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Budget measure passes Senate

Vance casts tiebreaking vote after 27 hours

By DAVID LERMAN and CAITLIN REILLY CQ-Roll Call Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans finally pushed a mammoth budget reconciliation bill through their chamber on Tuesday over Democratic objections, after settling internal GOP disputes over Medicaid cuts, energy tax credits and more.

In concluding a marathon vote-a-rama that stretched for about 27 hours starting at 9 a.m. Monday morning, the Senate passed its version of what President Donald Trump dubbed his “one big, beautiful bill” on a mostly party-line vote of 51-50. Vice President JD Vance broke the tie, after taking part in last-minute negotiations to get things moving.

Three Republicans joined all Democrats in opposing the measure: deficit hawk Rand Paul of Kentucky; retiring Thom Tillis of North Carolina; and Maine’s Susan Collins, who’s now the most endangered GOP incumbent in next year’s midterms after Tillis’s decision.

If just one more Republican voted “no,” it would have sank the bill. That’s why GOP leaders invested so much time and energy in wooing Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who finally voted for it after many hours of cajoling.

There was one piece of bad news for Trump in the final minutes of debate: Democrats struck the bill’s official title — the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” — on a “Byrd rule” point of order given the language had no budgetary impact.

The revised bill now heads back to the House, where prospects for final passage remain uncertain at best. Hard-line House conservatives have rallied against the Senate’s changes to a bill that passed the House by a single vote last month.

House leaders have instructed members to return to Washington for votes as early as Wednesday morning in an effort to send the measure to Trump’s desk by a self-imposed July Fourth deadline.

But it’s hardly clear that Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, will have enough votes to rubber-stamp the Senate’s changes to meet that deadline.

If he doesn’t, more time will be required to negotiate revisions. Given all that’s been happening on Capitol Hill, Trump appeared to soften on his deadline a bit on Tuesday morning. “I’d love to do July Fourth, but I think it’s very hard to do July Fourth,” the president told reporters.

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Kids’ Day

The Jay County Fair celebrated Kids’ Day on Tuesday with rides running from noon to close and a variety of other activities. Pictured above, Jace Bonifas, 5, leads a sheep out into the Show Arena during the peewee showmanship for kids between kindergarten and third grade. At right, Larkin Hartzell, 2, and Kalliah Hartzell, 10, grin while riding on the Buggy Baja on the midway.



McClure wins supreme trophy

Familiarity helped nine-year member top experienced finals field

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The path was anything but direct. It still ended with a trophy. Five years after she earned a spot in the small animal supreme showmanship competition, Aubree McClure took home the trophy on Tuesday afternoon.

“(It was) like everything just stopped,” said McClure, reliving the moment her name was called. “I’m just happy for everybody who’s here and everybody who helped me.”

McClure first won an advanced showmanship award, which would typically result in an opportunity at the supreme showmanship trophy, in 2020. But there was no contest that year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I tried back in 2020 before COVID hit, and then because COVID hit all I got was a t-shirt,” she said. “I didn’t get to (compete).”

The supreme showmanship competition pits the advanced showmanship winners from each of the species against each other. They must show each of the species with the exception of the one from which they advanced.

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Aubree McClure (right) poses for a picture after winning the Jay County 4-H small animal supreme showmanship competition on Tuesday afternoon. Ty Paxson (left), the 2024 champion, presented her with the trophy. McClure topped an experienced field as all five competitors have been in the small animal competition at least once before.

Deaths

Delores King, 97, Portland Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees on Tuesday. The low was 71. Expect a low in the upper 60s tonight. The Fourth of July forecast calls for a high in the upper 80s under mostly sunny skies. The low will be in the 70s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

There will be no newspaper Friday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule on Saturday.

At the fair

Today 7 p.m. — Queen City Stunt Circus at the grandstand Friday 7:30 p.m. — Josh Ross and 127 North at the grandstand Saturday 6 p.m. — Demolition derby at the grandstand



Obituaries

Delores King
Nov. 4, 1927-July 1, 2025

Delores King, age 97, a resident of Portland, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.

Delores was born on Nov. 4, 1927, in Jay County, the daughter of Joseph and Goldie (Miller) Kidder. She graduated from Jefferson High School in Randolph County in 1945 and married Carl O. King on Feb. 16, 1946. He passed away on May 29, 1991.

Delores and her husband were farmers in Bearcreek Township. They owned and operated King's Nursery for a few years. Delores also worked at CTS in Berne, Bearcreek Farms in rural Bryant and the Family Dollar in Portland. She was a loving mother, homemaker, 4-H



leader for the Bearcreek Hoosierettes, member of the Bearcreek homemakers group and member of the Trinity Arch Bridge Church in Portland.

Survivors include four daughters, Crystal Laux (husband: Tom) of Bryant, Indiana, Connie Moolenaar (husband: Marvin) of Poland, Indiana, Carla Elzey (husband: Terry) of Muncie, Indiana, and Colleen Dodson (husband: Dana) of Kissimmee, Florida; a daughter-in-law, Stayce King of Spring Texas; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Delores was preceded in death by a son, Carl J. King; her mother and father; four brothers; and a sister.

Visitation will be in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home on Monday, July 7, from noon to 2 p.m. and the service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Jason Rice presiding. Burial will be in Limberlost Cemetery east of Bryant.

Memorial contributions can be made to Persimmon Ridge or Trinity Arch Bridge Church. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

CR almanac				
Friday 7/4	Saturday 7/5	Sunday 7/6	Monday 7/7	Tuesday 7/8
90/70	92/71	91/72	85/66	85/66
Independence Day looks to be mostly sunny with a slight breeze. The high may reach the upper 80s.	Mostly sunny on Saturday, when the high will be in the 90s.	Sunday's forecast shows a chance of rain throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Monday looks to be rainy with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	There's also a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Tuesday.

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$174 million	Daily Three: 2-8-4 Daily Four: 2-5-4-7 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-8-15-23-30-31-32-34-38-47-50-53-57-59-61-66-71-77
Mega Millions 19-28-31-39-54 Mega Ball: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$60 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-2-2 Pick 4: 3-1-4-2 Pick 5: 4-5-6-4-7 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-6 Pick 4: 5-1-6-5 Pick 5: 2-7-2-8-3 Rolling Cash: 23-24-25-26-39 Estimated jackpot: \$193,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-1-7 Daily Four: 2-2-2-7 Quick Draw: 3-4-6-23-26-29-30-40-41-43-49-54-55-60-64-67-68-72-78-79 Evening	

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.54 Aug. corn4.66 Oct. corn4.02	Aug. beans.....9.92 Wheat 5.04
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.52 Oct./Nov. corn4.10 Dec. corn4.22	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.30 Aug. corn4.32 Beans10.17 Aug. beans.....10.07 Wheat5.04
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.41 Aug. corn4.87 Beans10.34	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.46 Aug. corn4.46 Beans10.12 Aug. beans9.72 Wheat4.89

Today in history

In 1608, Samuel de Champlain founded the city of Quebec, establishing the area as the first permanent French settlement in North America.

In 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg in southern Pennsylvania ended after three days of fighting. The battle turned the tides in the American Civil War after a victory from Union forces.

In 1962, Tom Cruise was born in Syracuse, New York. Cruise, an actor, writer, director and producer, is known for his roles in the "Mission: Impossible" and "Top Gun" movies. His accolades include an honorary Palme d'Or from the Cannes Film Festival and three Golden Globe Awards, along with four nominations for Academy Awards.

In 2013, Abdul Fatah al-Sisi, Egyptian defense minister, staged a coup of the government, forcing president Mohamed Morsi out of leadership one year after his election.

In 2017, Portland City Council approved the first reading of its sewer rate increase ordinance, which was intended to fund an overhaul of the city's wastewater treatment plant. The ordinance implemented four consecutive years of rate hikes estimated at \$5.25 per year for an average family using 4,000 gallons of water a month. The result after four years was set at a 67-percent increase in sewer rates.

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Citizen's calendar	
Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort St.	Tuesday 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire department, 302 N. Walnut St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington

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Aubree McClure shows a rabbit during Tuesday afternoon's Jay County 4-H small animal supreme showmanship competition in the Show Arena at the Jay County Fair. Rabbits were the only species McClure was unfamiliar with, as she has shown all of the other species during her nine-year 4-H career.

Supreme ...

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The animals to be shown are distributed via blind draw.

Also competing Tuesday were Alivia Toney (cat), Madi Paxson (poultry), Nevaeh Brower (rabbit) and Tuck Hemmelgarn (pygmy goat).

McClure won out of an experienced group, as all of Tuesday's competitors had previous experience in the small animal supreme showmanship competition. Paxson and Hemmelgarn both competed in 2023, Toney advanced for her third consecutive year and Brower was vying for the title for the fourth year in a row.

"There were a lot of high expectations from everybody I know," said

McClure. "Also a lot of really good showmen I went against. So I really thought I wasn't going to win."

Familiarity was key for McClure, who earned her spot in the competition by earning the advanced showmanship title during Friday's dog show. In addition to dogs, she has also shown poultry, pygmy goats and cats during her 4-H career.

That left showing a rabbit as the biggest hurdle between her and the trophy.

"It's the only one out of all of those species I don't know how to do," she said.

McClure said she has shown every species with the exception of swine

and sheep during her nine-year 4-H career.

A Jay County High School senior, she is also involved with Jay County FFA and the Jay County JROTC program.

After earning her trophy, she was quick to take a group picture with her 4-H leaders. She credited them for her success.

"I'm really happy for everybody who helped me," McClure said. "They were there from the first year I started all the way up til now, helping me with every step of it, always making sure they did the best they could to make sure I had the best opportunities."

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

Two Pennville residents were arrested Tuesday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Davene R. Baynes, 46, 410 E. Max Drive, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for alleged crime, as well as a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Rachel N. Yates, 36, 245 E. Pleasant St., is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, and a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held in at Jay County Jail on \$5,500 in bonds.

Budget ...

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The filibuster-proof package, which Democrats have rallied against, would extend the expiring tax cuts that Trump signed into law in 2017, while offering new tax breaks including on tips and overtime pay.

It would provide about \$320 billion in new money for the military and for immigration and border enforcement, while making deep cuts to the social safety net, including Medicaid and food stamps.

The measure also would increase the nation's \$36.1 trillion debt limit by \$5 trillion — enough to get past next year's midterm elections.

SERVICES

Thursday

Mann, Douglas: noon, Fairmount Friends Church, 124 W. 1st St., Fairmount.

Downs, Wanda: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

King, Delores: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Practice car seat safety

By APRIL COLEMAN

According to the Center for Disease Control, properly used car seats reduce the risk of injury by 71% for infants and 53% for toddlers. Sadly, many parents do not use car seats at all or use them incorrectly. Studies show that nearly half of car seats are misused. One small mistake such as a loose harness or improperly installed car seat can mean the difference between a close call and a tragedy.

What are the different types of car seats?

The best seat for your child doesn't have to be the most expensive or high tech but one that fits your child, fits your vehicle and is installed correctly every time. You can usually find the height and weight requirements on the car seat or in the car seat manual. The different types include:

Rear-facing seats — for infants and toddlers. Rear-facing car seats can be the infant carrier that is only rear-facing or the convertible car seats that can turn forward when they are ready. It is recommended they remain rear-facing up to 3 years of age now or until they meet the maximum height or weight.

Forward-facing seats — once a child has reached the maximum height or weigh of rear-facing they move to forward facing with a five-point harness. They should stay in a five-point harness at least until age 5 or when they meet the maximum height or weight of the five-point harness.

Booster seats — there are high back booster seats and low booster seats which are for older kids who have outgrown a five-point harness and are 4 to 7 years old. Booster seats help the seat belt fit properly across the child's

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shoulder and chest and not on their neck and stomach. Children should remain in a booster seat from 8 to 12 years old.

Seat belt — once a child outgrows a booster seat they can use the seat belt alone. Children should be at least 4 foot 9 inches tall, usually between 10 to 12 years old and can sit properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Children under 13 should always ride in the rear of the vehicle. Front air bags can be dangerous for smaller bodies.

What should you know if you receive a used car seat?

It is important to know the full history of a car seat, if it is expired, has it been recalled, or are there any parts or pieces missing. Also, if it's been in a crash, you should not use it. Recalls can be found on the manufacturer's website. The expiration date should be on the car seat, but if it is not, it is usually 6 to 10 years after the manufacturer date which can be found on the car seat.

What are some of the common mistakes using a car seat?

- Using the wrong seat for the child's size
- Loose harness straps — you should not be able to pinch any fabric at the child's shoulder
- Chest clips too low — chest clips should be at the child's armpit level
- Seats not installed tight enough — the car seat or base for the infant carriers should not be able to move more than an inch side to side or front to back at the belt pathway
- Using the wrong belt pathway — if a car seat can be forward and rear-facing there are two belt pathways
- Turning a child forward too soon
- Using both the lower anchors and seat belt to secure the car seat-only recommended if it is manufactured to do so, using both can make the car seat too tight and not able to move as needed

What type of clothing should be used in the colder months?

Puffy winter coats or snow suits are not recommended. You should use something under the harness that is no thicker than a fleece jacket. Car seat covers and blankets are great to use over the infant carriers but make sure you remove it once you are in the vehicle.

How can parents ensure their car seat is installed correctly?

It is always important to check the manual to tell you how to properly install your car seat. You can also have a certified passenger safety technician check the installation of your seat for free. You can go to nhtsa.gov or safekids.org to find a car seat inspection location. IU Health Jay is a location with three certified inspectors. Call (765) 760-0756 to schedule a check.

April Coleman is a clinical nurse-ambulatory navigator and child passenger safety technician for Healthy Beginnings at IU Health Jay.

Murder changed son's demeanor

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my son, his girlfriend and two others were murdered outside a city where "things like this don't happen." My other two boys received a call to come immediately to their dad's home, where it had happened. My boys were the first to witness the bloody scene. They called 911. My son lived two days more. Today would have been his birthday. His brothers witnessed something beyond imaginable.

My youngest (now 32) has isolated himself. He has become a different person, as we all have. I'm worried about him. He was always a laid-back, sweet young man. Now his temper is quick, and his fuse is short. I invited him to come with me on a getaway for a few days, but he declined. He tells me he doesn't know why; he just doesn't want to be around people. I know why. It's because of what happened.

How can I convince him to seek counseling? I withdrew from society, too, for about three months. But I got counseling within that time. I'm lost about what to do. Any advice would be so appreciated. — LIVING IN A NIGHTMARE

DEAR LIVING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragedy your family has suffered. Because your son is resistant to the idea of counseling, suggest that he might benefit from joining a support group of people like himself. A group called Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) provides emotional support to survivors of homicide and helps them to put their lives back together. It has been in existence since 1978 and has been mentioned in my column before. The website is pomc.org, and I hope your son will agree to check them out.

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old granddaughter is dating a 19-year-old boy. He recently confided in me that he has been drinking alcohol. (He found a place that doesn't check ID.) At first, he said, it was one or two beers on the weekends. Then he started getting drunk every weekend. Now he's getting drunk during the week. He said my granddaughter is aware, but I'm not sure if she knows how much he's drinking.

They say they plan a future together, and this is what makes the drinking so concerning. I've seen firsthand what alcohol can do to a family. He says he won't become an alcoholic, but I know it can happen without realizing it until it's too late. Is there anything I can do to help these young people? Other than the drinking, he is a nice, respectful boy. — WORRIED GRANDMA IN OHIO

DEAR GRANDMA: From what you have written, this nice, respectful young adult has developed a dependency on alcohol. Warn your granddaughter about what this may mean for her future. And, if you can find out who has been selling alcohol to underage youth, turn the person in. Please!

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

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries,

228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

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

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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5

p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

Sudoku

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	8			9		2		
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7		3	4					

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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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On a ship on the Potomac River, while attempting to visit the British in order to negotiate the release of a friend, Francis Scott Key wrote:

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

This man was perhaps a perfect choice for the task, although nobody chose him to do so. It could be said that circumstances made the selection. During the course of the night, as his ship waited during intense British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, Mr. Key and his party paced the deck until *Dawn's Early Light*, in order to see the outcome of the battle. As the first rays of sunshine lighted the fort, Key and company saw a flag which had been made by a fifteen-year-old girl named Sanderson and which measured forty-feet long and twenty-feet wide. Upon seeing *The Flag Was Still There*, Mr. Key wrote the poem text on the back of a letter he had in his possession. Even though the hymn was received by the multitudes, and accepted as "Our National Song," it was not until 1931 that the song was officially adopted as our national anthem.

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Free speech can be rough sailing

The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

Like the needle on a compass, politics is polarized. But there should be a difference between finding your way in rough seas and surviving our nation's stormy politics.

Bobby LaPin, the owner of a Baltimore-based charter boat company, discovered just how stormy the latter has become. His crime? Simply questioning on social media whether the millions of taxpayer dollars spent on a military parade in Washington, D.C., might be better directed toward more pressing needs like fighting hunger or helping the elderly.

Guest Editorial

A controversial opinion? Perhaps. The Baltimore Sun Editorial Board expressed similar skepticism about the estimated \$45 million cost even before the parade celebrating the U.S. Army's 250th birthday on Saturday, June 14, even began.

But what happened to LaPin, as reported by The Sun's Bren-

dan Nordstrom, sounds akin to a pirate attack. The post drew thousands of reactions, good and bad, but the negative response ended up crashing down hard on his business. There were strangers posting fake negative reviews and, in the worst cases, issuing personal threats like the individual who pledged to burn down his boat.

LaPin, a disabled U.S. Army veteran, has so far weathered the maelstrom. Indeed, his company, Boat Baltimore, has also drawn people rallying to his cause with some hiring him specifically to counter the attacks. We find that hearten-

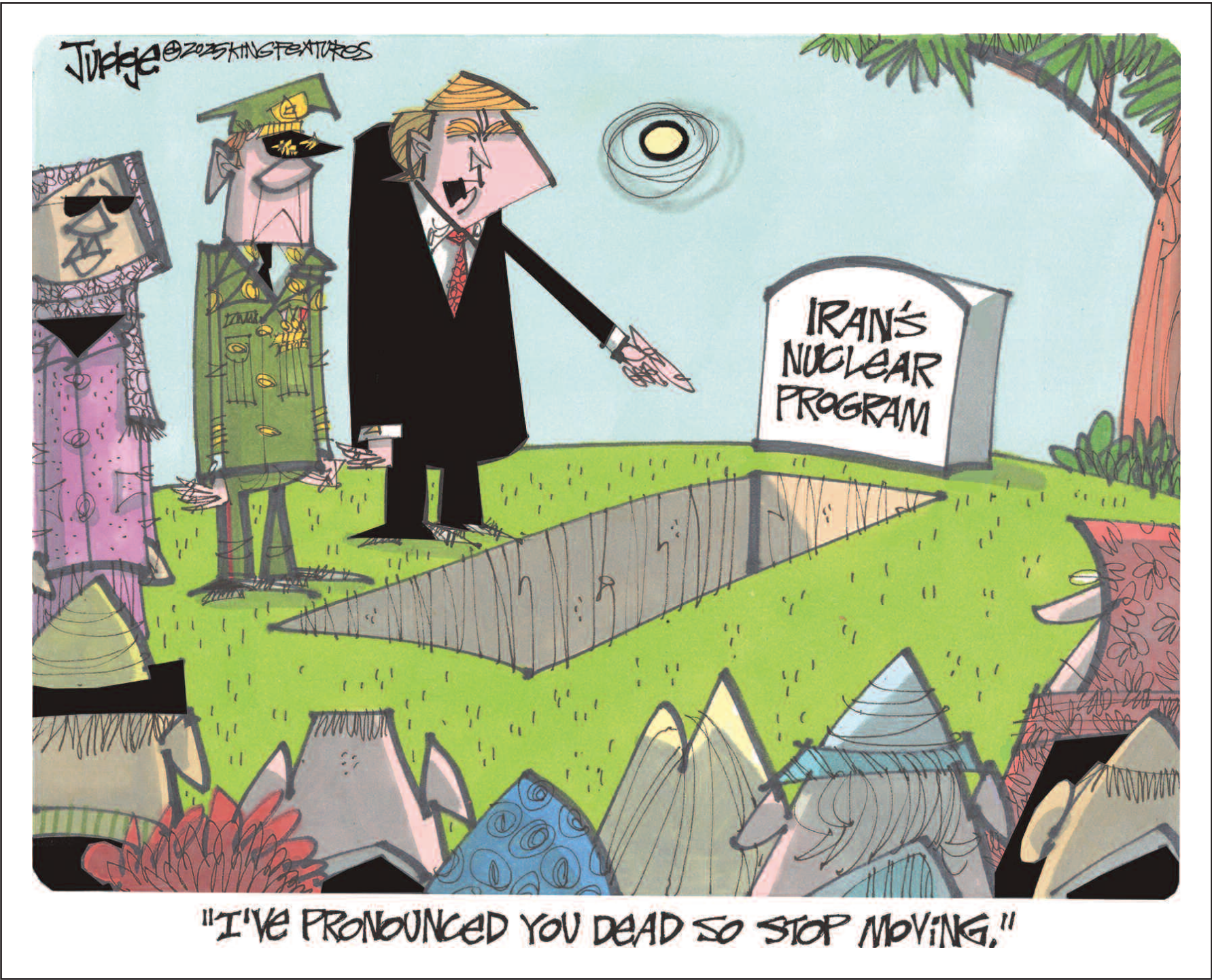
ing. And we trust that people on all sides of the political spectrum will recognize that it's one thing to disagree, it's another to be disagreeable. And attempting to wreck someone's business or intimidate them? That's definitely on the disagreeable side.

Clearly, business owners must understand that mixing politics with your livelihood carries risks and can drive potential customers away. But issuing threats? That's a potential crime.

And there's no justification for it. Not by Republicans, not by Democrats, not by anyone. As we've noted before, this loss

of civility is itself a threat to the nation. If we can't debate important issues freely and fairly, what are the chances we can self-govern? How can democracy work if people are afraid to speak out?

So here's to "Captain Bobby" for finding his way with his honor intact and to those who have already rallied to his side. Given one of the first local attractions one sees on his boat tour is the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, it's no big surprise that it takes more than social media rants (or the British Royal Navy) to sink a determined Baltimorean.



Economic development needs more change

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Several weeks ago, I wrote that Hoosiers should offer Gov. Mike Braun grace in his efforts to reorient the Indiana Economic Development Corp. His new board appointments — including Democrat John Gregg, union leader David Fagan, and diverse business owners — deserve applause for departing from the recent focus on real estate development.

But revamping the board is only step one. The real test lies in whether these new members will ask the tough questions their predecessors avoided about Indiana's economic development spending — questions that reveal troubling returns on taxpayer investment.

The IEDC is more than 20 years old, and in my analysis it is among the most effective in the country at the very narrow mission of attracting business. However, you can look through the dozens of board meeting minutes without evidence of any board member asking the important questions about state economic development policy. That's troubling.

The shift to a real estate developer approach was a huge

Michael J. Hicks



departure from state policy, which was done with virtually zero public debate. To put this in context, imagine the Indiana Department of Transportation concentrating all road spending in one or two cities without public discussion. It is that egregious.

The governor is wise to put that episode behind us, but there are even bigger questions to ask about the IEDC and Indiana's economic development policies. A little data will make that clear.

Indiana taxpayers spend roughly \$2 billion annually on direct economic development programs while abating another \$8 billion in taxes to attract businesses — over \$10 billion total.

The arithmetic is devastating. We're spending more than \$10 billion yearly to generate

\$5.9 billion in growth — a negative return that may represent Indiana's worst public investment.

Even accounting for local spending and programs beyond business attraction, the math doesn't improve. Consider job creation: 15,000 jobs annually over 20 years equals roughly \$650,000 in economic development spending per job. To justify that investment through taxes alone, we'd need to tax those businesses at nearly 200%.

There's no way to make Indiana's spending on business attraction make sense from an economic or financial standpoint. In the end, Hoosiers are paying about \$1,450 per resident each year to get something like \$870 in economic growth. That should be maddening to everyone who is not currently employed by a business development consultancy.

This isn't entirely the IEDC's fault — it reflects systemwide failure to examine results or measure return on investment. Braun's new board has a chance to change this. They should start with basic questions: What actually causes

economic growth? Are there competing theories about how growth happens, and which ones does Indiana's approach assume? Do tax incentives create jobs or simply relocate them from other states? These foundational questions should guide their policy review.

The IEDC board should do more than a simple accounting of tax incentives and ask whether capital incentives create or destroy jobs. They should ask what our workforce development programs spend money on (Hint — It's mostly middle school math and literacy).

The new board should also ask if IEDC policies are forcing communities to over-incentivize businesses in ways that don't work for many places. For example, the IEDC now asks local governments for "skin in the game" in the form of additional tax abatements. This penalizes places that have already invested in quality of life.

The board should consider whether they should be picking winners and losers in both business attraction and location. The libertarian within

me suggests they should not. But, if they do, taxpayers deserve to hear why they should be the ones doing so, and how they'll make these decisions.

This could lead to a broad revamping of incentive policy — particularly in the wake of Senate Enrolled Act 1 and its deep business tax cuts.

The new IEDC board should also recommend changes to the way local and regional economic development is structured. Indiana lives with a suite of institutions and policies that look mildly innovative for 1965, but are woefully unprepared for 1995, much less 2025.

For now, credit to Governor Braun for these changes — let us look for an even more vigorous and far-reaching review of economic development in Indiana.

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2025 Jay County Fair



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Calling card

The Jay County Fair had plenty to offer Tuesday, including a parent-calling contest and a magic show in the Farmer's Building. Pictured, clockwise from right:

- Braelyn Harris, 5, screams for her mom during the parent-calling contest.
- Magician Rusty Ammerman shows the correct card after having Tom Homan select one from an “invisible” deck.
- First-year 4-Her Natalie Wendel handles her medium-weight feeder steer during Monday's 4-H dairy beef show.



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asburyministries.org

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Services: 9 a.m.

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Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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Services: 10 a.m.

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Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
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Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

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190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Pamela Freeman
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(260) 726-9184
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Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
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(260) 251-0987
Services: 10 a.m.

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

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289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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

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fccftrecovery.org

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Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
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Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Kids vision and teen ministries: 6 p.m. Wednesday
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
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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Geneva Nazarene
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
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Stuart Phillips
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Mary Help of Christians
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Rev. Alexander Witt
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Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
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Scott McClain
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
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
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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
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Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Union and Malin streets
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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801 W. High St.
Fred Stevens
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redkeynaz.org
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River of Life
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(419) 375-4498
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Services: 10:15 a.m.
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
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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
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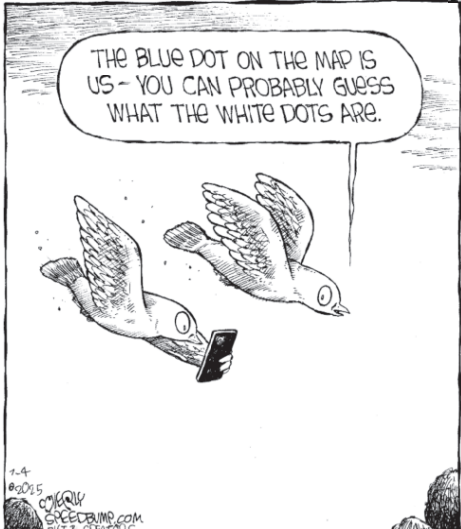
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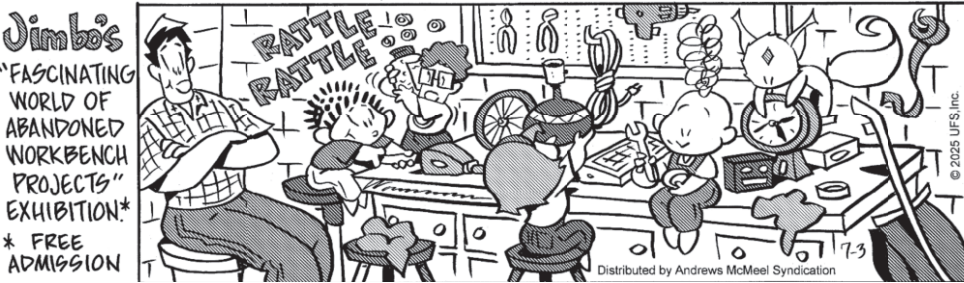
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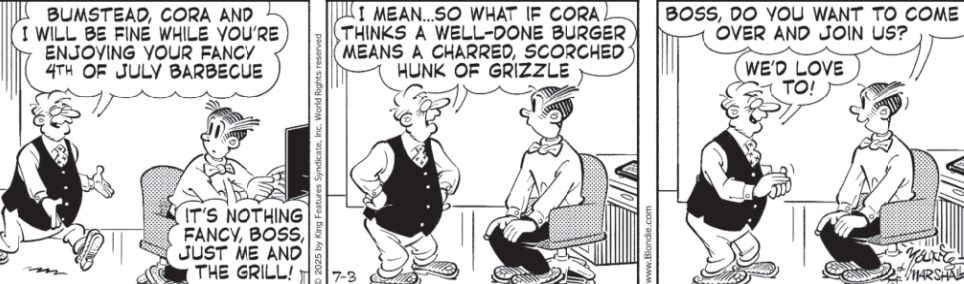
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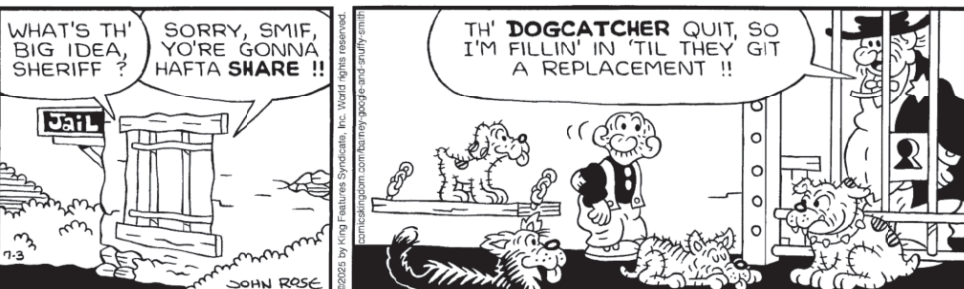
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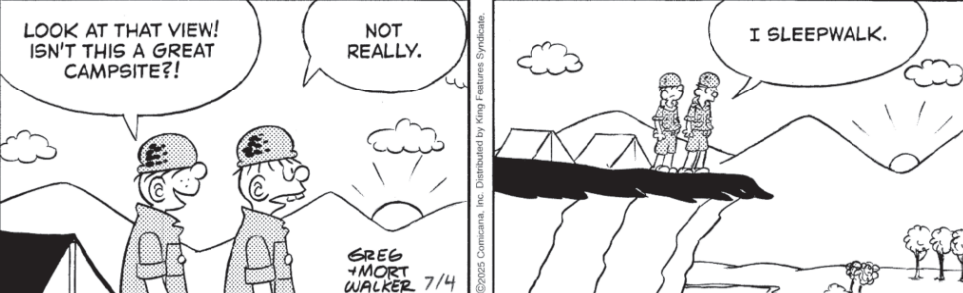
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Laughter

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Sylvia strikes again

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q J 10

WEST
♠ 6 5
♥ J 3
♦ K 7 5 4 2
♣ K 9 8 3

EAST
♠ 3
♥ Q 10 9 6 4
♦ A 10 9
♣ 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 8 7 2
♥ A 5
♦ J 8 3
♣ 7

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — six of spades.

Sylvia was never shy in the bidding. When she had a good hand, she would always bid it to the hilt — and then some. This approach naturally got her into a lot of hot water, though it did sometimes produce a spectacular result.

For example, early in her career, back when most players were still playing strong two-bids, she held the South hand and opened with

two spades. This was a far cry from a genuine forcing two-bid, but Sylvia wanted to be sure to get to game.

North couldn't really stop short of six, having an opening bid facing a strong two-bid, so he naturally bid a slam. If West had led a diamond, Sylvia would have gone down very quickly, but West led a trump instead.

Sylvia realized it would not do much good to play West for the king of clubs, because even if the finesse through West worked, she would very likely still have to lose two diamond tricks.

So, she won the trump lead in her hand, led a club to the ace and returned the queen of clubs. When East played low, Sylvia discarded, but, being Sylvia, instead of discarding a diamond, she discarded a heart!

West took the king and returned the jack of hearts, naturally assuming from Sylvia's heart discard that this was the weak spot in her hand.

Sylvia won the heart return with the ace, crossed to dummy with a trump and discarded all three of her losing diamonds on the J-10 of clubs and king of hearts to make the slam.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Today's Cryptquip Clue: B equals V

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1 Feeder filler

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22 Snack (on)

24 "Funny!"

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31 Numerical prefix

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33 Acquired

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DOWN

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3 Flan

4 Showy flower

5 French cheese

6 Daybreak

7 Rush-more prez

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9 Like some socks

10 Israel's

11 Estate

42 Oahu souvenirs

43 Ship wood

44 Property claim

45 Taj Mahal city

46 Boutique

49 Roth svgs. plan

50 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"

16 Free (of)

20 Sony rival

22 At the limit, with "out"

23 Second-hand

24 Drone

25 Blackbird

26 Whiskey cocktail

27 Tropical tuber

29 Female rabbit

30 JFK info

35 Behold

37 Skin problems

39 Settle a debt

40 Club —

41 "Blessings"

43 author

44 Quindlen

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Yesterday's answer 7-3

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. **You are declarer** with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West
♠ A K
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q J 10 8 3

2. **You are declarer** with the West hand at Six Clubs, North having opened the bidding as dealer with one diamond. North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West
♠ Q 3
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ —
♣ A K Q 9 8 7 3

1. **This is one** of those cases where, with proper play, you're sure to make the contract regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided. Win the heart and play the queen of diamonds, not a low diamond. If the suit is divided 4-0 and the defender with the A-10-9-8 takes the ace, you later lead a low diamond and play low from dummy to assure nine tricks; if the defender with four diamonds does not take the ace, you stop playing diamonds and attack clubs.

If both opponents follow to the diamond queen and it holds the trick, lead another diamond to

dummy's jack. If the jack also wins, shift your attention to clubs, forcing out the A-K and wind up making four notrump.

If you were to make the mistake of leading a low diamond to the jack at trick two, you might go down if, for example, South had the A-10-9-8 of diamonds and took the jack with the ace.

2. **It is virtually certain** that North has the ace of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid. It would therefore be wrong to rely on a heart finesse, especially when there is a much safer method of play available.

By far the best approach is to start by ruffing the queen of diamonds. It would be a serious error to play the ace from dummy at trick one, which would force you to make a discard from your hand before you are ready to do so.

After drawing trump, you next lead the three of spades toward dummy, placing North squarely on the horns of a dilemma. If he goes up with the ace, you can later discard the Q-5-2 of hearts on the K-J of spades and ace of diamonds. Alternatively, if North ducks the spade, you win with dummy's jack, discard the queen of spades on the ace of diamonds, lose a heart finesse to North's king and later trump two hearts in dummy. Either way, you make the slam.

Tomorrow: Detective work works well.
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7-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 ER workers

4 Bits of butter

8 Chicago team

12 Pioneer-ing ISP

13 Approxi-mately

14 Un-repaired

15 Purist

17 Demol-ish

18 "Game of Thrones" actress

19 Montreal street

21 Hosp. workers

22 Horse handler

26 Bond

29 Ram's mate

30 Greek mountain

31 Filches

32 TV spots

33 Detail, briefly

34 '50s president

35 Director Craven

36 Unemo-tional

DOWN

1 Church service

2 Inflict upon

3 Faux pas

4 Jabbing with an elbow

5 City in Provence

6 Mao — tung

7 Woos

8 Insertion symbol

9 "Born in the —"

10 Occupa-tion, for short

11 Away from NNW

16 Tennis great

20 Employ

37 Suspect in a whodunit

39 Corp. boss

40 Wall St. deal

41 Marsh birds

45 Toy on a string

48 Hand-held

50 Chop —

51 Storybook heavy

52 Stickum

53 Swedish soprano

54 "China-town" actress

55 Reply (Abbr.)

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-4

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Walk-off ends Tribe's season

COLDWATER, Ohio — Luke Fortkamp's single pulled the Tribe even with the Cavaliers in the top of the seventh inning, but the game quickly fell apart for the Indians in the bottom half.

The Fort Recovery ACME baseball team fell to Coldwater 9-8 on Tuesday as a walk-off error ended the season.

Entering the top of the seventh, Fort Recovery (5-4) trailed by one run. Colson Post smashed a double to put himself in scoring position and Fortkamp delivered the single to tie the game.

In the bottom half of the inning, Dylan Klenke walked the first batter before third baseman Caden Homan committed an error: The third hitter bunted for a single and the fourth smacked a grounder to Alex Gaerke at shortstop, which resulted in an error to end the game.

Klenke and Brodie Hart led the offense with two RBIs apiece. Klenke suffered the loss despite only giving up one earned run over 4 1/3 innings.

Still undefeated

The Jay County Summer Swim team remains

Local Roundup

undefeated after beating the Stingray Swim Team, formerly North Adams Central, 737-175 on Tuesday.

Jay County claimed all 18 relays and 49 of the 58 individual events.

Six tankers won a trio of events, nine picked up two victories and 13 more claimed one race.

Maria Laux claimed the 200-meter open freestyle and paired it with the 13-14-year-old girls 100 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Similarly, Grady Warvel picked up wins in the boys 200 open freestyle and the 13-14-year-old 50 butterfly and 50 backstroke.

Other triple event winners were Addisyn Champ (11-12-years-old), Elly Brum (13-14-years-old), Brooklynn Byrum (15-and-older) and Cooper Glentzer (15-and-older).

Jay County will host Yorktown on Monday as it tries to end the dual-meet season undefeated.



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Grand race

A rider on an ATV kicks up water and mud after spinning around a barrel during the UTV race at the grandstand on Tuesday evening.

Sports on tap

Local schedule	TV schedule		
Saturday Portland Rockets vs. South Bend Royals in annual Portland Firecracker Tournament – 12 p.m. Portland Rockets vs. Indy Orioles in Portland Firecracker Tourney – 5 p.m.	Today 6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN) 12 p.m. — UEFA Women's Euro soccer: Belgium at Italy (FS1) 3 p.m. — UEFA Women's Euro soccer: Spain at Portugal (FOX)	6:45 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Washington Nationals (FOX) 7 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at New York Liberty (FOX) Friday 5:20 a.m. — AFL: Collingwood Magpies at Carlton Blues (FS1)	6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN) 12 p.m. — UEFA Women's Euro soccer: Denmark at Sweden (FS1) 1:05 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Philadelphia Phillies (FSDN Indiana) 3 p.m. — FIFA Club World Cup soccer: Fluminense at Al Hilal (TNT) 3 p.m. — UEFA Women's Euro soccer: Germany at Poland (FOX)

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