

The Commercial Review

Resounding yes

Link wins Miss Jay County Fair Queen Pageant

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Opportunities start with the word ‘yes.’ That’s the perspective new Miss Jay County Fair Queen Gretchen Link brings to the Jay County Fair this year.

“I encourage all of you to accept each new opportunity with a generous ‘yes,’ because you never know what could positively affect your life,” said Link during the Miss Jay County Fair Queen pageant on Sunday, utilizing the word she drew on stage as part of the competition.

Link and eight others competed Sunday in the pageant at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Joining Link on the court were first runner-up Daisy Muhlenkamp, second runner-up Jasmine Esparza, third runner-up Maisey Keller and Miss Congeniality Courtney Harris.

“I would just love to say how proud I am to be a part of this community and how supportive Jay County is,” Link said. “I am just so grateful to be representing this county.”

Link graduated as part of the 50th class of Jay County High School this year, serving as senior class president as well as vice president of Jay County FFA. She was also a National Honor Society member, student council officer and varsity tennis player.

See **Yes** page 2



Gretchen Link reacts after 2024 Miss Jay County Fair Queen Molly Muhlenkamp presented her with the 2025 crown on Sunday evening during the pageant at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. “I would just love to say how proud I am to be a part of this community and how supportive Jay County is,” Link said. “I am just so grateful to be representing this county.”

Judge orders Garcia’s release

Ruling says government did not meet its burden

By RACQUEL BAZOS
The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

A Tennessee federal magistrate judge ordered the release of Kilmar Abrego Garcia on Sunday, denying the government’s motion to keep him detained. But he might not go free.

Garcia, an El Salvador native, was the subject of national outcry after he was arrested and sent to a notorious prison in that country in what the Trump administration previously called an “administrative error.” A U.S. court had ordered that Abrego Garcia could not be deported there due to the risk of persecution.

After being presented with a warrant for his arrest in Tennessee, Abrego Garcia was flown back to the United States. He now faces federal criminal charges in the Middle District of Tennessee. The prosecution charged him with two counts related to smuggling immigrants, citing a traffic stop in 2022, when he was driving an SUV with six passengers. He said they had been doing construction work in St. Louis. Abrego Garcia was not detained or charged.

Magistrate Judge Barbara Holmes wrote in a 51-page memorandum opinion that the government did not meet its burden to show Abrego Garcia “poses an irremediable danger to the community or is likely not to appear.” She said the court could impose conditions to reasonably assuage public safety concerns and ensure Abrego Garcia’s future appearance in court.

However, it is possible that Immigration and Customs Enforcement could detain him after his release from police custody. Abrego Garcia’s legal team could not be immediately reached for comment Sunday night.

Iran vows retaliation following U.S. strikes

By ARSALAN SHAHLA and ELTAF NAJAFIZADA
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Iran vowed retaliation and kept up attacks on Israel following the U.S. strikes on its nuclear facilities over the weekend, fueling fears of a wider war in the Middle East and rattling global markets.

The Islamic Republic fired another missile against Israel on Monday, while Israeli forces kept up strikes on Iranian military sites and airports.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged in a news conference to continue Israel’s military campaign in Iran as well as in the Gaza Strip.

Tehran has yet to announce whether or how it might strike American targets in the Middle East. President Donald Trump’s decision to deploy bunker-busting bombs and cruise missiles on the country’s three main nuclear sites on Sunday pushed the Middle East into uncharted

Comments fuel fear of wider war in Middle East

territory and boosted risks in a global economy already facing severe uncertainty over his trade wars.

Oil rose by nearly 6% when markets opened in Asia before paring most of those gains, with Brent trading at \$77.65 per barrel as of 8:37 a.m. in London.

U.S. stock futures initially declined as investors weighed retaliation scenarios and the risks to global energy supplies.

“An expanding conflict adds to the risk of higher oil prices and an upward impulse to inflation,” said Bloomberg Economics analysts including Ziad Daoud.

The extensive U.S. operation — which targeted nuclear sites at Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan — included 125 aircraft, strikes by Tomahawk missiles from a submarine and the use of 14 Massive Ordnance Penetrator bombs, the first time the large bunker busters were used in combat.

It also marked the U.S. entry into the war that began on June 13 when Israel unleashed attacks on Iran’s nuclear and military facilities, and killed senior commanders and atomic scientists. U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said the strikes had a “limited” objective, focused on destroying Iran’s atomic program.



U.S. President Donald Trump delivers an address to the nation from the White House on Saturday in Washington, D.C., after three Iranian nuclear facilities were struck by the U.S. military.

Deaths Rickey Osgood , 70, Montpelier Details on page 2.	Weather Jay County had a high temperature of 92 degrees Sunday. The low was 77. An extreme heat warning remains in effect until 8 p.m. tonight. Tonight’s low will be in the mid 70s. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 80s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.	In review Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions. They are scheduled for: •Thursday, June 26, at Muncie Mall, 3401 N. Granville Ave. •Friday, June 27, at Goodrich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester All tailgates are scheduled for 10 a.m.	Coming up Wednesday — Details from next week’s Dunkirk City Council meeting. Thursday — Coverage of next week’s Redkey Town Council meeting. Friday — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. Wells Community.
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Link will attend Ball State University in the fall to study exercise science, with plans to become an occupational therapist.

Her other activities include serving as cantor at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and as a student leader for CYO. She's currently working at Sonoco Protective Solutions and helping out with her family's excavation business.

"I'm just feeling excited and overwhelmed," Link said. "It's just so validating. I've come so far in my journey with confidence and just figuring out who I am, and this is for sure setting in place that my work has just really paid off."

Molly Muhlenkamp, Miss Jay County 2024, shared a few words with the crowd Sunday before taking her final walk. Part of her speech included advice to the next Miss Jay County.

"To the next queen, this is your moment," she said. "You're about to enter a chapter filled with early mornings, sparkly outfits and conversations that will change you. My advice: say yes to as much as you can."



Pictured is the 2025 Miss Jay County Fair Court. From left are third runner-up Maisey Keller, first runner-up Daisy Muhlenkamp, Miss Jay County Gretchen Link, second runner-up Jasmine Esparza and Miss Congeniality Courtney Harris.

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Wednesday 6/25	Thursday 6/26	Friday 6/27	Saturday 6/28	Sunday 6/29
90/73	91/74	91/72	85/70	89/71
There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.	Another day of mostly sunny skies with a 50% chance of rain. Heat index values may reach the upper 90s.	Heat index values will continue to swell into the upper 90s Friday, when there's a 50% chance of showers.	Another day of potential rainfall along with nearly double digit heat index values.	Mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, highs in the upper 80s.

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$128 million	24-26-27-30-33-34-41-42-43-46-49-54-59-63-70-72-75 Cash 5: 21-25-31-34-39 Estimated jackpot: \$394,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$326 million	
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 1-7-4 Daily Four: 5-4-2-8 Quick Draw: 8-14-15-18-24-25-33-36-38-39-40-45-46-51-56-57-65-75-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-2 Daily Four: 2-1-2-5 Quick Draw: 5-19-23-	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 9-7-6 Pick 4: 4-7-4-5 Pick 5: 3-8-9-0-4 Evening Pick 3: 1-9-9 Pick 4: 7-2-5-8 Pick 5: 3-2-7-7-6 Rolling Cash 5: 1-4-16-33-38 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.61 July corn4.64 Aug. corn4.78	July beans10.58 Wheat5.17
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Today in history	
In 1497 , John Cabot claimed eastern Canada for England. In 1509 , Henry VIII was crowned king of England. In 1812 , Napoleon and his Grand Army invaded Russia with 600,000 troops. In 1901 , artist Pablo	Picasso opened his first exhibition in Paris at the age of 19. In 2021 , The Dave Bennett Quartet performed at the Hudson Family Park amphitheatre in Portland as part of Arts Place's summer concert series. —The CR

Citizen's calendar	
Today 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, Morgan Park, 50 Mooney St.	Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park	Monday 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.

Obituaries

Rickey Osgood
May 14, 1955-June 21, 2025
Rickey M. Osgood, 70, Montpelier, passed away on Saturday morning, June 21, 2025, at his home.

He was born on May 14, 1955, in Lacona, New Hampshire, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hunkins) Osgood. Rickey married Nina Smith on June 29, 1990.

He attended Union Chapel Church in Bryant, Indiana, for many years.

6 Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"

Let your face shine on us, Lord.

7 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, oh Lord, will keep me safe.
Psalm 4:6-8

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Nina Osgood of Montpelier; stepchildren Tonya (Brad) Chowning of Portland, Tammy Smith (Stacy Simpson) of St. Pete, Florida, Johnnie (Laurie) Smith of Pinellas Park, Florida, and Joshua (Misty) Purvis of Pinellas Park, Florida; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carol (Roger) Howard of Lacona, New Hampshire, and Wendy Tillson (Randy) of New Port Richey, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and cremation will take place.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements and condolences may be sent to the family at meeksmortuary.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

Felony arrests

Failed to appear
A Portland man was arrested Sunday for failing to appear in court.

Dillion W. Stolz, 34, 5211 N. 350 East, is charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for possession of

methamphetamine and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite and three Class C misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a schedule I

or II controlled substance or its metabolite and possession of paraphernalia. He failed to appear in court June 3.

Stolz was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland man crashed into a Ridgeville man's vehicle at the intersection of U.S. 27 and county road 400 South about 10 a.m. Saturday.

Donald A. Brown Jr., 64, told police he was stopped in his 2003 Ford F-150 along county road 400 South at its intersection with the highway. He said he waited for oncoming traffic to pass before beginning to cross the highway. Brown didn't see the southbound 2005 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 57-year-old Brian K. Roberts before crashing into its front passenger side.

Both vehicles were towed.

Failed to see
A Montpelier woman pulled in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Indiana 67 and Spencer Street in Redkey, causing an accident about 7:45 a.m. Saturday.

Kyndal G. Walter, 26, was driving her 2005 Ford Excursion along Spencer Street. She told police she didn't see an eastbound 2019 Honda CR-V on the highway and drove into the intersection. Walter's vehicle struck the Honda driven by 25-year-old Spencer A. Lee of Portland. Lee's vehicle had damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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Thursday

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

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Fifty seven donated blood to Red Cross

Fifty seven donors gave blood June 17 at Jay Community Center.

Donors at the American Red Cross blood drive included Braulio Ruiz Macias, Carla Pogue and Jill Hemmelgarn.

Also Darrell Borders, Michael Timmerman, Joyce Eldridge, Martin Flynn, Kay Westgerdes, Herbert Westgerdes, Billy Sipe, Anna Muhlenkamp and Amanda Lewellen.

Also Denise Glentzer,

Larry Coby, Sharon Schoenlein, Freeda Osenbaugh, Kevin Keller, Larry Barnette, Jodi McKee, Rebecca Kunkler and Brian Kunkler.

Also Rita Reynolds, David Jennings, Kathy Ayers, Cheryl Gibson, Carol Kennedy, Jack Freeman, Cynthia Morris, Sarah Rines, Doris Muhlenkamp and Jeff Geesaman.

Also Joseph Reinhard, Dustin Guggenbiller, Connie Ronald,

Benjamin Heath, Madonna Bruggeman, Mackenzie Cramer, Tammy Krieg, Mark Krieg, Jane Miller, Timothy Miller, Dave Garringer, Jeffrey LeMaster and Duane Monroe.

Also Barbara Myers, Philip Laux, Nichole Parks, Lori Phillips, Tara Leese, Janice Lowe, Denise Culy, Ana Minnich, Molly Twigg, Steven Swingley, Jayne Pearson and Kathleen Wood.

Sorority news

Zeta Alpha chapter of Delta Theta Tau sorority began its new year Thursday, June 12, 2025. The meeting was opened by President Sue Ann McLaughlin. Attending were McLaughlin, Kathy Nelson, Susan Louck, Mary Miller, Linda Lowe, Sharon Hammers, Connie Louck, Lois Nauman, Janna Brighton, Jackie McCollum, Nancy Gar-

ringer and Denise Selvey. We are happy to welcome members Louck and Garringer back to active status.

We completed our geranium sales with lovely flowers to enjoy. Our chapter will be recycling July 5. Our national convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona. The province convention will be hosted in Portland,

Indiana, in October. Zeta Alpha chapter of Delta Theta Tau will also be participating in activities at Redkey's Gas Boom Days in August.

Nelson and Louck were hostesses for the meeting, with other members providing carry-in snacks. McLaughlin was our Lucky Lady with Louck winning the Pot of Gold.

Teenager asks for a change

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother of three girls, 25, 21 and about to be 15. My youngest has always lived with me. Her father and I separated when she was 1. They always had a good relationship. Over the last couple of years, after he moved to another state and married, our co-parenting relationship has changed for the worse.

My youngest has always complained about spending time with him. Sometimes, she came home crying because she didn't want to go with him. She's a freshman in high school now, and out of the blue, she told me she wants to live with him and finish high school in that state. This has broken my heart. I don't want her to leave me. She tells me it's because the schools are better there, which will help her get into a good college.

I don't know if my ex has said any-

Dear Abby



thing to her or if that's really what she wants. I don't know how to handle this. I feel I am losing my child. All of my girls have always lived with me, and the older girls have yet to leave me. — NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: Are you and your ex not on speaking terms? You might gain some insight if you talk with him and his wife about the quality of the schools in their area, not to mention if

they're open to having full-time custody of your daughter.

You and your youngest should be having a series of conversations about this major change in her life. The talk should not be about you and your fear of losing your baby. It should revolve around her plans for college and how she plans to achieve that goal.

Although your daughter is young, many parents would feel proud rather than threatened by their child giving serious thought to her future at such a young age.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that

helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indi-

ana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-

Phantoms can't be forgotten

By JAMES FULKS

The Commercial Review

A recent aviation historic milestone stirred a few old, fond memories.

On this day in aviation history: May 27, 1958; A legend was born.

She earned several "nicknames" over her years of service.

The Double Ugly, Lead Sled, Flying Anvil, St. Louis Slugger, Flying Brick, Snoopy, Rhino, Old Smokey, the triumph of thrust over aerodynamics and "World's Leading Distributor of MiG Parts."

More simply known as the Phantom, she made her maiden flight on May 27, 1958, with Robert C. Little at the controls.

There were proposals to name the F4H "Satan" and "Mithras," the Persian God Of Light.

In the end, with Depart of Defense buyers being the post-war stodgy group they were at the time, the aircraft was given the less controversial name "Phantom II."

Soon afterward, the Double Ugly squared off against the XF8U-3 Crusader III, and on Dec. 17, 1958, the F4H was declared a winner.

During her service, the Phantom served many countries, including Australia, Egypt, Germany, the



Fulksy Mayhem

United Kingdom, Greece, Iran, Israel, Japan, Spain, South Korea and Turkey.

One unique distinction is the F-4 Phantom was the only aircraft to have flown the colors of both the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as well as the U.S. Navy Blue Angels precision flying squadrons.

On Dec. 6, 1959, the second XF4H-1 performed a zoom climb to a world record 98,557 feet.

Navy Cmdr: Lawrence E. Flint Jr. accelerated his aircraft to Mach 2.5, 1,650 mph, at 47,000 feet and climbed to 90,000 feet at a 45 degree angle. He then shut down the engines and glided to the peak altitude. As the aircraft fell through 70,000 feet, Flint restarted the engines and resumed normal flight.

As I began my years of Pacific Fleet U.S. Navy service, we had phased out the old Phantoms and were carrying F-14 Tomcats aboard for our deployed Air Wing fighter jet airframe.

However, once in a while

a Marine squadron would fly out when we were operating in the SOCAL Op Area (Southern California Operating Area) and they would catch up on their carrier landings for training purposes.

Seeing, and more impressively, hearing an F-4 Phantom on an aircraft carrier steam catapult at full throttle with full afterburners is a sight and sound you'll never forget.

Yes, all of carrier aviation is a loud business when working on that busy flight deck, however being around an F-4 Phantom was an entirely different level of sound that you could literally feel more than hear.

As a radar air traffic controller, we had a running joke about the old Phantoms: Take a Volkswagen Beetle up in a cargo plane, drop it out and cut the engines on a Phantom flying alongside at the same time, and the Phantom would beat that Beetle to the ground.

Without power, a Phantom had the glide capability of a brick.

Most of us who served around Phantoms will never forget them.

I can still hear them in the constant tinnitus and ringing in my ears to this day.

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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The U.S. needs all energy resources

By E.L. “MICK” MCDANIEL

Over the past five years, our daily lives have dramatically changed because of artificial intelligence (“AI”), from simple interactions with retailers to increased efficiency at home. However, those benefits do not come without a cost: increased energy consumption to power the servers that train and improve AI models.

Earlier this year, U.S. Sens. Todd Young (R-Indiana) and Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) introduced the

Artificial Intelligence Public Awareness and Education Campaign Act, legislation to help raise awareness and boost public trust in AI. With this effort, Senator Young has emerged as one of the Senate’s most forward-thinking voices on AI — and given the stakes, we should all be thankful.

From a national security standpoint, America must maintain its position as the frontrunner in the race for AI dominance, and we have the ability to continue on

E.L. “Mick”
McDaniel



that path if we pursue an “all of the above” energy policy — one that includes renewable technologies — which can easily and quickly be deployed to meet AI’s exploding demand and load growth across the country.

Unfortunately, recently passed House legislation would gut major sections of the energy tax code — parts of which have been in place for multiple administrations, both red and blue. To dismantle these policies so abruptly — in the middle of an AI technological arms race with China — would be a grave mistake.

Hoosiers currently have a front row seat to this emerging story, as Indiana is experiencing explosive growth in the number of data

centers developing across our state.

But why are these companies selecting Indiana?

The answer to that question is fairly obvious, because my company selected Indiana for the exact same reasons: our state offers a business-friendly environment, hard-working workforce, central location, affordable land and reasonably-priced power. The challenge now is the power; where will we get it?

None of this is news to our politicians. President Trump issued a National Energy Emergency this past January. Governor Braun, our state officials and our public utilities similarly recognize that with the rapid emergence of power-hungry AI technologies and data centers in Indiana, we need to do everything we can to increase our generating capacity now. We cannot wait for future technologies to solve this problem for us.

Nextera Energy, one of our country’s largest utilities, esti-

mates that the U.S. needs an additional 460 gigawatts of electricity in the next five years, and gas can only produce 16% of that. Gas and nuclear energy are important components of the energy strategy for the U.S., but they take much more time to deploy. Gas turbine lead times, permitting and deployment currently take five or more years, and nuclear takes 10 years, even under a best-case scenario.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reported that renewables provided 90% of all new U.S. electricity capacity in 2024, and “solar alone accounted for over 81% of the new capacity.” We can permit and build solar and storage projects and get them connected to the grid faster than any other technology. This is the reason why the

U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that 81% of all new generation in 2025 will be solar and energy storage. It’s economics. It’s speed. It’s domestic. It’s good for our country.

Moving forward, our elected representatives must take a thoughtful approach with the energy tax credits. Too much is at stake. American energy independence and national security are too important to become the victims of ideology. And winning the AI race depends on our ability to generate as much electricity as possible in the coming few years, from all sources.

I urge Senator Young and Senator Banks to join colleagues in crafting a Senate alternative that reforms and improves the tax code rather than wholesale repeals it, securing our energy future at the dawn of the AI era. Protecting these energy tax policies isn’t just about energy bills, jobs, or economic growth. It’s a fundamental matter of national security.

McDaniel is general manager of Bila Solar, a startup solar panel manufacturing company located on the Old Southside of Indianapolis.

Raids on farms, hotels resumed

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

It was promising when President Donald Trump listened to the pleading of his agriculture secretary, Brooke Rollins, and flipped on raiding farms, hotels and restaurants to arrest immigrants who don’t have legal status. But then Trump flopped and resumed the raids. Our hope is that he flips again.

This seems like yet one more manifestation of the truism that Trump is of the opinion of whomever he spoke to last. Rollins reportedly personally lobbied Trump to make the change after hearing from farmers and agriculture groups who were staring down economic ruin, blindsiding the immigration hawks.

No doubt that White House aide Stephen Miller, incensed by the possibility that some hard-working immigrants might be left alone, cornered the president and badgered him into rescinding brief and limited restrictions in service to his goal of having immigration agents make 3,000 arrests per day.

This quota is not possible to meet without extremely heavy-handed tactics that have already proven very unpopular with the public and corrosive to the fabric of American society, like raids by masked agents on businesses like restaurants. The administration and its defenders will keep claiming that this is an effort to pursue violent criminals, but the lie has been put to that assertion already over months of wide-ranging and haphazard arrests, often of people not accused of criminal conduct.

There is no magical third way where immigration enforcement agents can arrest thousands of people per day in ways that are fully compliant with our standards of due process and also only target the kinds of criminals that the public generally supports removing. This is a fantasy that some Trump voters who might consider themselves more moderate or compassionate have been sold and have wanted to believe,

Guest Editorial

but we are sorry to say it’s just not possible.

There quite simply aren’t that many criminals living illegally in the country; if you are for mass deportation, you’re for detaining and deporting longtime residents with no criminal records who are forming the backbone of multiple crucial industries as well as keeping Social Security solvent. It’s that simple.

We’ll say again what we’ve said since the beginning of this fiasco: the type enforcement that people like Miller desperately want is not only a moral abomination but an economic catastrophe and a direct risk to this country’s basic system of government. There is no way to have a national police force empowered to conduct arrests without explanation that doesn’t infringe on everyone’s rights and our basic legal protections.

This effort has nothing to do with following the law, as cleanly demonstrated by the administration stripping half a million people of legal status overnight and detaining those who were following explicit instructions to attend immigration court hearings, as was their legal prerogative and obligation.

We imagine it wasn’t hard to convince the wishy-washy Trump to reverse course, as he’s never been too interested in policy. Yet, one thing he does seem to at least broadly care about is how he’s publicly perceived, and the support and adoration of the wealthy business community to which he always felt he belonged.

His polling numbers are now completely underwater on immigration and likely to only sink further as crops rot in the fields and swaths of the business community realize his administration was serious about rounding up their workers.



Shooting renews security concern

By NIKI KELLY
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Two Minnesota state lawmakers and their spouses were shot Sunday in the quiet of their homes, killing two — a horrific crime that revives the conversation about security concerns for elected officials serving at all levels of government.

It’s sad to say this isn’t an aberration.

On the federal level, we saw then-Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords shot during a constituent meeting in 2011. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s husband was attacked in his home in 2022. A man plotted to kill Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh that same year.

And it’s not just those with high profiles in Washington D.C. Indiana’s public servants have seen their own fair share of concerning behavior.

U.S. Sen. Jim Banks was threatened by a constituent when he was in the U.S. House. In his messages, the man said he owned a gun as allowed by the Constitution and told Banks to choose between himself or his daughters, according to the June 2 probable cause filing.

“Here’s the choice. Your daughters grow up without their dad or you grow old without your daughters,” he allegedly said. “... boom, boom, you pick ...”

He received probation. State Rep. Chris Judy sought and received a protective order in 2017 after a constituent contacted him more than 50 times in one day, asked for his home address and sent a letter to his wife.

State Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapo-

lis, was attacked in 2016, though it was unrelated to his legislative service. He suffered five broken bones and a broken eye socket.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush in 2024 asked lawmakers for new money to help improve security in courthouses throughout the state. She told lawmakers there was an unprecedented level of threats against judicial officers, noting a survey found about 75% of Indiana judges surveyed reported being threatened.

And this is a woman who knows about threats. In 1998, a man broke into her home and attacked her husband. She had just been elected a juvenile judge and had to escape through a second-floor window to call police.

Luckily, no one died in any of those. But on Sunday, Minnesota Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, did.

The question everyone is asking now is how to stop this political violence. I wish I had the answer. I think the mental health system is overtaxed and underfunded, and people have forgotten how to deal constructively with their frustration.

A number of states are removing addresses of lawmakers from official websites, which might help in some



Niki
Kelly

situations but only targets the symptoms and not the cause. As a journalist, I am torn on this because there are legitimate reasons to know an elected official’s address.

Here are some examples that I have personally used them for:

- Seeing who was drawn into or out of districts during redistricting
- Tying donations to causes or groups
- Matching criminal cases or infractions to public servants
- Connecting lawmakers to corporations or partnerships to identify conflicts of interest

I would hate for that work to be lost. A middle ground might be making reporters physically trek to a Statehouse or courthouse to find the data. So, it would still be available but would add some inconvenience.

Honestly, I can generally find an address for people with a quick online search. So I think, in a way, it’s trying to put the genie back in the bottle. There just isn’t a way to stop someone intent on harming another person.

I think many of these perpetrators just feel lost and unheard by their government. They are lost in a sea of voices and many of those serving refuse to interact with constituents. Perhaps because of these exact situations.

It’s a no-win situation for everyone involved.

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Job fairs are set for Thursday

The United States Postal Service will host job fairs Thursday, June 26.

The fairs are being held to fill immediate openings. They will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- 123 W. Commerce St., Dunkirk
- 130 N. Meridian St., Winchester
- 116 S. Main St., Lynn
- 215 W. Main St., Berne
- 37 N. Jefferson St., Knightstown

Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Life Center this week.

The ceremony is scheduled for noon Thursday, June 26. It will be held at The Life Center, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland.

Meet the directors

Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold a meet and greet from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, to allow members of the community to get to know their new executive directors Ceann Bales and Amanda Blair.

The event will be at Community Resource Cen-

Business roundup

ter, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Sponsoring

Southern Thunder Fireworks is sponsoring another free swim day at Portland Water Park.

Patrons will be able to visit the water park for free from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 1.

Expanding program

Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana University have signed a memorandum of understanding to expand the Hoosier Link Program.

The initiative provides a bridge between the two institutions to provide degrees from IU. The new agreement calls for increasing the program to 200 students annually by 2027, up from the current average of 73.

“This expansion underscores how public institutions can work together to meet the evolving needs of

Indiana’s students and communities,” IU Bloomington chancellor David Reingold said in a press release. “This partnership offers a good example of how higher education can offer a benefit to students and contribute to advancing opportunity and economic impact for our state.”

Applications open

CenterPoint Energy Foundation is accepting applications for its final grant cycle of 2025.

Non-profit organizations that have their primary location in a CenterPoint Energy service area are eligible. The foundation prioritizes community vitality and education projects serving low-to-moderate income families and communities.

“We’re proud of the impact the CenterPoint Energy Foundation has in creating positive, meaningful change within the communities where we deliver electric and natural gas service,” said June Deadrick, vice president of community relations at CenterPoint Energy, in a press release. “The Foundation remains committed to initiatives and pro-

grams enriching the lives of those living and working within our service areas, while building a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.”

To apply, or for more information, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/Foundation. The deadline is Friday, July 18.

Leader named

Yum! Brands announced last week that Chris Turner has been elected as its CEO.

Turner currently serves as chief financial and franchise office for Yum!, which owns and operates Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. He will start his new role on Oct. 1, taking over for retiring CEO David Gibbs.

"It has been the privilege of a lifetime to lead Yum! Brands and work with such passionate, talented people across our global system throughout my almost 37 years with the Company," said Gibbs in a press release. "I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together and am confident that the best is yet to come. During my time partnering with Chris, he's demonstrated deep knowledge of our business,

strong values and a clear commitment to our growth. I can't think of a better person to guide Yum! into its next chapter, and I look forward to supporting a smooth and successful transition."

Up to No. 88

Purdue University climbed to No. 88 in the 2026 QS World University Rankings that were released last week.

The ranking is the highest for Purdue in 15 years. It also ranked in the top 25 overall in the U.S. and top 10 among U.S. public universities.

“Purdue continues to achieve excellence at scale thanks to the outstanding work by our faculty, staff and students,” said Purdue president Mung Chiang in a press release. “Placing Purdue among the top 25 in the U.S. and top 10 among U.S. public universities, the latest QS comprehensive rankings again reflect the global reputation and nationwide impact of Boiler-makers.”

Courses offered

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is hosting 10-

and 30-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration courses in August.

Courses covering general industry standards will be held Aug. 19 through 22 in the chamber conference center in Indianapolis. It will include sessions regarding inspections, most-cited violations, record keeping, fire protection, personal protective equipment and machine guarding.

To register, or for more information, visit indianachamber.com.

Hosting drive

Menards is hosting a food drive through the end of July.

The company will accept donations of non-perishable food items through July 31. They can be placed in collection boxes near the exit doors to its locations.

Participating locations include stores in Anderson, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Muncie, Richmond and Celina, Ohio.

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Sectors push to be exempt from raids

By **QUEENIE WONG, SUHAUNA HUSSAIN, MICHAEL WILNER and PIPER HEATH**
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Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Farms, hotels and restaurants that rely on immigrant workers are urging the Trump administration to spare their vital industries from immigration raids.

The pressure comes as confusion swirls around whether President Donald Trump will exempt some businesses from efforts to arrest and deport immigrants living illegally in the United States.

Trump posted on Truth Social that he would focus his immigration crackdown on criminals, not farmers. Those workers, along with people employed in hotel and leisure businesses, raised concerns that his administration’s “aggressive policy on immigration” is taking away jobs that are “almost impossible to replace,” the post said.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security confirmed to The Times on Saturday that immigration enforcement would primarily focus on people accused of violent crimes, a move that signaled the agency would back away from workplace raids at hotels, restaurants and farms.

But, this week, further guidance from DHS leadership seemed to reverse that directive, causing confusion even among its internal ranks on what the policy is.

Indications regarding enforcement have caused some confusion

“Criminal aliens in this country should know there's no safe haven for them. There's no safe harbor, whether it be a church, or a courthouse, or a worksite, we will come for you. We will arrest you. And you will be deported,” Tricia McLaughlin, DHS assistant secretary for public affairs, said in a Tuesday interview with Newsmax, a right-wing news channel.

The conflicting messaging shows how the Trump administration is trying to thread a needle, between appeasing the farming and hospitality industries and meeting the White House’s aggressive deportation goals.

Fear has rippled across immigrant communities since early June, when federal agents raided several businesses including Home Depot and Ambiance Apparel in Los Angeles, sparking days of protests against the immigration crackdown.

California’s economy, the fourth-largest in the world, is expected to contract later this year because

immigration raids and tariffs have rattled the hospitality, agriculture, construction and other key industries, UCLA said in a forecast released Wednesday.

The California Chamber of Commerce said that given the fluidity of current events, the group doesn’t know how the raids will impact the state’s economy. The Chamber hasn’t had conversations with the Trump administration, but has been advocating for immigration reform in Washington.

“The current situation is bad for our communities and bad for businesses,” CalChamber President and Chief Executive Jennifer Barrera said in a statement last week. “And there is broad consensus that those who have lived and worked here for years, without engaging in criminal behavior, should be given a pathway to legally continue to do so without fear.”

Farms

Farmers are grappling with mixed signals about whether

Trump would grant them a reprieve amid the summer harvest season. Some groups advocating for the industry are emphasizing that food prices could rise for families if there are not enough workers to harvest crops.

“The current approach to federal immigration enforcement is having a disruptive effect on California’s rural communities and the farmers, ranchers, workers and families who live and work there,” Bryan Little, senior director of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau, said in a statement.

Some farmworkers, fearful of raids — partly because of false alarms spread on social media — don’t want to risk going to work, fueling a labor shortage, Little said in an interview.

If immigration enforcement activities continue from July to September during the peak of the summer harvest season, he said, it will be tougher to get food onto the shelves of grocery stores.

Chuck Conner, president and chief executive of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, said in a statement on Tuesday that he’s “deeply concerned” that immigration enforcement would hit farms and other agricultural businesses.

“This directly contradicts the commitments made by President Trump to America’s farmers and ranchers, first in April and again last week,” he said in the statement.

More than a quarter of Califor-

nia’s agricultural industry is undocumented. The GDP from the industry would contract by 14% without this workforce, the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and the UC Merced report said.

Hotels

The hospitality industry told administration officials that it faced severe labor shortages under the current policy of aggressive immigration crackdowns. It is lobbying for more temporary visas for hotel workers.

Rosanna Maietta, president and chief executive of the American Hotel & Lodging Assn., said in a statement that the association has held numerous meetings with administration officials to “convey our acute workforce shortage challenges and underscore the importance of a strong hospitality and tourism sector.”

Restaurants

Groups representing the restaurant industry have been stressing the important role immigrants play in their workforce too.

“There is a lot of uncertainty about federal immigration policies instilling fear in immigrant communities, whether or not they have legal status, and, in some cases, it is having a chilling effect on restaurants’ team members and guest traffic,” Jot Condie, president and chief executive of the California Restaurant Assn., said in a statement.

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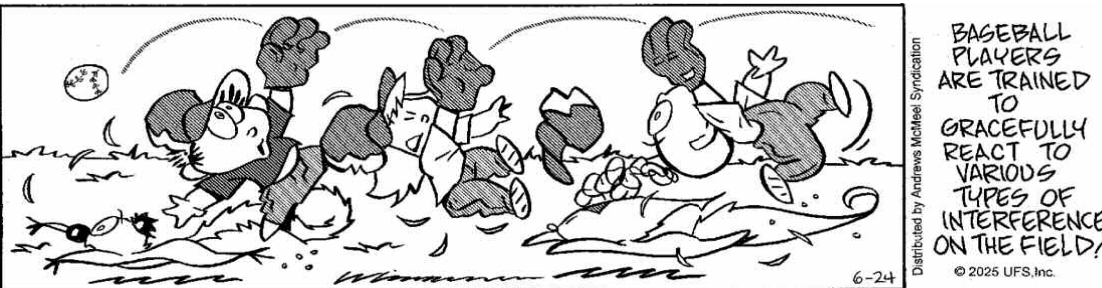
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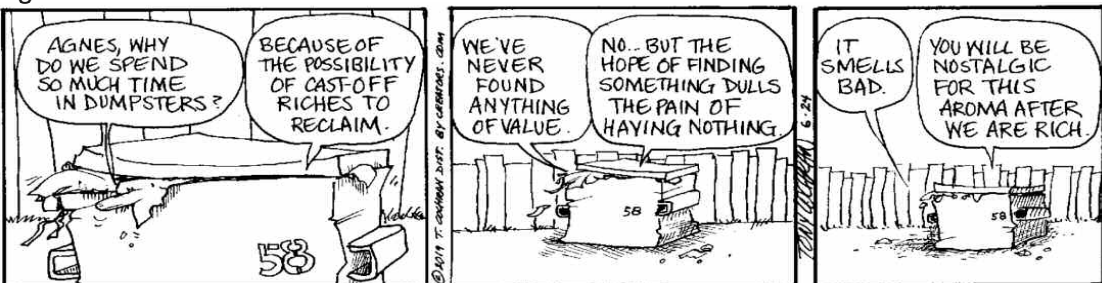
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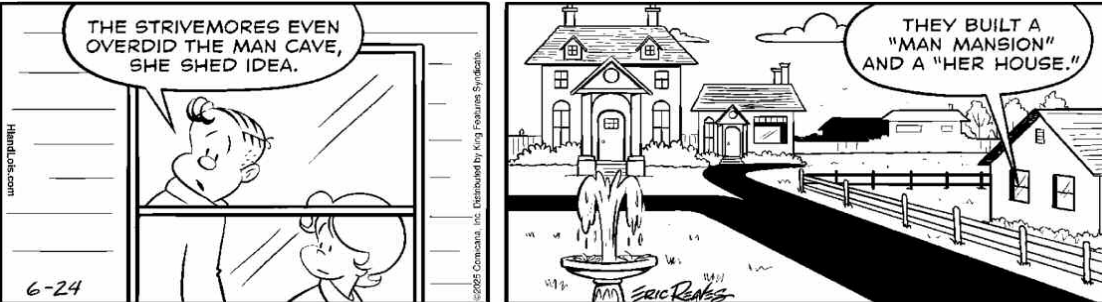
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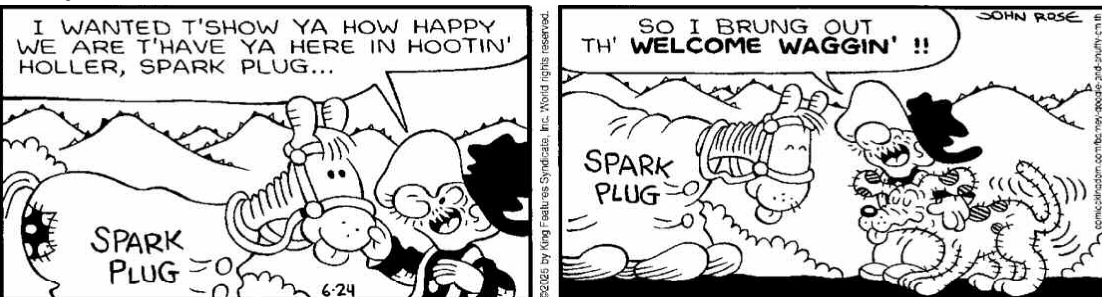
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Stop, look and listen

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K Q 9
♥ Q 8 2
♦ K 8 7 2
♣ K J 7

WEST
♠ A J 6 3
♥ 9 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A 9 8 2

EAST
♠ 10 7 5 4 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 5

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — ace of clubs.
The opening lead is often the most critical play of the hand. Over a period of time, most players give away more tricks on the opening lead than on the next 12 tricks combined.

The reason for this is not hard to find; it is obviously easier to defend effectively when you can see 26 cards than when you can see only the 13 cards in your own hand before dummy comes down.

The best guide to the opening

lead usually comes from the bidding. In the course of reaching their optimum contract, declarer and his partner frequently exchange revealing information about their hands, which the defenders are then at liberty to turn to their advantage.

Take this case where West, in considering his opening lead, should deduce from the bidding that North-South are likely to hold at least eight clubs (probably divided 3-5 or 4-4). This reasonable assumption leads to the conclusion that East has at most one club and can ruff the second round of the suit.

Accordingly, West leads the ace of clubs and continues with his highest club — the nine — as a signal for East to return the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits after he ruffs.

Without the suit-preference return of the nine, East would have a difficult guess as to whether to return a spade or a diamond at trick three. But thanks to the nine lead, East has no problem returning a spade after ruffing the club.

West takes the ace and plays another club, and South loses the first four tricks before he can even gain the lead. With anything but the ace-of-clubs lead, declarer would have no difficulty making the contract.

Tomorrow: The theory of probabilities.
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

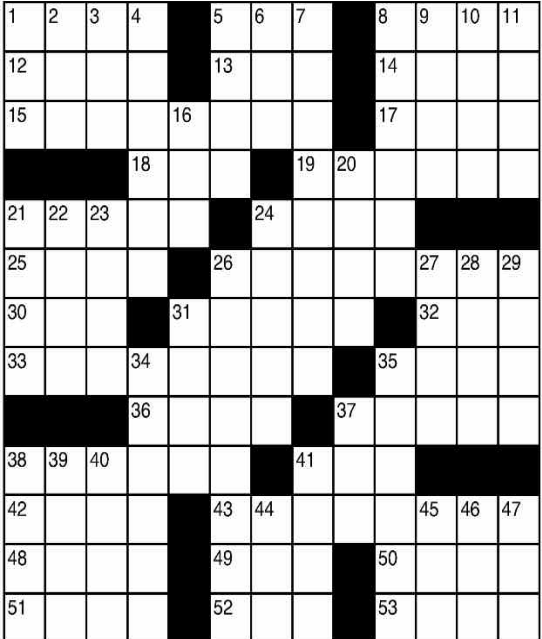
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21 Reacted to a light show
24 Feed the piggy bank
25 Streetcar
26 Impetus
30 Not 'neath
31 Element No. 5
32 Attorneys' org.
33 Pinpoint
35 Driver with a handle

DOWN
36 Farm fathers
37 Iraqi port city
38 Tenor
41 Note after fa
42 Now, in a memo
43 Rare
44 "Hey!"
49 Uncle (Sp.)
50 Roof edge
51 Wallet stuffers
52 Chapeau
53 "Phooey!"
2 Spanish gold
3 Chess cookie
4 Honor
5 Await approval
6 In the style of
7 Donut flavor
8 Paradise
9 Farmland unit
10 Pressing thing?
11 Moth variety
16 Moreover the cake
20 It takes "Alternately," in a text
22 Popular layered
23 Injure
24 Hungar-ian-born financier
26 New Jersey county
27 Folder features
28 Modern taxi rival
29 Actress Kate
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF Jay
IN THE Jay COUNTY
Circuit COURT
CASE NUMBER:
38001-2506-DN-53
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Colin Bradburn
PETITIONER
V.
Sarah Bradburn
RESPONDENT
ORDER SETTING
FINAL HEARING
The Petitioner has filed a Motion for Final Hearing. The court has reviewed the Motion and is now setting a hearing.
[The court allows 15 min. for the hearing.]
IT IS ORDERED that the Final Hearing for this case will be heard on:
Date: 8/11/25 @ 9:00 AM
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Respondent Name: SarahBradburn
Respondent Address: unknown
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Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to four (4) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, vegetation management is to be performed by qualified utility line clearance tree workers on behalf of Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M). This work is being performed in order to maintain and provide safe and reliable electric service. Vegetation management will be performed along all or portions of the following circuit:
Portland East 4927622
This circuit is located within or near Portland, Indiana, and in the county of Jay. The work area is roughly bounded by these major roads:
North: E WATER ST
East: STATE LINE RD
South: E 500 S
West: S NAN DEL LN
I&M customers served by this circuit have been issued a letter and brochure from I&M regarding vegetation management work. Property owners have been contacted by a forestry planner, either in person or through a door card that explains the nature of work to be performed. Specifics regarding vegetation management work on the property may be discussed at that time.
Work will begin on or about 6/20/2025. Customers or property owners with questions about vegetation management in this area may contact I&M by calling 1-800-311-4634 within two weeks of this notice. The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. Please be sure to mention this legal notice and the circuit name referenced above.
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The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) issued a decision regarding a minor modification for the Jay County Landfill, LLC municipal solid waste landfill (SW Program ID 38-01) at 5825 W 400 S in Portland, Jay County. This solid waste land disposal facility permit allows the permittee, Jay County Landfill, LLC, to revise the final grades of the landfill resulting in additional waste disposal air space as well as update their Storm Water Management Plan. The final decision is available online via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) at <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/>. Documents related to this facility can be found by selecting the "Solid Waste Program ID" in the "Quick Search" field (in the upper right-hand corner of the page) then enter the permit number, 38-01. A copy of the permit decision has also been mailed to the following library:
Jay County Public Library, 315 North Ship Street, Portland, 47371

Contact information can be located at <https://www.in.gov/ideM/waste/contact/>.
APPEAL PROCEDURES
If you wish to challenge this decision, IC 13-15-6-1 and IC 4-21-5-3-7 require that you file a Petition for Administrative Review. If you seek to have the effectiveness of the permit stayed during the Administrative Review, you must also file a Petition for Stay. The Petition(s) must be submitted to the Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) at the address below within 15 days of this Notice or 18 days if received by U.S. Mail: Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings
Indiana Government Center North, Room N802
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Petition(s) must include facts demonstrating that you are either the applicant, a person aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision, or otherwise entitled to review by law. Identifying the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review by permit number, name of the applicant, location, or date of this notice will expedite review of the petition. Additionally, IC 13-15-6-2 and 315 IAC 1-3-2 require that your Petition include:
1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request;
2. the interest of the person making the request;
3. identification of any persons represented by the person making the request;
4. the reasons, with particularity, for the request;
5. the issues, with particularity, for the request;
6. identification of the terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate in the case in question to satisfy the requirements of the law governing documents of the type granted or denied by the Commissioner's action; and
7. a copy of the pertinent portions of the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review, at a minimum, the portion of the Commissioner's action that identifies the person to whom the action is directed and the identification number of the action.

Pursuant to IC 4-21-5-3-1(f), any document serving as a petition for review or review and stay must be filed with the OALP within the deadline above. Filing of such a document is complete on the date that the petition is:
1. delivered in-person to the OALP;
2. postmarked on the envelope containing the petition, if the petition is mailed to the OALP by United States mail; or
3. deposited with a private carrier, as shown by a receipt issued by the carrier, if the petition is sent to the OALP by private carrier.
4. submitted using OALP's online petition form, available at IN.gov/oalp.

In order to assist IDEM in tracking any appeals of the decision, please provide a copy of your petition to IDEM, Solid Waste Permits, IGCN 1154, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251 or SolidWasteSubmittals@idem.in.gov.
The OALP will provide you with notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders regarding this decision if you submit a written request to the OALP. If you do not provide a written request to the OALP, you will no longer be notified of any proceedings pertaining to this decision.

For additional information on filing a petition with OALP, visit their website at IN.gov/oalp.
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ORDINANCE 2025-6
CREATING CHAPTER 115
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PROVISIONS
BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland; Indiana as follows:
95.03 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT.
(A) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.
BOND. The posting of required surety to guarantee prompt and satisfactory replacement and repair of facilities damaged or disrupted by the permitted operations.
BOARD. The Board of Public Works and Safety of Portland, Indiana.
INSPECTOR. The authorized representative of the Board assigned to make detailed inspections of permitted performance.
PERMIT. A form of written authorized to permit action to be done within the right-of-way as per outlined specifications.
PERSON. Shall include any natural person and any entity recognized by the law.
RIGHT-OF-WAY. The boundaries established by a recorded plat, a duly adopted thoroughfare plan or usage for the purpose of providing public transportation or utility services.
CITY. The City of Portland, Indiana.
UTILITY FACILITIES. Either above-ground or below-ground utility facilities including, without limitation, telephone, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities.
ABOVE-GROUND UTILITY FACILITIES. Includes, without limitation, telephone, wireless communication, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities existing at, or above ground level.
BELOW-GROUND UTILITY

FACILITIES. Includes, without limitation, telephone, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities existing below ground level.
(B) Activities requiring a right-of-way use permit.
(1) Except as provided in division (D) below, no person shall undertake any of the following activities within a public right-of-way without first acquiring a right-of-way use permit to do so from the city:
(a) Any construction, altering or removing of any surface or subsurface material, digging or excavating in a town right-of-way;
(b) Installation or repair of above-ground utility facilities, below-ground utility facilities, private connections to public utility facilities, or facilities of any other entity having the right to use the public right-of-way; and
(c) Installation of mailbox approaches, sidewalks or any such object of lawful encroachment, which would share right-of-way space with governmental transportation needs, or to construct a temporary fence or barrier which may be required for environmental or construction purposes.
(2) Exceptions. The following activities do not require a right-of-way use permit:
(a) Maintenance of grass, drives or sidewalks within the right-of-way;
(b) Any work or activities conducted in a right-of-way or public grounds performed directly by the city or State of Indiana;
(c) Public road construction and maintenance done under a contract with the city; and
(C) Unlawful activities within the right-of-way. Unless a special permit to encroach is issued by the Board, it shall be unlawful for any person to:
(1) Construct a parking area within a right-of-way;
(2) Construct a fence within a right-of-way other than a temporary fence required for environmental or construction purposes;
(3) Place any advertising material within a right-of-way; and

(4) Perform any work not listed under division (B) of this section within a right-of-way without a permit.
(D) Permit application. A person desiring to undertake any of the activities set out in division (B) of this section shall sign and file an application with the Clerk-Treasurer of the city, and secure a right-of-way use permit before starting any work or activity inside the right-of-way, all as set in the following sections. The Board is the permit issuing authorities for all activities other than set forth in division (B) of this section. The Board shall exercise its discretion in the issuance or denial of a permit and may impose such reasonable conditions as it sees fit prior to the issuance of a permit. At a minimum, the Board shall require all asphalt cuts in any city street or alley to be repaired and all asphalt replaced. The Board may, in its sole discretion, require that the permittee repave the entire block. No work shall be done or activity taken prior to the issuance of the permit except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate remedial action for utility facilities, in which case the utility shall comply with division (G) of this section.
(1) Contents of permit application. The application for a right-of-way use permit shall be submitted to the Board and shall, at a minimum, include the following information and documents:
(a) The name, address and phone number of the person or entity for whom the work is to be done or the activity is to be conducted, and the name, title and phone number of the person responsible for the work or activity;
(b) The name and address of the contractor responsible for the work or activity;
(c) The reason for, estimated cost of and an exact description of the work to be done or activity to be taken;
(d) The precise location of the work or activity site and the location and dimensions of any excavation;
(e) Whether all or a portion of

a street will be closed and for how long;
(f) The expected beginning and ending dates of the project, including all repairs to the affected areas;
(g) The method of traffic control to be used by the applicant at the site; and
(h) Any other pertinent information requested by the Board.
(2) Insurance requirements. There shall be furnished to the Clerk-Treasurer at the time of making application written proof that the applicant or the contractor for the applicant is covered by public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000 for property damage and \$1,000,000 for injury to any one person, and \$2,000,000 for any one occurrence. The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board the payment of a premium for the insurance so that the town will be protected for a period of one year from the date of the commencement of the work.
(3) Bond requirements. The applicant or contractor for the applicant, shall file a bond in an amount not less than \$5,000 or 10% of the estimated cost of the project, whichever is greater, as determined by the Board, conditioned on the performance of the work and the maintenance of the work for a period of two years from the completion of such work, all in accordance with the terms of this section. Upon review of the application, the Board may exempt individual property owners above stated bond requirement.
(4) Indemnity agreement. The applicant shall furnish a written agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the city, its officials, agents and employees from any liability due to loss, damage, injuries or other casualties of any kind, or by whomsoever caused, to the person or property of anyone on or off the right-of-way arising out of, or resulting from the issuance of the permit or the work or activity connected therewith, or from the installation, existence,

use, maintenance, conditions, repairs, alteration or removal of any equipment or material, whether due in whole or in part to the negligent acts or omissions of:
(a) The city, its officials, agents or employees;
(b) The applicant, his or her agents, contractors or employees, or other persons engaged in the performance of the work or activity; or
(c) The joint negligence of any of the above, including any claims arising out of the Workman's Compensation Act or any other law, ordinance, order or decree, for a period of the applicable statute of limitations. The indemnity shall also provide that the applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the removal and/or moving of the public utility facility or other object located within the right-of-way or reimburse the city for all expenses it incurs in the event that the city removes and/or moves the public utility facility or object on behalf of the applicant. The indemnity shall also provide that the applicant shall pay all reasonable expenses and attorney fees incurred by or imposed by the city in connection herewith in the event that the applicant shall default under the provisions of the indemnity agreement.
(5) Installation and design of the facility. The applicant shall be responsible for the installation and design of the facility to be installed within the right-of-way. The Board will only be responsible for the review and approval of the proposal with respect to the locations of the facilities to be installed and the manner of installation. Approval of the permit does not relieve the applicant of responsibility for the design. The city does not alter current regulations or authority for installing utility facilities nor for determining financial responsibility for replacing or adjusting utility facilities. The city limits itself to matters which preserve the safe operation, maintenance and integrity of the town's rights-of-way.

(E) Permit fees. A permit fee shall be paid at the time of filing the application as set out below.
(1) Above-ground utility facilities. The permit fees for conducting any work or other activities on above-ground utility facilities shall be \$500.00 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$750.00.
(2) Below-ground utility facilities. The permit fees for conducting any work or other activities on below-ground utility facilities shall be \$500.00 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$750.00.
(3) All other work or activities. The permit fees for conducting any other work or activity requiring a right-of-way permit shall be \$25 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250.00.
(4) Violations. Any violation of the terms of this section or the specifications and instructions adopted by the Board pursuant to this section shall be assumed to require additional inspection and an additional inspection fee shall be assessed for each such infraction. The city may enforce this ordinance by injunction, fine or any other legal remedy. Each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense.
(F) Board to establish rules and regulations. The Board is hereby authorized to establish such specifications and procedural instructions for work and activity within the right-of-way as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The specifications and procedural instructions shall be kept on file in the office of the City Hall and may be amended from time to time by the Board.
(G) Emergencies. In the event of an emergency, work on a utility facility within the public right-of-way may commence without submitting an

application for a right-of-way use permit. In such event, the person responsible for completing the work or activity shall:
(1) Notify the city of the emergency and provide a brief description of the work or activity to be done as soon as practicable after learning of the emergency. Such emergency notification under this division (G)(1) must be sufficient to notify the city at the earliest time possible following the discovery of the emergency and may be either written or oral;
(2) Submit an application, bond and indemnity agreement for a right-of-way use permit within 24 hours of starting its work or the next working day to the Clerk-Treasurer, whichever is sooner;
(3) Attach to the application a full and complete written explanation concerning the emergency and its cause; and
(4) In the event that the Board shall determine that in its judgment an emergency did not exist, it shall forward a copy of the application and all attachments to the City Attorney as a violation of this section.
(H) Relocation. The city shall require relocation of public utility facilities, private connections to public utility facilities or facilities of any entity having the right to use the public right-of-way when the city is installing utility facilities in the right-of-way. The costs for the relocation of the utility facilities shall be paid by those entities or persons that have installed the same in the city's right-of-way.
(I) Written notice required. Unless specifically stated otherwise, all notifications required under this Section shall be in writing. Any notification other than an initial emergency notification, which is not made in writing will be deemed to have never occurred.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the city of Portland, Indiana on this 16th day of June, 2025.
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Serving it up

The Jay County High School tennis program held its youth camp this week, with two days added this week to make up for cancellations because of rain. Pictured above, Annie Klopfenstein lines up her serve during Monday morning’s session.

Gutierrez leads with seven goals

The Rockets gave up 16 runs over the weekend. They walked away with four victories.

The Portland Rockets swept the Fort Wayne Devils and Fort Wayne Jackers on Saturday and Sunday.

The Rockets (12-3) took down the Devils 13-3 in the first game and 4-3 in the second.

Crosby Heniser led the way in the first game with four RBIs on two hits. Garrison Brege went the distance for the win.

Portland needed nine innings to win game No. 2 before Corban White delivered the walk-off single to center field. Heniser picked up the win with two innings pitched.

The Rockets beat the Jackers 10-2 and 9-8.

Owen Wanner picked up the first victory with six strikeouts over five innings pitched.

Heniser delivered a walk-off hit single in the seventh inning to top the Jackers in game two. Jonny Heitkamp also provided an offensive spark with three RBIs on a trio of hits.

Errors hurt

MINSTER, Ohio — Fort Recovery’s ACME baseball team fell to the Minster Wildcats 6-2 on Saturday.

Caden Homan suffered the loss after going the distance on the mound. He gave up three runs, one of which was earned, in the first inning and three more in the fifth.

Reece Wendel and Dylan Klenke drove in a run apiece for Fort Recovery (4-2) on doubles. Klenke’s double came in the third frame to push Wendel across the plate. Wendel smacked his RBI double after Drew Evers led off the fifth inning with his own two-bagger.

Local 1620 wins

Local 1620 finished off the regular season in Portland Junior

Local Roundup

League Sandy Koufax baseball with an 8-6 victory over Portland Optimist on Friday.

Caison Lloyd collected the most hits for Local 1620 with a double and two singles. An Alex Huntsman home run earned him a team-high three RBIs.

Grant Fenning pitched the first two innings and struck out five batters, while Spencer Smitley finished off the game and sent four batters back to the dugout on strikes.

Rayden Solar and Varen Ridge-way both went 2-for-2 at the plate for Portland Optimist with an RBI. Solar had two doubles.

Local wins

PENNVILLE — Williams Gutierrez provided more than enough offense.

His team barely needed it.

Gutierrez led all scorers in Saturday’s Pennville Soccer League action, scoring seven times to lead the Ohio Valley Gas Meteors to victories of 8-1 over AgBest Express Rockets and 9-0 over the WPGW Asteroids.

Camden Vinson scored four times to lead the Vinson Rental Properties Dragons to a 7-1 win over the General Store Griffins.

In the Stinger division, Tessa Coleman’s three goals paced a 7-4 win for the Ernst Concrete Bees over the A Place to Grow Wasps. (Sebastian Benavidez had three goals in the loss for the Wasps.)

Lyle Beiswanger, Colton Coons and Colten Hermann each scored two goals to power the New Beginnings Holiness Church Cougars to a 6-3 win over the Edward Jones Cheetahs.

Pacers, Haliburton fall

By BERRY TRAMEL
Tulsa World (Oklahoma)
Tribune News Service

OKLAHOMA CITY — With 32.4 seconds left in the NBA season Sunday night, Mark Daigneault mass-substituted, and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander walked off the Paycom Center court. Daigneault met him with a hug.

Daigneault was the proxy for four million Oklahomans burning to embrace SGA and this historic Thunder team.

The Thunder beat the scrappy Indiana Pacers 103-91 in Game 7 of the NBA Finals, with Gilgeous-Alexander leading the way.

SGA had 29 points and 12 assists, Jalen Williams had 20 points and Chet Holmgren had 18 points and five blocked shots.

“I’m just so happy for the guys,” Daigneault said. “I mean, this is an uncommon team. This is a great team. All the boxes that this team checked this season, it’s an historic team.”

The Thunder was helped by the first-quarter injury to Pacer star Tyrese Haliburton, who suffered what is feared to be a torn Achilles tendon. These Pacers are stout, having produced one of the great underdog runs in NBA history, and super spark-plug T.J. McConnell kept Indiana in the game. But the Thunder wore down Indiana with a familiar script.

The Thunder takeaway machine was back humming; 14 steals as Indiana committed 23 turnovers. The Thunder passing

Indiana star injured early in game 7 Finals loss

returned, too, as it totaled 20 assists, not a huge number but far better than in some games of these Finals. And OKC launched enough 3-pointers to keep pace with Indiana (each team made 11).

Everything was hard-earned. These Pacers are stout-hearted. Even after OKC took a 21-point lead early in the fourth quarter, the Pacers clawed back, twice getting within 10.

But the Thunder staved off the comeback, and the Cinderella Pacers had no storybook ending for what would have been the biggest surprise champion in NBA history.

“You don’t author comebacks like this team did, really, over the course of the entire season, without just an indomitable competitive spirit to fight together,” said Indiana coach Rick Carlisle. “And that’s what they were and that’s what they did.”

Haliburton’s injury cast a pall over Game 7. He had been playing with a calf strain. He was off to a hot start Sunday, sinking three 3-pointers in a four-possession span, all in the first five minutes. But dribbling in the frontcourt later in the first quarter, Halibur-

ton crumbled to the floor, Alex Caruso picked up the loose ball and started a fast break that resulted in a Williams dunk.

Carlisle called a quick timeout, and the Pacers sprinted to surround Haliburton, who eventually was helped off the court in obvious pain.

And to no one’s surprise, the Pacers didn’t quit. They stayed close and even took a 48-47 halftime lead on Andrew Nembhard’s long 3-pointer with three seconds left.

If there were any hold-outs over Pacer respect, they ended in Game 7.

McConnell made Indiana forget its Haliburton problems, scoring 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting in an 11-possession span. While his heroics staved off OKC’s first bombardment, there was no salve for the second.

Cason Wallace’s corner 3-pointer gave the Thunder a 73-66 lead, then Isaiah Hartenstein’s steal off McConnell set up a Wallace layup, Williams scored two straight baskets and Hartenstein’s tip-in with 29 seconds left gave the Thunder that 13-point lead, the game’s biggest.

The fourth quarter became a coronation. A top-of-the-key 3-pointer by SGA. A Wallace layup after a great defensive stand. A Williams wing-3 off SGA’s 12th assist of the game that made it 89-68.

The Pacers were out of gas. They went more than six minutes without a point, extending into the first 4½ minutes of the fourth quarter.

Sports on tap

TV schedule

Tuesday, June 24
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. Celina – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. TBD – 5 p.m.
Jay County Summer swim vs. Wells Community – 6 p.m.
Portland Rockets at Muncie Chiefs – 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
3 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup: Benfica at Bayern Munchen

(TNT)
7 p.m. — CONCACAF Golf Cup soccer: Panama at Jamaica (FS1)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Cincinnati Reds (FSDN Indiana)
10 p.m. — CONCACAF Golf Cup soccer: Honduras at Cura-cao (FS1)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — Soccer: USL Championship – Tampa Bay Rowdies at Indy Eleven (ESPN2)
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Cincinnati Reds (FSDN Indiana)
8 p.m. — NBA draft (ESPN)

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