake Arnold, Brailynn Barker, Yesenia Barrientos, Lyle Beiswanger, Marshal Bihn, Makenzie Blizzard, Layla Boyer, Jaylen Brown, Bentley Brunswick, Jayden Butler, Avery Carpenter, Urijah Carpenter, Angela Carreno, Jordyn Champ, Danica Chowning, Roman Clamme, Ellie Clark, Emalynn Clark, Carter Cox and Mackenzie Coy.

Also Raelynn Crabtree, Ava Dame, Macy DeHoff, Jackson Denton, Job Dirksen, Dillon Dunnington, Jenson Edwards, Violet Eley, Elvira Elliott, Mohamed Elshiekh,

Logan Fifer, Allianna Fosnaugh, Ashlynn Fox, Gabriella Friddle, Daisy Garcia-Benitez, Daniel Garcia-Benitez, Vanessa Gatto and Aliyha Gilbert.

Also Katieann Graber, Finn Hemmelgarn, Bentley Hodgson, Eli Homan, Logan Hornbaker, Frederick Howell, Grace Huel-skamp, Aubree Hunley, Kamzy Johnson, Bristol Kahlig, Ango Kato, Kellan Keys, Alexander Koenig, Harper Kunkle, Nadlie Landers, Sophia Lawhead, Anderson Layton, Chloe Lewellen, Arabella Link, Murphy Link, Brandon Loyd and Ali Luna.

Also Trinity Marcum, Eric Martinez Alvarez, Parker McCoy, Gabriella Miller, Lexi Miller, James Moore, Andrew Myers,

Joslyn Norman, Folton Parr, Joana Peterson, Lillyan Petro, Solomon Petro, Ayva Pitman and Fletcher Post.

Also Ryan Recker, Hallie Reynolds, Journey Reynolds, Tristin Romine, Gavin Rosenbeck, Brenna Rowles, Karson Schilling, Joe Schwartz, Easton Siegrist, Kyla Sims, Emma Skirvin, Nicholas Somers, Kaitlin Southworth and Aiden Stallsmith.

Also Kaylynn Stanley, Leah Steed, Andrew Swartzentruber, Kari Timmerman, Brantley Towell, Byron Upp, Sofia Us, Brayden Walker, Alexa Watkins, Sophia Weesner, Aubrie Weitzel, Brenna Weitzel, Alyssa Wendel, Eli Westgerdes, Jade Westgerdes, Saige Winget and Daniel Wright.

Community Calendar

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

Today

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and tell is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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

SMART RECOVERY —

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday 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.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30

p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winches-ter, in community room 1.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn

more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, June 20, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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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Will U.S. remain on the sidelines?

By **HUGO BALTA**
The Fulcrum
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“I want to thank President Trump for his leadership in confronting Iran’s nuclear weapons program. He has made clear time and again that Iran cannot have a nuclear enrichment program,” said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an address soon after launching Operation Rising Lion, an attack on Iran.

Netanyahu said that Israel targeted Iran’s main enrichment facility in Natanz and the country’s ballistic missile program, as well as top nuclear scientists and officials, in Friday’s strike.

According to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Israel deployed approximately 200 fighter jets in a major aerial operation, striking more than 100 targets across Iran. The IDF stated that over 330 munitions of various types were used in the attack, which remains ongoing. A military source familiar with the operation told CNN that the campaign is not limited to a single day, sug-

Hugo Balta



gesting further strikes may follow.

The IDF also reported that Tehran responded by firing more than 100 drones toward Israeli territory. The IDF said Israeli defenses were working to intercept the drones.

Soon after news of the military strikes broke, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio put a distance between the U.S. and what he called “unilateral action” by their close ally. Rubio cautioned Tehran against retaliatory strikes targeting American forces. “We are not involved in strikes against Iran, and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region,” he said.

On Thursday, President Don-

ald Trump warned of the possibility of “massive conflict” in the Middle East that could take place “soon.” “I don’t want to say imminent, but it’s something that could very well happen,” Trump told reporters at the White House, CNN reported.

“I want to have an agreement with Iran. We’re fairly close to an agreement. ... As long as I think there is an agreement, I don’t want them going in because that would blow it. Might help it, actually, but also could blow it,” he said when asked about a potential Israeli strike.

In recent days, the U.S. has initiated partial diplomatic drawdowns, relocating some personnel from Iraq’s capital and offering voluntary departure options for military dependents across the broader Middle East.

The possibility of the U.S. staying out of the fight in Israel is complex and depends on evolving circumstances. There have been some indications of

potential rifts between the U.S. and Israeli leadership.

While publicly, the White House has been attempting to signal that it wants to remain out of the immediate fight. The U.S. is Israel’s most important ally, making it difficult for Washington to detach itself from the conflict completely. Historical precedents suggest the U.S. may be called upon to defend Israel, as it has in the past.

The U.S. has provided significant military aid and defense support to Israel, including missile defense systems. It has also maintained a military presence in the Middle East, with troops stationed across several countries.

Countries worldwide, including Oman, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, have expressed concern over Israel’s airstrikes, with some describing the actions as escalatory. Many nations are calling for both Israel and Iran to de-escalate tensions and to ensure stability in the region.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC,

reacted by saying, “Game on. Pray for Israel.”

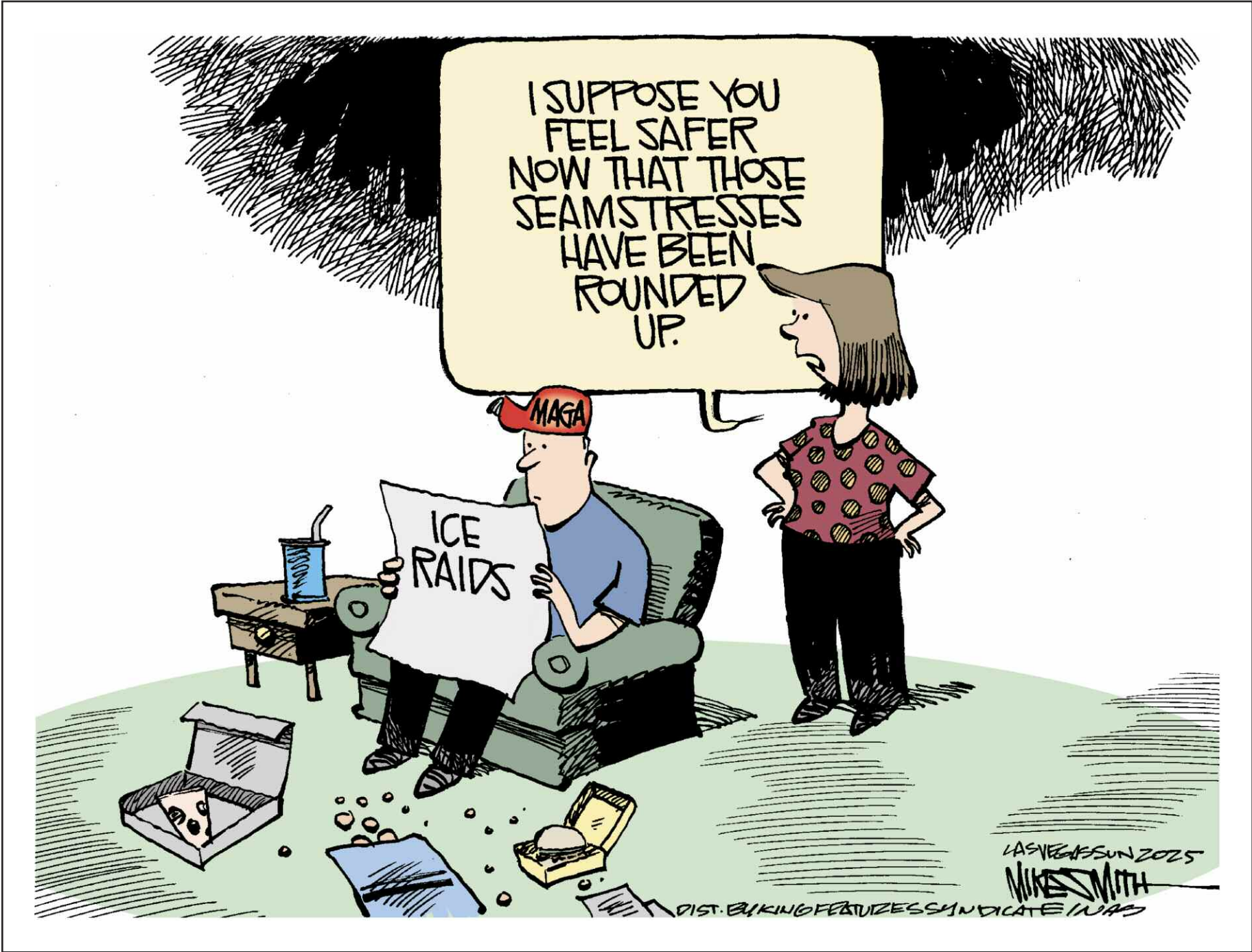
In the United States, while many lawmakers voiced their support for Israel’s preemptive strikes on Iran, a number of skeptical lawmakers, primarily from the Democratic Party, raised alarms about the potential for these strikes to trigger a broader conflict in the region.

While opinions are divided, a slight majority of Americans (55%) still support the U.S. supporting Israel militarily until all hostages are returned. Polling shows support for taking Israel’s side is stronger among Republicans (56%), while majorities of Democrats (62%) and Independents (60%) prefer impartiality.

The U.S. may attempt to avoid direct military involvement, but its strong alliance with Israel, combined with regional dynamics and ongoing support, makes complete detachment from the conflict improbable.

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Economic freedom is more than taxes

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Over the past few years, academic economists and think tanks have published studies on freedom that offer valuable insights for Hoosier policymakers.

The Cato Institute, for example, ranks states on policies that drive population, income and job growth. Indiana ranks 8th in regulatory freedom, 21st in fiscal freedom (tax and spending) and 23rd in personal freedom.

These rankings measure whether policies expand or limit choices for families and businesses. Regulatory freedom is the strongest indicator of growth, followed by personal freedom, with tax and spending issues coming in a distant third or lower. In studies that measure quality of life, the importance of tax and spending falls even further.

Places with fewer restrictions on housing construction

Michael J. Hicks



and occupational licensing attract more residents. For example, in the miscellaneous regulation category that covers topics including hospital regulation and price gouging laws, conservative Arizona ranks first in regulatory freedom while conservative South Carolina ranks last, showing this isn’t a partisan issue.

The second-most important predictor of growth and prosperity is personal freedom, which is far less politically aligned than fiscal policy. Liberal states like California and conservative states like Montana outrank Indiana.

Freedom generates good eco-

nomics outcomes, no matter who supports it.

The components of personal freedom are incarceration rates, freedom to gamble, smoke, marry who you wish, buy alcohol whenever you wish, use cannabis, donate to political candidates of your choice and be free of a whole slew of miscellaneous rules, such as bans on buying unpasteurized milk or allowing mixed martial arts fights.

For the record, drinking unpasteurized milk is generally stupid. It’d be best to let natural selection, rather than legislation, keep it under wraps.

Tax and spending tend to have a more modest effect on migration, income, employment or any other measure of outcomes. I’ve made this point in a previous column. As a raw empirical fact, counties and cities with higher tax rates grow faster and enjoy higher standards of living than places

with lower tax rates.

Households and businesses aren’t the idiots that the anti-tax crowd supposes them to be. Families and business owners are very good at judging the quality of local schools, the safety of local communities, the quality of local roads and the availability of well-educated workers.

Businesses and families would like to pay lower taxes, but they also desire better services. We all understand trade-offs, so the variable that matters most for the tax-and-spending measurement is how good a state, city or county is at delivering those public services.

Research confirms this: Regulatory freedom strongly predicts growth, personal freedom has moderate impact and fiscal policy shows no significant effect. Fiscal freedom matters only insofar as governments deliver services efficiently and

effectively. Families and business owners are good judges of government efficiency.

Economic freedom particularly attracts college-educated families, who have more mobility options. The lesson for Indiana is clear: Our future growth depends more on reducing regulatory barriers and expanding personal freedoms than on cutting taxes. We’ve maintained our regulatory edge for 25 years, but we’ve slipped badly on personal freedom.

Fixing that slide — not chasing fiscal rankings — is how Indiana can compete for the families and businesses that drive prosperity.

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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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(260) 729-7295
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South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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Billy Stanton
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

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

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Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
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Services: 10:15 a.m.

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(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
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(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
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Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

First Church of Christ
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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
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frnaz@frontier.com

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309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
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Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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100 W. Line St., Geneva
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Gilead Church
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
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Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

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216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
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Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
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920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
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Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Fred Stevens
(765) 369-2676
redkeynaz.org
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(260) 729-1095
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Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
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Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

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6200 N. 375 West, Bryant
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(260) 849-0687
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
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Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchof-christ.org

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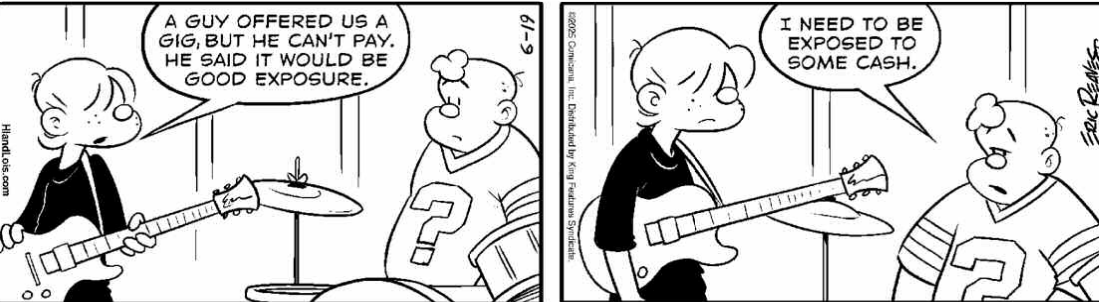
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♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ Q 5
♣ A J 7 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 8 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ A J 9 2
♣ 9

The bidding:
East 1 ♣ South 1 ♠ West Pass North 2 ♠
Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

and returned the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace, drew trump and ultimately went down one, losing a heart, two diamonds and a club.

However, had South played more carefully, he would have made the contract. The question, then, is where he went wrong.

The answer lies in declarer's play at trick one, when he should have played the deuce of clubs from dummy instead of the queen! Ten tricks would then have been his for the taking against any defense.

Let's say East takes the deuce with the jack and returns either the king of hearts or queen of diamonds. South wins with the ace, cashes the K-Q of trump and leads dummy's king of clubs. East covers with the ace, ruffed by South.

Declarer crosses to dummy with a trump, discards his 7-2 of hearts on the Q-10 of clubs and winds up losing only two diamonds and a club.

It's a simple hand, really; the only hard part is the deuce-of-clubs play from dummy at trick one. But the fact is that most declarers would automatically play the queen and then start thinking about how to continue without realizing that it was already too late.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals B

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ACROSS

1 Showbiz job
4 Clay-rich soil
8 Tennis barriers
12 Notre Dame coach
13 Pearl Harbor site
14 Shrek, for one
15 Luau bowlful
16 Extensive sight-seeing vacation
18 Boredom
20 Playwright Levin
21 Cicatrix
24 Antlered animals
28 Foodie with an appetite
32 Writer Wiesel
33 "Where — you?"
34 Recluse
36 — la-la
37 Check
39 Lottery game number

41 Plus
43 Salinger girl
44 — Péri-gnon
46 Fuzzy fruit
50 Baker's dozen, at times
55 "Wicked" director
58 Hearing thing
59 Fluffy scarves
60 Halt
61 "Get comfy"

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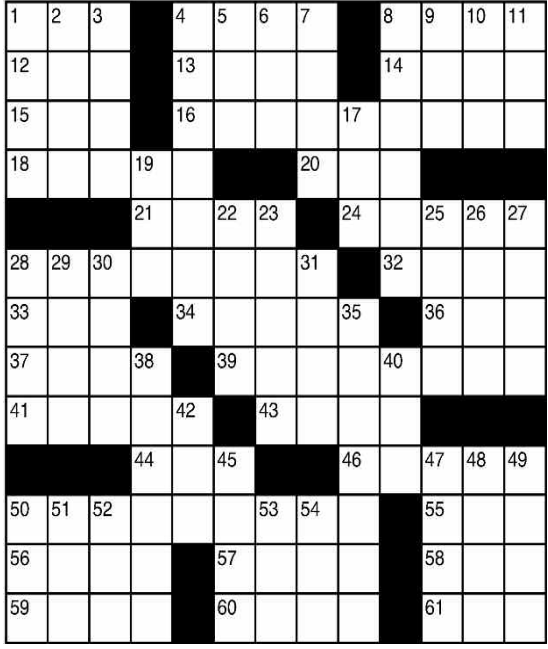
1 Be slack-jawed
2 Laundry appliance
3 Profit
4 Sane
5 Rowing need
6 "Caught ya!"
7 City bond, for short
8 Write down, as music
9 Conceit
10 Capote nick-name
11 Sun. talk
17 Hosp. workers
19 Exploit
22 Fermi's bit

23 Actress
Zell-weger
25 Utah ski resort
26 Lass
27 Navy com-mando
28 Rum cake
29 Spring flower
30 Hair goops
31 Rules (Abbr.)
35 Intensi-fies
38 Window sills
40 Quilters' meetup
42 Foot part
45 GI dining hall
47 Experts
48 Spiced tea
49 In pain
50 Arced tennis shot
51 Year in Mexico
52 TV pioneer
53 Belly
54 Day- — paint

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-18

L	A	M	B	S	P	A	S	S	A	D
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Panthers ...

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And they did it on Tuesday by doing exactly what they did most of the post-season: Dominating early, wearing down the opponent late and getting superb goaltending when it mattered the most.

Reinhart, who scored the game-winner in Game 7 of the Cup Final last year, opened scoring 4:36 in with a beaut of an individual effort. He stole the puck from Oilers defenseman Evan Bouchard in the neutral zone, charged forward, beat Oilers defenseman Mattias Ekholm and let off a wrist shot as he was falling in the slot that beat Stuart Skinner. It was Reinhart's eighth goal of the postseason and fourth consecutive game of the series with a goal.

Tkachuk, battling all postseason with an apparent groin injury he sustained during the 4 Nations Face-Off in mid-February that sidelined him for the final 25 games of the regular season, then gave Florida a 2-0 lead with 46.4 seconds left in the frame with a wrist shot from the high slot.

Florida took down Oilers 4-3 in 2024 Stanley Cup Finals and 4-2 in 2025

The Panthers scored multiple goals in the first period of every game in the series and outscored the Oilers 13-4 in the opening frame, including holding Edmonton scoreless in the first period over the final four games. Florida scored 30 first-period goals this postseason.

Reinhart then pushed Florida's lead to 3-0 with 2:29 left in the second period when he tipped in an Aleksander Barkov shot after an excellent shift in the offensive zone from Florida's top line overall.

And then the Panthers sealed it — and Reinhart sealed his hat trick — with a pair of empty-net goals. Reinhart's hat trick is the 36th in a Stanley Cup Final in NHL history but only the second this century. Mark Stone recorded a hat trick in the

Vegas Golden Knights' Cup-clinching Game 5 win over the Panthers in 2023.

He is just the fourth player in NHL history with at least four goals in a Cup Final game, joining Maurice Richard in 1957, Ted Lindsay in 1955 and Newsy Lalonde in 1919.

Through it all, Bobrovsky was fantastic in net, as he has been all postseason. The 36-year-old goaltender, who just wrapped up his 15th NHL season, held Edmonton off the board for 55:18 before Vasily Podkolzin broke up the shutout with a garbage-time goal. Bobrovsky held opponents to two goals or fewer in 14 of 23 games.

And so the Panthers put a ribbon on another masterclass postseason after being battle-tested

through the regular season.

While essentially all of the team's core from last year's title run returned, Florida had to replace nine key contributors from that championship team in forwards Vladimir Tarasenko, Kevin Stenlund, Nick Cousins, Ryan Lomberg, Kyle Okposo and Steven Lorentz; defensemen Brandon Montour and Oliver Ekman-Larsson; and backup goaltender Anthony Stolarz.

The Panthers did so first in the offseason by signing forwards A.J. Greer, Tomas Nosek and Jesper Boqvist plus defenseman Nate Schmidt.

And then they beefed up at the trade deadline, with president of hockey operations and general manager Bill Zito swinging two massive deals to bring in forward Brad Marchand and defenseman Seth Jones as well as forward Nico Sturm and goaltender Vitek Vanecek.

At full strength, the moves gave the Panthers 15 forwards and eight

defensemen they felt confident in rolling out on any given night.

But the team wasn't at full strength down the stretch. Far from it.

Tkachuk missed the final 25 games with the injury from 4 Nations.

Top-pair defenseman Aaron Ekblad had to sit out the final 18 regular-season games and first two playoff games due to suspension.

Marchand didn't suit up for Florida until March 28 — three weeks after being acquired — because of an injury he sustained prior to the trade.

Key defensemen Niko Mikkola and Dmitry Kulikov missed time late in the season, too.

So after Florida clinched its playoff spot, coach Paul Maurice took the onus upon himself to rest players as the regular season came to an end.

It cost them a spot atop the standings, dropping them from first place in the Atlantic to third and forcing them into a position where they would start every playoff series on the road.

But when the postseason arrived, the Panthers were ready.

A first-round rematch with the Tampa Bay Lightning? Dispatched in five games.

A second-round tilt with the Toronto Maple Leafs, after digging themselves a 2-0 hole? A seven-game series victory.

An Eastern Conference final set with the Carolina Hurricanes? Advanced after five games.

And then the Stanley Cup Final rematch with the Oilers one year after the first series between the teams went seven games? Florida prevailed again.

The Panthers' stars showed up when it mattered, but Florida won because of its depth. Nineteen players scored at least one goal. Six had at least 20 points. They had three players — Reinhart, Bennett and Marchand — score at least five goals in the Cup Final, something only one other team (the 1955 Red Wings) has done before.

And with that, back-to-back championships secured.

Roundup ...

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Alberson leads
Cook's Nursery swept a pair of games, while POET also earned a victory in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball on Tuesday.

Cook's Nursery defeated Williams Auto Parts 10-9 in its first game of the night and later beat Pioneer Packaging 17-13.

Kayden Alberson led Cook's Nursery with 3 RBIs on three singles in game No. 1. Matthew Bollinger had the strongest

showing at the plate for Williams Auto Parts, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored.

While Alberson and Duke Steed both went 4-for-4 with four runs scored Dax Vance drove the offense with three RBIs against Pioneer Packaging. Lake Willman's two RBIs on two hits was the most for the opposition.

POET also pulled off a 14-11 win over Matt's Garage. Griffin Spoonmore had five hits for POET, while Rowan Ingram led Matt's Garage with three singles and a double.

PG14 dominates
PG14 had its way in a 14-0 victory over Southern Thunder on Tuesday in Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball.

Ashton Conn led the way for PG14 on the offensive end. He finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate with a double, two RBIs and three runs scored.

Parker Huntsman also had two RBIs on a triple. He scored two runs himself as well.

Southern Thunder got no-hit in the game, largely due to Trey

Hirschy's efforts on the bump. Corbin Brown and Waylon McGill also pitched in the combined no-hitter.

Optimist sweeps
Optimist won both its games in Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball on Tuesday.

Optimist started the day with a 5-4 win over Local 1620 before taking down Loy's 9-8 in game No. 2.

Lathan Hamilton, Rayden Sol-

lars, Antonio Crawford, Tanner Day and Kendal Glessner all scored for Optimist against Local 1620. Carter Lloyd led Local 1620 with an RBI and a run scored, while Cason Lloyd and Bryce VanSkyock accounted for the other runs.

Sollars led Optimist in the second game with three RBIs that included a two-run home run in the first inning.

Sam Wiggins, J.T. Davis and Cooper Reynolds all hit consecutive homers for Loy's in the fifth inning of the contest.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County Summer swim at Catalina — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Fort Recovery ACME baseball at Minster — 12 p.m.
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Fort Wayne Devils — 1 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
12:40 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
2 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament (ESPN)
3 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup soccer: Inter Miami at Porto (TNT)
6:45 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer: Trinidad and Tobago at Haiti (FS1)

Friday
9 a.m. — Horse racing: Royal Ascot

7 p.m. — NCAA baseball tournament (ESPN)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at New York Liberty (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (ABC)
9:15 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer: Saudi Arabia at United States (FS1)

(NBC)
2 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup soccer: Flamengo at Chelsea (TNT)
5 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: MillerTech Battery 200 (FS1)
7 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Lexington at Colorado Springs (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)
7:45 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer: Jamaica at Guadeloupe (FS1)
8 p.m. — NHL Stanley Cup: Florida

Panthers at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN)
9 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup soccer: Bayern Munchen at Boca Juniors (TBS)
10 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer: Guatemala at Panama (FS1)

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 Belmont High School and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 3563 E 600 N, Bryant IN
Saturday Morning JUNE 21st, 2025 9:30 A.M.
OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
(2) wood 36 section bolt bin; 2 drawer work bench; wood 30 section bolt bin; Hover Round mobility cart; Gem Hot Blast 816 cast iron stove; hump back trunk; gun cabinet; several Tipp Mann paint ball guns; Red Ryder & other BB guns; duck decoys; **POCKET WATCHES: 20 PLUS TO INCLUDE ELGIN, WALTHER, AND CROWN;** Several pocket and hunting knives with names such as Old Timers and Buck; metal folding chairs; small windmill; hand corn sheller; Coleman butane stove; and many other items not listed.
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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This is the first of 2 auctions. We will be running 2 rings most of the day. Auction #2 will be held on June 28, 2025 and will offer a large selection of guns, ammo and Indian artifacts.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 3563 E 600 N, Bryant IN
Saturday Morning JUNE 28th, 2025 9:30 A.M.
GUNS AND AMMO
(4) Stack On gun safes; Ranger Model 34 - 22 cal bolt action rifle; Savage Model 220 - 410 single shot; ARMI JAGER Model 8PB74 - 22 cal semi-auto rifle; ; Bowlan & Brenner muzzle shotgun; Remington Model 788 - .308 cal bolt action rifle with scope; Remington 870 Wingmaster TB 12 ga pump shotgun; Auto Ordnance Model 1911 A1 US Army 45 acp semi-auto pistol; Barnett Crossbow with scope; Recruit Recorve crossbow with scope; AMMO: 20 gauge & 16 gauge slugs; 20 gauge & 12 gauge shot gun shells; 410 shot gun shells; 243 Remington; Black Powder and other ammo not listed.
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Player of the Year
Easton Foster

Monroe Central High School senior

Easton Foster was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for boys basketball. “It means a lot to me,” said Foster, who surpassed 1,000 career points in January. “I know a lot of people were in the running for it and people like Camden Bell, he works really hard and he’s a really good basketball player and there’s a lot of other really good basketball players, so I’m just happy I got named.” Foster led the Golden Bears to a 19-7 record, second place in the Mid-Eastern Conference and the second semi-state appearance in school history. He averaged a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds per game. He

swept the other statistical categories with averages of 3.8 assists, 3.2 blocks and 2.2 steals. But it wasn’t just about what happened on the court that mattered to Foster. “One thing that made this season special for me was everyone on my team felt like my family,” Foster said. “I can’t even put into words what he meant to us,” MCHS coach Brian Klein said. “He led us in every statistical category, but it was everything else. ... The intangibles he brought beyond what you see statistically ... and then you throw in the fact that he’s an incredibly wonderful young man and special kid off the court too.”

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Nate Luce
Wapahani senior

Luce was one of many Raiders who shot the ball over 40% from 3-point range, but he did so at the highest volume, hitting 118-of-255 attempts from deep to average 15.3 points.

Tucker Griffin
Jay County senior

In his lone year as a Patriot after transferring from New Castle, Griffin led the team with 12.1 points and 3.2 assists per game with the second-best 3-point percentage.

Camden Bell
Wapahani junior

Bell’s season put him in contention with Foster for the top spot as he led the Raiders to a third straight semi-state appearance with 18 ppg and shooting 52% from deep.

Jordan Furney
Delta senior

Furney led the Eagles in scoring (323 points), assists (77), steals (50) and blocks (18) as Delta made its second consecutive semi-state appearance this season.

Honorable mention

Noah Allen, junior, Randolph Southern
Eli Andrews, junior, Wapahani
Gage Baker, senior, Blackford
Brody Barga, sophomore, Fort Recovery
Cooper Bratton, senior, Delta

Bronson Edwards, senior, Delta
Carter Frazee, senior, Winchester
Amarian Leggett, freshman, Blackford
Luke Morgan, freshman, Monroe Central
Brock Zickgraf, senior, Wapahani

Panthers win back-to-back Stanley Cups

By JORDAN McPHERSON
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service
SUNRISE, Fla. — The Florida Panthers are Stanley Cup champions — again. Sam Reinhart had four goals and scored the first hat trick in Panthers playoffs history, Matthew Tkachuk added a

goal, Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 27 of 28 shots he faced and the Panthers beat the Edmonton Oilers, 5-1, in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final on Tuesday at Amerant Bank Arena for their second consecutive championship. Florida beat Edmonton in seven games in the Cup Final

last year for the first title in franchise history. After winning it all last year, the Panthers made it their mission to run it back. Winning it once, getting a taste of the success, wasn’t enough. “It makes you greedier,” Tkachuk said ahead of the series. “I said it at the beginning

of the year, it was such an incredible life-changing moment, and we just want to do it again.” They did it again. The Panthers are the seventh team in the expansion era (since the 1967-68 season) to win consecutive Stanley Cups. They join the Tampa Bay Lightning (2020-

21), Pittsburgh Penguins (1991-92 and 2016-17), Detroit Red Wings (1997-98), Oilers (1984-85 and 1987-88), New York Islanders (four straight from 1980-83), Montreal Canadiens (1968-69 and four straight from 1976-79) and Philadelphia Flyers (1974-75). See Panthers page 7



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FR votes to make
bowling a school sport

FORT RECOVERY — The girls have made two trips to state. The boys have made one. With both team’s numbers growing stronger by the year, they can now both claim to be high school sports.

Fort Recovery School Board voted to make bowling a high school sport during Tuesday’s meeting. Girls bowling has been a club sport at Fort Recovery for nine seasons. During that time, they earned two Co-Midwest Athletic Conference titles in 2024 and 2025 and made the state tournament in 2024 and 2025. They have also had nine bowlers selected to the first team All-MAC, five to the second team All-MAC, Allison Rosegrant won Co-Coach of the Year in 2024 and 2025 and Deanna Brown was the 2025 MAC Bowler of the Year. Boys bowling has been around as a club sport for eight years and made its first state appearance in 2025. The Indians have had four bowlers named to the second team All-MAC during that timeframe and one recognized as the first team, Lucas Acheson, who also was the 2024 MAC Bowler of the Year.

Local
Roundup

team’s players were recognized by the Allen County Athletic Conference on June 10. Jaelynn Lykins made the first team All-ACAC as the catcher, Brenna Ruble earned a spot as an infielder and Mallory Winner received the honor as an at-large bid. Lykins led the Patriots (20-3) with a .593 batting average, a 1.701 OPS, 13 doubles, nine home runs, 57 RBIs and 11 walks, all while only striking out once. Ruble posted a .488 average with seven doubles, a triple, a home run, 34 runs, 29 RBIs and 15 stolen bases. Winner pitched 77 ⅓ innings for JCHS, earning a 3.168 ERA and striking out 67 batters. She also boasted a .563 average with 21 RBIs. First baseman Jozey Shimp and center fielder Morgan Missicano were named to the All-ACAC second team as well.

made the second team All-ACAC on June 10. Fugiett, who primarily played shortstop and third base, received the honor as an infielder, while Schemenaur, the Patriots’ starting catcher, was admitted as an at-large bid. Fugiett led Jay County (11-15) on the season with a .361 batting average, 1.034 OPS, 27 RBIs, five doubles, two home runs and eight stolen bases. Schemenaur finished the season hitting .232 with 20 RBIs on four doubles and two home runs. He also boasted the team’s third-highest OPS at .795.

Bailey recognized

Brenna Bailey of the Jay County girls tennis team received multiple recognitions recently for her senior season at No. 1 singles. After posting a record of 15-1 to lead the Patriots (9-8) to their fifth straight sectional title, with a perfect 3-0 in ACAC play, Bailey was named to the first team All-ACAC. She also was voted onto the All-District 4 team. Bailey was one of 12 players to receive the honor. She also came in as an Honorable Mention All-State. The team as a whole was also named Academic All-State. See Roundup page 7

Five recognized

Five of the Jay County High School softball

Two honored

Carter Fugeitt and Drew Schemenaur of the Jay County baseball team both